

SWAVESEY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES 1900-1943

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Introduction

C.R. Vincent died at Malvern in December 1943 at the age of 85 after nearly 50 years association with Cambridgeshire newspapers

Formerly engaged on clerical work with the Post Office Savings Bank Department in London, Vincent had been obliged by health reasons to give up his duties.

He came down to Cambridgeshire and established his home in Swavesey, becoming, in 1898, village correspondent. In 1922 he was appointed to take charge of village correspondence at the head office of the newspaper.

With over 70 villages in the county, his training in the Civil Service came in remarkably useful. It was his duty to keep a record of every paragraph sent in, and it was his proud boast that he could always turn up any item at will

The articles appeared in the Cambridge Express, Cambridge Independent Press, Cambridgeshire Weekly News and Hunts Post.

They cover a number of villages: Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Graveley, Knapwell, Longstanton, Lolworth, Over, Swavesey & Willingham as well as Swavesey.

Vincent carefully filed the stories into small folders, listing the contents on the front of each. These lists have been transcribed and are preserved with the original cuttings in the Cambridgeshire Collection at Lion Yard Library, Cambridge. They are a remarkable record of this area of Cambridgeshire over more than 40 years.

John Shepperson worked through each of the folders, carefully photographing all the stories relating to Swavesey. These have been transcribed to produce the current work. It is an inspiration for others to repeat the exercise for other villages.

Mike Petty

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SUMMONING OF JURORS. 4th Nov. 1899.

Letter written to the Cambridge Chronicle.

Sir - As it would be too much to expect the official who issues the summonses to Jurors in this county to explain upon what lines he works, so I beg to ask for enlightenment upon the point from yourself or your readers.

This official has of late taken a great fancy to the village of Swavesey, and although we appreciate the tribute (well deserved as it doubtless is) that he pays to our intelligent and fine sense of justice, it being, generally speaking, modest and retiring men we would much rather he did not show us quite as much attention, but distributed his bits of blue paper over a larger area. To show that we have been somewhat unduly favoured of late by his exceeding confidence in us, I may mention that on the exceeding confidence in us, I may mention that on the occasion of the recent Quarter Sessions eight of our number were summoned, and we were, in consequence deprived of the services of two bakers, two coal merchants, one butcher, one blacksmith, one market gardener, and one publican and farmer. For other Quarter Sessions this year and the Assizes a similar number of gentlemen have been requested to attend for service as Jurors. Then, again, why does this affectionate official, when one jury is wanted, summon more than four times the number needed. What a sad waste of stationery and energy.

We would not have it thought for the smallest fraction of a second that we wish to shirk our responsibilities as citizens. We merely do not desire to be selfish, and deprive our fellows in other parts of the county of honour which is justly their due.

So far I have escaped the clutches of the official summonses, but the groans of my friends, and fear for my future safety, make me sad and disturb my rest. So please give me an answer, Yours faithfully, ----

SWAVESEY VILLAGE GREEN. 3rd February 1900

Extract from a long letter written to the Cambridge Express. It starts with a paragraph concerning the village green at Borough Green and how the Parish Council deals with protecting it from vandals etc. It continues about Swavesey Village green as follows:-

Sir – Like Borough Green, Swavesey possesses a village green, but unlike Borough Green is not blessed with a Parish Council, which, down to the present time at any rate, has had public spirit enough to protect the green from the depredations of nomadic tribes. Our village green, which, if the truth must be confessed, is little better than a howling wilderness of neglected grass, relieved here and there by what may be called miniature kopjes, is opposite the National School, is locally known as the “Play Green”, and is much used by the school children. It is, unfortunately, also a favourite camping ground of all the wandering hawkers and showmen who frequent the district, and not only do they encamp upon the green, but ever and again they erect swings, coconut shies, etc., and recently even honoured us with a circus. The result is that the herbage and soil are extremely damaged by the vans, by refuse from the vans, and by the stakes and such like things used in connection with the swings, etc., and the green is rendered most unsightly and an unsuitable, if not actually unsafe, place for young children to play upon.

On Sundays, too, on our way to public worship our sense of propriety is shocked by the sight of these people engaged in other domestic occupations, for they take their pitch as close to the main road as possible. Many of these wanderers are by no means desirable neighbours; they have been known to import disease into a village, and their children, who necessarily come into contact with our children at play upon the green, are more than suspected of being the happy hunting grounds of creeping things innumerable. It is true that some two or three years ago our Parish Councillors recognised their responsibilities to a slight extent by having a small notice board placed on the green, warning owners of caravans off it, but the only effect the notice had was to attract a larger number of vans. The board has long since disappeared and yesterday (Sunday) there were no less than four vans, one cart and six horses upon the green.....

....In conclusion, perhaps I may be permitted to ask our Parish Fathers two further questions. (1.) Why cannot the green be rescued from its present discreditable and practically useless condition, and made, what it ought to be, the recreation ground of the village; and (2) to what purpose is the income which accrues from the green now supplied? – I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

AN OLD INHABITANT.

COUNTY COMMENTS. 3rd February 1900

This extract commented on the above letter, ending :-

The Swavesey Parish Council have not moved up to the present. Perhaps they will do so now that complaint has been publically made.

SWAVESEY WATER SUPPLY. 21st April 1900.

Here in Swavesey, at the present time we have grave reasons to complain of the neglect of the local authority in the matter of the water supply. This parish is fairly well provided with public pumps, which are fed by pipes running from one end of the village to the other. Some weeks ago one pump towards Boxworth End failed to produce water. Representations were made to the District Council, the august body responsible for the water supply and the pumps, but no steps could be taken, so we were told, until the members had met in solemn conclave. This entailed delay, but in due course, and doubtless after eloquent speeches for and against, it was decided to have the matter attended to. Since then other pumps have gone on strike, and there seems to be every probability of at least half of this long village being left waterless; yet no steps whatever of a practical kind have been taken by the dilatory Council. The chairman, who lives some three miles away, has been appealed to. He says he can do nothing, as our two resident representatives were commissioned to get the work done. They decline to be hurried, one gentleman going so far as to declare that it will take a lot of gunpowder to make him move. Perhaps sir, you will kindly supply the necessary fulminate

CRICKET CLUB. ? May 1900

A meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, which was attended by a fair number of members. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Vidler. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. C. M. Bevan; vice-president, Dr. J. W. Ellis; captain, Rev. A. C. Vidler; vice-captain, Mr. J. Parsons; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. R. Vincent; committee, Messrs. G. Clarke, A. Haynes, J. Linford, and E. Warboys. Revised rules were considered, and it is anticipated that the coming season will be a successful one.

THE FEAST. 26th May 1900

The village feast begins on Sunday next. During the past week or two great preparations have been made. The painters, whitewashers, and paperhangers - professional and otherwise have been hard at work and especial attention has been paid to front doors. The favourite colour seems to be green in various shades. On Sunday the service at the Parish Church will be a festal character,

and an appropriate anthem will be sung. On Tuesday there will be a jumble sale in the garden of Swavesey Manor, (if wet in the schoolroom), in aid of the Church and School funds. Three cricket matches will be played, weather, of course, permitting, viz; - on Monday against Lolworth, on Tuesday against Elsworth, and on Wednesday, against Boxworth. The Committee of the Cricket Club are striving hard to make the Club a success, this year, and they are anxious to obtain the support of those older inhabitants whose cricketing days are over. These gentlemen can materially help the Club by becoming honorary members.

THE WATER SUPPLY. 26th May 1900.

The pumps, respecting which a letter appeared in last week's Express, are again in working order, but as only two men were employed to find out where the pipes were blocked the work took upwards of a week to complete, and until the supply was restored the inhabitants of half of the village had either to use pond water for domestic purposes or carry water long distances. It is only fair to say that the Inspector of Nuisances paid several visits to the village, and did his utmost to induce the responsible parties to do their duty.

VESTRY MEETING. 26th May 1900.

The Easter vestry meeting was held in the parish church on the 19th inst, when Mr J. Wells was elected peoples warden. The Vicar nominated Mr W.H. Key as his warden.

THE FEAST. 2nd June 1900

The feast this year does not appear to have attracted quite as many visitors as usual, and owing to the feasts of other villages falling within the same period there were fewer stalls and amusements. The services at the parish church on Sunday were well attended.

JUMBLE SALE. 2nd June 1920

A jumble sale and sale of plain needlework organised by Mrs. C. W. Bevan, was held in the gardens of Swavesey Manor on Tuesday and resulted in about £30 being obtained by the Church and School Funds. This satisfactory result was due to months of patient labour on the part of devoted ladies. The sale was well patronised not only by inhabitants of Swavesey, but by visitors.

THE FALL OF PRETORIA. 9th June 1900.

On Tuesday, on receipt of the news that Pretoria had been captured, flags were displayed on all sides, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung. During

the evening the boys collected bushes, etc., and lighted a bonfire on the Green, after which some of the inhabitants paraded the village, cheering and singing patriotic songs and firing guns. A heavy thunder storm drove many in the procession to their homes, but Mr Cole, with his accustomed hospitality, found shelter and refreshment for the faithful few who remained. The rejoicing continued during Wednesday, and culminated at night in a procession round the village, flaming touches and a bonfire. The inhabitants collected in Market Street about 7pm, and a procession was formed, headed by a group of flag bearers and two drummers. Mr Cole followed in an effectively decorated trap, and made a striking figure with an ancient tall hat decked out with ribbons. With him was Mr Sam King, attired as a dragoon, and Mr Percy Salmon in a Greek costume. His short white flounced petticoat caused much amusement and consternation. Mr H. Wilderspin's cart, filled to overflowing, followed, and conspicuous in it was Private W. Edwards, invalided home from South Africa. Then side by side marched a boy with a miniature rifle, and the town crier. The latter's "get up" attracted great attention. He acted as bandmaster. Then followed the bulk of the procession and more flags. Guns and revolvers were discharged at intervals by Messrs. J. Hawkes, F. Metcalfe, E. Warboys, and others. The Procession visited the Vicarage and had a hearty welcome from the Vicar, who fearing that Mr Cole's hat might get damaged, provided him with a huge Japanese umbrella. A stop was made at the residence of all principal inhabitants. The procession sang, cheered, and got most enthusiastic. Captious critics might complain of the want of tune, but no one could doubt the sincerity of the demonstration. On the return journey from Boxworth End, torches were lighted. The bonfire was started about 10pm. and blazed furiously until long after midnight. When it was well alight the Vicar called for "God Save the Queen", which was sung with great heartiness. The materials for the fire were generously contributed by various people, who are too numerous to name. The whole of the village turned out, and around the fire hardly one well known face was missing. There is no doubt that the demonstration was a great success. We have to record one pleasant incident. During Wednesday afternoon Mrs George Long attended the school and gave each of the 188 children present a sixpenny piece.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 16th June 1920

The Government Inspector of Schools has furnished the following very satisfactory report: - Mixed School – “The tone of the school is excellent. The instruction is good. The children seem to take much interest in their work.” Infants’ School – “The Infants are very kindly managed and very intelligently taught.” Mr. H. Beaumont and Miss Pook wish their assistants

are to be heartily congratulated on this pleasing result of their oft times irksome labours.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd June 1900

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the Clerk of the Parish Council was observed walking along the main street of the village with an expression of gloomy anxiety on his face and a brown paper parcel under his arm. He entered the National School. Shortly afterwards several gentlemen wearing black coats and with bowed shoulders and grave faces indicative of serious responsibility, appeared from all sides. They also entered the school. The village was then aware that the Parish Council was about to meet. Unfortunately, no report of the proceedings can be given, as notice is rarely, if ever, given to the public of the meetings, the Councillors, from a sense of modesty, deeming to conduct their business as far as possible in private. It is understood, however, that the chief subject under consideration was the proposed bye-laws regulating the village green.

ACCIDENT. 23rd June 1900

During the past few days, as Mr Herbert Wilderspin, accompanied by a friend was driving in his light spring cart over the rough granite pavement of Bridge Street, St Ives, the axle broke. Fortunately, Mr Wilderspin having complete control over his horse was able to pull up at once, and both he and his companion kept their seats. The released wheel, however, went bounding merrily on its way until brought up by a shop front, which, happily, it did not damage. The cart figured prominently in the recent Pretoria demonstration, of which Mr Wilderspin was the chief organiser.

MORE ACCIDENTS. 23rd June 1900.

On Tuesday last two accidents occurred in the village, but were happily attended by no very serious consequences. About mid-day, Mr J Hawkes and Mr B. Day were driving towards Fen Drayton, and when between the uninhabited "Plough" and Mr Johnson's farm house, the horse was startled, probably by a dog jumping over a gate. The cart, its occupants, and barrels of beer were precipitated into a brook. Mr Hawkes was thoroughly drenched while Mr Day's nether garments were seriously damaged, and the shaft of the cart was broken. About the same time Mr S.W. Crisp was endeavouring to catch a young mare in his field named Topleys. The struggle between man and beast was keen, and in the result, notwithstanding Mr Crisp's sturdy efforts, the animal won and the man was flung into the pond. We are glad to say that none of these gentlemen are much the worse for their unpleasant experience.

RADICAL CANDIDATE FOR WEST CAMBS. 30th June 1900

Mr Hugh Hoare, accompanied by a gentleman, said to be his agent, paid a flying visit to the village on Monday last, for the ostensible purpose of conferring with his principal supporters. He was unable to see Mr George Long, in consequence of the serious illness of that gentleman, but is understood to have had interviews with Mr Jesse Hephher, Mr. George Clarke, and Mr. John Wilderspin. Mr Hoare and his companion, who were mounted on bicycles, then left for Over and Willingham, but before they got clear of the village some children reminded the candidate that their parents had not yet received the three acres and a cow he had once so confidently promised them.

CRICKET CLUB. 30th June 1900

Mr Raymond Green, M.P. though absent fighting with the Yeomanry in South Africa, has not forgotten the Swavesey Cricket Club. Through Mr J.S. French, he has very kindly contributed one guinea towards the Club funds.

HAY HARVEST.

Hay making has at last been begun in earnest. The recent rains have brought on the grass well.

FOUL SMELLS. 7th July 1900.

The foul odours from the brook which runs near the National School and passes under the Town Bridge baffle description, and are a source of danger of public health. The children, with their usual perversity, have chosen the bridge, both under and over, as a playground, and during the evenings the parapet is the favourite lounge of farm lads. The sanitary authorities should see to the matter at once. A visit would not be in vain, especially on an evening following a hot day. The smell last Sunday evening was particularly offensive. The authorities must surely be aware that there are several cases of scarlet fever and measles in the village; and, such being the case; they should be keenly on the watch for all insanitary spots.

THUNDERSTORM. 7th July 1900

A heavy storm visited the village on Thursday evening. Rain came down in torrents, and thunder and lightning seemed so near as to startle nervous people. In part of the village the ground was quickly covered with hailstones.

CRICKET MATCH AND SUPPER. 29th Sept. 1900

On Thursday evening last the conclusion of a successful cricket season was marked by a match in the afternoon between two local elevens, and in the evening by a supper in the schoolroom, to which twenty-eight members and friends sat down. The elevens were captained by the vicar (the Rev A C Vidler) and Mr A Haynes; the result of the match was a victory for the vicar's side, mainly due to the fine bowling of W Edwards and the batting of W H Key and J T Daintry – both old village cricketers, who had not played for a considerable time. Barrett bowled well for the losing side. Thanks to the good taste and energy of Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke, the schoolroom was transformed, reflecting great credit on the caterer, and eliciting many laudatory remarks during the proceedings. After speeches and votes of thanks the remaining part of the evening was given up to harmony.

THE CHURCH GATES. 29th Sept. 1900

The dilapidated, but appropriate, wooden gates of the churchyard, have been replaced by brand new iron ones. We know not to whose artistic taste the village is indebted for the selection, but the impression is gaining ground in the parish that some factory manager is puzzling his head over the delivery of gates of ecclesiastical design, and wondering what the Railway Company is doing with those he ordered.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. 13th Oct. 1900

A most enthusiastic meeting was held in the National Schoolroom on Saturday last in support of the candidature of Mr. Raymond Greene, and was attended by about 200 persons. Dr. J. W. Ellis took the chair and was supported by Mr. E W Lake (Mr. Greene's cousin), Mr. Hemming of London, Mr. T. W. Dunn, and Major Oliver Papworth. After a brief introductory speech by the Chairman, Mr. Hemming addressed the meeting. He dealt exhaustively with the South African question. He referred to the prosperity of the Country under Unionist rule, and to various other matters of Home politics. Mr. Hemming spoke for about 45 minutes. He turned to account every interruption, and though numerous they were most orderly. Mr. Lake followed. He spoke as being the candidate's relative and business partner, and as having known him from childhood. He urged the electors of Swavesey to vote for his gallant young cousin who had left home and comfort because he felt it was his duty to take his share in the fight for the defence of the British Empire.

Mr. Dunn, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Hemming and Mr. Lake, delivered a speech truly eloquent in the highest sense of the word. With marvellous intuition Mr. Dunn struck a chord that vibrated in every heart, whether Liberal or Tory, and was listened to in breathless silence.

Unfortunately he had to curtail his speech in consequence of the lateness of the hour. He concluded, his voice breaking with emotion, with an impassioned appeal to the electors of West Cambs to vote for Mr. Greene, and the righteous cause he represents.

Mr Walter Thorp seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation. – After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting sang “God Save the Queen”, the solo part being taken by Mr. J. Gilby, junr., Mr. H. Beaumont accompanying on the piano. The Liberals were strongly represented.

THE PONDS. 20th Oct. 1900

At last the ponds, which have been for the past few years a standing disgrace to the village, are being cleared out, but no one seems anxious for the mud, and unless this is removed from the banks forthwith, the ponds will in a very short time be again in an insanitary condition.

CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE. 20th Oct. 1900

The removals this Michaelmas are unprecedentedly numerous. Amongst them are Mr. Cyril M. Bevan, who has left the village for good, the Swavesey Manor being taken by Mrs. Heelis; Mr. James Parsons has removed from Brooklands to his house at Boxworth End; Mr. S. W. Crisp, on Tuesday, vacated the “White Horse” Inn, and took up his abode at Brooklands; and Mr. Willson, of Hilton, is expected shortly in Market-street.

STREET LIGHTING. 20th Oct. 1900

The Parish Council, with a remarkable display of vigour, (no meeting had been held during the quarter ended the 29th September), met on Monday 8th October, and accepted the tender of Mr George Clarke for lighting the street lamps during the ensuing winter. On Sunday night the lamps were lighted for the first time, and gave general satisfaction. It is to be hoped that the Parish Council will in future appoint the lighting contractor at their statutory meeting, which should, if all rules and regulations were obeyed, be held during the month of July; for then there would be time to have all defects remedied before the lamps had to be lighted, and the contractor might possibly be able to buy his oil in a cheaper market.

HARVEST FESTIVALS. 20th Oct. 1900

On Tuesday, the 2nd of October, Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Parish Church. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6 and 7.30 a.m., matins at 10.30 a.m., and festal evensong at 7 p.m., with a sermon by the Rev. H. Holden of Hackney. The anthem, “Praise the Lord, O

Jerusalem,” by the Rev. E. V. Hall, was well rendered by the choir. The decorations, with the exception of meaningless and unnecessary candles stuck on the window sills, were effective. The fruit, flowers, and vegetables were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke’s Hospital. – On Thursday, the 4th October, there were Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the Mission Church, the sermon at evensong being preached by the Rev. Evelyn Young, vicar of Fendrayton, and on the Sunday following there was a children’s service, at which their offerings of flowers and fruit were received. These were forwarded to St. Ives Infirmary.

THE POLLING DAY. 20th Oct. 1900

On the 11th instant everything went off quietly and, so far as we are aware, without any unpleasantness. Mr. Pell, the chairman of the West Cambs Conservative Association, and Mrs. Pell (Captain Raymond Greene’s sister) drove through the village at midday, and had a very cordial reception. They visited the local Conservative committee-room, and Mrs. Pell distributed in the road outside portraits of her brother, which were in great request. Mr. Hoare also paid a very brief visit to the village about 6 0 p.m. While the Liberal colours were far and few between, Mr. Greene’s pink and white were in evidence on all sides; men, women, and children, horses and dogs wore them; and from houses and trees flags of that colour floated in the breeze. Mr. Jilling’s house and garden were gay with appropriate flags and devices specially manufactured by this loyal old gentleman. At the close of the poll the Conservative workers were gratified to find that their efforts had not been in vain, as it was estimated that a considerable majority of the votes had been cast in favour of Mr. Greene. The Liberals, however, appeared to be confident of winning, and were greatly dejected when the result of the poll was brought the following day from Chesterton by that well-known cyclist, Mr. Ben Thorp, in record time, beating a telegram handed in at 11.30 a.m. by nearly an hour.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. 20th Oct. 1900

On Wednesday, 10th instant, on the eve of the poll, a very successful meeting was held at the National School under the presidency of Dr. J. W. Ellis in support of the candidature of Captain Raymond Greene. Notwithstanding the fact that a Liberal meeting was in progress in another building in the village about the same time the large Schoolroom was crowded and people from over and other neighbouring villages were present. Supporting the Chairman were Sir Walter Greene, Bart, M P, Prince F Dhuleep Singh, Mr. Fred Smith, of Cottenham and lately of Johannesburg, Mr. T. W. Dunn of Swavesey, and Major Oliver Papworth.

The Chairman briefly but effectively opened the meeting, and introduced Prince F. Dhuleep Singh, who said he was an old friend and neighbour of the Conservative candidate and his subaltern in the Suffolk Yeomanry. He dilated upon the many dangers and hardships so willingly borne by Captain Greene and his East Anglian comrades and strongly urged those present to support by their votes and interest their old member who had served them so well.

Sir Walter Greene made a most effective speech, punctuated here and there by humorous stories. He referred to the scandalous treatment he and Sir Robert Fitzgerald had received the previous evening at the hands and crowbars of the advocates of free speech at Cottenham, and expressed a hope that Swavesey eggs were not of such antiquity and acrid pungency as those presented to him at Cottenham. He dealt with the home and foreign policy of the Government, and severely criticised the multifarious programme of the Radical candidate.

Mr. Fred Smith gave a painfully graphic account of the treatment to which the Uitlanders of the Transvaal, of whom he was one, had been subjected, and fervently appealed to the electors not to weaken the hands of the Government in their arduous task of settling once and for all the South African question by returning a Radical to Parliament. His remarks were cheered to the echo, and made a deep impression.

Mr. Dunn, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speakers, referred in graceful language to the presence of a prince of our great Eastern Empire and of a citizen of Greater Britain. – Mr. William T. Thorp seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously. Sir Walter Greene proposed and Mr. Smith seconded in eulogistic terms, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who briefly responded.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by Prince F. Dhuleep Singh leading off with “God Save the Queen,” which was heartily joined in by the audience. During the evening the Prince also sang “Soldiers of the Queen”.

LECTURE. 8th Dec. 1900

The Rev. J. Watkins, Vicar of Willingham, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on the subject of “Alfred the Great” on Tuesday evening at the National School. The room was well filled. The lecturer was materially assisted by pictures from a magic lantern of scenes, buildings, maps, costumes, &c., reminiscent of Alfred’s time.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. DEAN. 8th Dec. 1900

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. James Waters Dean, which took place at his house in Swavesey on Monday, November 26th. Mr. Dean had for many months been in indifferent health, and had in consequence been

compelled to relinquish his business of baker, but he was able to get out of doors, and so late as the previous Monday had been in the neighbouring town of St. Ives: indeed we may say that he did not take to his bed until the evening before his death. He succumbed to disease of the heart. His body was laid to rest in Swavesey Parish Churchyard on the afternoon of St. Andrew's day. On Sunday morning last the vicar made a sympathetic reference to the sad event in his sermon. Mr. Dean's two eldest sons are in South Africa and have seen active service during the war, the elder in the Cape Mounted Rifles, and the younger in one of the local Volunteer Regiments. Both have suffered from fever, and one has been wounded.

THE TEACHING OF HORTICULTURE. 8th Dec. 1900

A Parish Meeting was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last to consider whether a class under the auspices of the Technical Education Committee of the County Council, should be established in Swavesey with a view to improve the villagers' knowledge of horticulture as applied to cottage gardening. The Vicar, Rev. A. C. Vidler, took the chair, and introduced Mr. Austin Keene, the Organising Secretary of the Technical Education Committee of the County Council. Mr. Keene explained the objects of the proposed class, and dilated upon the benefits which would accrue. Dr. J. W. Ellis, C.C., proposed that, if a sufficient number of members could be obtained to form a class, the offer of the Technical Education Committee should be accepted. Mr. T. W. Dunn in an admirable speech warmly seconded the proposal, which was carried without opposition. It is to be hoped that a sufficient number of inhabitants will come forward.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 15th Dec. 1900

Mr. Tom Dean (son of the late Mr. J. W. Dean), who served in the South African Light Horse during the recent fighting in Natal, arrived somewhat unexpectedly in Swavesey on Saturday last. He seems to have had many unpleasant experiences, and to have been in various tight corners, but even these do not appear to have extinguished his love of adventure, for he intends to return to South Africa after a short holiday. He strongly advises his friends, however, not to follow his example, at any rate not for some considerable time.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1900

The services at the Parish Church were, as usual, bright and well-attended. There was choral Evensong on Christmas Eve, and the carol "See amid the winter snow" was sung. On Christmas Day there were celebrations of the

Holy Communion at 6 and 7 30 a.m. Matins was at 10.30 a.m. followed by a choral celebration. Evensong was sung at 3 p.m., the anthem being, "O Zion that bringest good tidings," and the carols, "See amid the winter snow" and "Good Christian men rejoice."

CAROL SINGING IN THE STREETS. 29th Dec. 1900

An attempt was made this year by Mr. A. Welch to organize a band of carol singers, who would devote the proceeds of their collection to the benefit of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Unfortunately, the admirable project fell through. It is to be hoped that next year Mr. Welch will be more successful. Another party of carol singers perambulated the village late on Christmas Eve, but the object to which they applied their profits, if any, has not been made public, and their singing was hardly distinguished by the reverence due to the sacred words used.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT. 29th Dec. 1900

A tea and entertainment for the school children will be held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday next to commemorate the new year and the new century.

GEORGE AND DRAGON INN. 19th Jan 1901

Visitors to Swavesey will learn with regret that Mr. W. Salmon has left the "George and Dragon" Inn in Market Street. Although not a Swavesey man, during the comparatively short time – not quite three years – he was landlord, the "George and Dragon" was a well-conducted inn, and he won the respect of all by his unfailing civility and unremitting attention to business. Mr. Salmon has removed to the "Railway Tavern", Waterbeach.

CAPTAIN GREENE AT SWAVESEY. 19th Jan. 1901

Captain Raymond Greene, M.P., was given a splendid reception on Monday at Swavesey, where earnest Conservative workers have brought about a great change in the character of the constituency. The electors came in their hundred to attend the meeting, and cheered their Member to the echo. Captain Greene told the story of the somewhat dramatic manner in which he received the intelligence of his re-election whilst he was engaged scouting, and gave a rather depressing picture of the character of the countries we have made so many sacrifices to bring under the British flag. At the same time he was assured that there was a great future before rural South Africa when the war is over and the country has been opened up.

THE DEATH OF QUEEN VICTORIA. 26th Jan. 1901.

The news of the death of the Queen reached the village about 7.30pm, on Tuesday, and, although not unexpected, caused great consternation. The villagers, especially those advanced in years, were deeply affected, and the general feeling was that all, young and old, rich and poor, had lost a dear and lifelong friend. By direction of the Vicar the fine tenor bell of the parish church was at once tolled, and subsequently a muffled peal was rung. There are many signs of mourning in the village. On the church tower and at the residence of Dr. Ellis, C.C. the Union Jack flies at half mast. Some of the tradesmen have their shutters up, and at the Post Office, the Vicarage, and other private houses the blinds are drawn.

THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN. 2nd Feb. 1900

On Thursday, the 24th January, the Vicar summoned the villagers to meet at 7 p.m. in the Market-place. A goodly number attended, and from an extemporised platform the Vicar explained the circumstances under which he had called the meeting, namely, that there were many in the village who did not read the newspapers, and who, therefore, did not fully realise the importance of the great events which were taking place. He then read the Proclamation as to the accession of King Edward VII and the Declaration of His Majesty, and concluded with some appropriate verses. The proceedings, which were conducted in absolute silence, ended with the singing of the first verse of "God Save the King." On Sunday the Parish Church was in mourning, the south door, chancel screen, pulpit, sanctuary, and altar being draped in black. Appropriate lessons were read and hymns sung, and at the conclusion of the Morning Service the "Dead March" in *Saul* was played on the organ. After the Evening Service a verse of the National Anthem was sung, and Chopin's "Funeral March" was played. The morning and evening sermons had reference to the death of the Queen and the accession of the new Sovereign. On the day of the funeral there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and at noon there will be a Special Funeral Service. After Evensong on Sunday last the Vicar made a collection for a wreath to place in the church at the Funeral Service.

THE STORM. 2nd Feb 1901

On Sunday last a furious storm raged and considerable damage was done in the village. The flagstaff on the church tower, from which the Union Jack was flying at half-mast, was snapped asunder; a chimney stack at the "White Horse" Inn was partially demolished, two persons returning from church having a narrow escape from the falling brickwork; a wheat case at the Priory

was unroofed; and part of a chimney at Mr. A Williams' was blown down and fell through the roof. Slates and tiles were blown off in all parts of the village and the fence surrounding Mr. J Gilby's garden was levelled to the ground.

DEATH OF THE QUEEN. 9th Feb. 1900

Saturday last, the 2nd inst., was kept as a day of mourning in the village. The stillness during the earlier hours was almost painful, even the children forbearing for once from making a noise. No carts were to be seen, and hardly a pedestrian was visible. All places of business were shut up and only necessary farm work, &c., was done. Blinds were drawn in the private houses and cottages, and during the middle of the day several of the public-houses were closed. At the Parish Church the day opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and at noon the muffled bells summoned the parishioners to the Memorial Service. There was a large congregation, which included many Nonconformists. The south door, pulpit, choir screen, Lady Chapel, sanctuary, and altar were draped in black, as on the previous Sunday, whilst in front of the steps leading into the chancel was a small purple-covered platform, on which was placed a wreath, subscribed for by the congregation, composed of lilies and other white flowers. The second of the authorised forms of Memorial Service was used, the solo in the anthem, "And the King said," being sung by Mrs. J. Gilby, jun. The Vicar preached a most impressive sermon in which, among other things, he urged his hearers to realise that, of the many great days of the late Queen's life, this day on which her mortal remains were borne in solemn state through the capital of her Empire was the greatest. After the sermon, the *De Profundis* was sung, and this was followed by the "Dead March" in *Saul*, the congregation standing. Beethoven's solemn "Funeral March" was played at the end of the service, and a muffled peal was rung. On Sunday the church remained draped, and appropriate hymns were sung. The flag on the tower continued at half-mast until Monday evening.

PLANTING OF MEMORIAL TREES. 9th Feb. 1901

Mr T. W. Dunn, of the Old House, Swavesey, being desirous that there should be some memorial in the village, of the death and burial of the Queen, has very kindly presented four cedars of Lebanon, which were planted in the presence of a large assembly of parishioners on Saturday afternoon at the time the funeral was taking place at Windsor. Mr Dunn made a short introductory speech, in which he explained that he hoped the trees would not only serve as a memorial of a great historic event, but would tend to beautify the village. The trees were planted by the Vicar (Rev. A.C. Vidler), Miss Helen Vidler, Mr T. W. Carter, and Master Charles Cole, son of Mr W. C. Cole, respectively,

one being placed at each end of the Swan Pond and the other two in Market Street. Dr. Ellis obtained the necessary permission from the County Council.

SKATING. 9th Feb. 1901

There has been some skating upon Mere Fen, but the immersions have been numerous. On Monday afternoon, one venturesome young gentleman, who hailed from Cambridge, and being troubled with wet feet, took off the boots to which his skates were attached, and rather than wet his spare pair of dry boots walked in his stockings, like a pilgrim in the olden days, from Mere Fen to the “White Horse” Inn, and thence to Mr. A Williams’ shop, where he invested in a dry pair of socks. The villagers smiled.

CYCLISTS AND FOOTPATHS. 11th Feb. 1901

TO THE EDITOR

Sirs: - According to a report in Saturday’s *Cambridge Daily News*, a man was fined at the Cambs. Divisional Petty Sessions for cycling on the footpath between Swavesey and Over. I am not interested in that case, nor have I any desire to ask magistrates and policemen what they would do if when driving or cycling their way was blocked by heavily-laden farm carts that will monopolise the centre of the road, but I may observe that in my wanderings through the country, I have, unless my eyes have greatly deceived me, seen both J.P.’s and “gentlemen in blue” who, with the view of avoiding freshly-laid granite, have defied the law. The object of this letter is to call the attention of the county surveyor to the condition of the so-called footpath between Swavesey Station and Over, and particularly to that portion between the railway gates and the entrance to Mare Fen. If the surveyor calls that strip of muck and holes a footpath some alteration will have to be made in the next edition of the dictionaries. One word more. Why is the surveyor destroying wherever he can every mark by which a footpath can be distinguished from the roadway? Is it to provide easy police cases for the constables? – Yours, &c.,

A TRAVELLER

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 16th Feb. 1901

A meeting of the Committee of the Swavesey Conservative Association was held at the “White Horse” Inn on Thursday the 7th inst., to receive a report from the Sub-Committee charged with the management of the recent tea and concert, at which Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P. was present. The accounts showed a small credit balance, and the Sub-Committee, which consisted of Dr. Ellis, Messrs. S.W. Crisp, J. Gilby, W.H. Key and Vincent, was congratulated

upon the result of its labours. After the business was concluded, the Committee drank the health of his Majesty the King.

ACCIDENT. 16th Feb. 1901

On Tuesday morning, whilst Mr. P. Metcalfe, thatcher, was engaged in repairing the thatch on Mrs. E. Mitham's house in Market Street, the ladder on which he was standing slipped, and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of upwards of twelve feet. Assistance was promptly forthcoming, and Mr. Metcalfe was taken into his house. On examination, it was found that his injuries (face, arm and general shaking) were, fortunately, not very serious, and he was able later in the day, notwithstanding a face ornamented with sticking-plaster and bandaged arm, to attend the annual dinner of the Shepherds' Club, of which he is a prominent member.

SHEPHERD'S CLUB. 16th Feb. 1901

The anniversary dinner of the "Wheatsheaf" Lodge of the Ancient order of Shepherds took place on Tuesday last at the "George and Dragon" Inn. Dr. Ellis. CC, was chairman, being supported by Mr. Herbert Williams as vice-chairman. After dinner, business matters were discussed, and we are pleased to learn that the Club is in a sound financial condition, there being a larger balance in hand now than at this time last year. The Treasurer, Mr. Philip Metcalfe to whose efforts the success of the Club is so largely due, was warmly congratulated by his brother Shepherds on his providential escape from very serious injury by falling from the roof of a house. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. F. A. Chapman, the new landlord of the "George and Dragon".

SKATING ON MERE FEN. 23rd Feb. 1901

ACCIDENT TO BEN THORPE

During the recent frost there has been some skating on Mere Fen, but the ice was in an indifferent condition, and no organised racing was possible; still on several days the Great Eastern Railway conveyed a fair number of skating devotees from Cambridge and elsewhere. On Thursday, 14th inst., Mr. Ben Thorpe met with a serious accident during a spin with a Canadian gentleman. Whilst going at full speed he appears to have got upon some thin ice, where the previous day a hole had been made. The ice collapsed and Mr. Thorpe fell in, hitting his face violently against the edge of the firm ice. P.C. Kitchener helped him out, and found him bleeding profusely from six or seven bad cuts on his face, besides wounds on his arm and leg. The constable promptly brought his "First Aid" knowledge into play, and after temporarily bandaging

such wounds as he could get at, assisted Mr. Thorpe home. In the meantime Dr. Ellis was fetched by Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, who happened to be passing in his trap. We are pleased to say that Mr. Thorpe is progressing favourably.

SUPPER TO CHURCH WORKERS. 23rd Feb. 1901

On Monday evening the Vicar of Swavesey, (Rev A.C. Vidler) gave, at the National School, his annual supper to the members of the choir, ringers, and other church officials and workers, at which about 30 persons were present. After Supper the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome and thanks to his guests, and referred in feeling terms to the death of the Queen, and the Accession of the King. The rest of the evening was devoted to singing, chess, draughts, dominoes, &c., a game of chess between Mr T. W. Dunn and Mr Perry, the stationmaster and energetic ringer, arousing great interest. Mr Perry won a well-fought game. Songs were sung by Rev A. C. Vidler, Mr S. Beaumont, C. Coote, J. Gilby, W. H. Key, A. Prime, C. Taylor, and Wm Thorpe. Dr. Ellis contributed, in his usual inimitable fashion, "Ten Little Niggers". A vote of thanks to the Vicar, proposed by Mr Dunn and seconded by Dr. Ellis, brought a very pleasant and successful evening to a close.

WATER SUPPLY. 23rd Feb. 1901.

Once again half of the village is without proper drinking water, air only being obtained from the pumps at Boxworth End and Middle Watch. Water has either to be carried long distances or recourse has to be had to the ponds. Last spring, for several weeks these same pumps were useless, and after some delay, holes were dug and the obstruction in the pipes removed. The supply of water is both ample and excellent, and it is most annoying that through defective piping a large portion of the village should be waterless so frequently. There is a strong feeling in the parish that the whole system is wrong, and should be overhauled by a competent engineer. It would be interesting to know the result of a bacteriological analysis of the pond water.

CRICKET CLUB. 2nd March 1901

At a well attended meeting of the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club held recently in the National Schoolroom, the Vicar in the chair, the following officers were elected for the coming season viz.; President, Mr. W. Raymond Greene, M.P.; vice-presidents, Dr. Ellis, and Messrs W.C. Cole, T.W. Dunn, and Thomas Payne; captain, Rev. A.C. Vidler; vice-captain, Mr. W. Edwards; secretary, Mr. C.R. Vincent; committee, Messrs. G. Clarke, J. Hawkes, J. Linford and R. Warboys. It was decided to have a concert in aid of the Club shortly after Easter, as additional funds are greatly needed.

WATER SUPPLY. 2nd March 1901

A correspondent writes: Attention was called last week to the fact that the inhabitants of Boxworth End and Middle Watch, through the failing nature of the parish water supply, were compelled to carry water some considerable distance or use stagnant pond water. So far nothing has been done by the Sanitary Authorities to remedy the evil, and it is feared this important matter will be shelved until the new District Council has been elected. In the meantime half of a large village is put to serious inconvenience, to say nothing of the danger there is of an epidemic of typhoid, &c., owing to the use of polluted water. People are asking whether the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector have resigned their offices.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS. 9th March 1901

On Monday evening last, a parish meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, the Vicar being in the chair, for the purpose of electing the new Parish Council. Messrs. T. W. Carter, Jethro Garner, W.H. Key, Jethro Linford, George Metcalfe, G. Norman, T. Parker, J. Smith and J. Wells were elected. Messrs. W.T. Thorpe and Vincent were also nominated but withdrew. Mr. A. Day, a Rural District Councillor, asked permission to take the feeling of the parishioners present respecting the steps which should be adopted to remedy the defective water supply. There was a short discussion, in which Messrs. T.W. Carter, Jethro Linford, Geo. Metcalfe, and the Chairman took part.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 16th March 1901

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. John Gilby, senior, which occurred with painful suddenness on Tuesday. Mr. Gilby had been working in his garden allotment, and shortly after noon on his return when he reached the Swan Pond he spoke to the son of Mr. J. S. Goad, who observed nothing wrong with him, but he had not taken many steps before he was noticed to reel and fall heavily to the ground. Mr. Topper, of the New Inn, immediately went to his aid, and with assistance Mr. Gilby was carried into his cottage. Beyond a muttered "Oh dear!" he never spoke. No inquest will be held as Dr. Grove was able to certify failure of the heart. Mr. Gilby was 69 years of age, and for 49 years had been working on the G.E.R. at Swavesey station as porter and signalman. He was universally respected by all who knew him. The funeral takes place on Saturday.

VESTRY MEETING. 13th April 1901

The usual Easter vestry meeting was held in the Parish Church, on Monday evening last, when Mr. James Wells was elected people's churchwarden. The Vicar nominated Mr. W H Key as his warden. Messrs. W Cain, Jethro Garner, G Metcalfe, P Metcalfe, W T Thorpe, and Dr. Ellis were selected as sidesmen.

CONCERT. 20th April 1901

An evening Concert in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club was given in the National Schoolroom on Tuesday last by the talented artistes, Messrs. E. Kiddle, A Naish, S. R. Sandys, H.S. Turner, and E.R. Tyrell of St. Ives.

(The programme included songs, recitations, sketches, a mandolin and banjo solo and ended with God Save the King – in full in newspaper)

The audience was numerous and thoroughly appreciative, and the well known and generous performers were in their best form.

(long report)

PARISH COUNCIL. 4th May 1901

At the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday last, Messrs. H.S. Aldred and P. Spring were appointed Overseers.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT. 4th May 1901

Under the management of the Misses Heelis, Miss Dunn, and the Vicar a most successful entertainment was given in the National School on Tuesday evening in aid of the funds of the Sunday Schools.

(Programme in full in the newspaper)

Where everything was excellent it is perhaps invidious to particularise, but it is only right that special mention should be made of Handel's Sonata and Gavotte played by Mr. And Mrs. De Zoete. It is not often that villages are favoured with such a musical treat, and the reception accorded to both pieces shows that the villagers can appreciate good music. Mr. Stone's songs were received with enthusiasm, and the "Dialogue" by Miss C. M. Heelis and Mr. Hardy was exceedingly well done. The Phonograph selections were admirable and pleased the audience greatly. "Our Toys" proved to be a clever and amusing musical trifle, full of puns and funny situations. It was well acted, well dressed, and well received. At the conclusion of the entertainment a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the performers and organisers.

THE FEAST. 25th May 1901.

The annual village feast began on Sunday, and was kept up until Wednesday. Large numbers of visitors attended from Cambridge, St Ives, and the

neighbouring villages, and family reunions were the order of the day. Messrs. Thurston's flying ostriches and horses were very popular, and the other amusements, cocoanut shies, shooting galleries, &c., were well patronised.

WELCOME HOME FROM THE FRONT. 25th May. 1901.

Trooper A. Peppercorn, of the 44th Company Imperial Yeomanry, who landed at Southampton on Saturday, arrived at Swavesey Station on Monday by train due at 6.26p.m. He was met by between 200 and 300 people, who greeted him with hearty cheers and escorted him in triumph to his mother's home. The Vicar was on the platform to welcome him home in the name of the village. The cricket match between Swavesey and Lolworth was brought to an early conclusion in order to allow the teams to participate in the reception.

PLUCKY ACTION OF A POLICE CONSTABLE. 8th June 1901

Shortly before noon on Tuesday last, a cart containing granite for the roads left Swavesey station in charge of a crippled lad, who was riding on the load. When between the railway gates and the church the ridge chain of the harness broke and startled the horse, which bolted along the road past the swan pond towards the heart of the village. Police constable Kitchener was in a neighbouring cottage, and hearing the noise, rushed out into the road with his shirt sleeves rolled up. He seized hold of the reins, and endeavoured to turn the horse into a wall, but, being unsuccessful, he sturdily hung on to the animal, and was dragged a considerable distance. The horse then swerved suddenly to the right into the opening at the side of Mr. S. W. Crisp's shop, and forced the constable against the wall of the slaughter-house. Notwithstanding his dangerous and painful position P.C. Kitchener held on to the reins, and eventually the horse was got under control. But for this plucky action, a very serious accident would, in all probability, have happened. Those who witnessed the occurrence expected to find that the constable had been severely hurt, but, happily, he escaped merely with injury to his right arm, which, although painful and necessitating medical treatment, has not incapacitated him from duty. The lad was unharmed, though much frightened.

METHODIST MISSION. 8th June 1901

The Methodist Missioners paid one of their periodical visits to the village on Sunday last, and, headed by a banner and a band, paraded the streets previous to the afternoon and evening services, which were held on the School Green. As usual, the band attracted a considerable number of adults and children, with the result that the attendance at the Sunday schools and recognised places of

worship suffered materially. In consequence of the attractiveness of the Methodist band, the opinion has been expressed that a village band playing suitable music on the Green on Sundays, at a time that would not clash with the Church and Chapel services, would be a boon and a blessing.

VILLAGE RIVALRY. 8th June 1901

A correspondent writes: - "In this month's issue of the Parish Magazine, which circulates in Lolworth, Swavesey, and surrounding villages, great credit is attributed to the Lolworth cricket team for the "severe defeat they succeeded in inflicting" on the Swavesey Cricket Club on the 20th May, and special attention is called to the fact that Lolworth scored 196 runs in a single innings. As the paragraph was calculated to create a false impression, which, in justice to the Swavesey Club should be corrected without delay, perhaps you would kindly publish a few particulars respecting the match. In the first place, Lolworth did not score 196 runs, but 193; secondly, four at least of the team were not residents of Lolworth, two even belonging to the parish of Swavesey. One of the four – Mr. Kent – who scored 110 runs, is far too good a bat to be played with any chance of equality against an average village eleven. With the exception of Mr. Ellis Long (36 runs), who was in with Mr. Kent, the Rev. R.M. Stapylton (7 runs), and two Lolworth men, who scored 10 and 16 respectively, after the Swavesey bowlers and fielders had been worn out, the Lolworth team managed to compile two, viz., one man hit a two, and five were unfortunate enough to be credited with duck's eggs. There were twelve extras.

SMOKING CONCERT. 15th June 1901

Trooper A Peppercorn of the Imperial Yeomanry, recently invalided from the front, arranged on Wednesday evening an informal smoking concert in the large room at the "George and Dragon" Inn. Owing to the rain, or some cause as yet unexplained, friends from outside the village, who had undertaken to provide the main part of the programme, did not put in an appearance, but the energetic and eloquent chairman, Mr. S. W. Crisp, assisted by the gallant trooper, soon obtained volunteers from the audience. Mr. J. Hawkes played an overture, and acted as accompanist throughout the evening in his usual able manner. Mr. Tom Nicholson's songs, though suggestive of the deluge and festive evenings in the ark, met with a hearty reception on account of the inimitable way in which they were sung. Trooper Ben Thorp, of the Bucks Yeomanry, and of sporting fame, appeared in a new character, as the warbler of love ditties. Messrs. C. Dodson, E. Hemington. E. Williams, Warren Trundle, Joe Stockbridge, and others, also contributed songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Before singing "God save the King" the

Chairman briefly but gracefully referred to Trooper Peppercorn's services in South Africa, and amidst cheers announced that he had made up his mind to return to the front and "see the business out".
(long report)

CRICKET CLUB. 29th June 1901.

Mr John Gilby has been appointed vice-captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club, in place of Mr W. Edwards, who has removed to Cambridge.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION. 29th June 1901.

The following members of the technical education class held in the National School have been awarded first-class certificates (elementary woodwork) by the Midland Counties Union of Educational Institutions, viz., Wilfred L Hepher, Henry Beaumont, and Frank Day. This satisfactory result reflects great credit upon the able instructor, Mr Walter Thorp.

FENSTANTON v. SWAVESEY. 6th July 1901

This match was played at Fenstanton on Thursday of last week, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by five runs on the first innings.

SUCCESS OF A VILLAGER. 27th July 1901

Mr. H. Beaumont, who has for many years been the village schoolmaster, has received the gratifying intelligence that his son, Mr. Percy James Beaumont, has passed the Matriculation Examination for the London University, being placed in the First Division. Mr. P. J. Beaumont is nineteen years of age, and has just completed his first year's course at St. Mark's College, Chelsea, where he is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, of the one hundred and twenty students.

CRICKET CLUB. 27th July 1901

The result of the cricket match played last Saturday between Swavesey and the Old Abbey Club seems to have given satisfaction to the whole village, one gentleman alone excepted. Some of the team, on their return from Cambridge between 9 and 10 pm., celebrated the victory by cheering when they drove past the houses of two or three of the principal inhabitants, including that of the gentleman in question. In his case the festive cheering appears to have been mistaken for hooting, and next day the visitors found, to their great surprise, that he had laid a formal complaint charging them with insulting him. (Swavesey made 125 runs for 7 wickets against Old Abbey's 61 all out).

CRICKET: OLD ABBEY V. SWAVESEY. 10th August 1901

This match was played at Swavesey on Bank Holiday, and resulted in a win for the Old Abbey. The visitors were in strong force, while the Swavesey team, owing to the harvest, fruit gathering, and other causes, was weak. (Swavesey scored 52 runs against Old Abbey's 114)

CRICKET CLUB. 21st September 1901

The annual supper will be held next Thursday evening September 26th, in the National School. Mr. W. Raymond Greene, M.P., president of the Club, has announced his intention of being present. During the afternoon a match between teams captained by the Rev. A. C. Vidler (captain) and Mr. J. Gilby (vice-captain) will be played, weather permitting.

DEPARTURE OF MR T. W. DUNN 5th Oct. 1901

Mr. Dunn, who for the past four years has been living in the "Old House", Swavesey, has left the village for Milton, much to the regret of the villagers. In a quiet and unobtrusive way has made his presence felt; at public meetings his classic speeches were listened to with eager attention; noble ideas were suggested even in connection with the humblest of subjects; and his addresses in support of the candidature of Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., last October, and previously, when advocating the cause of the War Funds, will linger for years to come in the memory of those who were privileged to hear them; they struck the purest note of patriotic duty. At the annual supper of the Swavesey Cricket Club last week, he took farewell of the village, and his valedictory words were received with hearty though sympathetic cheers, and unmistakable signs of regret. It will be remembered that, anxious that there should be some memorial to the death of the late Queen, Mr. Dunn had four cedars planted in open spaces on the day of the funeral at Windsor. These trees have, unfortunately, died, but it is understood that he will shortly have four others planted. He has already provided suitable iron railings for their protection.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 5th Oct. 1901

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Parish Church on Wednesday last. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6 and 7.30 a.m., Matins at 10.30, and choral evensong and sermon by the Rev. Byrom Holland, M.A., vicar of Hemingford Grey, at 7 p.m. At evensong the congregation numbered between 300 and 400. The anthem "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," by the Rev. V. Hall, was well sung. The decorations were very effective, and particular mention may be made of the font which was

undertaken by Miss Pook and the Chapel Screen by Miss Maud Key. The offertories – fruit, flowers, &c., - will be given to Addenbrooke's Hospital. On Sunday afternoon a children's flower service will be held in the Mission Church, and the offerings of the little ones will be sent to St. Ives Union Infirmary.

LIGHTING OF THE STREETS. 5th Oct. 1901

On Monday last, the Parish Council met and accepted the tender of Mr. George Clarke for lighting the street lamps during the ensuing winter. The lamps were lighted for the first time on Wednesday evening.

CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL SUPPER. 5th Oct. 1901

The annual supper of the Swavesey Cricket Club took place in the National School on Thursday September 26th. Between 40 and 50 members and friends were present, including Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P. (president of the Club), Mr. T. W. Dunn (vice-president), Rev. A. C. Vidler (vicar of Swavesey, captain), Rev. R. Miles Stapylton (rector of Lolworth), Messrs. C. Willson, W.H. Key, J. Wells, etc. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke, of the "Sir Harry Smith", Swavesey, and the tables were prettily decorated with flowers presented by Mr. Walter Thorpe and others.

After the cloth had been removed, the CHAIRMAN, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, proposed the health of the King, and "God Save the King" was sung.

The HON SECRETARY then read a statement as to the proceedings and condition of the Club, from which it appeared that eight matches had been played, six having been lost and two won, and that the position of the Club in regard to its finances and membership was satisfactory, there being an increase in members and subscriptions, viz., 55 members (honorary and playing), against 45 in 1900 and 31 in 1899, and an income of £15, against £9 5s 9d in 1900 and £7 19s 1d in 1899. Letters or telegrams of regret at being unable to be present were read from Messrs. W. C. Cole and Thomas Payne (vice-presidents) and Jacob Frohock.

Mr. RAYMOND GREENE, M.P., in proposing "Success to the Swavesey Cricket Club" made an interesting speech on the subject of cricket and other games with a ball, all of which he maintained were good and healthy and had a great deal to do with the success of the English race. He had noticed, when in South Africa, wherever troops remained in one place for even a day or two, bats and balls appeared as if by magic, and cricket was the order of the day. Cricket, he held, called forth the best qualities in a man, not only physically, but such moral qualities as perseverance, self-control, good temper. A good cricket club improved a village, and every man was better for a game. Mr.

Green caused some amusement by stating that the game of cricket had not always been viewed with favour by those in authority. In the time of Edward IV cricket was declared to be illegal because it interfered with the practice of archery, and in 1477 a law was passed inflicting a penalty of three years' imprisonment or a fine on every person who promoted the game, and minor penalties for those who played. The law remained in force for upwards of 200 years, and not until 1748 was the game declared legal and manly, but even then restrictions were imposed in regard to betting on the game. Mr. Greene remarked that the increase in members and subscriptions was the best test that the Club was in a healthy condition, though he regretted not being able to congratulate the members on having won more matches. He concluded by giving the members good advice and strongly urged them to practise steadily their fielding and bowling.

The Rev. A. C. VIDLER, who responded, thanked the President on behalf of the Club for his good wishes and advice. He regretted that the Club had not a better match record this year, and attributed the weakness in fielding in a large measure to the rough condition of the ground.

Mr. DUNN proposed the health of the President, whom he thanked for being present. He observed that English boys were the only boys who played games, and he deplored the fact that in England, which used justly to be called "Merrie England", people now take their pleasures sadly, and he insisted on the importance of healthy games. Mr. Dunn regretted that he was leaving the village and that his speech must be regarded as his valedictory utterance. The toast was enthusiastically received with musical honours.

MR. GREENE briefly returned thanks.

During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. S. Beaumont, S. W. Crisp, J. Gilby, William Thorpe, and others, and the Rev. A. C. Vidler and Mr. J Hawkes were the accompanists. A Club match was played during the afternoon between teams captained by Rev. A. C. Vidler and Mr. J. Gilby (vice-captain). The former gentleman's team won by seven runs (61 to 54), thanks to the excellent batting and bowling of Mr. William Thorpe.

ANCIENT BOOTS. 9th Oct. 1901.

Letter to the Editor.

Sir - In your issue of Saturday last there appeared a paragraph respecting an aged thatcher, who a few days previously had performed his 60th annual pilgrimage on foot from Whittlesey to Peterborough Fair, and for the last 47years had used the same pair of boots, which had been specially reserved for the momentous journey, and worn on no other occasion. In this neighbourhood

we have two pairs of boots which are more ancient, have worked far harder, and are to this day in going order.

(1) An elderly gentleman who, though born in the village of Swavesey, resides in the next parish of Fen Drayton, where he follows the occupation of dealer, still wears every Sunday the same pair of Wellington boots which adorned his feet when he led his wife, a blushing bride, from the altar some 48 years ago. These boots he has worn on Sundays ever since. They were made, I understand, by Welham's, of St. Ives.

(2) A farmer in Swavesey has a pair of half -Wellingtons which have been at work for upwards of 60 years, having been the property of, and worn by, an aged relation down to the time of his death. These boots are a trifle too small for the farmer who inherited them, but one of his sons wears them for dirty work on wet days. The builder of this interesting relic has been forgotten,

Yours, &c, - Peter Jones

ACCIDENT. 12th Oct. 1901.

On Thursday evening, 3rd October the milk cart of Mr Jacob Frohock, of Lolworth, whilst proceeding homewards from the railway station, came to grief near Mr Daniel Radford's premise in High Street. The back band of the harness broke, and the horse swerved round in the direction of Market Street. The animal then fell, and in its struggles to rise smashed a shaft, the harness, and a trace. Fred Blunt, the driver, was fortunately able to keep control over the animal until Messrs. J. S. Goad, and Twist and others came to the rescue. Mrs Mansfield, an elderly person, who was in the cart, very pluckily kept her seat until gallantly assisted to the ground by Mr Twist. Beyond a scratch or two the horse, luckily, was uninjured. Mr Goad kindly provided Mr Blunt with a cart and fresh harness. From the accounts given by onlookers a very serious accident was narrowly averted owing to Mr Blunt's keeping his head, and the prompt assistance.

SALE OF PROPERTY. 12th Oct. 1901.

On Monday, Mr Cyril Watts, under instructions from the will of the late Mr William Pauley, sold by auction at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, 21a 2r 23p of freehold land and a residence. There was a large attendance, not only of Swavesey people, but from the surrounding villages and St. Ives, and good prices were obtained.

Lot 1, a freehold and tithe free residence opposite the Swan Pond, was sold to Mr Newell of St. Ives for £240. Lot 2, an allotment of freehold pasture land in Middle Fen, containing 3a 2r 25p, was knocked down to Mr C. F. Clarke, St. Ives, for £220. Lot 3, 3a 0r 35p of freehold arable land in Cow Fen was

secured by Mr Clarke for £32. Lot 4, 6a 3r 0p of freehold pasture in Cow Fen fell to William Crisp of Swavesey for £250, and Lot 5, 10a 1r 3p, of freehold arable land in Hale Field was bought by Messrs. C. & F. Allen of Over, for £305. The sale realised altogether £1,047. Messrs. John Watts & Sons, St. Ives were the solicitors.

RECREATION CLUB. 12th Oct. 1901

A Club for games of chess, draughts, cards, etc, was inaugurated on the 1st instant, and bids fair to be a great success. Upwards of twenty members have already joined. The Rev A.C. Vidler, Vicar of Swavesey has accepted the office of president, and Messrs. J. S. Goad, G. Kitchener, and W. Perry form the Committee of Management, with Mr T. Nicholson as honorary secretary and treasurer. In addition to games (playing for money is strictly prohibited), newspapers and periodicals are provided, and the subscription, 2d. a week, is so reasonable that the poorest can enjoy the privileges of the Club, which is held in the comfortably furnished Parish-room in the High Street. The Club will be closed during the summer months.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 12th Oct. 1901

There is a movement amongst the younger men of the village to form a Football Club this year. Such a club will doubtless find occupation for the idle time of some of the youths, and it is to be hoped that the proposal will not fall to the ground for want of support.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 12th Oct. 1901

The thanksgiving services for the late harvest were continued at the parish church on Sunday last. The evening service was, however, shorn of its special feature, as the anthem had to be omitted in consequence of the choirman who was to have sung the tenor solo not being present.

GIANT POTATOES. 26th Oct. 1901

If complaints are being made elsewhere as to the poor yield of potatoes this year, in Swavesey though the crop generally speaking might have been heavier, several persons have turned up large potatoes. Amongst others may be mentioned Mr. W. C. Cole and Mr. W. H. Key, both of whom can show "Up to Dates" of giant size, whilst Mr. C. Froment has dug a root of Sutton's "Ideals," and found fifteen potatoes, one of which weighed 2lb 13ozs, five averaged 1½ lb. each, and the rest were of a good size.

RECREATION CLUB. 23rd Nov. 1901.

This club is a great success, 33 members having already joined. A tournament of games is now taking place; Mr Tom Nicholson, the Hon. Secretary, at present leads for draughts, Mr Ellwood for cribbage, Messrs. Kitchener and Strapps for whist. The chess competition has not yet begun. Mr Prime Godfrey, the other evening, gave an entertainment with his gramophone. There was a large attendance on the occasion, and the orchestral pieces, songs, etc., ground out by the wonderful machine were greatly appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENT. 23rd Nov. 1901.

The boy's band of the Swanley and Farningham Orphanage paid a visit to the village last week, and gave two interesting entertainments in the National School. The Vicar was in the chair. The lads were hospitably fed and lodged by ten of the villagers, who were heartily thanked for their kindness.

ACCIDENT. 23rd Nov. 1901.

On Monday morning a light cart belonging to Mr T. W. Carter was being driven along High Street by a lad at a rapid pace, and opposite the National School it dashed into a crowd of children that were playing in the roadway. One child, a daughter of Mr John Dodson, was knocked down, and one wheel passed over her body. She was taken into the Schoolmaster's house, and after receiving medical attention, was removed home. The child miraculously escaped serious injury.

RECREATION CLUB. 21st Dec 1901

The result of the recent tournament of games at this club are as follows:

Chess – Mr. G. Kitchener

Draughts – Mr. Tom Nicholson

Cribbage – Mr. S. Ellwood

Whist – Messrs. Strapps and Kitchener

PRIZE MEAT. 28th Dec. 1901

As is well known, several of the butchers who stand every Saturday in Cambridge market hail from Swavesey. The display of meat in the village this Christmas has been particularly good, especially at the shop of Mr. S. W. Crisp, where, in addition to an excellent all-round show, there were a prize bullock and a prize sheep, both of unusual quality and the latter of exceptional weight. The bullock was bred and fed by E. Snow Fordnam, Esq., of Ashwell, and the sheep by J. Evisden, Esq. Both animals were bought at St. Ives market.

SHEPHERDS' CLUB. 22nd Feb. 1902

The annual dinner of the "Wheatsheaf" Lodge of the Ancient Order of Shepherds was held on Tuesday last at the "George and Dragon" Inn. The attendance was not quite so good as in previous years, but those who were present spent an enjoyable time, and thoroughly appreciated the excellent fare provided by the landlady, Mrs. Babarsky

PING PONG CLUB. 22nd Feb. 1902

The "prevailing epidemic" has reached Swavesey, and is raging with great virulence. Notwithstanding that many private houses have been supplied with full equipment for dealing with the insidious disease, it has been found necessary to provide further accommodation for the sufferers in the form of a Club, which has been established under the captaincy of Mr W. C. Cole, and meets twice a week at the Infant School. The members, however, desire it to be understood that its choice of the meeting-place was purely fortuitous, and is in no way suggestive of the game played by them. A tournament is in progress this week.

CRICKET CLUB 8th March 1902

At the annual meeting of the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club held recently, the Vicar in the chair, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season, viz, President, Mr. W. Raymond Greene, M.P.; Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. C. Cole, Rev. J. H. Jackman, Mr. W. H. Key, and Mr. Thomas Payne; Captain, Rev. A. C. Vidler; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. Gilbey; Committee, Messrs. H. G. Key, J. Linford, B. Prior, and W. T. Thorpe; Secretary, Mr. C. R. Vincent. It was decided to begin practice about the middle of April, the precise date being left to the Committee.

PUBLIC MEETING. 8th March 1902

On Friday last a public meeting was called at the National School to consider whether a Reading Room and Club should be established in the village, affiliated with which should be a Ping Pong Club to which ladies should be admitted. Mr. H. Beaumont was voted to the chair and Mr. Strapps moved a resolution in favour of the object for which the meeting was summoned. At the instigation, however, of Dr. Ellis and Mr. Walter Thorpe, the question of forming a Reading Room was dropped and it was decided to start merely a Ping Pong Club to meet at the school, provided the consent of the managers could be obtained.

BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE LONG. J.P. 8th March 1902

To commemorate Mr Long's birthday last Sunday, the bells of the Parish Church were rung between 5 and 6 p.m. On the following evening Mr Long entertained the ringers and some others at a supper at the "Sir Harry Smith" Inn. Mr Long being unfortunately unable to be present owing to indifferent health, the chair was taken by Mr W. Perry, the stationmaster, and leader of the ringers, who read a genial letter from the absent host, welcoming his guests. After supper a hearty vote of thanks and congratulations to Mr Long, proposed by Mr Perry and seconded by Mr S. Beaumont, was carried with enthusiasm, and his health was drunk with musical honours. Songs were sung by Messrs. S. Beaumont, J. Hodson, Alf Prime, G. Clarke, and Miss L. Clarke, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The supper was provided by Mrs George Clarke, and as usual gave entire satisfaction.

PING PONG CLUB. 15th March 1902

An enjoyable evening was spent at the National School on Monday last when a party of ladies and gentlemen from St. Ives played a team of the Swavesey Club. Although the homesters fought pluckily they were beaten by the visitors who had evidently had greater experience of the game. (St. Ives won by 583 points to 421).

The general arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. W. C. Cole who was most energetic. Refreshments, generously provided by some of the Committee, were supplied during the evening under the kindly superintendence of Mrs. H. Beaumont. There was a good attendance of spectators.

PING PONG CLUB. 15th March 1902

A tournament open to members only was held on Tuesday evening. Mrs J. Parsons won the ladies' prize, a cut glass scent bottle of ample dimensions, and Mr A. J. Willson the gentlemen's prize, a cigar case. The scores were as follows:- Mrs J. Parsons, 110 ; Mrs J. Welch, 107; Mr A. J. Willson, 106; Mr J. Parsons, 98; Mr R. Ellis, 97; Mr C. Cole, 76; Miss Garner, 71; Mr J. Hawkes, 70; Mr C. R. Vincent, 55; Miss P. Key, 54. Mrs W.C. Cole spoilt her chances of a higher score by the assiduous way in which she attended to the business of the evening.

ANOTHER PING PONG CLUB. 15th March 1902

Owing to the original Swavesey Ping Pong Club being unable to enrol more members, a second club has been established. The Club Room at the "White Horse" Inn has been secured and play began on Monday last. The following are the officers of the club: - President, Mr. W. Perry; Captain, Mr. W. F.

Gleaves; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. Barrett; Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. J. Strapps. The Committee consists of the President, Captain, and Secretary, with Messrs. T. Metcalf and Walter Thorpe. It is understood that the club will be known as the "Swavesey Village Ping Pong Club".

A BAD ROAD. 15th March 1902

The inhabitants of the village and other who use the road are wondering when the roadway which passes between the Swan Pond and the Swan Inn will be repaired. At present the County Council turns its back upon it though much of the traffic is diverted to it through the roadway being preferred by coachmen to that which the County Council has taken under its especial wing. Unless something is done speedily there is every prospect of a serious accident.

WIND MILL DAMAGED. 22nd March 1902

During the storm of Saturday morning last a serious mishap occurred to the wind mill in the Hale, now in the occupation of Mr Mustill, miller, of Over. Owing to some cause at present, it is understood, unexplained, the fan tail gear got jammed with the result that the head failed to turn with the wind, and the full force of the gale was received at the back of the sails instead of the front. The sails raced round at a terrific rate, and by the time people were getting up had begun to break up. Some of the wood work was carried a considerable distance into Mr Mitham's field, and iron rods, etc., were bent and broken. All the sails are damaged, two being practically wrecked. A large wheel near the base of the building was smashed to atoms by some heavy wood work falling upon it.

HOME FROM SOUTH AFRICA. 5th April 1902

Mr. Albert Metcalfe, youngest son of Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, thatcher, arrived home from the front on Easter Day. He has been in South Africa for upwards of two and a half years, and has served in the Cape Town Police and the Imperial Light Horse. It is understood that he proposes to return in a month or two.

VESTRY MEETING. 12th April 1902

The usual Easter Vestry was held in the parish church of St. Andrew on Thursday the 3rd instant, when Mr. J Wells was re-elected as the people's churchwarden. The Vicar again nominated Mr. W. H. Key as his warden. Messrs. W. Cain, senr., J Dodson, Jethro Garner, G. Metcalfe, P. Metcalfe, and W. T. Thorpe were chosen for sidesmen.

MEETING. 12th April 1902

A meeting of the members of the congregation of the parish church was called on Thursday night, 3rd of April, at the National School, to make the preliminary arrangements for a sale of work, &c, to be held in June next in aid of the church expenses. There was some conversation respecting the way in which the Coronation should be celebrated in the village, but no decision was arrived at. It is understood that a public meeting to consider the matter will be summoned later on.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT. 12th April 1902

On Wednesday evening a team of ping-pongists from Willingham, under the management of Mr. Hugh Frohock, paid a visit to the Swavesey Ping-Pong Club. After a series of well contested games Swavesey came off victors by 82 points. During the evening refreshments, kindly provided by some of the Committee, were served to those present. Owing to the death of Mr. George Long, Mr. W. C. Cole, the captain of the Swavesey Club, was unable to play.

DEATH OF MR GEORGE LONG. J.P. 12th April 1902.

A Loss to Swavesey. - We regret to have to announce the death of Mr George Long, JP, of The Priory, Swavesey, which took place on Sunday evening last. Mr Long met with an accident about two years ago, and he since been an invalid, with occasional attacks of illness, each of which has left him a little weaker. On Sunday 9th March, he caught chill and serious complications soon arose, and during last week his condition was so alarming that the worst was anticipated. On March 2nd he celebrated his 63rd birthday, and in honour of the event the bells of the parish church were rung. He greatly appreciated this tribute of respect, for he loved the bells, and to their music on Sunday evening he peacefully passed away, conscious to the end.

During the many years he lived in Swavesey Mr Long held numerous public offices. He was an energetic churchwarden. For three years from 1892 to 1895 he represented the Swavesey district on the County Council, and for some years sat for Fen Drayton on the District Council. Until his health broke down he was most regular in his attendance as a magistrate on Bench days at Chesterton.

Amongst other things, the village of Swavesey is indebted to him for the large clock in the tower of the Parish Church, which he gave as a memorial of his father and mother; and his generosity and hospitality in years gone by during

the skating seasons and to the village Cricket Club are still gratefully remembered.

Always fond of birds and animals, over whom he possessed a wonderful influence, he took up falconry a few years ago and latterly when unable to follow the sport actively, he found occupation and amusement in training hawks. It may be of interest to mention that in "Country Life" on the 25th January last a picture appeared of Mr Long carrying a hawk on his left wrist and standing by the side of his large golden eagle, "Sally".

Although the greater part of Mr Long's life was spent in Swavesey, he resided for several years at Carlton Grange, near Newmarket, and at Hemingford Grey. He married the sister of Mr Alderman W. W. Warner, of St. Ives, who survives him, and for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

The sad tidings reached the Vicar at the beginning of the evening service on Sunday, and in consequence the hymn "For ever with the Lord" was sung instead of a recessional. The sermon, the text of which was from 1 Corinthians xv.14, was particularly appropriate to the occasion.

The funeral will take place at Swavesey on Saturday.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. GEORGE LONG, J.P. 19th April 1902

It is many years since there was so large a concourse of people in the village of Swavesey as on Saturday last when the body of the late Mr. George Long, J.P., was laid to rest in the churchyard. Every train brought its quota from far and near, and the villagers turned out in great force to pay the last tribute of respect to one who had lived so many years amongst them, and had been so intimately connected with the affairs of the parish. A long procession of relatives and friends in carriages and on foot followed the flower-decked hearse through the main street of the village, and as it neared the church a peal was rung on the muted bells. At the Churchyard the body was met by the Rev. A. C. Vidler, Vicar, and the Rev. B. W. Wilder, Rector of Great Bradley, with the choir. As the mournful procession, preceded by the clergy and choir, slowly wended its way to the church the Vicar recited the opening sentences of the Burial Service, and when the sacred building was reached the hymn "Christ will gather in his own," was sung whilst the procession moved up the nave. After Psalm xc had been chanted the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" was sung. The lesson was read by the Rev. B. W. Wilder, and then to the strains of "Brief life is here our portion," the body was borne to the graveside. The committal prayers were said by the Vicar, after which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The concluding prayers were said by the Rev. B. W. Wilder.

At the morning service on Sunday the Vicar's sermon had special reference to the death of Mr. Long, of whom and of whose protracted illness he spoke in feeling terms. The hymns chosen were suitable to the occasion.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS. 26th April 1902

A meeting of the members of the congregation of the Parish Church was held in the National School on Thursday, the 17th inst. The Vicar was in the chair. The accounts showed an adverse balance of £24; of this amount only about £5 were proper to the ordinary church expenses account. A debt of £12 was incurred for certain exceptional but urgently necessary expenditure on the bell turret of the Mission-room at Boxworth End, and the remainder was due to amounts still owing for the new churchyard gates and the new stove in the side chapel of the Parish Church. Efforts are being made to pay off the debt, and in aid of this object a Sale of Work will be held on Tuesday, 10th June next.

CRICKET CLUB. 26th April 1902

Practice will begin on Tuesday next. Matches at home and away have already been arranged with Lolworth, Elsworth, Fenstanton, and Old Abbey, (Cambridge) Clubs, the first of these clubs playing matches during the Swavesey Feast on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of May. There seems every prospect of the Club being in vigorous condition this year, and great pains have been bestowed on the ground by the capable groundman Mr G. Clarke.

MANOR COURT. 3rd May 1902

Mr. Thomas F. Fowler, steward of the Manor of Swavesey Pembers, the Rectory in Swavesey and Hobbledods with Bennets, held his usual Court at the "White Horse" inn on Tuesday last.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT. 3rd May 1902

Under the management of the Misses Heelis and the Vicar a most successful entertainment in aid of the funds of the Sunday School was given in the National Schoolroom on Monday last before an audience which crowded the large room. The programme was excellent in every respect, and all the performers acquitted themselves with credit. It is, therefore, hardly fair to make special mention of any particular performer, but, without prejudice, we may say that the Gipsy Dance and chorus by members of the Swavesey branch of the Girls' Friendly Society brought down the house. From an artistic point of view the masterly violin playing of Miss Irene Williams was the success of the evening. Mr. Ruggles Brise's comic songs were received with hearty

laughter, and the energetic and purposely discordant piano obligato in the dialogue resulted in a novel accompaniment to the song “May Day” which followed – a fractured string producing the tones of a mandolin. “The Little Sentinel” was capitally performed and effectively staged.

PING PONG CLUB. 3rd May 1902

The members of the Swavesey Ping-pong Club brought their season to a close on Tuesday last with a social gathering in the National School. Ping-pong, for this occasion only, occupied a secondary place in the programme. This included songs and violin and piano solos. During the evening the captain (Mr. W. C. Cole), assisted by the clerk (Mr. Amos), caused much amusement by holding a mock auction of the club property. There was a pleasing interlude in the proceedings when the president (Rev. A. C. Vidler) made a presentation to the indefatigable hon. secretary (Mrs. W. C. Cole) on behalf of the members. A hearty vote of thanks to the organisers of the entertainment, Mrs. Parsons and Miss R. Crisp, was carried.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th May 1902

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, the 1st instant, the Rev. A. C. Vidler was re-elected chairman, and Messrs. J. I. Daintree and J. Gilby were chosen overseers for the ensuing year. There was considerable discussion respecting the condition of the fire engine – “an ancient relic,” a correspondent says, “which is said to have been given to Noah by an aged relative, and to have been found useful when the floods receded from the face of the earth.”

PING PONG. 17th May 1902

The Club concerned in the match reported in last week’s *Express* was the Swavesey Village Ping-pong Club. Swavesey appears to be so devoted to this new game that it possesses two clubs – the Swavesey Ping-pong Club, and the Swavesey Village Ping-pong Club. The former has suspended operations until the autumn.

THE FEAST. 17th May 1902

The village feast has been held this week. There has not been as good an attendance of show people as usual, and visitors have not been up to the average, owing, it is thought, to the inclement weather.

CRICKET. 17th May 1902

On Monday Swavesey beat Lolworth by 42 runs. On Tuesday they lost to Elsworth by five runs, but on Wednesday they defeated Fenstanton by 34.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED THORP. 24th May 1902

The village has lost another of its elders by the death of Mr. Alfred Thorp, who passed away early on the morning of Feast Wednesday, the 14th inst. Mr. Thorp's health had been slowly failing for some time, but he sturdily refused to admit the fact or consider himself an invalid, though it was only too patent to his friends. The daily walks in which he delighted became shorter and shorter, until at last they were given up, and his spare and once erect form showed palpable signs of decay. Born in Swavesey 73 years ago, he lived the whole of his life in the village. He was greatly respected in Swavesey and, indeed, wherever he went, and the well-known form and kindly presence of "Fred" Thorp will be sadly missed. He was a butcher by trade and for some 40 years stood in Cambridge market. He retired a few years ago. Mr. Thorp was a widower, and has left one child, the wife of Mr. George Farey of the "Wheatsheaf", Chesterton. The body was laid to rest in the churchyard of the parish church on Sunday afternoon, in a spot surrounded by the graves of so many of those who had been dear to him. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends from all parts, and it was pleasing and significant to notice the number of labouring men who sacrificed their Sunday afternoon's rest in order to pay their last tribute of respect to their old friend, who had always a kind word for them. The Vicar officiated at the funeral, and in his sermon at the evening service made sympathetic reference to the sad event. (long report)

THE EDUCATION BILL. 24th May 1902

A meeting was held on Wednesday to discuss this Bill, and was chiefly attended by Nonconformists. A condemnatory resolution was passed.

CRICKET SWAVESEY V. ELSWORTH. 31st May 1902

This match was played at Elsworth and resulted in a win for the homesters by 6 wickets.

THE CORONATION. 31st May 1902

A well-attended meeting was held in the National School on Monday evening to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the Coronation of the King. It was decided that a tea should be provided by voluntary subscriptions for children less than 14 years of age and for elderly people of sixty years and over, and also that there should be athletic sports in the evening. After

providing for this, should there be any balance in hand, it was arranged that trees should be planted on the village green as a permanent memorial of the historic event. An influential and representative Committee, with power to add to their number, was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements and collect subscriptions. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding.

CRICKET SWAVESEY V. LOLWORTH. 7th June 1902

After an uninterrupted run of ill-success, a weak team of the Swavesey C.C. visited Lolworth on Monday and inflicted a defeat on the home eleven. The scores were – Swavesey 61, and Lolworth 58.

BOER WAR OVER. 7th June 1902.

On reception on Monday morning of the welcome news that the Boers had at last surrendered and that peace had been arranged, flags were promptly displayed outside many homes in the village, and the Union Jack was hoisted on the tower at the Parish Church. The Vicar at once got together the ringers, who rang a joyous peal, and he summoned the people to the Market Place whither the school children were taken. After a brief address, "God Save the King" was sung, and the simple ceremony ended with stirring cheers. During the afternoon, a bonfire was constructed on the School Green by some enthusiastic workers under the superintendence of Mr Herbert Wilderspin, and Mr J. Gilby. Before it was lighted by the Vicar, an impromptu procession paraded the streets and guns were fired off. When the fire was well alight, Mr W. C. Cole, using his cart as a platform, called upon the Vicar to address the large crowd which had gathered not only from Swavesey, but from the neighbouring villages. Mr Vidler made a short and appropriate speech, and was followed by the Rev J. H. Jackson, of Bethel Chapel. Mr Walter Thorp and Dr Ellis also spoke. Hearty cheers were given at the call of the Vicar for the King, Queen, our gallant soldiers who had fought so well, not forgetting those who had fallen, and the noble band of nurses.

THANKSGIVING DAY. 14th June 1902

At the Parish Church the authorised form of thanksgiving was used at the morning and evening services on Sunday last. After the former service the school-children were taken from their usual seats in the north aisle and were grouped in the nave, whilst the old chorale, "Now thank we all our God", and two verses of the National Anthem were sung. A large congregation attended the evening service and joined with great heartiness in the special Psalms, hymns, &c. The "Te Deum" was sung after the Blessing as a special act of

thanksgiving, and the National Anthem closed a notable service which will be remembered for many a long day. The Vicar in his short and particularly telling sermons dwelt on the blessing of peace. One interesting feature of both services was the hymn, "We thank Thee, our God" written for the occasion by the Vicar. A thanksgiving service was held at Bethel Chapel on Sunday evening, when appropriate hymns and an anthem were sung. The Rev. J. H. Jackman preached the sermon, which dealt with the subject of peace.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES. 14th June 1902

The General Committee elected in connection with the Coronation festivities met again on Monday evening under the presidency of the Rev. A. C. Vidler, and appointed three sub-committees to carry out the necessary arrangements. It is understood that there will be a service in the Parish Church during the morning of the 26th inst., and another on the School Green at 2.30 p.m., at which the Vicar and the Rev. J. H. Jackman (of Bethel Chapel) will officiate. Then there will be a procession of school-children with flags, &c., meat tea for the children, meat tea for adults, sports in the evening, and a bonfire at night. A commemorative mug will be given to each child. About £30 has been collected by voluntary subscription. Mr. Ebenezer Parish has intimated that he will give an ounce of tobacco (or its equivalent to non-smokers) to every labourer in the village, and a quarter of a pound of tea to each labourer's cottage.

SALE OF WORK, ETC. 28th June 1902

A Sale of Work and Garden Fete was held in the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and was very successful, especially in the evening. There were four stalls, viz, Fancy Stall, a Toy Stall, a Jumble Stall and one for Refreshments. During the evening, a ping-pong tournament was contested, and dancing was indulged in to the strains of the St. Ives band. About £28 was taken.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES ARRANGEMENTS. 28th June 1902

Between £35 and £36 has been collected. Timetable:

11 a.m., authorised service in Parish Church; 2.30 p.m., procession of school children; 3 p.m. service on the Recreation Ground conducted by the Vicar and Rev. J. H. Jackman, of Bethel Chapel; 4 p.m. tea for children under 14 years of age, (with presentation of a Coronation mug); 5 p.m. tea for adults; 6 p.m. sports on Recreation Ground; 9 p.m. bonfire. Committee: Chairman, Rev. A. C. Vidler (Vicar); treasurer, Mr. T. W. Carter. Sub-committees: - Tea: Mr. T. W. Carter (chairman), Mr. H. S. Aldred, Mr. H. Beaumont, Mr. Norman, Mr.

Smith, J. Wells. Sports: Dr. Ellis (chairman), Mr. A Cooke, Mr. R. Ellis, Mr. W. F. Gleaves, Mr. J. Hawkes, Mr. Ben Thorp, Mr. H. Wilderspin. Bonfire: Mr. H. Wilderspin (chairman), Mr. W. C. Cole, Mr. Jethro Garner, Mr. E. Warboys. Children's Amusement: Three nominees of General Committee, viz., Mr. Vincent (chairman), Mr. Jethro Garner, Mr. Jethro Linford, and the teachers of the Day and Sunday Schools.

KING'S ILLNESS. 28th June 1902

The news of the serious illness of the King reached the village on Tuesday afternoon, and caused general consternation. The Coronation Committee held a specially convened meeting during the evening, and unanimously decided to postpone for the present all festivities arranged for the 26th inst. The Tea sub-Committee have fortunately been able to dispose of everything of a perishable nature in a way which will involve the Committee in no loss in consequence of the postponement. On Wednesday evening a special service of intercession for the King's recovery was held in the parish Church, and considering the very short notice given, was well attended, many Nonconformists being present. The Vicar delivered a short address, his text being taken from the first verse of the 20th Psalm, one of the Psalms in the Accession service. At the conclusion of the service, two verses of the National Anthem were sung, kneeling. Business proceeded in the village as usual on Thursday, all shops being open.

BEQUEST TO THE PARISH. 12th July 1902

It was announced at a specially convened meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd July, that the late Mr George Long, J.P., had bequeathed to the Parish of Swavesey a piece of land in the High-Street, to be used as the Parish Council may deem fit.

A BIG FISH. 12th July 1902

Mr H. G. Key, a keen fisherman, landed a tench, 3lbs in weight on Monday evening, from the river Ouse, near Overcote. This fishing tale is authentic, for the oviparous monster has been seen by many experts in the village.

CRICKET. 12th July 1902

A match, which was played at Fenstanton, between the local team and Swavesey, was won by Fenstanton, who scored 78 to their opponents' 44.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 19th July 1902

A correspondent writes: - "After having been in seclusion for some nine months, the venerable parish fire engine made its reappearance in public the other evening, when it was dragged to the village green and solemnly tested in the presence of two members of the Fire Engine Committee of the Parish Council and an admiring crowd. The trial was not a success, for only a tiny stream of water was propelled through the very lengthy nozzle. The Committee-men present, it is understood, thereupon decided to call in Mr. Kidd, the Willingham engineer, and have the ancient relic repaired. When this has been done, it is presumed the engine will be again locked up in its house, only to be brought out for trial when there is reason to believe that once more something has gone wrong with the works. The last time it was wanted for a fire – in September 1899 – it was taken in great state to the scene of the conflagration. After it had been nearly precipitated down a steep bank into a pond, with the chief engineer perched on the top, the pumps were manned. The crew worked hard, the lengthy nozzle was pointed towards the burning buildings by the heroic gentleman who, wearing a white hat, had acted as coachman, but nothing came except air. The fire burned on merrily, and the result was that valuable property was destroyed, much of which might have been saved had the engine been in working order. The engine was then repaired, and fortunately has not been wanted since. It is believed that the Parish Councillors have opinions as to the usefulness of, and necessity for, the engine, but humble people who have not the proud honour of being Parish Councillors are asking two questions. Firstly, if the engine is of use, why is it not kept in proper condition and tested at regular intervals; and, secondly, if it is not wanted, why is it not sold or presented to some museum of antiquities? At present it is an annual charge on the rates, for, in addition to cost of repairs &c., its custodian is a paid official. It is understood that the Parish Council has refused to pay the custodian's salary, due some time ago, presumably on the ground that he had allowed the engine to get out of repair, but how the Council knew this until the other evening it is difficult to see, as the engine had not been tested for so long. If, however, they were satisfied that the engine was out of order, and therefore useless for practical purposes, how can they reconcile it with their duty as Parish Councillors to have delayed for so long the necessary repairs? Then, again, what have the Fire Engine Committee been doing? If the custodian has failed to do his duty, what steps have they taken, for they are the persons responsible for the efficiency of the engine? Surely, they are the proper persons to order the engine out for trial and see by personal examination that it is in working order."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. 19th July 1902

During the great heat of Monday afternoon, whilst thatching a haystack in Messrs. Hawkes and Son's yard, Mr. Joseph Metcalfe fell from the top and sustained serious injury. It is understood that the cause of the fall was sunstroke. Mr. Metcalfe was removed to his home where he lies in a precarious condition.

A CHAPTER OF INCIDENTS. 26th July 1902

Monday, the 14th inst., will be remembered in the village of Swavesey as a most unfortunate day. In addition to the accident which befell Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, which was reported last week, there were three other accidents. Mr. J. T. Daintree, turning hurriedly in Mr. Aldred's shop, fell and sprained an ankle – a specially unfortunate mishap, as Mr. Daintree is still feeling the effects of a bicycle accident he met with last year, when he fractured his other ankle. Mrs. Mitchell, who lives in Blackhorse-lane, fell downstairs and badly hurt her back, and her next door neighbour, Mrs. Wright, also fell from top to bottom of her stairs, but fortunately her injuries were slight. On Wednesday, the 16th inst, Mr. Jethro Linford, of the "Green Man" met with a nasty accident through a ladder, on which he was standing, slipping and then breaking. His ankle and leg were severely sprained and he was much shaken. He will be confined to the house for some time.

HOUSE WARMING. 26th July 1902

On Friday last Mr. James Anderson, late of the "Little Rose", celebrated his entry into the "Rising Sun" Inn (Messrs. How, Oliver Cromwell Brewery, St. Ives), by keeping open house. His friends and customers mustered in strong force and did full justice to the good fare provided. Before parting they bade farewell to their host with musical honours and cheered him lustily.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES. 26th July 1902

The General Committee charged with the arrangements for the Coronation festivities in Swavesey met on Wednesday night, and decided to carry out the programme, arranged for June 26th, on Saturday, August 9th. The only alteration found necessary has been to time each event half-an-hour earlier.

VICAR'S HOLIDAY. 2nd August 1902

The Vicar has gone away for his holiday, and for the fourth year in succession the parish will be in charge of the Rev J Edward Standen, who has kindly undertaken to represent the Vicar at the Coronation Festivities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. 2nd August 1902

The children attending the Sunday Schools attached to the Parish Church had their annual treat on Thursday last. Assembling at the National School, the children went in procession to the Church, and then proceeded to the Vicarage grounds, where tea was provided, after which they were amused by running races, playing football, swinging, and other games. The scrambling for sweets and nuts was very popular. The parents and teachers were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Vidler, and during the evening other parishioners were welcomed. A very enjoyable time was spent.

DEATH OF MR JOHN WEBSTER. 2nd Aug. 1902

Death has removed another aged inhabitant of Swavesey. Mr. John Webster, a well-known hay, cattle, and pig dealer, passed away on Sunday last in the 83rd year of his age. He had long been more or less an invalid, but notwithstanding this and his great age, he was able to attend to his business until a short time before his death. His aged and almost sightless widow, we regret to say, was lying seriously ill when the end came. Mr Webster was landlord of the Railway Tavern, close to Long Stanton Station, for 42 years, after which for eight years he kept the "Rising Sun", Swavesey, retiring about eighteen months ago.

BAZAAR. 9th Aug. 1902

A fancy bazaar, sale of work, etc., were held on Bank Holiday in Mr Thomas Carter's grounds in aid of the Organ Fund of Bethel Chapel. Notwithstanding that the weather was unpropitious, about 600 people attended, and the result is understood to have been satisfactory. The Cottenham Salvation Army Brass Band proved a great attraction, and the half-hour concerts were much appreciated. The stalls were in charge of a number of energetic ladies. The Ping Pong tables were well patronised and so was the refreshment tent. The arrangements were in the hands of a capable committee, formed of the Rev J. H. Jackson, (chairman) Messrs. T. W. Carter, (treasurer) J. Williams, T. Prior, T. Parker, J. Goad, and J. Hepher, J. Day, and H.S. Aldred, but of course the ladies, whose names are too numerous to mention, were really the persons entitled to the credit for the success of the undertaking.

DEATH OF MR D. RADFORD. 9th Aug. 1902

Yet another death has to be reported. Mr Daniel Radford, miller and baker, died on Wednesday morning. He had been in a bad state of health for a considerable time, but the end came somewhat suddenly.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 9th Aug. 1902

This valuable asset of the parish has been sent home after repairs at Willingham, and has been carefully locked up in its home. People are asking whether it is to remain there unattended to and uninspected until something again goes wrong with its vitals.

CRICKET SWAVESEY V. OLD ABBEY 9th Aug. 1902

This match was played at Swavesey on Monday, August 4th, and resulted in a win for the Old Abbey by ten runs.

MEMORIAL TREES. 9th Aug. 1902.

On the afternoon of the day which the funeral of the late Queen Victoria took place at Windsor (2nd Feb.1901) four cedars trees, presented by Mr T. W. Dunn, who then resided at the Old House, Swavesey, were planted as a memorial to that great event, two in the main road near Swan Pond, and two in the old Market-place. These trees unfortunately died, and last autumn Mr Dunn provided four more, which from some cause sore unexplained also declined to flourish. Undeterred by the failures, Mr Dunn, who is now living at Milton, decided to make another attempt, and on Thursday 6th instant, he revisited the village and superintended the planting of fresh trees. The children attending the National School were present at the simple ceremony, and after some introductory remarks by the vicar, Rev A. C. Vidler, sang the "Song of Victory", and a hymn under the conductorship of the Master, Mr H. Beaumont. The Vicar then thanked the donor on behalf of the village for his kind gift, and eulogised him for the plucky way in which he declined to accept defeat, and he concluded by calling for three cheers for Mr Dunn. Mr Dunn in responding told the people of Swavesey that he did not despair of getting trees that would grow and declared it was his intention to visit the village for seven years, if necessary for the purpose of replanting. He then asked the Vicar to plant the first tree, a Cedar of Lebanon. The Vicar then took off his coat and energetically wielded a spade, causing much amusement to the experts present. The second Cedar of Lebanon was planted by Miss Helen Vidler, and the third and fourth, Cedrus Glauca, by Mr T. W. Carter and Master Charles Cole respectively.

CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII. 16th Aug. 1902

The coronation of His Majesty was duly celebrated in Swavesey on Saturday last. The bells of the Parish Church rang festal peals at half past seven and half past nine. At eight there was a celebration of Holy Eucharist, and at ten the authorised service was held, after which the bells again rang. At half past seven there was a cycle parade from one end of the village to the other and at

half past twelve cycle races in the Manor Field. The procession of children with flags at two was a most effective display and gave great satisfaction the inhabitants, who declared it was the best thing they had seen in the village. There were nearly two hundred children, most of whom carried Union Jacks or the Royal Standards. An open air service was held on the School Green, conducted by the Rev J. E. Standen in the unavoidable and much regretted absence of the respected vicar, and by the Rev J. H. Jackson. It was largely attended. Both Mr Standen and Mr Jackson in their short addresses dealt strongly on the religious aspects of the celebration, and the latter spoke with thankfulness of the religious and political unity which was shown in the parish. At the conclusion of the service the National Anthem, including a special verse, was heartily sung. At half past three the children regaled with a meat and cake tea, and were presented with mugs as a memorial of the Coronation. At half past four the adults had their meat tea sitting down some four hundred strong in the National Schoolrooms and Mr Thomas Carter's barn. During the evening sports were held on the School Green, and the children under twelve were entertained in Mr Jethro Garner's close. The balloons sent up from this field by Mr H. S. Aldred rose well, travelled far, and created great interest. Mrs Heelis gave away the prizes after the usual votes of thanks were passed. A bonfire on the School Green brought a most successful day to a conclusion. The village was gay with bunting, and after dark several of the houses were illuminated, Dr. Ellis's display being particularly effective. An unfortunate accident happened during the throwing of a cricket ball at the sports, the Rev J. H. Jackman, while endeavouring to keep the spectators out of harm's way being struck on the head by the ball. He received medical attention, and was moved to a neighbouring house. Later he was able to go home, and it is hoped that the effects of the blow will soon pass away.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11th Oct. 1902

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at the parish church on Wednesday, 1st instant, when the fine old building was effectively decorated by the usual band of energetic ladies. The choral evensong at 7 pm was attended by a large congregation, and the sermon was preached by the Rev R P Boxworth, Rector of Illington. For the Anthem, Mr Ferris Tozer's "Harvest Hymn" was sung. The offertories throughout the festival were for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and in appealing for generous contributions, the Vicar announced at evensong the disastrous fire which had broken out at the institution during the afternoon. On Tuesday, a thanksgiving service was held at the Mission Church, Boxworth End.

HORKEY. 11th Oct. 1902

Mrs George Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, entertained her workpeople at a Horkey on Saturday evening at the "Sir Harry Smith". Eighteen guests sat down to an excellent meal, under the presidency of Mr Girling. After supper, songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mrs Long's health was drunk with great heartiness.

WEDDING. 11th Oct. 1902

The marriage of Miss Jane E Clarke, of Swavesey, and Mr Harold Phipps, of London, was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at the parish church, in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. The bride's dress was of white silk, and she wore under her bridal veil a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a spray bouquet of roses. The happy couple, who were the recipients of numerous handsome and useful presents, left the village by the GER during the evening.

THE CORONATION. 18th Oct. 1902

At a meeting of the Coronation Committee, held at the National Schools, Swavesey, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst, the Rev A C Vidler in the chair, the Treasurer, Mr T W Carter, submitted a statement showing the amounts received and expended, from which it appeared that £36 19s 10d had been collected, and £35 3s 4d spent. On the proposal of Mr Aldred, seconded by Mr Herbert Wilderspin, it was decided unanimously that the balance of £1 16s 6d should be handed to the Parish Council to be applied towards the levelling and tidying of the Recreation Ground. The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the ladies who had kindly assisted the Catering and Children's Amusement Committees.

SEQUEL TO AN ACCIDENT. 18th Oct. 1902

About the middle of July, Mr. Jethro Linford met with an accident, which has since prevented him from working. Some of his friends and sympathisers have therefore made an appeal on his behalf, which has been well responded to, and has been some compensation for his loss of harvest money.

PING PONG CLUB. 18th Oct. 1902

The Swavesey Ping Pong Club, which has been resting since April last, recommenced operations on Tuesday, and the members will meet twice a week, viz., on Tuesdays and Fridays, throughout the winter at the Infant School. Mr. W. C. Cole is again the captain, and Mrs. Cole the hon. secretary.

ACCIDENT. 18th Oct. 1902

On Tuesday morning, as Mr. William Thurbon, basket maker, and his wife were driving near the Swan Pond, the pony stumbled and fell. Mrs. Thurbon was thrown into the road and was severely shaken and bruised.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY AT SWAVESEY. 1st Nov. 1902

As the permanent-way men were proceeding to their work early on Tuesday morning they found the dead body of an elderly man lying across the signal wires at the side of the down line, about half-a-mile on the Cambridge side of Swavesey station. The Station Master (Mr W Perry) was immediately summoned, and P-c Kitchener, stationed at Swavesey, on being informed at once went to the spot. The body was removed to one of the waiting-rooms at the station to await identification and the inquest. During the afternoon the body was identified as that of Wm Elborn, aged 69, who resided with his daughter, Mrs Sarah Ann Hiner, at High-street, Old Chesterton.

At the inquest, which was held the same evening at the "White Horse" Inn before the County Coroner (Colonel Lyon), Mrs Sarah Ann Hiner identified the body as that of her father and stated that he had been a labourer at Cambridge station until about 14 years ago, when he had to give up work owing to injuries received in an accident, and that he had since been kept by herself and other members of his family. She last saw him alive at six o'clock on Monday morning, when he left her house, a not unusual circumstance, as he was in the habit of spending the day with different relatives who found him his meals. She could not account for his wandering so far from home and, although she had made every possible inquiry, she could not ascertain how he had spent his time. The old man, she said, had entirely lost his memory and, if asked, could not even remember his name or where he lived. He had, however, never shown any suicidal tendencies. Her evidence was corroborated by Mrs Eliza Moule, another daughter of the deceased.

James Hines, a platelayer, of Swavesey, detailed how the body was found, and P-c Kitchener deposed as to his having been called to the scene and to the condition of the deceased, from whose nose and mouth blood had exuded. He searched the body and found 7d in coppers, a knife, a Kempton Park Badge, a card case, containing cards bearing the name of Dr Walker of Cambridge, and numerous ends of cigars and cigarettes. The deceased was unknown to him, and, as far as he could ascertain, to anyone in the neighbourhood.

Dr Ellis had examined the body and in his opinion, death was caused by a blow in front, received when the deceased was standing upright.

THE CORONER having summed up, the Jury, of which Mr C Jesse Hephew was foreman, returned the verdict that the deceased was killed whilst trespassing on the Great Eastern Railway, near Swavesey Station.

Superintendent Webb represented the police, and Mr W Perry, stationmaster, the Railway Company. It is thought that the deceased was struck by the goods train due out of Cambridge at 4 30 a.m., which passed through Swavesey at 5 6 a.m., travelling at a high rate of speed.

PING PONG CLUB. 8th Nov. 1902

A members' tournament was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday last. Mr. Parsons took the gentlemen's prize and Miss Crisp that for ladies. A consolation prize was awarded to Mr Lane, whose remarkable, though somewhat unsuccessful, play was the great feature of the evening.

RECREATION CLUB. 8th Nov. 1902

A meeting of the members of the Recreation Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the Parish room, the Rev A C Vidler, vicar, presiding. The undermentioned were elected officers for the ensuing season: - President, Rev A C Vidler; hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Coote; committee men, Messrs. J S Goad, T Nicholson, and A Froment.

WATER SUPPLY. 22nd Nov. 1902

As a result of the memorial presented last week to the Swavesey Rural District Council, a special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Friday 14th inst. when Messrs. T. W. Carter, George Metcalfe and James Smith were chosen to represent (with the Chairman, Rev A.C.Vidler) the Parish Council on the joint committee empowered by the District Council to deal with the failure in the water supply. The Committee met for the first time on Monday at Mr G. D. Day's office in St. Ives, and amongst other things decided as a temporary measure to supply water by cart to houses at Boxworth End and part of Middle Watch.

ACCIDENT. 22nd Nov. 1902

Yet another accident has to be recorded. On Saturday morning Mr J. R. Heelis, whilst riding towards his home, Swavesey Manor, lost control of his horse, which bolted, and when near the "White Horse" Inn, knocked down Gifford Metcalfe, the little son of Mr Fred Metcalfe, thatcher. The boy was picked up by the Vicar, who carried him home. P-c Kitchener was promptly on the scene and rendered first aid pending the arrival of the doctor. The injuries fortunately are not of a very serious character, being chiefly a bruised leg and

shock to the system. The horse was not pulled up until in attempting to turn sharply into the gates of Swavesey Manor he had thrown his rider. Mr Heelis was not hurt.

FIRE ENGINE. 22nd Nov. 1902

In accordance with instructions from the Parish Council the fire engine, which has recently been overhauled by Mr Kidd, of Willingham, was tested on the Recreation Ground on Tuesday by Mr W. Thurbon, captain, and was found to be in excellent order. The following members of the Council were present and distinguished themselves by the energetic way in which they manned the pumps. viz, Rev. A. C. Vidler, Chairman, Messrs. T.W Carter, Jethro Garner, Jethro Linford, George Metcalfe and G. Norman. Mr J. Gilby was most active. The engine is now a credit to the parish.

RAILWAY GATE SMASHED. 29th Nov. 1902

On Monday just after the gates at the crossing by Swavesey Railway Station had been closed to allow the 6.26 p.m. down train to pass, the horse attached to a pig float belonging to Mr William Furniss, pig dealer, of Fen Drayton, which was standing in the Station-yard, took fright at, it is supposed, a sow running between its legs and dashed out of the yard, and turning along the high road to the left came violently into collision with the large railway gate, which was forced partly across the metals, notwithstanding the fact that it had been securely bolted. The animal seems to have tried to have jumped the gate as it got one of its legs between the upper perpendicular bars; the woodwork was smashed in the middle and the iron bent.

Strange to say neither the horse nor the cart was damaged, and the harness was broken only in one place.

PING PONG CLUB. 6th Dec. 1902

A tournament for members only was played at the National Schools on Tuesday evening. Mr J S Goad took the gentlemen's prize and Miss N Goad that for the ladies. Miss P Key was awarded the consolation prize.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 13th Dec. 1902

The usual monthly meeting was held at the St Ives Workhouse, on Wednesday morning, Mr J Frohock presiding. The work of improving the supply of water in Swavesey was reported to be still going on, and meantime a necessary supply is being carted to the village daily. The long-talked-of notices were directed to be affixed to the bridges, so that the owners of very heavy traffic would be notified that they used the roads at their own risks. The monthly

reports of the Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances were purely formal in character

THE EDUCATION BILL. 13th Dec 1902

A meeting of members of the congregation of the Parish Church was held at the National Schools, on Thursday, 4th inst, to hear an address from the Vicar explaining the provisions of the Bill and the way in which the village school would be affected. After answering questions, the Vicar moved a resolution, which he proposed should be sent to the Bishop of Ely, approving generally of the Bill, but asking that certain alterations should be made, especially in regard to the maintenance clause and the Kenyon-Slaney amendment. Mr Key seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. It was subsequently resolved that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Mr Raymond Greene, M.P., as well as to the Bishop, in view of the possibility of the Bill being again referred to the House of Commons.

MISADVENTURE OR SUICIDE? 21st Feb. 1903

Within the last few days, "Jenny" the well-known monkey, belonging to Mr. J. Anderson, of the "Rising Sun," Swavesey, has died, after an illness lasting a few short hours. She stole some poisonous berries from a plant, and, although it was thought that all had been taken from her she must have eaten some and died. Jenny, who is to be her own monument, as her remains are now in a taxidermist's hands, was a grass monkey of mischievous propensities, and was brought from the coast of New Guinea by Mr. Anderson's step-son, a sailor in the Royal Navy, and for two years was the pet of the crew of H M S Furious.

SWAVESEY CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL MEETING. 4th April 1903

A well attended meeting of the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held on Thursday, 26th ult, Rev A C Vidler presiding.

The Secretary and Treasurer, Mr C R Vincent, after giving his duly audited financial statement for 1902, which showed a balance in hand of £4 4s 1d, tendered his resignation, but ultimately consented to continue the office of Secretary only.

The Chairman, in a pleasant little speech, then asked Mr Vincent to accept a handsomely bound edition of Shakespeare's works, and a box of cigars for immediate use, accompanied by a letter signed by members of the Club thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the Club.

The Secretary duly acknowledged the kind and unexpected present. The officers for the ensuing season were then chosen as follows: - President, Mr. W Raymond Greene, M P; vice-presidents, Mr W C Cole, Rev J H Jackman,

Mr Thos Payne, Mr W W Warner, JP; captain, Rev A C Vidler; vice-captain, Mr G Burling; treasurer, Mr W H Key; secretary, Mr C R Vincent; committee, Messrs G Clarke, J Gilby, W F Gleaves, and H G Key.

READING ROOM AND CHESS CLUB. 4th April 1903

The above club concluded their meetings for the winter season on Tuesday. The report showed that 23 members had joined during the season. Cordial votes of thanks to the secretary, Mr A Coote, and also to the Editor of the *Cambridge Express*, for his kindness in sending a copy of the paper every week, were proposed and carried unanimously. The following members were present: - Rev A. C. Vidler (president), Messrs A. Coote (secretary), A. Froment, D. Manning, H. Leekings (committee) and J. Daisley.

CRICKET CLUB. 11th April 1903

Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., has accepted for the third year the office of President of the Swavesey Cricket Club, and has forwarded a subscription of one guinea.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th April 1903

The services during Holy Week and Easter at the Parish Church have been well attended. The addresses at the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday, were given by the Rev. G.H. Frewer, Vicar of Fenstanton. In connection with the choral celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter Day, it may be mentioned that one of the communicants was an old lady 98 years of age. The Church was effectively decorated.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th April 1903

Mr R. Ellis Long of Swavesey and Lolworth, has kindly granted the Cricket Club the use of his meadow, behind the National Schools, for play this season. The field is in a far more convenient position than the old ground, being in the heart of the village, and Mr Long's kindness is greatly appreciated, not only by members of the club, but by the village generally. Mr Long has been unanimously elected one of the vice-presidents of the club.

CRICKET. 18th April 1903

A match was played at Swavesey on Easter Monday between Mr George Burling's eleven and Mr Charles Taylor's eleven. The former scored 57 and the latter 64, winning by seven runs. The chief scorers for the winners were Messrs. C. Taylor (20) L. Hephew, (15) and E. Warboys, (10), and for the losers, Messrs. S. Garner, (18) and L. C. Knott. (11).

FUNERAL OF INSPECTOR J. SPRING. 25th April 1903

We regret to announce the death of Inspector John Spring of the Great Eastern Railway Police, which occurred at his residence in March, after an illness of less than a week. The body was conveyed to Swavesey, where the funeral took place on Thursday week. Amongst the mourners were the widow and her only son, Mrs. Spring (mother), Mr. P. Spring (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. Naylor, P.c. Wass of London, and Mrs. Wass, Mrs. Carpenter (sister-in-law), Mrs. T. Metcalfe and Miss J. Metcalfe. The service was taken by the Rev. G. H. Frewer, vicar of Fenstanton, in the absence of the Vicar of Swavesey through ill-health. The late Mr. Spring was 38 years of age and had been over thirteen years in the G.E.R. Police Force, having been stationed first in London and about three years ago transferred to March on promotion to an inspectorship.

THE FLOODS. 23rd May 1903

Much of the low-lying land around Swavesey is under water, and the continuance of the wet weather, with a possibility of a serious flood, is causing the farmers much inconvenience and anxiety.

EARLY BATHING. 23rd May 1903

Pessimists have been wont to complain that the youths of today are not as hardy as those of days gone by, but three Swavesey boys, six years of age, cannot at any rate be charged with being afraid of cold water or biting winds. Shortly before sunset the other evening these Spartan youngsters, at the instigation of two others who had attained the mature age of eight years, and who preferred to do their bathing by deputy, undressed and plunged into the flood water on Church Green. There the naked cherubs disported themselves for some time until a kindly-hearted lady, apprehensive of rheumatic fever, induced them to clothe their shivering bodies and go home. It is understood that a sort of massage applied vigorously by their respective mothers, who have an old-fashioned prejudice in favour of Saturday night tubbing at the family fireside, caused their youthful blood to circulate freely and prevented evil results.

CRICKET SWAVESEY v. OVER. 23rd May 1903

This match was played at Swavesey on Thursday, May 14th, and won by Over by three wickets.

THE FEAST. 30th May 1903

The village feast began on Sunday last, when the services at the parish church were well attended. At evensong the Rev Canon Foakes-Jackson preached. Three cricket matches have been played – viz, between junior elevens of Swavesey and Over on Monday, on Tuesday with Elsworth and on Wednesday with Fenstanton.

CRICKET RESULTS. 30th May 1903

SWAVESEY JUNIOR XI v. OVER JUNIOR XI

Played at Swavesey on Feast Monday, and resulted, after an exciting finish, in a win for the Over lads by one wicket.

SWAVESEY v. ELSWORTH

Played at Swavesey on Feast Tuesday, and won by Elsworth by four wickets.

SWAVESEY v. LOLWORTH

Played at Swavesey on Whitsun Monday. Lolworth won by 63 runs.

SWAVESEY v. FENSTANTON

Played at Swavesey on Feast Wednesday, 27th May, won by Fenstanton.

FLOODS AT SWAVESEY. 4th July 1903

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES NECESSARY.

Swavesey parish has suffered very severely from the recent flood, and, although abating, the water is going away very slowly. Out of the nearly 3,900 acres in the parish, something like 1,400 acres have been submerged, the bulk being grass land, some being fed and some kept for hay. In some instances the grass was cut before the water rose; in others it was ready for cutting; but, in both, the crop has been irretrievably lost. The crops on the flooded arable have been ruined. Cow Fen, Middle Fen, Mow Fen and Mere Fen, have been and, at the time of writing, are still, to a great extent, under water. The occupants of some of the cottages in Town Bridge row, alarmed by the rapid rise of the brook, which runs in front of their houses and the approach of the water from behind, hastily shifted into other quarters. Gardens have been flooded, and many a cottager has lost his potatoes, to say nothing of his vegetables - a serious matter for the labouring man earning small wages, but blessed with a large and hungry family. Although many farmers have suffered by the floods, the greatest sufferers are several smallholders, the whole of whose land has been submerged, and who have therefore lost all their crops, besides having nowhere for their stock. The question that is being discussed is whether these floods are not in a great measure preventable. It is alleged that the river bank has been allowed to get into a bad state, and is on an average two feet, and in some places four feet lower than it was thirty years ago. The drains are not, it

is said, properly cleaned out, and in consequence do not hold or carry off the quantity of water that they should. There seems to be some doubt as to who is responsible for this unsatisfactory state of affairs. By some people the District Council is held to be charged with the care of the banks and drains, but beyond repairing the sluices, two or three years ago, this usually energetic body has done nothing, and as both of the local District Councillors are sufferers by the floods, it is feared that the Council is powerless to act.

It is admitted on all hands that the banks and drains are not as well looked after as they were years ago when attended to by the old surveyors before the District Council came into existence, and that if they are to be put into proper condition considerable expenses will undoubtedly be incurred. As an instance of neglect the doors at the end of Navigation Drain, which were tinkered up some three years ago, may be mentioned. In consequence of the mud they cannot be opened more the one-eighth of the proper distance. The ratepayers are naturally shy of any material increase in the rates which have now an upward tendency; still unless Swavesey parish is to be subject to periodical floods at shorter and shorter intervals as time goes on something will have to be done and done at once. The present state of affairs appears to be an admirable example of the truth of the old adage that a stitch in time would have saved nine.

SPARROWS. 4th July 1903.

Rightly or wrongly, sparrows are generally held by gardeners and others to be a pest. At any rate the fruit growers of Swavesey and Over regard them with no friendly eye. Some time ago Mr George Bavin of Over, saw in a periodical a description of a trap to catch these energetic but predatory birds, and having tried the proverbial pinch of salt without success, the other day consulted with Mr William Thurbon, basket-maker of Swavesey, as to the construction of an experimental trap in wicker-work. Mr Thurbon set to work to carry out Mr Bavin's ideas, and produced a trap which in a fortnight caught no less than 400 sparrows.

CRICKET. 11th July 1903

The Swavesey Cricket Club has been most unfortunate this season, having so far not won a match. The boys of the National School, therefore, feeling that strenuous steps should be taken to retrieve the character of the village, determined to enter the field themselves, and accordingly challenged the schoolboys of Over. The match came off on Saturday last, on the Recreation Ground at Swavesey and resulted in a most creditable victory for Swavesey, who batted first, and scored 77, to which the Over youngsters replied with 26

and 17, thus leaving the home team victors by an innings and 34 runs. The game was most interesting and was most keenly contested, the boys on both sides showing the greatest energy and earnestness. The two sides were evenly balanced in point of age and size, some of the players being so small that to an impartial spectator the bat ought to have held the boy, instead of the boy the bat. In order to encourage budding talent, the Swavesey Cricket Club lent bats, etc, and the vice-captain, Mr G Burling, superintended the home team. The return match is to be played at Over today (Saturday).

CRICKET. 18th July 1903

SWAVESEY v. FENSTANTON. Played at Fenstanton on the 8th instant, and won by Swavesey by 62 runs.

CONFERENCE AT SWAVESEY 1st Aug. 1903

DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL.

A devotional meeting and conference for Sunday School teachers in the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Swavesey on Thursday last. The meeting was convened by the Rev A C Vidler (vicar of Swavesey and Secretary of the Council in the Archdeaconry), and was attended by the Venerable Archdeacon Emery and other clergy, and by a number of Sunday School Teachers, the following parishes being represented: - Swavesey, Willingham, Over, Hauxton, Cottenham, Longstowe, St. Mary-the-less (Cambridge), Conington, Melbourn, Rampton, Comberton, Haddenham, and Girton.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C F Andrews, Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and at the conference, at which the Archdeacon presided, a paper on "The Aim of Sunday School Teaching" was read by the Rev W T Crookham (Vicar of Haddenham).

Tea was provided at the Vicarage between the service and the conference, and the proceedings concluded with choral Evensong in the church at 6 30 p.m. Mr. Ashton Dixon of Cambridge presided at the organ. In addition to those already named, the following clergy attended:- The Revs J Watkins (Rural Dean), J P Sharpe, A J C Allen, M S Kemmis, J Hamilton, and E Webb.

FLOODS AGAIN. 1st Aug. 1903

Some of the Fen land in the parish of Swavesey is again under water in consequence of the recent heavy rains. It is understood that great difficulty was experienced the other day in closing the Barrow Brigg sluice gates owing to the accumulation of mud, and notwithstanding the combined efforts of four or five men the gates could not be closed by some two or three inches. It is to

be hoped that as soon as practicable, the drains, etc., will be thoroughly cleaned out. The floods this year have been most disastrous.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 1st Aug. 1903

The Rev. J.H. Jackman has resigned the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel, where he has ministered with great success during the last two or three years. It is understood that he is not leaving Swavesey immediately, but when he does go he will be greatly missed.

BANK HOLIDAY. 8th Aug. 1903

In deference to a widely expressed wish on the part of the inhabitants, the cricket match between Old Abbey C. C. and Swavesey, which was arranged for Bank Holiday, was postponed in consequence of the mysterious epidemic in Cambridge. A club match, nominally "Married v Single" was played instead, and resulted in a win for the bachelors by nine wickets. It is, however, only fair to the Benedicts of the Swavesey Club to mention that, owing to business engagements, advancing years, stiff joints, shortness of wind, and palpitation of the heart, a full team of married men could not be put in the field and the side had to be filled up with recruits from the ranks of those who have not yet tasted of the joys and responsibilities of wedded life. One spectator, when watching the "Married" team in the field, remarked, as he pointed to a knickerbocker-clad youth of twelve years – a "Ranji" in embryo – that Swavesey men seemed to marry rather early; and the youth's friends anxiously inquired of him during the afternoon how he had left the missus. The dread of transmission of the Cambridge disease appeared to apply only to Old Abbey XI, for it was observed that crowds of people from the county town were entertained by their friends in Swavesey during the day. It is possible, of course, that all such visitors produced certificates of re-vaccination and freedom from taint before being allowed to enter the village, but, if they did so, the fact has not been made public. The old proverb seems to have been reversed. What was sauce for the goose on Bank Holiday was not sauce for the gander. (The "illness" was small-pox.)

THE SWAVESEY FLOODS. 8th Aug. 1903

SIR, - I should like to say a word or two about the paragraphs in last week's *Express*, respecting the floods in Swavesey parish, and I think I have a right to speak, and to speak with authority, as I myself have suffered heavily from them.

In my opinion all floods, except a "Captain", which is of rarest occurrence, might be avoided if the river banks, and the brooks and drains, were kept in

proper order. At the present time the banks are from one to three feet lower than they ought to be, and the drains etc, which should be kept clear from mud and weeds are choked up, so that they will neither hold, nor carry off, the flood water properly.

As stated in the *Express* the most important sluice gates, which ought to open and shut automatically, could not be completely closed the other day, owing to the accumulation of mud to the depth of three feet (according to the workman's statement), the river was rising and the water could not be kept out; so that Middle Fen and Mow Fen are again partially flooded.

The Swavesey Rural District Council – probably so called because Swavesey receives such grudging attention at the hands of the Councillors – have the care of the banks, drains, brooks and sluice gates, but they do not seem to recognise their responsibilities. Let me give one instance of this. When the attempt was made the other day to close the Barrow Bridge sluice gates, their surveyor was conspicuous by his absence; he contented himself with sending his roadmen to attend to this most important work. These finding they were unable to manage the gates by themselves, sent to a neighbouring farmer for assistance, and with this additional help, it was only after considerable labour that they succeeded in pulling the gates to within two or three inches of each other. The river water was still coming in, and how much the gates were strained by the pulling, it would be difficult to say. Why, I ask, did not the surveyor superintend the work himself?

The neglect of the District Council is inflicting considerable injury on small farmers, who at the best of times have a hard struggle to make both ends meet. This year they have not only lost their hay crops, but the floods have left the grass in such a condition that stock cannot possibly feed on it. How we're going to pay our rent and taxes, and feed and clothe our families Heaven alone knows; it is all paying out and nothing coming in.

I trust, sir, that you will find room for this letter, as we think a little public notice may wake up our District Councillors to the necessity of the case.

Our grievance is a very real one. It is quite likely that the Council looks upon Swavesey as a troublesome parish. Our water question has bothered them, I know, and has entailed a good deal of work, but this is no reason why this other matter, of such far-reaching consequence, should be continually neglected. – Yours truly,

A RATEPAYER

Swavesey, August 3rd 1903

DEATHS. 15th Aug. 1903

It is our sad duty to record no less than four deaths since the 30th July, on which day Mr David Stanton went to his rest, having attained the great age of 83years. For a considerable time he had been an invalid. He was buried at Willingham on August 4th. On the third of August Mr John Netherwood, a correspondent of this paper, lost his wife, aged 56. Her body was laid to rest in the parish churchyard. On August 6th Mr. John Nicholson, shoemaker, aged 59, died after a long illness. He was buried in Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday. The same day, (August 6th) Mrs Mary Ann Mitham passed peacefully away. She was 93 years of age, and until the last year or two her faculties were remarkably clear. Her funeral took place in the churchyard on Monday.

VITAL STATISTICS. 15th Aug. 1903

Fifteen deaths in the parish of Swavesey have been registered since the 6th of August 1902, the births during the same period being eleven. During the proceeding twelve months, viz, between the 6th August, 1901, and the 5th August 1902, the deaths were sixteen, and the births nineteen. Of the fifteen deaths in 1902, no less than fourteen were of persons 56years of age and upwards, and in every case except three were the result of prolonged illness or old age. No death was due to epidemic disease. Cancer caused four deaths and heart disease two. Two were the result of accidents, and one was a child aged two years and nine months. An analysis of the ages of the deceased persons may be of interest. One was 93, one 83, two 79, one 78, one 72, two 69, one 68, one 61, two 59, one 56, and one 2¾ years.

THE POPULATION OF SWAVESEY. 15th Aug. 1903

Swavesey's population is decreasing at the rate of about 150 at each census. The decrease is due to so many of the younger people migrating to the towns, the police and railway service attracting many young men. In 1901 the population of Swavesey returned as 899.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV J H JACKMAN. 15th Aug 1903

The Rev J H Jackman, who recently resigned the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel, was on Wednesday, last week, the recipient of a testimonial, which took the form of a cheque, from his many friends and admirers in the village. The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by Mrs Goad and Mrs Parker, at Mr Jackman's residence. The contributors included not only members of the congregation at Bethel Chapel, but also members of the Church of England. During his short stay in Swavesey of one year and ten months, Mr Jackman has endeared himself to people of all conditions and all

shades of religious thought, and it was felt that he should not be allowed to sever his official connection with the parish without some tangible expression of their good will.

THE HARVEST. 15th Aug. 1903

The harvest promises to be good, taken on the whole. There is a fair crop of wheat, but in places there are tokens of mildew as a result of the wet. Oats are very good, barley a fair crop, and peas and beans are good. Roots are about average. Much of the land is in a very foul state owing to the long continuance of rainy weather. There has been a fair supply of gooseberries; their quality has been good, and in consequence of the exceptionally high prices they have fetched, the growers have done well. Red currants were fair in quantity and quality. Black currants were very scarce, but the few there were were good, and, with the red currants, sold exceptionally well. The few raspberries were spoilt by the wet weather. Apples are very scarce and are of medium quality. There are no pears or greengages. With one exception plums are a failure. Early potatoes are fairly good, and there is every promise of a good yield of backward varieties. The hay crop has practically been a complete failure in the low-lying lands, owing to the floods and continued wet weather. A small quantity of good hay has been obtained from off the high lands. It is estimated that about 1,000 acres of hay has been lost or spoilt in consequence of the floods. The Fen land is still very squashy, and, so far, nothing has been done to the drains and banks beyond a few slight repairs to the latter.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS. 15th Aug. 1903

SIR – Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to thank those many friends who contributed to the generous testimonial presented to me this week. I value not only the gift itself, but also, and even more, the kindly feeling which prompted it; and as it is not possible to express my thanks orally, I am seeking your help to convey my keenest appreciation of this, as well as of the uniform kindness I have experienced during my brief ministry in Swavesey.

Thanking you in anticipation, - Yours sincerely,

JAS. H. JACKMAN,

Swavesey, Cambs.

BAD CONDITION OF HIGH STREET. 22nd Aug. 1903

A correspondent writes: - “Cannot the County Council do something to render the high road less dangerous where it passes through the main part of the

village of Swavesey, viz. from Amen-Corner to the School Green? The road is narrow, and in some places the middle is considerably lower than the sides, and during wet weather it assumes the aspect of a running brook. In other places the road slopes dangerously from one side to the other, notably, near the "White Horse". Everywhere the usual 'crown' is conspicuous by its absence. Obstructions in the shape of flag-stones, etc., in front of houses, project into the roadway, which, as I say, is narrow. The traffic is considerable. We have a County Councillor resident in another part of the village, and rumour hints that he is a member of the Committee charged with the care of the County roads, but he seems unable, or unwilling, to effect an improvement. We must wait, I suppose, until a serious accident gives the coroner an opportunity of saying disagreeable things."

COMPLAINT. 29th Aug. 1903

A correspondent, in your issue of last week, wrote about the bad road in the High Street. I, however, think he should not have stopped short at the road, but ought to have said something and the piece of land in the middle of the High Street, left to the parish by Mr Long, for a Town Hall to be built on. The place is in a dreadful state; the buildings are all to pieces, the wall in front being simply made up of loose bricks; and, to make things worse they have put stacks of bad smelling hay there right in the middle of dwelling houses. We, in Swavesey, wonder when the hall is going to be built. If it is not soon commenced we should like the Parish Council to make the place look better and take away the effluvium.

Yours truly, "A Dweller in the Neighbourhood."

VISIT OF MR RAYMOND GREENE.M.P. 29th Aug. 1903

On Friday last, notices distributed throughout the village at the instance of the local Conservative Secretary, Mr H. Beaumont, and the mellifluous voice and clanging bell of the Crier announced that Mr Raymond Greene, M.P., was to drive through Swavesey that day shortly after noon, and would meet his friends in Market Street. With characteristic punctuality Mr Greene was seen in his four in hand alone Ramper-road at 12.30, and a small band of faithful adherents gave him a hearty reception at the corner of the high road. Having greeted these followers, Mr Greene drove on to Market-street, being accorded a hearty reception the whole way. In Market-street, where he alighted, a band of children bearing flags formed a guard of honour, and the ladies of Swavesey were enthusiastic in their welcome. There was, considering the fine day and the urgent claims of the harvest field, a good attendance of men. Mr A. J. Pell accompanied Mr Greene, and both gentlemen took snapshots of the

guard of honour and of other groups. After a friendly chat with all and sundry, the popular and so far as Swavesey is concerned, life-long member for West Cambs, mounted to the box seat, waved his hat, handled the ribbons, and amidst a chorus of cheers and a obligato on the post horn, the party went off to Over, (luncheon), Willingham, and home. On the coach with Mr Greene and Mr Pell were Mr J. S. French, Mr Ivatt, of Rampton, and Mr Saunders, and Miss Ivatt, Miss Spalding and Miss Stanley.

FIRE ENGINE. 29th Aug. 1903

With fires to the right of us, and fires to the left of us, our thoughts turn lovingly to the parish fire engine. Last November it returned home after a period of retirement for repairs and decoration at the hands of Mr Kidd, of Willingham. It was then a thing of beauty, and the Parish Councillors, who manned the pumps when it was inspected and tested, almost wept with pride and joy. The engine house has since been partially rebuilt, and the last time the engine itself was seen by the public it was swathed in old sacks and tarpaulins. The house restored, the engine went into seclusion once more, and there it remains, but whether it is in working order no one knows. It is understood that the engine should be tested once a quarter. It has not been out for this purpose since 18th November last, three quarters ago. A short supply of water, and a desire to economise the little left in the ponds, which have been alleged in the past as an excuse for not having the engine out, cannot be urged now, nor can difficulty in obtaining pumpers be brought forward, for there have been many wet days when plenty of men have been hungering for a job.

FIRE ENGINE. 5th Sept. 1903

The Parish fire engine was tested last week in the presence of the Engine Committee of the Parish Council, and was, it is understood, found in a satisfactory condition. The practical ability of the engine has been questioned. It is alleged that unless a fire took place within a few yards of a pond, the hose would not be long enough to reach the flames, and that the suction pipe is so short as to necessitate the engine being placed almost in the water.

BALLOON. 3rd Oct. 1903

A large balloon, going in a northerly direction, passed over Swavesey between 7.30 and 8.00 am, on Sunday. It is believed to have been the balloon which left Paris on Saturday evening, and descended near Hull at midday on Sunday. It was sufficiently near the earth for the voices of the occupants of the car to be heard as they shouted to people in the village, though what was said could not be understood.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY. 3rd Oct. 1903

It is expected that an important step towards the reorganisation of the Conservative Party in Swavesey will be taken within the next few days. As there are signs of renewed activity on the part of the Radicals, it is hoped that all Conservatives will give the movement their hearty support.

CROSSES AT THE CEMETERY. 10th Oct. 1903

A correspondent writes: - "At a recent funeral at the Cemetery two floral crosses were borne on the coffin. After the service was over and the mourners had left, a member of the committee who manage the Cemetery informed the undertaker that as, according to the rules, no crosses were allowed within the Cemetery those which had been on the coffin ought not to have been brought inside, and could not be placed on the grave, and he requested him to remove them. This, however, the undertaker declined to do; and he had them buried in the grave. I make no comment, but merely ask whether mourners and visitors are likewise forbidden to wear crosses round their necks or on their watch chains when within the burial ground."

PARISH COUNCIL AND LAMPS. 10th Oct. 1903

The Parish Council met on Monday last, and accepted the tender of Mr George Clarke for the lighting of the public lamps in the village during the coming winter. There were two other tenders, viz., those of Mr Sanderson and Mr Frank Williams - A Parish Meeting has been called for Monday next.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 10th Oct. 1903

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held in the Parish Church on Wednesday. There was a large congregation at the choral evensong at 7 0 p.m., when Dr. Garrett's anthem, "The Lord is loving," was sung, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev J W Challenor, rector of Christ Church, Moss-side, Manchester. Mr Ashton Dixon, of Cambridge, presided at the organ. The decoration of the large and beautiful church was, as usual, very effective, and reflected great credit on the ladies who undertook the duty; but, while appreciating the motive which prompted the gift of fancy bread, its display in the position it occupied can hardly be regarded as appropriate. The harvest festival at the Mission Church, Boxworth-end, took place on Tuesday evening. All offertories throughout the festival and on Sunday morning next are to be given to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and the offerings of fruit, vegetables, &c, will be sent to the same institution. A children's flower service will be held at the Mission Church on Sunday afternoon, and the

children's gifts of fruit and flowers will be presented to the St Ives Union Infirmary.

PARISH MEETING. 17th Oct. 1903

A parish meeting, under the presidency of the Vicar, was held on Monday evening in order to vote the money needed for lighting and repairing the public lamps in the village. Some discussion also took place respecting that hardy perennial, the recreation ground.

FLOODS AGAIN. 17th Oct. 1903

Once more much of the parish of Swavesey is under water. Mere Fen, Cow Fen, Middle Fen, Mow Fen are flooded, and at the time of writing the water is still rising. The stock has again had to be removed from the fens and low lying land and what promised to be likely to afford good pasture for some time to come is being ruined.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. FORMATION OF A NEW ORGANISATION 17th Oct. 1903

For some time past it has been felt that the organisation of the Conservative and Unionist Party in the Swavesey Polling District was in great need of overhauling. A body called the Conservative Committee was in existence in Swavesey, but it had not been elected by popular vote; it rarely met, and of late years, at any rate, was never consulted respecting local political matters except when summoned by the Registration agent. With the view of putting things on a proper footing and having a managing body popularly elected and to serve for a stated period instead of indefinitely as the old Committee, a meeting called by the Conservative Agent, Mr J S French, was held on Thursday week, to which all Conservatives and Unionists in the District were invited. Mr. French was voted into the chair, and after some preliminary observations as to the necessity for reorganisation moved the first resolution "that it is desirable to establish a Conservative Association for the parishes of Swavesey and Fen Drayton". Mr J Gilby seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr C R Vincent moved that rules which he read to the meeting should be adopted, and Mr S W Crisp seconded. The rules were accepted without alteration. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr Raymond Greene, M P (subject to his acceptance of the office); chairman, Mr C R Vincent; treasurer, Mr W H Key; secretary, Mr H Beaumont; committee, Messrs W Cain, S W Crisp, C Froment, J Gilby, James Howard, Tom Johnson, George Metcalfe, Philip Metcalfe, J Netherwood, and Walter Thorpe.

Certain gentlemen were elected vice-presidents subject to their acceptance of office, and their names will be announced when their decisions are known. Before the meeting closed Mr French read a letter from Mr A J Pell, President of the West Cambs Conservative Association, wishing the Swavesey District Association every success.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th Oct. 1903

A meeting of the members of the Cricket Club was held on the 15th inst, when the accounts for the past season were submitted, and duly passed. The subscriptions amounted to £9 2s, which, with the balance brought from 1902, made a credit total of £18 6s 1d. The expenditure amounted to £12 9s 1d, leaving a balance of 17s in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr W H Key. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Mr Ellis Long for free use of his meadow as a cricket ground, and to Mr Charles Garner for storing the Club property. In the annual report which was read by the Honorary Secretary it was stated that no less than 78 members – playing and honorary – had joined the Club, a large increase on previous years, and that although the Club had not a successful record as regards matches, a far greater interest had been taken in the game than had been the case for some time. It was announced that the annual supper would take place in January next, and that the President, Mr Raymond Greene, M P, had intimated his intention to be present.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 31st Oct. 1903

Mr Raymond Greene, M P, who writes from Macedonia, has accepted the office of president of the newly-established Swavesey District Conservative Association. The vice-presidents are Mr Bartley and Mr Thomas Payne.

WANTON OUTRAGE. 31st Oct. 1903

Since the land between the village of Swavesey and the river Ouse has been flooded, three beautiful swans which usually graced the river in the neighbourhood of St Ives have taken up their quarters on Mere Fen and adjacent inundated land. On Saturday last two young men, who are understood to be undergraduates of the University of Cambridge and followers of the Trinity College Beagles, came by railway to Swavesey for a day's shooting, and on their way back to the station, either disappointed with the weight of their "bag", or intoxicated with the Swavesey air, shot all three birds and carried them in triumph to Cambridge.

A SMASH. 14th Nov. 1903

On Friday, the 6th instant, the horse attached to Mr J. Wells' coal cart bolted when passing the Swan pond, and dashed in the direction of Hog Pasture. The cart came in collision with the fence of Mr Mortlock's yard and was turned completely over, carrying the horse with it. Help was speedily forthcoming, but it was with great difficulty that the animal was released. The horse and cart were slightly injured, and Mr Mortlock's fence was demolished. It was providential that no one was in the cart at the time of the occurrence.

FLOODS. 14th Nov. 1903

The water which recently covered the main road near the Swan Pond and also between the railway and Over Bridge has receded, but it is thought that there is every likelihood of much land being submerged for some time to come. The roadway by the "Stones" has been left by the water in a dangerous condition, and calls for the immediate attention of the Highways Authorities.

PING PONG CLUB. 14th Nov. 1903

The Swavesey Ping Pong Club, which closed its rooms during the summer months, has resumed operations. This season other games besides ping-pong are to be played, and it is hoped will attract new members.

NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN. 14th Nov. 1903.

There are at present no swans on Mere Fen. It is, therefore, useless for gentlemen who wish to shoot these birds to visit Swavesey.

LINK WITH THE PAST, 21st Nov. 1903

In the year 1845, Mr Thomas Mortlock, corn merchant, of Swavesey, died and was buried in a brick grave in a shed at the back of his business premises near the Swan Pond, and in accordance with his will, a gig in which he used to ride was placed above the grave. In course of years the property came by purchased into the possession of the present owner, Mr James Wells, coal merchants, and about the same time the massive stone slab which covered the grave and on which was cut the name, age, etc. of the deceased, was removed by a member of his family.

The gig had disappeared, probably having fallen to pieces, but some ancient harness remained. Brick flooring took the place of the slab, and, after serving as a pig sty, the shed now roofless, became a store place for coal. On Thursday week, whilst Mr Wells was filling up and weighing bags of coal, the brick flooring gave way under him, and disappeared into the grave, the arched top of which had collapsed, and Mr Wells narrowly escaped a nasty accident, fortunately sustaining only a slight graze on one leg. There are people living in

Swavesey who remember Mr Mortlock, and were present at his funeral 58 years ago. Not only was he a successful business man, but his opinion was much valued, and his advice was sought after on all manner of subjects. He established a school in a building at the back of the "Cricketer" in the High St. then a private house, and the children of this attended the funeral and were given cake and wine after the ceremony. Mr Mortlock was accustomed to stimulate budding talent by opportune gifts of cakes, and a well known tradesman of Swavesey still remembers with satisfaction a welcome prize of a three pence bit for repeating the multiplication table without a mistake. He also tells with unholy glee of youthful raids on Tom Mortlock's storehouses. The schoolroom afterwards became a skittle alley, and has now vanished. Mr Mortlock was accustomed to attend the old Baptist Chapel, which in his day stood on the disused and sadly neglected grave yard at Boxworth End, invariably occupying a three corner seat near the pulpit. He lived at Church End, in the house subsequently tenanted by the late Mrs Alfred Thorp.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 12th Dec. 1903

Mr Raymond Greene, M P, will address a public meeting of his constituents in the National School on Monday evening, the 21st inst. The chair is to be taken at 7 30 pm. Mr Downham, of Fen Drayton, has been elected a vice-president of the Swavesey District Conservative Association.

DEATH OF MISS BERESFORD. 26th Dec. 1903

We regret to have to announce the death, after an illness of many months duration, of Miss Amelia Catherine Beresford, the niece and for many years the companion of Mr Thomas Payne, so well known and so highly respected in Swavesey and elsewhere. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on the 10th inst, the Vicar officiating, and many friends attended. Mr Payne has received many expressions of sympathy, amongst them being a vote of condolence from the Executive Committee of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, of which he is a vice-president.

MEETING AT SWAVESEY. 26th Dec. 1903

Another well-attended meeting was held in the Schoolroom, Swavesey, on Monday evening. Mr Vincent, chairman of the local Association, presided and amongst those present, in addition to Mr Raymond Greene, M P, were the Rev A C Vidler, Messrs W H Key, J Gilby, H Beaumont, R Mitham, W C Cole, S W Crisp, G Metcalfe, W Thorpe, C Froment, P Spring, S J Wayman, W Wayman, and C Fowls (Over), A L Edwards, J S French, Conservative Agent, Dr Ellis, and others, including several ladies.

Mr Raymond Greene M P, who was well received, explained the provisions of the Education Act, and pointed out the misrepresentations of its opponents, and also gave his views upon the Fiscal problem.

Mr Edwards also delivered a capital address, alluding to the immigration of foreign aliens, quoting Sir W Harcourt's wishes with regard to the price of wheat, and referring to Lord Rosebery's opinion of protective countries 15 years ago.

Mr Key proposed, and Mr Walter Thorpe seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr Greene for his address, which was carried with acclamation.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr Greene, seconded by Mr French.

During the speeches some senseless remarks and interruptions were made by an individual of Radical opinions, who is a well-known character in Swavesey.

A WELCOME HOME. 2nd April 1904

Mr James Smith Dean, eldest son of the late Mr James Waters Dean, baker, of Swavesey, arrived in the village on Monday evening, having landed from ss Ghoorka that morning from South Africa. Mr Dean was met at the Railway Station by his mother and other relatives and a crowd of friends, the youthful element turning out in strong force, and was escorted in triumph to his home. Flags were displayed from various houses; a most hearty reception was accorded him, and the church bells rang out merry peals and clashed salvoes of welcome. Mr Dean left for South Africa six years ago, and can show a notable record of good work done. After serving 207 days in the Cape Police, he enlisted in the Cape Mounted Riflemen, and with the famous regiment remained five years, taking his discharge in February last. He saw active service during the whole of the Boer War, and was employed not only in Cape Colony, but in Orange River Colony, the Transvaal and elsewhere, under the command at different times of Generals Gatacre, Rundle and Methuen, and finally was attached to Scobell's column, which did much good and hardly recognised work. At Wittebeyen, under Rundle, he participated in the gigantic capture of Prinsloo and his commando. With Scobell he shared in the surrender of the rebel Lotter and his following after terrible and sickening slaughter. At Wepener he formed one of the little garrison of Colonial troops who for seventeen days, under the command of the gallant Dalgetty, held the enemy at bay, and here he was wounded. Mr Dean has been awarded the Queen's war medal, with clasps for Wittebeyen, Transvaal, Wepener, and Cape Colony, and the King's medal, with two clasps. It is sad to have to

record that during his absence Mr Dean has lost by death his father and younger brother.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 9th April 1904

The numerous services during Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Day at the Parish Church were as usual well attended. The church was effectively decorated for Easter notwithstanding the difficulty of getting suitable flowers. The collections on Sunday were for the Vicar's Easter Offering and realized £10, a record sum it is understood for Swavesey.

VESTRY MEETING. 9th April 1904

At the usual Easter Vestry meeting, held in the Parish Church on Monday, Mr James Wells was re-elected people's churchwarden. The Vicar again nominated Mr W H Key as his warden.

A CORRECTION. 9th April 1904

Mr W Perry, the popular stationmaster and indefatigable chief of the Swavesey Bellringers, has pointed out to our correspondent that the statement in our last week's issue that the church bells "rang out merry peals" to welcome home Mr J S Dean, was technically incorrect as a "peal" must consist of not less than 720 changes, and that, although the bells were rung merrily, no "peal" was rung upon that auspicious occasion. Mr Perry admits in extenuation of our correspondent's blunder that other people who might be expected to know better often apply the word "peal" to the ordinary ringing of bells.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 18th June 1904.

In June 1903, a cricket match was played at Swavesey between the Swavesey and Over schoolboys which resulted in a decisive victory for the home team by an innings and 34 runs, the Swavesey boys scoring 77 runs, against the Over youngsters 26 and 17. The return game at Over was also won by Swavesey. On Saturday last the boys again met at Swavesey and once more the home side was successful, hitting up 37 runs in the first innings, and 55 in the second, to which Over XI replied with 26 and 13 runs, thus leaving Swavesey victors by 53 runs. One striking feature of the match was the inclusion of a cripple in each XI. Both boys played pluckily, and displayed great activity notwithstanding that each was supported by a crutch. The fielding on the Swavesey side was smart, especially in the second innings. Where all worked hard and did well, it may be thought invidious to single out particular players for special commendation, but mention may perhaps be

made of the smart wicket keeping of W. Goad, (the Swavesey captain) George Beaumont, T. Hoppett and Leonard Williams bowled well, and little Frank Beaumont brought off those capital catches besides batting very pluckily. T Hoppett, G. Beaumont and A. Prime also batted well. E. King and R. Papworth, who bowled for Over showed promise, but they were badly supported by the field.

GOOSEBERRIES AND GOSSIP. 18th June 1904

Gooseberry pulling has been and is still in full swing and fair prices have been realised. The fruit sent away by Mr. W. H. Key has been exceptionally fine and he has already disposed of nearly half a ton from his comparatively small garden. An epidemic of slanderous gossip has broken out with considerable violence and a prominent villager attributes the outbreak to the congregating of female fruit pickers in the gardens but what the connection is between gooseberries and gossip is not known beyond the fact that both words begin with the letter "g".

GARDEN PARTY. 25th June 1904

On Tuesday last a garden party, kindly organised by Mrs. Heelis, was held in the garden of Swavesey Manor with the object of raising funds to defray various expenses in connection with the parish church and the parish room. An excellent open air concert whiled away the afternoon. Stalls for the sale of useful and ornamental articles and refreshments were well patronised, the former stall being in charge of Mrs Heelis' house party and the Misses Vidler and Duncan, while Mrs Sidney Beaumont, Mrs Daisley, and the Misses Key, F Daisley, and C Thorp ably superintended the sale of refreshments. From 6 30 to 10 p.m. the lawn, fringed with lovely rose trees in full bloom, was devoted to dancing to the strains of the St Ives Town Band, and at night the garden was beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The entertainment was a marked success, over 800 people attending, and with a preliminary jumble sale held last month has realised upwards of £30.

AN INTERESTING VISITOR. 2nd July 1904

The village of Swavesey has been entertaining an angel unawares. This year's fifth Wrangler, Mr O H B Starte, B A, of Clare College Cambridge, has been staying with his brother, Mr H Starte, who is now carrying on the business in High-street recently relinquished by Mr Parker.

IS THE POPULATION INCREASING? 23rd July 1904

On Sunday no less than six babies were baptized at the Parish Church. It is hoped that this may be taken as an indication that the decrease in the population which has been shown for years past by the census returns – about 150 each decade – has been stayed for a time at any rate.

THE DROUGHT. 23rd July 1904

The continued dry and intensely hot weather is having a very serious effect on the crops and gardens. The ditches have become arid trenches and the ponds are fast drying up. Storm clouds have hovered over the village, but beyond depositing an occasional drop of rain – on St Swithin's day for instance - have passed on their way intact.

THE WANDERERS' RETURN. 30th July 1904

On Monday evening Mr George Gifford and his wife arrived in Swavesey from America wither 22 years ago they had migrated. Prior to leaving this country Mr Gifford worked for several years for Mr Key, baker, was much liked and made himself very popular. For some considerable time past he has been foreman of a large corn mill at Memphis, Tennessee, and he and Mrs Gifford have now come home on a visit to their relatives and friends, and before returning to the United States they propose to make a tour in England. Mrs Gifford is a native of Swavesey, being the daughter of Mrs Caroline Covell, who lives in High-street. One singular circumstance marked their return. Mr Key met them at the railway station, and drove them to Mrs Covell's house in the identical cart in which he had driven them to the station 22 years ago. His old friends, from whom he has received a warm welcome, notice but little change in Mr Gifford, beyond the fact that he is stouter, and has exchanged a pale face for a deeply bronzed complexion.

SCHOOL TREAT. 30th July 1904

The children attending the Sunday School attached to the Parish Church had their annual treat in the Vicarage grounds on Tuesday. The weather, though threatening, was fortunately fine, and the children, nearly a hundred in number, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and keenly appreciated the tea and subsequent amusements. The festivities began, as usual, with a short service in church. During the evening many parents and other parishioners attended, and it is pleasing to record that the old men were not forgotten, as each of them was given a packet of tobacco. Towards the end of the proceedings Mr W H Key, churchwarden, proposed, in his ever happy manner, a vote of thanks to Mrs Long, Mrs Heelis, Mrs Duncan and other friends who had generously contributed towards the expenses of the treat, and to the

schoolmaster, mistress, and teachers and other kind helpers who had assisted in the management. The Vicar added his testimony, and the vote was carried with acclamation. Before leaving "God save the King" was sung, and hearty cheers which resounded over the village were given for the Vicar and Mrs Vidler, Mr. Key, and other workers.

THE WELCOME RAIN. 30th July 1904

Rain has come at last. On Sunday most welcome rain fell, and mid-day on Monday a heavy thunderstorm visited Swavesey, and for a short time the rain came down in torrents. Since then showers have fallen, for which the villagers are very thankful.

BATHING IN THE OUSE. 30th July 1904

The youths and boys of Swavesey have made good use of the river during the hot weather, and it is satisfactory to record that many of them are excellent swimmers. The condition of the grass on the river bank leaves much to be desired in the way of cleanliness. The nuisance might, however, be speedily put a stop to if the bathers held up the offenders (who are known) to public scorn.

A FIRE. 10th Sept. 1904.

Last week was an exciting one. On Tuesday afternoon a fire occurred in the heart of the village on the premises of Mr Samuel Hephher, one of the carriers between Swavesey, Cambridge, and St. Ives, when a small stack, accidentally set alight by one of his children, was destroyed, together with some outbuildings. The women of the parish greatly distinguished themselves by grappling promptly and effectively with the flames; the few men present apparently waiting until the famous fire engine came on the scene before they set to work. Owing to a misunderstanding there was considerable delay in the attendance of the engine. At one time the outbreak threatened to spread to other property, and undoubtedly the damage would have been more serious but for the brigade of energetic matrons who pumped all the wells in the neighbourhood dry. The inactivity of the men may perhaps be explained by the desire not to rob their womenfolk of credit.

A LOST CHILD. 10th Sept. 1904.

On Thursday evening the eight-year-old son of Mr David Prime wandered far afield, and, losing his way in the darkness, could not find his way home. His father and many kind friends and neighbours searched for him all night with lanterns, it being feared that he had fallen into one of the brooks and ditches

by which the village is surrounded, but without result. About daybreak, however, the little fellow was seen coming home, He had been wandering about the fields in the darkness in the neighbourhood of Mr Mitcham's Friesland Farm, and when worn out with tears and fatigue, had taken refuge in an outbuilding, where he fell asleep.

DEATH. 10th Sept. 1904.

On Saturday last the earthly remains of Arthur Coote, a promising, popular and respected young inhabitant of Swavesey, were laid to rest in the churchyard. He had been seriously ill for upwards of a year, and his sufferings, borne with great fortitude and patience, had been intense.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY. 24th Sept. 1904

Owing it is presumed in a measure to the greater amount of fruit grown in and around Swavesey the work at the Railway Station has largely increased of late years. For instance, during the month of August last, the goods' traffic is understood to have been three times as large as during August 1903. Notwithstanding this, customers and passengers have been somewhat mystified by observing that instead of augmenting the already meagre staff, which is practically the same in point of numbers as it was upwards of twenty years ago, on more than one occasion recently an official has been withdrawn for temporary service elsewhere. The passenger service is not as good as it used to be and is capable of improvement, e.g., there is no train (Mondays excepted) from St Ives or to Cambridge between shortly after noon and 4 pm, and (Mondays and Saturdays excepted) the last up and down trains are due to arrive about 7 30 pm, thus rendering an evening in Cambridge or St Ives possible only to owners of traps. Even on Mondays and Saturdays the last train leaves Cambridge at such an hour as to make a visit to the theatre or other entertainment unprofitable, as a person must set out for the station about half-past nine.

CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE. 24th Sept. 1904

Several changes are taking place in Swavesey this Michaelmas. Mr W. C. Cole is giving up his Swavesey Farm, though he will still reside in the village. His successor is Mr Alfred Day. Mrs Heelis, who during her comparatively, short residence has done so much in aid of the church and the church institutions by organising entertainments, and in other ways, is leaving Swavesey Manor. Her brother, Mr Cox, will in future live in the Manor. The Old House, in Blackhorse Lane, is likewise changing tenants. There are

several cases of removal amongst the cottagers, as is usual at this time of the year, but no cottager is leaving the village.

YOUTHFUL SWEARING. 24th Sept. 1904

A correspondent writes: - Cannot something be done to check the use of foul language in public places in Swavesey by quite little boys? Doubtless the children sin in ignorance, but that does not make the scandal less. It is pitiful to hear the vile words from the lips of little chaps just out of petticoats, and often uttered in the midst of a mixed crowd of other children.

ACCIDENT TO MRS GEORGE LONG. 8th Oct. 1904

On Friday evening as Mrs George Long was being driven by her coachman, the horse took fright and bolted near the "Red Lion" inn, Boxworth-end, and after running a short distance towards the Huntingdon Road the trap came into collision with a heap of stones, and was turned completely over, Mrs Long and the coachman being thrown on to the grass by the roadside. The mishap was witnessed from a distance by Mr Sidney Prime, who hastened to the spot, and after some difficulty released the horse, which strange to say, had not fallen. Having done this Mr Prime fetched further assistance. The horse escaped injury, none of the harness was broken, and the trap was only slightly damaged. Mrs Long and the coachman, especially the latter, were severely shaken and bruised, but fortunately sustained no broken bones. Mrs Long was able to walk to the Priory, but the coachman had to be driven home by Mr Walter Spolton.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 8th Oct. 1904

The harvest thanksgiving service was held at the Parish Church, on Wednesday, and the chief service at 7 pm. was well attended, notwithstanding the rainy weather. The Rev. T. Normandale, vicar of Over, preached, and Dr Garret's well-known anthem, "The Lord is loving unto every man" was sung. Mr Ashton Dixon, of Cambridge, presided at the organ. The decorations were effective, but owing to several ladies, who in previous years had been active workers, having left the village, the number of decorators were smaller than usual. The result, however, reflected great credit on those who remained. The thanksgiving service at the Mission Church, Boxworth-end, took place on Thursday, the Vicar being the preacher. On Sunday the festival will be continued at the Parish Church, and a children's flower service at the Mission Church is announced for the afternoon.

SWAVESEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB. 15th Oct 1904

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Conservative Association was held on Monday last. The report of the Executive Committee, which was read by the Secretary, congratulated the members on the Association not only being in existence, but being a strong going concern, notwithstanding the gloomy forebodings of a year ago. Reference was made to Mr Raymond Greene's meeting in December last, to the assistance rendered by the Committee to the successful candidate at the County Council Election in the Spring; to the satisfactory results of the recent Revision Court; and to other matters. The report was adopted unanimously. The accounts for the past year, which showed a satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer, were also passed. Before the election of the officers was proceeded with, the CHAIRMAN announced that, as had been known for some time to several gentlemen present, he did not offer himself for re-election as he was strongly of the opinion that it was most desirable that a fresh chairman should be elected annually. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: - President, Mr W Raymond Greene M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. G Downham, T. Payne, E. R. Odams, and Cox; chairman, Mr. Bartley; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Key; secretary, Mr. H. Beaumont; committee, Messrs. S. W. Crisp, C. Froment, J. Gilby, George Metcalfe, Philip Metcalfe, Netherwood, T. Nicholson, Walter Thorp, W. Thurbon, H. G. Key, J. Wells, and Vincent. Mr. Netherwood was elected vice-chairman. The election of some of these gentlemen was subject to their acceptance of office. Cordial votes of thanks for their services were passed to the Treasurer and Secretary, on the proposal of Mr. VINCENT, seconded by Mr. NETHERWOOD, and to the retiring Chairman, on the proposal of Mr. NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr. FROMENT. Mr. Alfred Evans, the landlord of the "White Horse" Inn was also thanked for kindly lending a room for meetings.

On 22nd October it was reported that Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., president, has sent a subscription of one guinea to this Association.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION. 22nd Oct. 1904

The usual classes re-opened last week. For the woodwork and drawing class, which is again under the able supervision of Mr. Walter Thorp, there were many more applicants than could be admitted.

PING PONG CLUB. 22nd Oct. 1904

At a meeting of the members of the Swavesey Ping-Pong Club held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. A. C. Vidler in the chair, officers for the ensuing season were elected, Mrs. Cole being reappointed secretary and treasurer, while Mr. S. W. Crisp was chosen captain in place of Mr. W. C. Cole. The

Club will meet once a week during the autumn and winter months. Its name is not sufficiently comprehensive, as in addition to Ping-Pong other games are played. One radical alteration has been made this year. The annual subscription now covers all expenses, the nightly charge of one penny having been abolished.

ROADWAY IN SEARCH OF AN OWNER. 22nd Oct. 1904

A correspondent writes: - When is the County council going to do something to that bit of road by the Swan Pond? Surveyors and assistant surveyors pay it visits and Aldermen and County Councillors come and look and talk. But nothing is done. The County Council condescends to attend to the footpath and causeway by the disputed road, but for some reason, which would do honour to Charles Dickens' Circumlocution Office and the great Barnacle family, it does not see its way to keep the road in repair. A few days ago a tailor had a spill from his tricycle at the dangerous spot, but I suppose nothing short of a mishap to the Surveyor or the Clerk of the Council will lead to the road being recognised and kept in repair.

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS. 5th Nov. 1904

The two late inhabitants of Swavesey who were reported last week to have died are alive and in good health.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH . 5th Nov. 1904

The thanksgiving for the harvest was held in this church on Wednesday, 26th October. After a tea provided in the schoolroom, to which over 80 sat down, a service was held, and an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. Knee, of Peterborough from Psalm cvii. v. 21. The building was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Thurbon. The vegetables were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

LECTURE. 18th Nov. 1904

Mr. John de Fraine delivered his popular oration, "Funny Folks," in the National School, Swavesey, on Monday evening. The Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, took the chair. The large schoolroom was well filled with an appreciative audience.

CONSERVATIVE SMOKER AT SWAVESEY. 18th Nov. 1904

One of the best entertainments held in Swavesey for a long time was the Smoking concert on Monday, arranged by the Swavesey District Conservative Association, at the "White Horse" Inn. Owing to space being limited,

admission was by ticket, but the room was crowded, upwards of 120 persons being present, and the audience was thoroughly representative. As there were other meetings in the village the same evening the attendance was remarkably good. The Vice-Chairman of the Association (Mr. J. Netherwood) occupied the chair.

The programme included songs, comic songs and a banjo solo. An address was delivered by Mr. G. H. Griffin of Cambridge. Votes of thanks were given before the meeting broke up.

The arrangement of the room and the decoration of the platform reflected great credit on the landlord of the "White Horse," Mr. Evans, who in every way did his utmost to make the meeting a success. Mr. Walter Thorp, the indefatigable doorkeeper, is also entitled to a special word of commendation.

(long report)

ROADWAY AT SWAN POND. 25th Nov. 1904

A correspondent writes: - "Complaints have been made for some time past respecting the condition of the roadway on one side of the Swan Pond, Swavesey. So far it has been no man's land and has been utterly neglected. But now we hear that the County Council has decided to take it under its fatherly protection, for which we are duly grateful, and to raise the road to the level of the main road on the other side of the pond, which will necessitate the erection of a retaining wall. This will involve considerable expense. It is very kind of the County Council to make the proposal, but it is far more than we expected or desired. We never asked that this little bit of roadway should be kept up as part of the main road. All we wanted was that it should be raised a little, say a foot, and kept in repair. We are not unreasonable, and we do not want to impose any such expense upon the County as would be involved in the scheme said to have been adopted by the Council."

SAND OR GRANITE. 25th Nov. 1904

SIR, - Winter is upon us, and as usual finds officials responsible for the care of the roads unprepared. This morning the main roads in this parish were dangerous from frost and snow. There was no sand at hand, so the roadmen scattered loose granite on the roads, a costly expedient, and one fraught with danger to horses. Our rates are heavy enough already. We cannot afford to have costly granite used as a substitute for less expensive and far more suitable sand. Yours truly,

A RATEPAYER.

Swavesey, November 22nd, 1904

OUTDOOR RELIEF. 3rd Dec. 1904

To the Editor of the "Hunts. Post."

Sir, - In March 1901, Mr. Elliott Odams proposed to the Guardians of the St. Ives Union that instead of the weekly outdoor relief being paid at fixed stations, the Relieving Officer should call at the house of each recipient. He failed, however, to get his brother Guardians to accept his proposition, and the matter, as far as I am aware, has not since been revived.

If Mr. Odams had been in Swavesey last Thursday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. he would have witnessed a sight which would have given him a strong argument in favour of his proposal. Outdoor relief money is usually paid on Thursdays shortly after 11 o'clock. On Thursday last the Relieving Officer did not put in an appearance until just after 1 o'clock, and his aged, crippled and ailing clients had to stand shivering in the street, shelterless, awaiting his arrival. The day was bitterly cold, and the roads were covered with snow. Doubtless, the Relieving Officer had a good reason for being behind his time. Possibly, the delay was due to the roads not being suitable for bicycle riding. Be if he knew he could not reach the Swavesey pay station until one o'clock, I cannot help thinking that he might have saved unnecessary suffering if he had sent a telegram to the landlady of the station, and thus allowed of the old people going into shelter. In the absence of any message they were afraid to go away for fear of missing the official whom they designate "the paymaster."

I venture to trouble you with this letter, as the incident has been the subject of considerable comment in the village. One sympathetic able-bodied man remarked to me that the delay meant to several of the "old chaps" the loss of their dinner, for the butchers' shops are not open all day. - Yours faithfully,

X.Y.Z.

Swavesey, 29th November

CHURCH ARMY VAN. 3rd Dec. 1904

This van, in charge of Mr. Richardson, has been in the village since last Wednesday week, and has been stationed on the land surrounding the Mission room at Boxworth End. The services, conducted by Mr Richardson and his assistant, at which magic lantern slides have been used, have been held in the Mission room. On Sunday, the evening service at the Parish Church was at 6 o'clock, instead of at 6.30p.m., and the sermon was omitted, in order that a Mission service might be held at 7 o'clock in the south aisle, when scriptural pictures were shown on a screen, and Mr Richardson delivered appropriate addresses. The attendance might have been better if the Mission had been advertised throughout the Village.

THE WEATHER. 3rd Dec. 1904

Frost and snow have reigned supreme during the week, though at times there have been indications of a thaw. Owing to the dry season there has been no skating on Mere Fen. Some venturesome souls however, have attempted to skate on the "dock" and some of the neighbouring drains, but the ice was very rough.

SWAVESEY ROADWAY. 3rd Dec. 1904

SIR, - With regard to your correspondent's remarks appearing in this week's issue anent the roadway on the west side of the Swan Pond, it is to be hoped that the Council will see their way to adopt the happy medium between doing nothing at all and doing that which is altogether unnecessary and uncalled for. Apart from the question of expense involved in the Council's scheme, there is the reflection that the erection of a retaining wall would surely form anything but an additional attraction to what is undoubtedly the most picturesque portion of the village, - Yours, etc.,

R. E. BARTLEY.

133 Abbey Road, N.W.

LIBERAL MEETING AT SWAVESEY. 9th Dec. 1904

Condensed from a long report.

A meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. E. S. Montagu was held in the National School, Swavesey, on Tuesday evening. A tea, under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association, at the Quakers' Meeting House, preceded, and prepared for the flow of eloquence. The chair was taken by Mr. E. O. FORDHAM, J.P., who spoke for forty-five minutes. Other speakers were Miss Bateson, Mrs. Rackham and Mr. Montagu.

The Chairman then called up the star of the evening, Mr. George Nicholls.

Mr. EBENEZER PARISH proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, and the CHAIRMAN briefly responded.

A GOOD BOY. 16th Dec. 1904

A pleasing incident occurred at the National School on the 8th inst., when Dennis W. Williams was formally presented with a medal given by the Education Authority for not having been late or absent during twelve months. In making the presentation, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar of Swavesey, and chairman of the Managers, warmly commended the lad, and said that he had no doubt his regularity of attendance was due in a large measure to the importance attached to punctuality in his home.

PING PONG CLUB. 16th Dec. 1904

Two tournaments have been played this week. On Monday a team from the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. visited the village club, and on Tuesday the visitors were the Oakington Ping-Pong Club. Sad to relate the Swavesey ping-pongists were defeated each evening.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL.

COUNTY COUNCIL EXPENDITURE 23rd Dec. 1904

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at which the following Councillors were present: - Messrs. W. H. Key, Jethro Linford, George Metcalfe, R. Norman, S. Prime, J. Wells, and Wimpres. The Rev. A. C. Vidler, chairman, presided.

It was decided to call the attention of the Rural District Council to the bad condition of the fobs etc., and to request that they may be repaired. The Fire Engine Committee was authorised to institute enquiries with the view of fixing a scale of charges for the use of the engine at fires.

Mr. GEORGE METCALFE moved: "That this Council views with alarm the ever increasing and reckless expenditure of public money and the interference with the liberties of the people by the County Council. It also wishes to thank the Rev. S. T. Adams, Councillor Wootten, Dr. Ellis, and all others who supported them in opposing a policy of reckless waste and oppression, and hopes that they and all others who have the welfare of the public at heart will continue to use their utmost influence against all unjust additional burdens being placed on the shoulders of the already over-burdened ratepayers."

Mr. R. NORMAN seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously, four Liberal and three Conservative Councillors voting.

It was also decided that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to Mr. Adams.

The remainder of the business was not of public interest.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 30th Dec. 1904

The bells rang out merrily at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning, and the services throughout the day were well attended. After Matins there was a Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion, and at Evensong Goss's anthem, "Behold, I bring Good Tidings," was creditably sung by the choir. The decorations were as effective as was possible owing to the difficulty in obtaining evergreens in consequence of the heavy hoarfrost.

ENTERTAINMENT. 30th Dec. 1904

An entertainment in aid of the Home Missions of the Church of England (Children's Branch) was given in the National Schoolroom on Monday evening by a party of school-children from St. Mary-the-less, Cambridge, assisted by some Cambridge choristers, under the management of Miss Flint. The attendance was fairly good considering the fireside attractions of Boxing Night. About two guineas were realised.

RINGING. 30th Dec. 1904

A party of ringers from Hemingford rang the Swavesey bells for several hours on Boxing Day.

POTATOES. 30th Dec. 1904.

An interesting letter from Mr Walter Thorp, of Swavesey, on "New Varieties of Potatoes", appears in the Agricultural World of 17th December.

INDIGNATION AT SWAVESEY. 30th Dec. 1904

A young lady asks me to draw attention to the indignation at Swavesey owing to the fact that the levelling of the Cricket Ground is being done by men from the next village, notwithstanding that there are competent men idle in Swavesey. My correspondent appeared to know what she was writing about, so I made inquiries and find the facts are as stated. This is a great shame, and when I remember that the proceeds of a recent concert held in the village, and which was attended by Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., were given to defray the cost of this work, I think the least the Cricket Club could have done was to have given the work to Swavesey people. But the people who contributed to the concert will know how to treat the Cricket Club in the future.

YEAR'S RECORD. 30th Dec. 1904.

So far as Swavesey is concerned the year of 1904 has not been one of startling incident, progress or decline. The health of the community has been good. Amongst the inhabitants is one lady who is within a few months of attaining her hundredth year. Several changes have to be recorded. The Manor House and Old House have new occupants; Mr Cole has given up farming in the village, his land having been taken by another Swavesey farmer: and one of the many public houses has been closed. No new houses or cottages have been built; the village green or recreation ground is still a wilderness; but the fire engine managed to put in a tardy appearance at the only fire. The population is not increasing, probably still decreasing; and unfortunately there are able-bodied men out of work just at present.

A DENIAL FROM SWAVESEY. 6th Jan 1905

SIR, - We, the undersigned, strongly protest against the paragraph which appeared in your paper last week, referring to the relaying of the Swavesey Cricket Club Ground.

In the first place, we, who constitute the committee, responsible for the management of the ground, made every enquiry as to whether we could secure from the village a competent and unemployed labourer; the regular club groundman, who is on the committee, knew of no one who could undertake the work and at the present time there are no labourers lying idle in Swavesey.

We may add, by the way, that everyone who has a genuine interest in the Club is quite satisfied with the endeavours of the ground committee, and with the work of the men we have employed.

We do not know from what source you obtained your information, and we fail to understand how you could have "found the facts as stated," since, on the contrary, the statements made by your 'young lady' correspondent are entirely wrong.

You go on to say "that a recent concert was held in the village, which was attended by Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., the proceeds of which were devoted to the improvement of the ground."

In reference to this we need only say that Mr. Greene took the chair solely in his capacity as President of the Club, and for no other reason; and, moreover, that only part of the proceeds of this concert have been devoted to the improvement of the ground, the remainder being held over for the usual expenses which will be incurred during next season.

We agree with you in thinking that "those who contributed to the concert will know how to treat the Club in future;" in fact, we have every reason to expect an increase in its already large membership, and, in the face of so successful a season as that of last summer, we believe that the village will continue to support the Club in its usual hearty manner. – We remain, etc.,

R. E. LONG

J. W. ELLIS

A. T. SCARD

G. CLARKE

W. F. GLEAVES.

Swavesey, January 2nd, 1905

"THE SCRIBE" IN THE VILLAGES. 6th Jan. 1905

A member of the Swavesey Cricket Club protests against the Club being blamed for not employing Swavesey workmen to level the Cricket Ground. Speaking generally, the members have had nothing to do with the matter.

Individual committee-men, elected at the general meeting at the beginning of last season, decline responsibility, and there are rumours of a special committee having been mysteriously appointed. When questions have been asked, two vice-presidents have been spoken of as being the officials who knew everything. What the ordinary members of the Club and other Swavesey people wish to know is this: - Who are really responsible for putting the work out of the village? Why and when did the captain of the Club retire? And who are now responsible for the management of the Club as the duly elected committee appear to have assigned or been relieved of, their duties and responsibilities?

In another column appears a letter on the subject from several gentlemen interested in the Club. Since seeing the letter I have made further enquiries, and find that there is a good deal of mystery surrounding the workings of the Club. Perhaps the following questions will be answered: "Why were not tenders for levelling work asked for *publicly*, and why were the Over men alone advised to attend before the mysterious committee?" "Is it a fact that one of the Special Committee – the landlord of one of the men – promised to recompense the Over men for the loss of time if they did not get the work?" "Is it not also the case that a Swavesey farmer, who has recently had experience in levelling and laying turf, declined to serve on the mysterious committee, and if so, what were his reasons for refusing?"

13th Jan. 1905

There was something akin to consternation in that quiet little village of Swavesey on Saturday, when the manifesto of the Cricket Club Ground Committee was seen in the "Cambridge Express." People assembled in groups of four and six and certain names were mentioned only in whispers. However, the paragraph has served one good purpose. It has set the people of Swavesey thinking, and probably, in future, the Cricket Club will be managed by a real live Committee, and not continue to be in the hands of a clique.

SWAVESEY CRICKET CLUB. 13th Jan. 1905

SIR, - I am given to understand that, failing another scapegoat, I am credited with having written the letters of the young lady and the member respecting the levelling of the Swavesey Cricket Club ground. Perhaps, therefore, you will allow me to say a few words on the subject on my own behalf. I can speak with a certain amount of knowledge of the Club, as I was secretary for four years, viz., 1900 – 1903, but I am not now a member.

Dissatisfaction undoubtedly exists owing to the levelling work being given to men belonging to another village, while Swavesey men were not allowed the chance of tendering. I observe that the Ground Committee, in

their protest published last week, say they made “every inquiry as to whether they could secure from the village a competent and unemployed labourer” (are we to understand that the men engaged were out of employment?), and that the “groundman knew of no one who could undertake the work.” From these statements we may infer that the Committee made inquiry as to suitable unemployed labourers, but relied on the groundman as to men with work. People here, however, are bold enough to assert that they can name several competent and available men, one or two of whom were unemployed when the work was given out. The statement of the young lady would therefore appear to have been not so “entirely wrong” as the Ground Committee would have us believe. If tenders had been publicly invited there would have been no cause for complaint.

An impression has got abroad that the Ground Committee, which some people think was not appointed by the Club, has superseded the Committee elected for the year, and moreover that a new power is controlling the Club. A certain amount of substance was given to this impression by the mystery which seemed to surround the proceedings of the Ground Committee, and by the reported retirement of the captain and the alleged dissatisfaction of certain regular committeemen.

The statement in the protest that “everyone who has a genuine interest in the Club is quite satisfied with the endeavours of the Ground Committee” appears to be open to question, for I am informed that some members who have worked hard for the club are far from satisfied. Are we to understand that in the opinion of the Ground Committee these members have not a “genuine interest” in the Club? But possibly the Ground Committee think that everyone who fails to agree with them is incapable of a “genuine interest.” If this is the case I fear the confident prophecy in the concluding paragraph of the protest as to increased membership this year will hardly be fulfilled.

In the estimation of the Ground Committee doubtless I myself do not take a genuine interest in the Club, because for one reason, I am decidedly of the opinion that the levelling should and could have been given to Swavesey men if the remuneration asked for was reasonable. I can assure them that, although it may be difficult for them to comprehend the fact, I, and I believe all other critics, believe we have the true welfare of the Club at heart, although we feel sure that the ill-advised action of the Ground Committee is calculated to operate against the Club’s popularity and usefulness. I trust, however, that between now and the annual meeting next month all differences will be amicably and satisfactorily settled. But this happy ending will largely depend upon whether the members themselves face the situation boldly, attend the meeting in full force, and elect a really good working committee, with

energetic officers endowed with plenty of tact. They must not be content with merely grumbling. I honestly wish the Club all prosperity, and I sincerely hope that next season will be even more successful than last, successful though that undoubtedly was. It is much to be regretted that in this unfortunate business one has to deal with the Ground Committee as a whole, but I can assure the gentleman, a member of the Committee, who so generously allows the Club the free use of his land that neither I nor anyone in the Club or village has any but feelings of gratitude for his kindness, and I believe that the general impression is that he has acted without full knowledge of all the circumstances. – Yours faithfully,

CYRIL R. VINCENT

Swavesey, 10th January, 1905

PAROCHIAL TEA. 13th Jan. 1905

On Tuesday, 3rd instant, the annual parochial tea in aid of the Home Missions of the Church of England was held in the National School. After tea an interesting lecture on “A Parish connected with the Victoria Docks” was delivered by the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, for many years local organizing secretary of the Society. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides manipulated by Miss. Vidler, and in the course of his remarks Mr. Gilbert observed that during the long time he had lectured, and he had addressed Swavesey audiences on several occasions, it was only the second time his assistant had been a lady. The Vicar, who was in the chair, thanked Mr. Gilbert for his lecture, and announced that his visit would be the last he would pay in the character of organizing secretary, as he had accepted a living in Bedfordshire.

CHURCH DEFENCE. 13th Jan. 1905

On Tuesday last the Rev. H. J. Clayton, delegate from the Central Office of the Church Committee for the Church Defence and Church Instruction, gave an illustrated lantern lecture in the National School. Upwards of 200 persons were present from Swavesey, Over, Fen Drayton and Lolworth, and Mr. Clayton’s lucid and outspoken address, which was about the Puritans in the Church, and covered, roughly speaking, the period 1550 to 1660, was listened to with the greatest attention, and doubtless many persons left the room with very different ideas of the origin, work and effect of the Reformation and the influence and real aims of the Puritans than they had when they entered. The pictures of historical buildings, scenes, and documents, and of monarchs, statesmen, and divines were excellent, and again Miss Vidler proved a capable assistant. The Rev. T. Normandale, vicar of Over, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Clayton, remarked that a copy of the “Solemn League and

Covenant” referred to in the lecture appears in the register of Over Parish Church in Latin and English, signed by the then principal inhabitants of the parish. Mr. William Thorp, of Swavesey, briefly seconded. The Vicar of Swavesey dismissed the meeting with the “Grace”, after the hymn “O God, our help in ages past” had been sung. Admission was by ticket, for which no charge was made, and there was no collection.

RELIEF OF DISTRESS 20th Jan. 1905

A special collection has been made at Bethel Baptist Chapel in aid of the fund for relieving the distress at West Ham. The sum of £4 7s. 1d. was realised.

DEATH. 20th Jan. 1905

On Sunday evening the wife of Mr. Sam Wright, of Middle Watch, died. Mrs. Wright, who was 36 years of age, was the daughter of Mr. John Eason, a well-known inhabitant of the village. She has left two little children, one only three weeks old. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Wright and the family, who are greatly respected.

ENTERTAINMENT. 20th Jan. 1905

On Monday evening Mr. Bullman and party from St. Ives gave an excellent entertainment at Bethel Chapel in connection with the Chapel Temperance Society. Mr. Usher occupied the chair. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the attendance was good. A collection was made to defray expenses.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Jan. 1905

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, chairman, presiding. Mr. H. S. Aldred was re-elected Parish Council representative on the Board of Managers of the National School, and Messrs. J. S. Goad and James Parsons were reappointed feoffees of Galon’s charity. It is noticeable that none of these gentlemen are members of the Parish Council. Mr. Ebenezer Parish, one of the overseers of Swavesey, attended the meeting and made a statement respecting the County Rate Assessment, from which it appeared that the assessment, including house property of the parishes of Conington, works out at 8s.8d. per acre, Boxworth 10s.1d., Lolworth 11s.0¼d., Fen Drayton £1 10s. 2¾d., Over £1 13s., and Swavesey £1 8s. 4d. Some discussion took place, and it was suggested that a Committee of the Parish Council should be appointed to enquire into the matter of the assessment, but no decision was arrived at.

SKATING. 27th Jan. 1905

As Mere Fen, Twenty Acres, and other skating places are not under water, there has been but little skating in and around Swavesey, though keen votaries of the patten have disported themselves on rough ice on the Dock, Navigation Drain, and on a narrow strip of frozen water between the bank and the river. Schoolchildren have made full use of the frozen ponds, and many have had duckings. Domestic tragedies have in consequence been numerous.

COUNTY COUNCIL EXTRAVAGANCE. 27th Jan. 1905

At the last meeting of the Parish Council the chairman read a communication from the Rev. S. T. Adams, thanking the Councillors for their recent resolution relating to the ever “increasing and reckless expenditure of public money” by the County Council, and stating that in his opinion as much care should be taken in the spending of public money as a man would take in the spending of his own.

ILLNESS OF MR. THOMAS CARTER. 27th Jan. 1905

It is with regret that we learn that Mr. Thomas Carter is lying seriously ill at his residence in Swavesey. Having attained the great age of four score years, he retired from active business as a farmer some fifteen months ago, but until quite recently he appeared as active as ever, and his well known figure was a familiar object in the village.

WELCOME GIFTS. 3rd Feb 1905

Mr. Thomas Payne has recently made his usual annual gifts to his cottage tenants and to certain aged persons in the village. They have been much appreciated.

MANOR COURT. 3rd Feb. 1905

Mr. Thomas Fowler, steward of the Manors of Swavesey Pembers, the Rectory in Swavesey, and the Hobbledods with Bennets, held his Court at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday.

RETURN HOME. 3rd Feb. 1905

Mr. Harold Dodson, younger son of Mr. John Dodson, of Swavesey, who has been trying his luck in the wilds of Canada, returned home on the 1st instant. He gives a poor account of farming prospects in that part of Canada in which he has been.

INCREASING RATES. 3rd Feb. 1905

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swavesey District Conservative Association on Tuesday last, Mr. George Metcalfe moved the following resolution: - "That this Committee views with alarm the ever increasing expenditure of public money by the Cambs. County Council, thanks those members of the Council who have resisted the present policy of extravagance, and urges them to continue their efforts to oppose the imposition of any additional burdens on the already heavily oppressed ratepayers." Mr. W. H. Key seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. It was decided that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Councillor Rev. S. T. Adams and to Councillor J. A. Wootten.

AGE OF RESIDENTS. 17th Feb. 1905

I have received some interesting information from Mr. William Twist Thorp, of Swavesey, respecting the longevity of the dwellers in that happy and healthy village. It seems that a short time ago Mr. Thorp read in a London newspaper that in a village in the South of England, with a population of some 1,900, a boast was made of the fact that the twenty-six oldest inhabitants averaged eighty years. Being confident that his native village of Swavesey with less than half of the number of inhabitants (viz., 899 at the 1901 census) could beat this record, Mr. Thorp set to work with praiseworthy diligence to make enquiries, and these enquiries have disclosed the following remarkable figures. In Swavesey at the present moment there are thirteen males and twenty-four females seventy-five years of age and upwards, three of the latter being over ninety and one within a few weeks of a century., viz. :- One female is 99 years of age, one 94, one 91, two 86, one 85, one 83, two 82, three 80, two 79, three 78, five 77, one 76, and two 75. Of the males two are 83, three 82, three 80, two 79, one 78, one 77, and one 75 years. This gives a total of 1,951 years for the twenty-four females, or an average of 81.29 years; and for the males a total of 1,040 years with an average of 80 years. Mr. Thorp is of opinion that there are at least a score of villagers between 70 and 75 years of age. Can any other village in the county beat this record? I wonder if Mr. Thorp can say how many of these veteran ladies and gentlemen drink beer and (ladies of course excepted) smoke tobacco. This information might be interesting in view of the determined attack on the public-houses in Swavesey.

SHEPHERDS' CLUB. 17th Feb. 1905

The annual feast of the "Wheatsheaf" Lodge of the Ancient Order of Shepherds was held at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday last. During the proceedings much interest was evinced in an old newspaper cutting which was

shown by Mr. W. H. Key, giving a report of the feast about twenty-five years ago.

DEATH. 17th Feb. 1905

Miss Nellie Beresford, lately a resident in Swavesey, died in London on the 14th instant. Her many friends have received the sad news with deep regret.

MATTERS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Feb. 1905

A little bird suggests that the agenda of the next meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council might with advantage include a reference to the unsatisfactory condition of the site of the proposed Village Hall in High Street, and a report that the question at issue between the Council and the Lord of the Manor respecting the recreation ground has been settled.

A mournful wail has reached me from Swavesey respecting the dangerous condition of the roadway by the Swan pond. Attention had more than once been called to this matter in the "Express", but beyond inspections numerous nothing appears to have been done, and now I am told that it is difficult, if not actually dangerous, to take carts into and out of the gateways opening on to the road. I dare say something will be done in a hurry when a cart laden with milk or coal has been upset and a horse and a man injured. But why wait till then? I see the Parish Council took the matter up at its meeting on Tuesday last.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 24th Feb. 1905

After an illness of five days Mrs. Hannah Metcalfe passed away on Monday night at the age of 78 years. She was the widow of Mr. William Metcalfe, who died 55 years ago, and until last week had never been laid up by illness in her life. She had lived under the same roof since she was four years old. Mrs. Metcalfe will be much missed in Swavesey, for she was greatly respected and was one of those notable women to whom people in trouble or illness instinctively turn for help. At parochial teas she was indispensable. The funeral took place in the parish churchyard yesterday (Thursday).

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Feb. 1905

The Parish Council met on Tuesday evening under the presidency of the Rev. A. C. Vidler. The Chairman reported that he had objected to pay the amount charged, £8 19s., at the recent manorial court in respect of the copyhold land left to the parish by the late Mr. George Long, J.P., as he was not satisfied with certain of the items. He had since been in communication with the

steward of the manor, who had assured him that all the fees charged were legal. The Council decided that the steward should be informed that as the fine was levied on the annual rental, no deduction being made for rates and quit rent, the Council considered that the fine was excessive. It appears that certain of the amounts charged referred to matters before Mr. Long's will was proved and before the Parish Council was in possession of the land. Some discussion took place relative to the much needed repairs to the roadway near Swan Pond, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Rural District Council on the subject.

PARISH MEETING. 24th Feb. 1905

Notices have been posted on the Church and Chapel doors calling a Parish Meeting at the National School on Tuesday next, the 28th instant, at 7.0 p.m. The meeting is mainly to consider the threatened increase in the assessment of the parish, and it is therefore important that every ratepayer should attend.

FLOODED LAND. 24th Feb. 1905

Water is standing on the fen lands in consequence of the drains and brooks not having been properly cleared out. It is alleged that the sluice gates are out of order.

CONSERVATIVE SMOKING CONCERT AT SWAVESEY. 3rd March 1905

An excellent and crowded smoking concert, arranged by the Swavesey District Conservative Association, was held at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Monday evening. Mr. W. C. Cole presided and made a most genial chairman. (Full list of programme in newspaper).

During the evening, Mr. J. S. French, Conservative agent, delivered a forcible address on political affairs.

Mr. Hills, as pianist, banjoist, and comic singer, was excellent. Mr. Emslie sang his songs well, while Mr. Maltby, it is needless to say, kept his audience in roars of laughter. Mr. Gilby's songs were well received, and Mr. William Thorp had an enthusiastic greeting each time he mounted the platform. The instrumental trio by Messrs. Emslie, Evans, and Hills was well done. Encores were the order of the evening.

EARLY CLOSING. 10th Mar. 1905

By agreement amongst the proprietors, the grocers' and drapers' shops in Swavesey are now closed at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

BELL RINGING. 10th Mar. 1905

In accordance with the terms of the bequest of the late George Long, Esq., J.P., the bells of the Parish Church were rung on the 2nd instant during the afternoon, and again during the evening. Mr Long's birthday was on the 2nd of March, and on that day in 1902 the bells were rung in his honour. Five weeks later on 6th April, as he was passing away, the bells were again ringing.

SWAVESEY RATEPAYERS AND THE NEW ASSESSMENT. 31st March. 1905

A well-attended parish meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, Swavesey, on Tuesday evening, the Rev. A. C. Vidler presiding. After the annual accounts of the parochial charities had been passed, the Chairman called upon Mr. George Metcalfe (the proposer of the resolution passed by the Parish Council on the 9th instant, in consequence of which the Parish meeting was summoned) to introduce the subject of the new valuation of the parish. Following Mr. Metcalfe's remarks considerable, and at times heated, discussion took place, in which Dr. Ellis (County Councillor), Messrs. W. C. Cole and A Day (Guardians), Messrs. Beaumont, William Thorp, James Williams, and others joined, and Mr. Ebenezer Parish, the only overseer who was in attendance, had an uncomfortable quarter of an hour. Mr. GEORGE METCALFE ultimately proposed the following resolution: "That the ratepayers of Swavesey, assembled in parish meeting, have learned with dismay that the Assessment Committee of the St. Ives Union propose to increase the gross assessment of the parish by upwards of £1,100; that they consider before so large an increase be made the matter should be closely enquired into; and for this purpose to appoint Messrs. W. C. Cole, A Day, J. S. Goad, William Thorp, and H. Wilderspin as a committee to enquire, report, and watch the interests of the ratepayers."

Mr. A Day seconded the resolution, which was carried *nem.con.*

It was decided to send copies of the resolution to the Assessment Committee of the St. Ives Union and to the Parish Council.

After the resolution had been adopted Mr. E. PARISH entered an emphatic protest. He reminded the meeting that the overseers were the responsible persons and not the Committee just appointed. The valuation would, he said, have to be signed by the Overseers, and he declared that he would not sign the valuation of nine other men. He was not accustomed to tell lies, and he refused to sign a lie. He was not, Mr. Parish added, a man to shirk his duty, but he declined to work in this matter with any Committee. It was a source of regret to him that this trouble had occurred during his year of office. There were, he contended, only two courses open. Was he to go on with the

valuation, or was the Union Assessment Committee to send down an expert, which would cost the parish £200?

Mr. A. Day retorted that the cost of a professional valuation would not amount to anything approaching £200, and that there was a third course open, namely, that of protesting against the valuation.

Mr. GEORGE CLARKE had a happy thought. In his opinion, if the Conservative Government were replaced by a Radical Administration, both assessments and rates would be reduced.

The meeting eventually declined to give the Overseer any advice as to what course he should adopt. The subject then dropped.

Mr. GEORGE METCALFE moved: "That this parish meeting of the ratepayers of Swavesey respectfully, but emphatically, protests against the ever increasing expenditure already very heavy, of the Cambridgeshire County Council."

The meeting, which was the best attended for many years, lasted over two and a half hours, and was practically unanimous in its opposition to the proposals of the Assessment Committee, and to the extravagant expenditure of the County Council.

The one or two ratepayers who did not vote for the resolutions did not vote against them.

CONFIRMATION. 31st March 1905

The Right Rev. W. T. Harrison, D. D., late Bishop of Glasgow, held a confirmation, on behalf of the Bishop of Ely, in Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday morning. Forty candidates were presented, viz., nine from Swavesey, 17 from Over, nine from Fen Drayton, two from Somersham, and three from Willingham. There was a good congregation, and the Bishop's beautiful and touching addresses were listened to with great attention. In addition to the Vicar of Swavesey, the Vicars of Over, Fen Drayton, and Somersham were present.

MEMORIAL TREES. 31st March 1905.

On the 2nd of February 1901, the day of the Funeral of the late Queen Victoria. Mr T.W.Dunn, then a resident of Swavesey, had four cedars trees planted in different parts of Swavesey as a memorial of the historic event. These trees died, and on the 6th November, 1902, Mr Dunn planted four fresh trees, two of which declined to flourish, and on the 5th of March, 1904. Mr Dunn undeterred by previous failures, replaced them. Again one of the trees in Market Street has succumbed, and Mr Dunn has arranged to plant a new tree

tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Master Charles Cole, son of Mr W.C.Cole, will perform the ceremony.

ROADS. 31st March 1905

A leading Conservative of Swavesey, when walking along the debateable road by the Swan Pond in that village last Saturday evening, nearly got lost by falling into the hole which is known locally as the County Council Pit. When, oh when, ask Swavesey people, is this little bit of road to be attended to? County Council officials have surveyed it; County Council Committees have talked about it; the Parish Council has written letters respecting it which the District Council has courteously acknowledged, and passed on to the County Council. Still nothing has been done. I cannot help thinking that there must be some neglect somewhere; or is it a case of red tape?

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF AGE. 21st April 1905

A SWAVESEY CENTENARIAN

On Sunday next Mrs. Ann Wolfenden, of Swavesey, whose maiden surname was Butler, will, if spared, attain the great age of one hundred years. She was born on St. George's Day, 1805, in the neighbouring village of Fen Drayton, where her baptism is duly recorded in the register of the Parish Church. The earlier years of her long life were spent at Fen Drayton; but her marriage to Mr. Wolfenden, a farmer, took place at Boxworth, and there she lived for many years. Subsequently she resided at Comberton, removing thence to Over, where she remained about twenty years, and five years ago she migrated to Swavesey to live with Mrs. Samuel Day. For half a century Mrs. Wolfenden has been a widow; she had three children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom are dead, and she has no grandchildren. Through the efforts of her friends she is in receipt of a pension from the Benevolent Farmers' Association. Two distinguishing qualities of Mrs. Wolfenden's are her cheerfulness and her wonderful thoughtfulness for the comfort and welfare of other people. Unlike most persons who have attained a great age, she has had her share of illness, having suffered from smallpox, jaundice, bronchitis, etc; but notwithstanding these illnesses and her heavy tale of years, she is still in fair health and is active, her appetite is good, her memory is excellent, but she is slightly deaf; she is able to wait upon herself, and takes her walks abroad whenever the weather permits. As often as possible she goes to church for the Holy Communion, and she hopes to be present at the midday service at Swavesey Church on Easter Day.

A CENTENARIAN COMMUNICANT. 28th April 1905

I hear that Mrs. Ann Wolfenden, of Swavesey, to whose approaching centenary reference was made in the columns of the "Express" last week, successfully passed her hundredth birthday on Sunday last, and quite a number of friends had the unique honour of a taste of this aged lady's hundredth birthday cake. Mr. Wolfenden attended Divine service at the Parish Church on Easter Day morning, and at the conclusion of the service partook of Holy Communion. She was wheeled to and from the Church in a bath chair, but took her place in an ordinary chair, and was an attentive follower of the service throughout. Needless to say she was the recipient of many and hearty congratulations and good wishes. She is, indeed, a marvellous old lady, possessing almost the whole of her faculties unimpaired, active and cheerful, and may well hope to realise some at any rate of the "many happy returns" so frequently wished her on Sunday last.

(handwritten note attached states incorrect in several particulars. She did not go to Matins, she sat in a seat and remained in church for only about a quarter of an hour.)

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th April 1905

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Wednesday, the 19th instant, when the following Councillors were present: - Messrs. W. H. Key (in the chair), Jethro Garner, Jethro Linford, G. Metcalfe, R. Norman, J Wells, and Winpress. The Rev. A. C. Vidler was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. H. Key, vice-chairman. Messrs. John Gilby and William Twist Thorp were appointed overseers, and Mr. G. E. Foster treasurer. Mr. S. Wilderspin, senior, was again selected for the offices of pindar and crier.

PARISH CHURCH. 28th April 1905

The Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter services at the Parish Church have been well attended. On Good Friday a devout congregation was present at the "Three hours' service," at which the addresses on the Seven Last Words from the Cross were given by the Vicar. On Easter Day the mid-day celebration of Holy Communion was sung to music by Rev. E. V. Hall, and at Evensong the anthem was Samuel Webbe's "Christ being raised from the dead." The collections throughout the day were, in accordance with custom, given to the Vicar as an Easter offering. An alteration has recently been made in the musical arrangements of the Church, Miss Mary Hawkes having been appointed organist, and Mr. H. Beaumont choirmaster.

RATEPAYERS' COMMITTEE. 28th April 1905

The Committee appointed at the recent parish meeting to "enquire and report" respecting the reassessment of the parish now in progress, and to "watch the interests of the ratepayers" met for the first time on Monday evening. Mr. A Day was selected as chairman, and Mr. R. Mitham undertook to act as secretary of the committee.

SWAVESEY FIRST XI v. NEXT XVI. 28th April 1905

This match, the opening game of the season, was played at Swavesey on Easter Monday, and resulted in a win for the First XI by 51 runs on the first innings.

VESTRY MEETING. 5th May 1905

The Easter Vestry was held under the tower in the Parish Church on Thursday, 27th April, the Vicar presiding. The Vicar again nominated Mr. W. H. Key as his warden, and Mr. J. Wells was re-elected people's warden. Messrs. W. Cain, J. Dodson, Jethro Gardner, G. Metcalfe, P. Metcalfe, and W. T. Thorp were again appointed sidesmen. After the accounts connected with the church had been partly gone into it was decided to adjourn their further consideration to a meeting to be held on a later date. The Vicar announced that as the Bishop of Ely had declined to receive a parting gift from the diocese on the ground that he did not wish to add to the burdens of the clergy and people, it had been decided to present an address to his lordship signed by clergy and laymen representing the different parishes. Mr. Key has been appointed to sign on behalf of the parishioners of Swavesey.

RATEPAYERS' COMMITTEE. 5th May 1905

A meeting of the Ratepayers' Committee was held on Monday evening, but it was not possible to proceed with the question of the reassessment of the parish, as the late overseers had declined to hand over the documents relating thereto. After considerable discussion, the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. E. Parish, one of the late overseers, requesting him to hand to the Committee at once all documents, correspondence, etc., relating to the parish now in his possession, and to state his authority for with-holding the same.

RATES. 12th May 1905

I hear that the Swavesey Ratepayers' Committee again met on Monday evening, and at last found themselves in possession of the valuation list, prepared by the late Overseers, which had been sent to the present Overseers by the clerk to the St. Ives Union, but it transpired that the late Overseers still

declined to hand over to their successors the cheque-book and other parish documents, though they kindly expressed their willingness to *lend* the cheque-books if wanted for the purpose of drawing a cheque. The Committee began their examination of the valuation list, and in their opinion found many of the items unjust, irregular and incomplete. For instance, it was observed that in their anxiety to make alterations the late Overseers had in more than one case struck out the amount of the old valuation, and had not entered a new valuation, the result being that the property was not assessed in the revised list. In another case a member of the committee discovered that two fields occupied by him of about sixteen acres had been reassessed 33 per cent above the rental; and a small garden of 13 poles, subject to flooding, owned and occupied by a struggling widow – her only property – had been revalued at five times the amount of the old valuation. The Committee decided to revalue the whole parish.

CRICKET CLUB. 12th May 1905

The Swavesey Cricket Club has entered again this year for the Papworth Challenge Cup, and has been drawn to play the first round against Grantchester. This match will be decided at Swavesey before the 1st July, but the precise date has not yet been settled. The Cup Committee, at a meeting held at St. Ives on 1st May, decided that no village should be allowed to join with another for purposes of the competition, as has been the case in previous years. The newly-laid pitch was used for the first time for the match between Swavesey and Willingham on the 4th inst., and was found satisfactory.

SWAVESEY v. WILLINGHAM . 12th May 1905

This match was played at Swavesey on Thursday, 4th May and resulted in a victory for Swavesey by four wickets.

WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 12th May 1905

MR. T. NEWNHAM – MISS MABEL KEY.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Key, third daughter of Mr. William Henry Key, who has been for many years churchwarden of Swavesey, to Mr. Thomas Newnham, of Twickenham, and formerly of Crawley, Sussex, took place at the Parish Church, Swavesey, on Monday afternoon, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. In consequence doubtless of the great respect in which the bride's father and family are held in and around Swavesey the villagers and friends attended in unusually large numbers. The service was choral. John Keble's hymn "The Voice that breather o'er Eden" was sung at the entrance of the bride, who was accompanied by her father and attended by two

bridesmaids, Miss Pattie Key (sister) and Miss Grace Newnham (sister of the bridegroom), Mr. H. G. Key acted as best man. The happy pair left the church to the stirring strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bells rang merrily as the bridal party, which was restricted to immediate relatives, returned to Mr. Key's residence for the wedding breakfast, where they were joined by the Vicar. As the ceremony had to be held late in the day, there was by special request a celebration of the Holy Communion in the early morning, thus enabling the bridal pair to comply with the rubric in the Prayer Book.

The bride's gown was of white Japanese silk trimmed with lace, a simple but most becoming garment. Under her veil she wore a wreath of orange blossom, and instead of a bouquet she carried an ivory bound Prayer Book, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were in pretty blue voile dresses with picture hats to match, and each wore a cross, the gift of the bridegroom. The newly wedded couple left Swavesey Station for London by the 6. 15 p.m. train, many persons turning out into the street to wish them good luck and the church bells again rang out bravely.

The presents were numerous, amongst them being a framed picture of the Holy Family given by the teachers and scholars belonging to the Sunday School of St. Michael's Church, Camden Town, where for the last three years the bride has been a devoted worker. It may be of interest to mention that for two or three years the bride was in charge of the Gamlingay Post Office, and that she has since been engaged in a similar capacity in London.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 19th May 1905

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on the 11th inst., Mr. W. C. Cole was unanimously elected chairman of the Swavesey District Conservative Association. A concert is being arranged for Feast Tuesday evening, 6th June, to take place in the National School.

FRUIT. 19th May 1905

Gooseberry pulling began in Swavesey on Monday last.

CRICKET. 19th May 1905

SWAVESEY 2ND XI v. OAKINGTON 2ND XI

This match was played at Swavesey on Thursday, 11th May, and resulted in a win for Oakington by 45 runs on the first innings. Play began an hour and a half after the time fixed, owing to the late arrival of the visitors, who were much stronger in every respect than the home team. As the season progresses it will be interesting to compare the Oakington club's first eleven with its second string.

AT SWAVESEY. 26th May 1905

The Vicar, who is the chairman of the Managers of Swavesey School, attended the school on Wednesday morning, and briefly addressed the children on the subject of Empire Day. He afterwards presented for the use of the scholars, two bats, four balls, and a skipping rope. Before dismissal the children sang “God Save the King.”

CRICKET. 26th May 1905

SWAVESEY 2ND XI v. NEEDINGWORTH

This match was played at Needingworth on Wednesday, 17th May, and resulted in a win for Needingworth by 28 runs on the first innings.

In the second innings Needingworth scored 49 and Swavesey 21 for one wicket. The Swavesey team cannot be congratulated on their fielding, as in the first innings no less than seven catches were missed or dropped.

ROUNABOUTS AND THE SWAVESEY COUNCILS. 26th May 1905

A steam roundabout was set up on Monday last in Market Street, where the Rural District Council holds sway. During the afternoon a representative of the Council requested the proprietress to “move on,” as the Council had not given her permission. It is understood that she declined to obey – at any rate the roundabout was hard at work on Monday and Tuesday evenings – and that subsequently she came into conflict with the Chairman of the Parish Council. It is also reported that but for her inability to come to terms with the person who hires the herbage on the Recreation Ground, the proprietress might have pitched her show there, and if that had been the case it would have been interesting to see what action the Parish Council would have taken, as it is understood the bye-laws regulating the Recreation Ground absolutely prohibit the pitching of shows, etc., there. Apart from this friction between the lady and the Council officials, the visit of the steam horses has resulted in some of the savings of the children for Swavesey Feast, which begins on June 4th, having been spent prematurely, and in the dwellers in Market Street having had their peace and quietness disturbed a fortnight earlier than usual.

STONE THROWING. 26th May 1905

An epidemic of stone throwing appears to have broken out amongst the children of the village of Swavesey. One shop window has been broken, and certain mothers are not well pleased with their offspring, as they have been given to understand that they will be expected to settle the glazier’s bill. The clock outside the National School has also been damaged lately,

notwithstanding a County Council notice prominently displayed underneath calling attention to the pains and penalties attached to the reprehensible practice of throwing stones.

HISTON v. SWAVESEY. 26th May 1905

This match was played at Histon on Saturday, 20th May, and resulted in a victory for Histon by 23 runs.

CRICKET CLUB. 2nd June 1905

The match between Swavesey and Grantchester in the first round of the Papworth Cup has been fixed for 11 a.m. on Thursday, 29th June, at Swavesey. Three cricket matches have been arranged for feast week, viz., on Monday 5th June, against Lolworth, at 1.30 p.m.; on Tuesday, against Elsworth, at 11 a.m.; and on Wednesday the Second XI against Longstanton Second XI., at 1.30 p.m. Mr. E. S. Montagu has sent a donation of one guinea to the funds of the club.

CONCERT. 2nd June 1905

A concert, under the auspices of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, is to take place on feast Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the National School. The entertainment will not be political, and there will be no address or speeches.

NARROW ESCAPE. 2nd June 1905

The infant daughter of Mr. David Prime had a narrow escape from death on Sunday evening. She was in a perambulator near the gate of the cemetery in the charge of some children who wandered away in their play. The baby shook the perambulator, which ran into the large brook by the side of Topleys, and turned over with the infant immersed in mud and water. Fortunately, Mr. T. Lack, of Willingham, happened to see the mishap and without hesitation jumped into the brook, the mud and water reaching to his waist, and managed to extricate the child and carriage. But for the prompt action of Mr. Lack, the child must have been suffocated. She, however, appears none the worse for her mud bath.

VISIT OF MR. RAYMOND GREENE. M.P. 2nd June 1905

In response to the invitation of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, Mr. Raymond Greene, M.P., will visit the parish on Tuesday next, being feast Tuesday. He will be at the Schools at 2 o'clock for the cricket luncheon.

DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL AT SWAVESEY. 2nd June 1905

On Thursday afternoon, Ascension Day, a choral festival was held in Swavesey Church, the order of service being that set to music for Church Festivals, arranged and edited by the Committee of Music of The Ely Diocesan Council of Church Music. For months past the choirs of Conington, Fen Drayton, Girton, Oakington, Over, and Swavesey have been practising the music under their respective choirmasters, superintended by the Rev. T. Normandale, vicar of Over, and the result yesterday, speaking generally, was most satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the trainers of the choirs.

A fair congregation – it ought to have been much larger – assembled at 3.30 in the large and beautiful Church. The choirs, which numbered 150 voices, were divided into surpliced and non-surpliced, the former, which included Swavesey, and part of Over, sat in the chancel, and the latter in the front seats of the nave. Punctually to time Rev. T. Normandale ascended the conductor's platform, which was erected in place of the Litany faldstool. The surplice choirs entered in procession, headed by the Swavesey banner, bearing the cross of St. Andrew, to whom the Church is dedicated, the processional hymn being "Love Divine, all loves excelling," by Charles Wesley, to music by the late Sir John Stainer. The Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. A. C. Vidler, said the first part of Evensong, the first lesson being read by Rev. M. S. Kemmis, rector of Conington, and the second by the Rev. H. G. Hooton, vicar of Oakington. The three special psalms were well sung to single chants by Dr. Hayes, T. Aylward, and Walmisley respectively, the pointing being particularly good. The "Magnificat", "Nunc Dimitis" and an anthem were sung, the latter rendered with great zest and intelligence. The latter part of Evensong was sung by the Rev. Evelyn Young, vicar of Fen Drayton. The Rev. H. Sayers, rector of Bluntisham preached an excellent sermon. During the collection Dr. Julian's hymn, "Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise," added to and revised specially for the festival by the author, was sung to Sullivan's ever-welcome "Bishopgarth." After the "Te Deum" and the Blessing the surpliced choirs left the Church to the strains of James Montgomery's hymn, "Palms of Glory", the music to which was by the Archbishop of York. Mr. Joseph Hill, financial secretary to the County Council, presided most ably at the organ.

After the service the choirs had tea in the Vicarage grounds, and before separating Mr. NORMANDALE proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Vidler for their kindness, and to Mr. Hill for his welcome services. He specially commended the care which had been bestowed in the training of the individual choirs, and he spoke of the benefits accruing to choirs working and singing together.

Mr. VIDLER thanked Mr. Normandale for his kind remarks, and observed that the success of the festival was mainly due to Mr. Normandale's untiring efforts.

TELEGRAPH ARRANGEMENTS. 9th June 1905

Mr. Raymond Greene sent a telegram on Tuesday to a gentleman in Swavesey, which required an immediate answer. The message took exactly three hours and twenty minutes to get from London to the addressee's house. The Swavesey instrument being out of repair, the message was sent to Over, and it took one hour and eighteen minutes to convey the message from Over, under two miles. It required no less than two hours and three minutes to transmit the message from London to over.

A CORRECTION. 9th June 1905

In our report in last Friday's issue of the Diocesan Choral Festival at Swavesey on the previous day, it was stated that the Oakington choir was not surplice. This was incorrect, as the Oakington choir wear surplices.

SWAVESEY FEAST – SPOILED BY RAIN. 9th June 1905

VISIT OF MR. RAYMOND GREENE. EVENING CONCERT.

Swavesey Feast has come and gone, and has resulted in another failure. There was a goodly number of people in the village on Sunday evening, but the attendance at the Parish Church was not exceptionally large, and included many visitors from Over. A band in the interest of the Primitive Methodist Chapel perambulated the streets during the afternoon and evening, and doubtless kept many people from Church and Chapel. At the Parish Church in the evening the Psalms, Canticles, and anthem were those at the choral festival. The Vicar preached a most interesting sermon on Village Feasts.

After the morning, Monday was a thoroughly wet day, and the half-day match between Swavesey and Lolworth could not be played. Tuesday was still wetter. The Elsworth cricket XI., under its genial captain, Mr. Sam. Braybrooke, duly arrived, but play was impossible.

Mr. Raymond Greene's visit was also spoiled. When he arrived, accompanied by Mr. Cole, the rain was coming down in torrents, and the streets were clear of people. Mr. Greene attended the Cricket Club luncheon in the National School. Mr. Ellis Long, captain, presided, and supporting Mr. Greene were Mr. Cole, chairman of Swavesey District Conservative Association, Mr. R. E. Bartley, Rev. A. C. Vidler, Dr. Ellis, and Mr. Fred Carter, of Bury St. Edmunds. Amongst the general company were Mr. H. S. Aldred, Mr. H. Beaumont, of Swavesey, and Mr. S. Braybrooke, of Elsworth. After luncheon,

which was excellently supplied by Mr. George Clarke of the Sir Harry Smith, Dr. ELLIS, at the request of Mr. Cole, proposed the health of Mr. Greene. Mr. ELLIS LONG supported. Mr. GREENE briefly replied, wishing the cricket clubs of Swavesey and Elsworth all success, and urging the importance of cricket clubs. After luncheon the rain rendered it impossible for Mr. Greene to visit the cricket ground, or the Feast, as had been arranged. He, however, met a few friends at the house of Mr. Cole before he left by motor-car for Cambridge Station at 4 o'clock.

In the evening an excellent concert in the National School was provided by the Swavesey Conservative Association. The rain, however, interfered with the attendance which was far from satisfactory.

Where all was excellent it is ungrateful to award special commendation. The efforts of Mrs. J. S. French and the Misses Charter were greatly appreciated, so were the songs of the genial Vicar of Over. The Vicar of Swavesey's reading about school boy excuses was very amusing. Of the Swavesey representatives Miss Hawkes and Messrs. William Thorp and Gilby honestly earned the hearty applause accorded them; Mr. Hill's songs and banjo brought down the house. But the bright particular star of the concert was Mr. Archie Naish with his sketches and songs. Before the ending of the concert Mr. BARTLY proposed a vote of thanks to the performer; Rev. T. NORMANDALE replied. Miss Hawkes, the youthful Miss Normandale, and Mr. Bowman acted as efficient accompanists. The platform was effectively decorated by Mr. Graves, gardener at Swavesey Manor, Miss L Beaumont, and Messrs. H. Beaumont, Gilby, and William Thorp.

SWAVESEY 2ND XI, v. A SCRATCH TEAM. 9th June 1905

This match was played at Swavesey in place of that arranged for feast Wednesday with Longstanton, and resulted in a win for the second eleven by eight runs.

SWAVESEY MARRIED v. SINGLE. 16th June 1905

This match was played at Swavesey on Thursday, 8th June, and resulted in a win for the married men by 25 runs on the first innings.

SWAVESEY SECOND XI v. LONGSTANTON. 16th June 1905

This match was played at Longstanton on Whit-Monday and resulted in a win for the home team by 32 runs on the first innings.

ELSWORTH v. SWAVESEY. 23rd June 1905

This match was played at Elsworth on Tuesday, June 20th, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by an innings and 67 runs.

DEATH OF MR. JETHRO GARNER. 23rd June 1905

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Jethro Garner, farmer, of Swavesey, which occurred during the early hours of Tuesday morning, the 20th inst, after a very short illness. Mr. Garner, who was attending to his duties as usual as late as Thursday last, succumbed to an attack of double pneumonia. He was the son and successor of the late Mr. Joseph Garner, who also attained a good old age, and he had lived all his life in Swavesey, and it is believed on the same farm. Though quiet and unobtrusive in his habits, he was a useful man in the parish, and at the time of his death held the office of Parish Councillor, School Manager, and Sidesman. He has left a widow and three daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral is to take place this (Friday) afternoon in the churchyard of St. Andrew, Swavesey. Had Mr. Garner survived until the following day he would have attained the age of 71 years.

A LARGE MUSHROOM. 23rd June 1905

Mr. W. H. Chamberlain, of the Rising Sun, on Tuesday last found in a field in Swavesey a mushroom which measured 16 inches in diameter and 39 inches in circumference.

FUNERAL. 30th June 1905

The funeral of the late Mr. Jethro Garner took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Friday last, in the presence of the widow, daughters, and brother of the deceased, and many other relatives. Representatives from the various public bodies on which Mr. Garner had served also attended to show their respect and sympathy. To the list of offices held by Mr. Garner at the time of his death, mentioned last week, the following may be added: - Feoffee of Galon's Charity, and member of the Committee of the Stock Club. At the time of the Coronation festivities the children of the village had reason to be grateful to Mr. Garner, for not only was he the moving spirit of the Committee charged with their amusement, but he lent the field in which they spent several happy hours on the memorable day, out of harm's way.

MR. ROBINSON MITHAM'S ILLNESS. 30th June 1905

It will be a satisfaction to the many friends of Mr. Robinson Mitham, who was lying seriously ill of pneumonia at the time his old friend and colleague, Mr. Jethro Garner, succumbed to the same disease, to learn that he is progressing favourably towards convalescence.

LOLWORTH v. SWAVESEY. 30th June 1905

This match was played at Lolworth on Monday, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by six wickets.

SUDDEN DEATH. 7th July 1905

The wife of Mr. T. Coulson, of Boxworth End, who had been an invalid for years past, died suddenly on Friday evening. The case was reported to the Coroner, but he decided that it was not necessary to hold an inquest. The funeral took place in the Parish Churchyard on Monday afternoon.

PAPWORTH CUP FIRST ROUND. 7th July 1905

SWAVESEY v. GRANTCHESTER.

The match between Swavesey and Granchester in the first round of the Papworth Cup Competition was brought off at Swavesey on Thursday, June 29th, and terminated in a tie on the first innings. Owing to the qualification as to residence required by the Cup regulations, neither Club could play its full strength. There was considerable excitement towards the end of the first innings, owing to shortness of time it was evident that the match would be decided on that innings. Even allowing for the wet condition of the ground, it must be admitted that 12 byes, 2 leg byes, and 6 wides (one went for 4) is not a creditable performance, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the village team, that when the match is replayed the Swavesey wicket-keeper will be more successful. The game towards the finish was productive rather of amusement than strict cricket, as overthrows were the order of the day.

SWAVESEY v. ST. IVES. 7th July 1905

Played at St. Ives on Thursday, July 6th, and resulted in a win for the home team by 27 runs.

SWAVESEY 2nd XI v. NEEDINGWORTH. 14th July 1905

Return match played at Swavesey on Monday last, and resulted in a win for the visitors by twelve runs on the first innings. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors play did not begin until more than an hour after the time fixed, consequently the match had to be decided on the first innings. It is doubtful whether the policy adopted by the Swavesey Club this year of putting its 2nd XI. against the best teams of certain Clubs is a wise one, but doubtless it was adopted to give more members a chance of distinguishing themselves. In this match, at any rate, it was a mistake, as the visitors were far and away the stronger lot.

MISHAP TO MR. E. PARISH. 21st July 1905

We are sorry to say that Mr. Ebenezer Parish, chairman of the Swavesey Liberal Association, and Radical candidate for the Swavesey District at the last County Council Election, met with a nasty accident last week, which has necessitated his keeping in bed. Whilst superintending his haymakers, he fell from a cart and injured his leg. It is satisfactory to learn that he is progressing favourably.

STORM. 21st July 1905

A thunderstorm visited Swavesey on Sunday afternoon. Heavy rain fell, and, being much needed, was greeted with satisfaction by the gardeners, amateur and professional.

DEATH OF THE SWAVESEY CENTENARIAN. 21st July 1905

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ann Wolfenden, of Swavesey, who celebrated her hundredth birthday on St. George's Day, and whose portrait appeared in these columns on the 5th May. A cold developed into an attack of bronchitis, and, lacking strength to fight the disease, after a few days' illness, she passed peacefully away at 1 p.m. yesterday (Thursday), conscious almost to the end, and as thoughtful as ever for the comfort and convenience of her friends. Mrs. Wolfenden attended service at Swavesey Parish Church as recently as Sunday, 2nd inst., and on her return home that day remarked to a friend that it would be the last time she would be able to go.

CENTENARIAN'S FUNERAL. 21st July 1905

The mortal remains of the late Mrs. Wolfenden, whose death at one hundred years of age we announced last week, were laid to rest in Swavesey churchyard in the cool of the evening on Saturday last, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. On the coffin were wreaths and crosses sent by friends and relatives. Amongst those who followed were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (niece), of Oakington, Mrs. Ginn, Mr. G. Robinson, Mrs. Downs Robinson, and Mrs. Stacey of Over; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Day, Miss Pook, Miss Hawkes, Miss Key, and Miss L Day, of Swavesey. The passing bell was tolled on Friday at Over, where Mrs. Wolfenden resided for over twenty years before going to Swavesey, as well as at Swavesey. On Sunday morning the Vicar of Swavesey made a touching reference to Mrs. Wolfenden in his sermon, and specially mentioned her trustful and contented life, and also her Communion on Easter Day which this year fell upon her hundredth birthday. Special hymns were sung at the morning and evening services.

THE CROPS. 21st July 1905

The cutting of the winter barley began a week ago. The crops of all kinds of corn are extremely good, the best for many years past; an experienced farmer born half a century ago going so far as to say they are far the best he can remember. Peas and beans, especially the latter, will yield exceptionally well. Roots are splendid. As regards the hay crop, on the Fen lands the yield has been good, but on the higher land it has been lighter.

CRICKET. 21st July 1905

The return match between Swavesey and Histon is announced for tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at Swavesey. Villagers are anxiously inquiring when the match with Grantchester for the Papworth Cup is to be replayed. It is understood that the Swavesey men are ready and willing.

SCHOOL TREAT. 28th July 1905

The children attending the Sunday School belonging to the Parish Church had their annual treat on Tuesday. Assembling at the National School, they marched to church, where a short service was held, after which they had tea, games, racing, etc., in the grounds of the Vicarage and an adjacent field. The Rev. Dr. Morgan, master of Jesus College Cambridge and Mrs. Morgan, and the Rev. J. Watkins, rural dean, and Mrs. Watkins were present for a short time. In the evening parents and friends attended in goodly numbers. After the prizes for running, etc., had been given away by Mrs. Vidler, the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Vidler) briefly thanked all the helpers for their kind assistance, and said that he was glad to welcome his parishioners and friends but wished more would come. Mr. W. H. Key, churchwarden, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Vidler. Mr. J. Wells, churchwarden, seconded, and the vote was carried by acclamation. In responding Mr. Vidler specially mentioned the great help he had received from the churchwardens, and from Mr. H. Beaumont and Mr. J. Gilby.

A REASONABLE REQUEST. 28th July 1905

We have received the following from a correspondent resident in Swavesey: -
“As the ‘Express’ is read by so many people in this village, I write to ask those persons who night after night make so much noise by talking and disputing in the road at Middle Watch to have a little thought for their neighbours, many of whom go to bed early because they have to get up early, and it’s been hard to work after one’s night’s rest has been disturbed.”

SWAVESEY v. HISTON. 28th July 1905

This match was played at Swavesey on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. To Swavesey people the match was chiefly interesting in consequence of the reappearance on the cricket field of Sidney Prime and J. Marriott, two old favourites, neither of whom had previously played this season. They had a cordial reception, as also did Mr. William Thorp, who officiated as umpire for the first time this year. Dr. Ellis, of Swavesey, played for Histon, scoring two runs and displaying great activity in the field.

CHILD'S NARROW ESCAPE. 4th Aug. 1905

A Swavesey resident had an unpleasant experience last Friday. When passing by the back of his house he noticed a pony gazing into a pond, and thinking something was wrong he went to the pond himself. At the end of a plank projecting into the water, he observed bubbles rising, and further investigation showed him something white lying on the mud in several feet of water. He fetched a rake and managed to bring the white object to the surface, and was horrified to find that he had fished up the apparently lifeless body of his own little two year old girl. Calling for help he promptly carried the child into his house, and by dint of persevering, rubbing, extending of the arms, etc., had the satisfaction after a time to restore the little one to life. Next day the child was none the worse for its adventure, but she would undoubtedly have lost her life had her father not kept his head and known what to do.

WEDDING. 11th Aug. 1905

On Monday afternoon Miss Ellen Mary, the fourth daughter of Mr. William Thurbon, basket-maker and local agent for the "Cambridge Express", was married to Mr. George Fagan of London, in the Parish Church of St. Andrew Swavesey, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of cream voile. Her bridesmaids were the Misses Bertha Metcalfe, Gertrude Baker (cousin), Gladys Dodson (niece) and Ida Spearman, the two latter being children. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. Walter Thurbon as best man. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's parents, and during the afternoon were photographed, and high festival was kept up until a late hour. The presents were numerous and useful.

DEATH OF MR. JABEZ GARNER. 11th Aug. 1905

We regret to announce the death at the age of 69 years of Mr. Jabez Garner, which took place at his residence in Swavesey on Wednesday after a long illness. Mr. Garner, who was noted for his droll sayings, and was known

amongst his many friends and acquaintances as “Farmer”, had spent the whole of his life in Swavesey. He was a dealer by trade, and at one time was in a large way of business. The surviving Swavesey Shepherds’ Club owes much to his services and business ability, and for many years he was one of its trustees. The Trinity Beagles will miss him, as he looked keenly after their interests in the Swavesey district, and almost invariable accompanied them in their runs.

FUNERAL. 18th Aug. 1905

The funeral of the late Mr. Jabez Garner, whose death was announced last week, took place in the Churchyard on Sunday afternoon, the Vicar officiating.

SAD DEATH OF A CHILD. 18th Aug. 1905

Under very sad circumstances, William, the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. William Kester, of Church End, Swavesey, died early on Saturday morning last, at the age of three years and nine months, after a very short illness. He was buried in Swavesey Churchyard by the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar on Tuesday afternoon, and the funeral was attended by many sorrowing relatives and sympathising friends, to whom the little fellow, with his manly-boyish ways and quaint sayings, had greatly endeared himself. The coffin was borne to the church and grave by six young ladies. The beautiful wreaths and crosses were too numerous for all to be placed upon the tiny coffin, so some were carried by the mourners. They were from the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Spolton (grandparents), Mr. and Mrs. William Spolton, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Spolton, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Daintree, Mrs. Allgood and Mrs. Clabyn (uncles and aunts), Miss L. Pook (Infant School mistress), and from the Ladies at the University Settlement, Blackfriar’s Road, London, S.E. Great sympathy has been evinced on all sides for the bereaved parents, as only rather more than two years ago their little daughter died, and now their son has been called away and they are left childless. Mr. and Mrs. Kester desire to return their sincerest thanks for the many kind enquiries and expressions of sympathy they have received.

GALLANT RESCUE. 18th Aug. 1905

Mr. C. H. Stevens, shoemaker, of Swavesey, late of St. Ives, on Monday evening gallantly rescued from drowning a lad named Bedford, belonging to Needingworth, who was bathing in the Ouse near Holywell. Whilst walking along the bank, Mr. Stevens noticed that the boy was in danger, and at once proceeded to undress with the view of assisting him, but seeing the lad sink, he

jumped into the river partly clothed and after some difficulty managed to get him ashore.

DEATH OF MRS. VIDLER, OF SWAVESEY. 1st Sept 1905

We much regret to announce the death of Mrs. Vidler, the wife of the Vicar of Swavesey, who passed away during the early hours of Wednesday morning, at the Vicarage, after a long illness. The people of Swavesey were not prepared for the sad event, as for some days it was known Mrs. Vidler was slowly sinking, and on Sunday the Vicar was unable to leave her bedside, the morning and evening services in Swavesey Church being taken by the Rev. T. Normandale, vicar of the neighbouring parish of Over.

The funeral will take place in Swavesey Churchyard to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

FUNERAL OF MRS. VIDLER AT SWAVESEY. 8th Sept 1905

The funeral of the late Mrs. Vidler, wife of the Vicar of Swavesey, whose death, after a long illness at the age of 57, we deeply regretted to announce last week, took place at Swavesey on Saturday afternoon. The villagers attended in large numbers as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased lady and in sympathy with their bereaved Vicar, at least four hundred persons being present in the church and at the graveside, all of whom, with hardly an exception, were in mourning. Beautiful white flowers were on the altar, which was vested in red. Instead of the tolling of a single bell before the service the whole peal was rung muffled. The body, enclosed in a massive oak coffin, covered with wreaths and crosses, and resting on a bier draped in purple and decked with wreaths, was carried from the Vicarage on the shoulders of eight bearers.

The sad procession passed slowly by way of the Vicarage drive to the main road and thence to the churchyard gates, where the clergy and choir, before whom a small wooden cross was borne, were waiting. On the way to the church porch the Burial Sentences were said by the Rev. G. P. Irby (brother-in-law), S.P.G. Chaplain at Dinan, France. After a hymn and lesson, the body was borne down the church, preceded by the choir and followed by the mourners towards the graveside. The bells again were heard; this time half muffled; and then after a short silence they burst forth in full song.

The grave – a brick one – around which white flowers on a back ground of green leaves had been thoughtfully arranged by Mrs. G. Long, is near the handgate leading to the Vicarage garden.

Mr. Robinson Mitham, of Swavesey, was undertaker, and Mr. John Netherwood was responsible for the brickwork of the grave.

(Long report)

A SNAKE IN THE GRASS. 15th Sept 1905

This does not refer to a human being, but to a reptile of the oviparous kind. On Sunday afternoon, whilst strolling through a field near Whitton Quarter, in the occupation of Mr. Few, young Frank Williams came across a long snake in the act of swallowing a toad. He promptly dispatched the reptile and bore it home in triumph dangling across the stick with which he had killed it. The snake measured about a yard and a quarter in length.

HORSE IN TROUBLE, & MAN PERPLEXED. 15th Sept. 1905.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr George Tompkins took a horse and cart belonging to Mr Herbert Wilderspin, and containing cans, to the School Pond for water. Having filled up the cans, he urged the horse forward, but it refused to pull, and backed into a hole instead. There cart and horse stuck in the mud. Mr Tompkins, regardless of the water and yet more deadly mud, gallantly and with much difficulty released the horse from its harness and the cart, but still it could not move, being held prisoner by the mud. Some thirty willing helpers and advisers, men and lads, quickly came up. Another horse was fetched, likewise a strong rope. The latter was fastened round the neck of the stranded animal and then attached to the fresh horse, and after many a vigorous pull, in which the strength of the neck of the horse in difficulties was severely tested, a rescue was effected. The cart also was got out, and Mr Tompkins, a gallant old soldier, went home wet through and covered with black mud, but triumphant.

PARTRIDGES. 15th Sept. 1905.

Sportsman and other persons who carry guns have been busy since 1st September, but the birds are wild and difficult to get at. An extraordinary amount of interest is being taken in shooting matters this year, not only by the sportsmen and other persons who carry guns, but the villagers generally. Many anecdotes are in circulation, and more are expected daily.

CROP YIELDS. 15th Sept. 1905.

Mr Alfred Day, who farms Mill Farm and also Mr Cole's Swavesey land, reports that his wheat is not an average crop, though much better than last year. Of what he has already threshed, rivets have yielded about eleven combs to the acre, and small wheat seven combs an acre. The small wheat has not come up to his expectations, as the grain ripened too quickly, and did not fill out. His barley has been fair, and is yielding about ten combs an acre. Both

winter and spring beans have been good. Tares hardly up to the average, but his roots are excellent. Mr Day considers that, taken as a whole, the harvest has been a little above average of recent years. The weather has been exceptionally favourable, the little rain doing good and no harm.

Mr Herbert Wilderspin, sanguine and happy as usual, is well satisfied with his harvest. His wheat, which has not turned out as well as he hoped at one time, will, he thinks, yield from eight to ten combs an acre, and that will, he believes, be about the average for the parish of Swavesey, though some farmers may get better results. His hope and prayer now is that the prices will be good.

DEATH OF MRS HEELIS. 15th Sept. 1905

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Heelis, which occurred in London on Wednesday, 20th instant. At the time the funeral was taking place in Manchester on Monday afternoon the bell of Swavesey Church was tolled. Mrs. Heelis resided for four years at Swavesey Manor, succeeding Mr. Cyril M. Bevan in September 1900, and she left for London last Michaelmas. During her comparatively short stay in the village she was most kind and energetic in providing, with the aid of her daughters, entertainments, assisting in parish work, and helping the sick and needy, and the news of her death was received with general expressions of regret.

WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 29th Sept. 1905

ALDRED - HEPHER

A wedding which created considerable interest in the neighbourhood, both bride and bridegroom being so widely known, took place at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, at noon on Wednesday, in the presence of a large and representative congregation. The bridegroom was Mr. Henry Spurgeon Aldred, grocer and draper, of London House, Swavesey, who notwithstanding the claims of an excellent business, has found time to be useful to the community in various ways, being, amongst other things, a Manager of Swavesey National School (Parish Council Representative), corresponding secretary of the Temperance Society, deputy-superintendent of Bethel Chapel Sunday School, joint secretary of the Swavesey Liberal Association, treasurer of the Cricket Club, and local correspondent of the "Cambridge Chronicle" and "Independent Press." Mr. Aldred is the youngest son of the late Mr. William Howard Aldred, of Denton, Norfolk. The bride was Miss Annie Hepher, only daughter of Mr. Jesse Hepher, tailor and registrar of births and deaths for the Swavesey district, and she has earned a great reputation by her untiring work in the cause of temperance, and as a Sunday School teacher,

besides being for years past foremost in all that has taken place at Bethel Chapel.

The bride was attired in a charming but simple dress of light grey material, trimmed with white cloth, and her hat was of white beaver with white silk trimming and wings. She also wore a gold watch bracelet presented by Mrs. Ussher. Two bridesmaids attended her – Miss Aldred (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Florence Parker, who wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Albert Hepher acted as best man.

After the wedding the guest were entertained by the bride's parents, and in the course of the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Aldred left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

(Long report)

THE PUBLIC LAMPS. 6th Oct. 1905

A parish meeting, presided over by Mr. W. H. Key, was held at the National School on Thursday, 28th ult., at which the necessary expenditure for lighting the streetlamps during the winter was authorised. The Parish Council subsequently reappointed Mr. George Clarke lamplighter.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 6th Oct. 1905

The harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church on Tuesday. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m., and choral Evensong was at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. J. Watkins, rector of Willingham and Rural Dean, preached. The Church was effectively decorated.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 13th Oct. 1905

The harvest thanksgiving services were continued on Sunday last. At the morning service the Rev. Mr. Boden, of North Wingfield, Chesterfield, officiated and preached. During the afternoon a children's flower service was held, at which the children presented gifts of flowers and fruit to be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The evening service was taken by the Rev. C. A. Pollock of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, who also preached. Mr. Skeels, of St. Ives, the new organist, played at the services on Sunday for the first time.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH . 13th Oct. 1905

The usual harvest thanksgiving was held on Thursday in last week, when the Rev. W. Bampton Taylor delivered an appropriate and highly appreciated sermon to a large audience on the need of fruitfulness in Christian character and work. The rostrum was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Thurbon and Mrs.

Payne. Trays were given by a number of friends and a goodly company sat down to tea. The fruit and vegetables were sent as usual to Addenbrooke's Hospital, as was also the collection.

STUNG BY A WASP. 13th Oct. 1905

As Mr. Walter Hodson, grocer, of High Street, was handling some sugar on Friday last, he was stung on his lip by a wasp. His face quickly swelled up, and he was obliged to seek medical advice and take to his bed. He is, we are glad to say, doing well.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 13th Oct. 1905

The general meeting of the members of the Swavesey District Conservative Association was held in Swavesey National School on Wednesday evening, Mr. W. C. Cole, chairman, presiding. After the annual report had been read by the SECRETARY, and the accounts passed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. W. Raymond Greene, M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. E. Bartley, R. H. Cox, G. Downham, Elliot R. Odams, and Thomas Payne; chairman, Mr. W. C. Cole; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Key; secretary, Mr. H. Beaumont; committee, Messrs. S. W. Crisp, C. Froment, J. Gilby, H. G. Key, G. Metcalfe, P. Metcalfe, J. Netherwood, Walter Thorp, W. Thurbon, C. R. Vincent, E. Warboys, J. Wells, and C. Willson.

Mr. Netherwood was re-appointed Vice-chairman.

A resolution was carried pledging the members of the Association to heartily support the candidature of Mr. Raymond Greene at the next General Election. It was also proposed to send a letter to Rev. A. C. Vidler assuring him of the sympathy of the members on the loss of his wife.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks for their services to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

REMOVALS. 20th Oct. 1905

This Michaelmas season has been a busy time in several families in Swavesey, there having been no less than twelve cases of removal, in most instances from one house to another in the village. Two families have left the parish, and two have entered.

PRESENTATION. 20th Oct. 1905

At the close of the devotional meeting at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Wednesday, 11th instant, an interesting episode occurred. To mark their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Aldred to the various organisations connected with the Chapel the members of the

Temperance Society and the Sunday School presented them with a handsome crown Silicon china dinner service and a jam spoon, as a wedding gift. The presentation was made by Mr. T. W. Carter, senior deacon and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Aldred suitably acknowledged the gift on behalf of his wife and himself.

CRICKET CLUB. 20th Oct. 1905

A meeting of the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Monday evening, Mr. Ellis Long, captain of the club, presiding. The treasurer presented the accounts for the past season showing a balance in hand of £3 4s. 3d. The accounts were approved unanimously. After some discussion it was decided that a social evening open to members and friend should be held next month, and a committee was appointed to make needful arrangements. On the proposal of the Treasurer a vote of thanks to Mr. Long for presiding, and also for his services as captain, and his kindly interest in the Club generally (including the free use of the cricket ground), was carried by acclamation. Mr. Long, in replying, thanked the members, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, whom he congratulated on his recent marriage.

SWAVESEY FIRE ENGINE. 20th Oct. 1905

This monument of antiquity (it is nearly one hundred years old) and precious asset of the parish is believed to be still in existence, and to be reposing in its house by the pound, but it has not made its appearance in public since the fire in Black Horse Lane on the 30th August, 1904, when it so greatly distinguished itself. In days gone by the engine used to be taken out for trial and practice at regular intervals, but latterly it has been allowed to remain in retirement out of respect, it is presumed, for its great age. The last time there was a practice was, it is believed, in August 1903, and what will be the condition of the engine and hose at the next fire can, therefore, be a matter for conjecture only.

THE WATER SUPPLY. 20th Oct. 1905

The water supply at Boxworth End, Swavesey, is a perennial bugbear of the Rural District Council, and the cause of much disputatious argument amongst some of the people of Swavesey, besides having almost led to terrible tragedies. The supply ran short a little while ago. The newly-appointed and most energetic Inspector of Nuisances proposed as an experiment that the public pumps should be kept locked, except during certain hours in the evening and morning. The District Council agreed, and a lock and chain were affixed to each pump. The duty of locking and unlocking was entrusted to an

elderly inhabitant, who speedily found himself the best abused man in the village. The aggrieved ratepayers seem not so much to have minded the locked pumps, if all the pumps fed from the public supply pipes had been treated alike. In addition to the public pumps, each of which is adorned with a painted notice forbidding the use of water drawn therefrom for any purpose than ordinary domestic needs, there are several pumps on private property fed from the same pipes, and it is contended that the shortage is caused by the excessive drawing of water from these private pumps for feeding stock and occasionally even steam engines driving threshing machines, and for other farm purposes, as well as for filling domestic tea-kettles. I can sympathise with the water-restricted matrons, and with the weary husbands who have had to get in the morning and evening supply, but at the same time I do not think that a written protest pasted on a pump is likely to mend matters. On the contrary, it is calculated to create unnecessary friction. However, I understand that there is now an ample supply of water, and that the pump handles have been released from duress vile. The question of the private pumps is doubtless a difficult one for the District Council. The pumps have been in use for years, and a privilege once granted cannot easily be taken away.

NELSON CENTENARY. 20th Oct. 1905

On Sunday last the Vicar in his sermons at the Parish Church at the morning and evening services made special reference to the life and work of the great Admiral, and particularly emphasised his devotion to duty. At both services the hymns were appropriate to the occasion, and at the end of Evensong the National Anthem was sung. One omission was observed. The Union Jack which usually flies proudly from the tower on great days was conspicuous by its absence.

THE PUMPS – A PROTEST. 20th Oct. 1905

We have received the following letter, to which we willingly give the publicity it deserves: - “The paragraph about the pumps at Swavesey in your paper last Friday in the ‘Round and About’ column amused me, but at the same time it was not fair. The writer objected to an aggrieved ratepayer posting a protest on one of the pumps, but I think, and so do others, that he was guilty of the same offence himself by writing what he did. I cannot myself see what difference there is between a notice stuck on a pump and a paragraph in a newspaper. Both said much about the same thing. I hope the Sanitary Inspector will lecture the newspaper writer in the same way as he did the unfortunate person who was supposed to have put up the notice. I liked the pump notice myself, for I believe it was written by a gentleman who knew

what he was talking about, and who has been put to a lot of inconvenience by the want of water. I dare say the Inspector did not care for it, as he thought he was doing his best. However let us hope there will be no more need for locking up the five public pumps, and that the people with private pumps (seventeen I think) will be careful with the water.”

COUNTY RATE AT SWAVESEY. 3rd Nov. 1905

The coming rate is causing consternation in the village, as over £600 will be required from the parish of Swavesey for the next half year. In this amount the sum of £263 is included for the County Rate, and ratepayers must expect a rate of at least 3s in the œ, a large increase on 1s 10p for last year. The demand is the largest ever made on the parish, and more than double the amount required before the County Council came into existence. If the great increase is on account of the cost of education, (people believe they are paying something like £300 a year for that purpose in Swavesey, whereas under the old management they paid nothing), the question arises upon what object the money is spent, as certainly nothing approaching that amount is contributed out of the rates for Swavesey national School.

GALON’S CHARITY. 10th Nov. 1905

At a meeting of the Feoffees of this Charity held in the National School on Thursday, 2nd instant, Mr. George Metcalfe was elected a feoffee in the place of Mr. Jethro Garner, deceased. Galon’s Charity was originated by Thomas Galon, of Wilburton, in the year 1528 (the 20th year of the reign of King Henry VIII), when he left certain land for the benefit of the parish of Swavesey. His will provided for certain matters of a distinctly Church character, from which it may be inferred that he intended the Charity to be for the benefit of Church people and to be administered by Church people. Under the auspices of the Charity Commissioners, however, Nonconformists have been admitted to its management and its benefits are distributed to persons irrespective of their religious belief. Would Thomas Galon, of Wilburton, of pious memory, if restored to life in this 20th century, agree to this?

PING PONG CLUB. 10th Nov. 1905

A meeting of the members of the Swavesey Ping Pong Club was held at the National School on the 2nd instant, Mr. S. W. Crisp, captain, presiding. It was resolved to continue operations this season, and Mr. Crisp was re-elected captain, and the Rev. A. C. Vidler president. Mrs. W. C. Cole was again appointed secretary and treasurer, the post she has held since the Club came

into existence, and in which she has shown conspicuous energy, and in fact the Club owes its prosperity to her work. The members will meet once a week at the School, and the first meeting was held on the 7th instant.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 17th Nov. 1905

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday morning at the St. Ives Workhouse, there being present: - Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), G. A. Thoday, W. J. Hemington, and the Rev. M. S. Kemmis.

The Treasurer's balance was stated to be £436 3s. 9d.

The correspondence between the Local Government Board and this Council, as to the appointment of Mr. Reynolds as Inspector of Nuisances, was further adjourned to get the opinion of the St. Ives Rural District Council on the point, who have elected the same person to that office.

Several small cheques were signed and ordered to be paid.

The Surveyor's report consisted of the usual formal items of accounts and the like.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. 17th Nov. 1905

The bells of the parish church rang merrily on the evening of the King's birthday.

COMPLAINTS FROM SWAVESEY. 17th Nov. 1905

Complaints reach me from Swavesey respecting a new roadway in the goods portion of Swavesey Station Yard. It appears that of late years traffic has greatly increased there, and to afford better accommodation for the loading and unloading of trucks the Great Eastern Railway Company recently pulled down a shed and made a new road by the side of the sidings by appropriating some garden land. The Company's intentions were doubtless truly excellent, but the result has fallen far short of perfection. Although there appears to be plenty of land available belonging to the Company, the road has not been made sufficiently wide to allow a cart to pass another when backed against a truck, and the condition of the roadway is said to be disgraceful. There are already ruts several inches deep, which get deeper every day. In short, it is an act of cruelty to take a heavily laden horse over the new road; and moreover, it is dangerous. It is to be hoped that the railway officials will do something without delay to put things right.

SUNDAY WORK AT SWAVESEY. 24th Nov. 1905

The following has reached me from Swavesey: "last Sunday some of us were surprised to find that certain persons had spent the whole of the morning

getting up their wurtzels in the Charity Allotments, in the Hale, Swavesey. Had it been a case of emergency we should not have minded so much, but, as far as we know, there can have been no such great hurry as to justify Sunday work. Our object in writing is to ask you to call attention to the matter, so that Sunday labour in the allotments may not become a custom.” Perhaps the feoffees can give the parties in question a hint.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th Nov. 1905

The members of the Swavesey Cricket Club held a successful social evening at the National School on Thursday of last week, Mr. H. S. Aldred (treasurer) presiding. Between 40 and 50 members and friends were present. An excellent programme of songs and instrumental music was provided by the Misses Goad and Scard, and Messrs. Sidney Beaumont, J. Gilby, Hills and Scard. Mr. Aldred recited. The refreshment department was admirably looked after by Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. H. Beaumont, Mrs. S. Beaumont, Mrs. Levell and the Misses Beaumont, Goad, Maud Key, Pattie Key, and Scard, to whom and to the Chairman hearty votes of thanks were accorded.

WEDDING. 24th Nov. 1905

On Sunday last, 19th instant, at St. Stephen's Church, Walthamstow, Mr. Albert Hepher, second son of Mr. Jesse Hepher, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Swavesey, was married to Miss Jessie Twist, the only daughter of Mr. William Twist, of Clarendon Road, Walthamstow, a native of Swavesey, and an owner of property in the parish. The bride, who was attired in a navy blue costume, and a white beaver hat, was accompanied by one bridesmaid – Miss Maud Goad – also gowned in blue. Mr. Walter Hepher (brother) acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, and subsequently the happy couple left for their home at Datchet. The wedding presents were numerous, and several congratulatory telegrams were also received.

A SWAVESEY SMOKER. 15th Dec. 1905

The first skirmishing shot of the election campaign was fired, so far as Swavesey is concerned, on Monday night at a very well-attended smoking concert organised by the Swavesey District Conservative Association, and held for the sake of greater accommodation in the National School. Mr. W. C. Cole, chairman of the Association, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. A. L. Edwards, of Ipswich, and Mr. J. S. French, Conservative Agent.

At the end of the first part of the programme the chairman introduced Mr. Edwards, who delivered a characteristic and forcible address. At the end of the concert the CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of confidence in Mr. Raymond Greene, which was carried by acclamation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Edwards, Mr. French and the performers.

Mr. FRENCH proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Concert Committee for their services, and in the course of a short speech dealt with various political matters. One point he mentioned of interest to the ratepayers of Swavesey was that the increase in the rates was due not to the Education Act, but to the extravagant way in which the Act was administered by the Country Council. Why, he asked, should a sixpenny rate be sufficient for education in the Isle of Ely, while the Radical Cambs. County Council required an elevenpenny rate.

(Long report)

SHEPHERDS' CLUB. 15th Dec. 1905

At the last "club night" of the year of the "Wheatsheaf" Lodge, Ancient Order of Shepherds, held at the White Horse Inn, on Thursday in last week, all old officers were re-elected for the forthcoming six months.

PAST YEAR IN THE PARISH. 29th Dec. 1905.

Amongst the few matters which have ruffled the even tenor of the villagers way have been the new assessment of the Parish, and the great increase in the rates owing, it is alleged to County Council extravagance. The abnormal increase has been discussed at meetings, and resolutions of protest have been passed. The formation of a Ratepayers Protection Associations has been mooted, but no concerted action has been taken. The general health of the village has been good. Several well-known parishioners have been removed by death, amongst whom may be mentioned, Mr Jethro Garner, Mr Jabez Garner, Mrs Vidler, Mrs Hannah Metcalfe, Miss Colkett, at the age of 91, Mrs Wolfenden, the centenarian, and during the present month Mr Alderman Warner, J.P. of St. Ives, who owns property and farmed in the parish. The alterations and improvements in the village have been neither numerous nor of striking importance. The accommodation in the goods yard at the railway station has been increased, but is still capable of further improvement. The debateable roadway by the Swan Pond has been taken under the protection of the District Council and repaired, and the Licensing Authority has determined to close three beer houses.

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED. 29th Dec. 1905.

Late on Christmas Day, Mr Benjamin Carter, the Joachim of Swavesey, lost an ancient and greatly valued violin between High Street and his residence in Middle Watch. How the instrument disappeared is mysteries which, at the time of writing even the dulcet tones of the village crier have failed to fathom.

FIRE. 29th Dec. 1905

At 11a.m. on Thursday, 21st December, volumes of smoke were seen issuing from a large barn on the farm premises of Messrs. Stanton Brothers, Middle Watch. (Ryders Farm). The barn contained upwards of eighty tons of chaff, and was dangerously situated, being surrounded by farm building and other property. On an alarm being raised willing assistance was promptly rendered, and the parish fire engine, accompanied by Captain Thurbon was quickly brought up, but owing to the nature of the fire was not used, though it remained on the spot until Christmas Day in case it should be need. Great difficulty was experienced in getting to the smouldering chaff, and again and again the fire broke out afresh. Under the able general ship of Mr Alfred Day, district councillor, the sound chaff was put into bags and removed, the smouldering being thrown on one side and quenched with water, but this work was continued throughout Thursday night, flames twice breaking out in a dangerous manner, and it was not until Christmas Day, when the barn had been emptied that all fear of danger was over. The fact that many of the thick beams and studs of the barn were nearly burned through will show how narrowly a serious fire was averted.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1905

The Christmastide services at the Parish Church have been bright and hearty, and have been well attended. The sacred building was simply but effectively decorated. The Vicar entertained his solitary parishioners at the Vicarage on Christmas evening.

PING-PONG CLUB SOCIAL. 5th Jan. 1906

The members of the Ping-Pong Club entertained their friends at a highly successful social evening on Thursday, December 28th. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a Committee of ladies, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Club, Mrs. W. C. Cole, and the large room at the National School, where the entertainment was held, was prettily decorated, an arrangement of fairy lamps being particularly effective. The programme consisted of songs, piano playing, a recitation and a humorous sketch. Various games suitable to the season of the year were also indulged in, and later in the evening the younger and more active danced. Prior to dispersing a

cordial vote of thanks to the Committee, proposed by Mr. Key, was adopted. Mr. S. W. Crisp, captain of the Club, briefly responded, and the evening was brought to a conclusion with the singing of "God Save the King."

CHOIR SUPPER. 12th Jan. 1906

On Thursday, 4th instant, Mrs. George long kindly entertained the Choirmen, Ringers, Churchwardens, and Sidesmen at supper at the National School. The Vicar presided. After supper there was music and a selection on the gramophone by Mr. Holloway of St. Ives. Before separating, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Long.

MISSIONARY TEA. 12th Jan. 1906

This annual event in connection with the Parish Church came off on Tuesday last, and was a great success, the attendance being larger than usual and the financial result better. An interesting lecture on Missionary work in New Zealand by the Rev. J. F. Teakle followed the tea and was much appreciated.

TUESDAY'S STORM. 19th Jan. 1906

A horse and cart laden with sheep troughs, etc., at Warner's farm were blown completely over during the storm. The contents of the cart were much broken, and it was necessary to cut the harness in order to liberate the fallen horse. A Large tree on Mr. Cole's property at Boxworth End, which had weathered Saturday's storm, was suddenly blown down on Tuesday.

GATHERING OF THE SHEPHERDS. 2nd Feb. 1906

The annual meeting of the delegates from the "Shepherds'" Lodges in the district was held at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Tuesday, 30th January. The delegates dined together, an excellent spread being supplied by the worthy host, Mr. A. Slater.

CRICKET CLUB. 2nd Feb. 1906

The annual general meeting of members of the Cricket Club took place in the National School on Monday evening, Mr. H. S. Aldred presiding. Officers for the ensuing season were appointed, but their names cannot be announced at present, as it is not known whether all have accepted office. Much new blood has been introduced into the Committee. Mr. H. Beaumont, junior, is the new secretary.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd Feb. 1906

The Parish Council met on Tuesday last, Rev. A. C. Vidler, chairman, presiding, and filled the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Jethro Garner. The Chairman gave the casting vote for Mr. John Gilby, who was declared duly elected. The question of the village green was considered, and it was decided to call a Parish meeting in about a week's time.

CRICKET CLUB. 9th Feb. 1906

Messrs. W. H. Key, A. Hiner, and Sidney Prime were elected at the recent meeting of the Cricket Club to the offices of treasurer, captain and vice-captain, respectively, and have declined to serve.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 9th Feb. 1906

The Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar and chairman of the Board of Managers, attended at the National School on Thursday afternoon, 8th instant, and presented medals given by the County Education Committee for good attendance to the following scholars: - Berry Dodson, Frank Hephher, Grace Hephher, Frank Prior, Arthur Beaumont, Alfred Hephher, Walter Metcalf, William Metcalf, and Clara Thorp, the last five belong to the Infant School. Denis Williams, already in possession of a medal, was given a bar. Messrs. W. H. Key, H. S. Aldred, and Robinson Mitham, managers, were present, and the parents of some of the children also attended.

CRICKET CLUB. 23rd Feb. 1906

A further meeting of the members of the cricket club was held at the National School on Monday evening, Mr. H. S. Aldred presiding, to elect officers for next season, several of those appointed at the first meeting having declined to serve. Mr. Edward Warboys was chosen as captain, Mr. S. J. Froment vice-captain, and Mr. W. P. Wimpres treasurer. All accepted office.

SWAVESEY RECREATION GROUND. 23rd Feb. 1906

A parish meeting was called by the Parish Council on Thursday of last week to consider a proposal from the solicitors of the lord of the manor with regard to the recreation ground of the parish. The proposal consisted of an offer on the part of the lord of the manor to hand over his holding in the recreation ground to the Parish Council for a consideration of £100.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. C. Vidler (chairman of the Parish Council), who had formed the opinion that practically it would be advisable for the Parish Council to make a counter-proposal of £60 to the lord of the manor for the settlement of the dispute, and that he was prepared to make this proposal to the Parish Council at their next meeting.

An animated debate ensued and in the end a counter-proposal was made by Mr. EBENEZER PARISH that no compromise in the matter should be offered by the Parish Council and that the Charity Commissioners should be asked to carry the matter forward to a legal issue. The resolution having been proposed by Mr. Parish and seconded by Mr. George Brooks, the Chairman moved his own proposal as an amendment.

This was seconded by Mr. Beaumont, but being put to the meeting was lost. Mr. Parish's proposal was then put, and carried by a large majority.

It is understood that the matter was brought before the Parish Council at their meeting last night.

(long report)

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Feb. 1906

The Swavesey Parish Council met on Thursday 22nd February. After the minutes of the last meeting had been adopted, some conversation, in which Mr. Jethro Linford took the leading part, ensued respecting the charges made for the attendance of the fire engine at the recent fire in the village.

The Chairman then reported concerning the recreation ground, stating that the Charity Commissioners advised the Parish Council to compromise the dispute with the lord of the manor, and that the recent resolution at the parish meeting could be ignored.

Protests were made about the meeting being ignored and also objections were made to any compromise whatsoever. It was also suggested that it would be cheaper to buy a fresh piece of land for a recreation ground, but the Chairman pointed out that it would not be possible to get land in any suitable position for anything like the sum it was proposed to offer to the lord of the manor, and in this view was supported by other Councillors.

A proposal was made that the resolution passed at the parish meeting, i.e., to fight the matter out, in the law courts if necessary, be acted upon. This was seconded. An amendment was moved and seconded adopting the principle of the compromise recommended by the Charity Commissioners, i.e., to acquire for a consideration all the rights of the lord of the manor to the ground. The amendment was rejected by four votes to three.

(Long report)

STAG HUNT. 2nd Mar 1906.

The University Drag Hounds met at Mr Cole's farm, Boxworth End, by permission of Mr A. Day, on Monday last to 'hunt a stag'. Such an animal not having been seen in Swavesey in the memory of man, the villagers turned up in strong force, and the school children had an object lesson in natural history. The 'stag' however, proved to be a lady, and the absence of antlers gave rise to many theories. There was a fair-sized field, including Lord Windsor (master) and Mr Buxton (whip) and of course, the huntsman (Mr Leete). Amongst local people who followed were observed the Rev.A.Kirke Smith, Miss Kirke Smith, and Mrs E.H.Thornhill. (Boxworth) Mrs Ellis Long,(Lolworth), Mr Francis, Mr E.Frohock, Mr C.Townsend, (Longstanton), while Mr Philip Spring was the sole Swavesey representative. On being uncartered in a field opposite the Red Lion, the 'stag' went off at once at a good pace, heading towards Soldier's Drift, and crossing the Huntingdon Road it made its way towards Boxworth, but before reaching the village turned to the left in the direction of Lolworth. Thence it made for Oakington and Girton crossing where it crossed the railway and took refuge in water. Then on towards Cottenham, and turning back towards Histon came to grief in taking a fence and being badly hurt was at once killed.

PARISH MEETING 4 Mar. 1906

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the National School on Thursday evening, 26 April, the Rev A.C. Vidler presiding. The accounts of the Parish Council, Charites, and Overseers wer presented, and some discussion ensued. Mr Ebenezer Parish drew attention to the notices calling Parish Meetings, which have been in manuscript, and suggested that printed skeleton bills should in future be use. The Clerk, (Robinson Mitham) gave a pathetic account of the difficulty he usually experienced in posting notices on the doors of the Particular Baptist Chapel and the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The gates of both of these places of worship are invariably kept locked, except during and for a short period preceding, service time,and when cleaning operations are in progress, and to gain access he has to climb over railings, a feat attended with danger to body and his clothing. The Chairman was horrified at the possibility of the Clerk being caught in the act of scaling a fence by a zealous policeman.

DEATH OF MRS FLETCHER. 9 March 1906

To the great regret of he family and the many friends to whom she had endeared herself by her cheery kindly character, Mrs Jane Arthur Fletcher died on the 26th February at the residence of her son-in law, Mr John Gilby,

Church End Swavesey. Mrs Fletcher, who had been a widow for half a century, was a native of Devonshire, but had lived nearly the whole of her long life in London. In 1897 she removed to Swavesey with her daughter and son-in-law. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon in Swavesey Churchyard, the vicar officiating, and many relatives and sympathising friends attended, Mr Robinson Mitham was the undertaker.

RATS. 9 March 1906.

Mr Ephraim Stocker set a rat trap the other night at Friezland Farm. Next morning on examining the trap he found he had caught eighteen rats, of all ages and various sizes.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY. 9 Mar 1906

A fortnight ago I mentioned in this column that there were fifteen octogenarians in the parish of Over, and I expressed the opinion that this must constitute a record. Information has since reached me that the neighbouring village of Swavesey can "go one better", as there are nineteen octogenarians, viz., ten males and nine females. During the past twelve months on centenarian, two nonagenarians, and two octogenarians have died, or the record would have been still more remarkable. As the population at Swavesey at the 1901 census was only 39 more than that of Over, viz. 899, against 860, I think we must award the palm for longevity to Swavesey.

CO-INCIDENCES. 9 Mar. 1906

On Monday, February, two old ladies died in Swavesey within one hour of each other. Although not related to each other, the son-in-law of one lady was the nephew of the other, and the elder died in the house in which the younger had lived until recently. On the same day three children were born in the parish. I venture to think this is a striking instance of the truth of Tennyson's well known lines :-

"Every moment dies a man;
Every moment one is born."

FAREWELL TO PUBLIC HOUSES. 16th March 1906.

Last year the Licensing Authority decided to close three beer houses in Swavesey. At two of these houses no beer has been drawn for several weeks, and on Monday the property was put up for auction and was purchased by Swavesey tradesmen. The Bird in Hand and the Railway Inn, with cottage adjoining, were knocked down to Mr S.W.Crisp, while Mr W.H.Key secured a plot of land adjoining his property, Topleys Cottage.

SNOW. 16th March 1906.

Snow fell during the early hours of Tuesday morning to the depth of three or four inches. The County Council snow plough was promptly brought into use, and cleared the main roads. By Wednesday much of the snow had gone.

SWAVESEY RECREATION GROUND. 23 March 1906

At the risk of wearying some of my readers I return to the question of the Swavesey Recreation Ground. Two points have been brought to my notice, viz :- 1, Notwithstanding the importance of the subject at the parish meeting a snap resolution in favour of fighting the matter to a legal issue was carried, was not representative of the ratepayers. As it was not intended that the meeting should come to any decision pending a further meeting of the Parish Council, no steps were taken to secure the attendance of supporters of the proposal to compromise with the Lord of the Manor. The opponents of the proposal, however, quietly whipped up every man possible and forced the resolution through. Almost every ratepayer of consequence was absent. (2) At the next Parish Council meeting two councillors, believed to be in favour of the compromise, or at any rate opposed to "going to law" did not vote, one because he was absent, and the other for reason known to himself. It seems hardly right that the parish should be saddled with heavy expenditure before the real feeling of the whole, not merely a section - of the ratepayers has been ascertained. Important parochial questions should not be decided by resolutions rushed through without notice and at the behest of political party managers. Some of the stories in circulation in the village concerning the recreation ground at the time of the parish meeting were less remarkable for their truthfulness than for their resourcefulness of invention.

A CARPENTER'S TIMEKEEPER. 23 March 1906

"Necessity is the mother of invention" is an old saying and a true one. At least I thought so the other day when I saw a middle aged carpenter of my acquaintance at work in some farm buildings with a round American clock at his side. He told me his watch had gone wrong, so he carried his clock about with him instead. I forgot to notice whether the alarm was set to go off at "allowance" time, but doubtless so resourceful a "tradesman" would not neglect such an important aid to memory as this.

WORK FOR THE VILLAGE HAMPDEMS, 23 March 1906

There is a matter which the "Village Hampdens" of Swavesey might take in hand instead of quixotically tilting at a haystack in the shape of the Lord of the

Manor. The property left to the parish of Swavesey, by the late Mr George Long, is in a disgraceful condition. Buildings, originally stood on that portion of the property fronting on the High Street, but were burned down some years ago. With the salvaged bricks a kind of wall has been erected, the bricks being put loosely together, and behind this wall is a wilderness in which horses, etc, are placed. There are also some tumbledown buildings. It together, the place is a scene of desolation and untidiness. Stranger passing along High Street occasionally wonder if the enclosure is the Parish Pound. Why do not the "Village Hampdens" insist on the Parish Council acting on the principle they adopt in regard to the Recreation Ground, viz, spend the surplus profits from the property on its improvements?. I wonder whether they have noticed that the ancient fence in Wallman's Lane is like the walls of Jericho after Joshua's trumpets sounded. - flat on the ground. While surveying this fence they might find, unless deprived by colds of their sense of smell, material for a resolution requesting the sanitary authority to abate a nuisance cause by a malodorous open drain.

SWAVESEY BATHING PLACE. 23 March 1906

A correspondent suggests another matter which the Swavesey Parish Councillors might take in hand for the benefit of the constituents. It seems the bathing place in the Ouse is not satisfactory. Where adults bathe there is a diving board provided by some of the bathers themselves, but it is susceptible of considerable improvement, and the weeds in the river not only interfere with swimming and diving, but constitute an element of danger. Something might also be done to improve the smaller boys bathing place. I have much pleasure, therefore in commending my correspondent's suggestion that the Parish Council should take over the care and control of the bathing place to the earnest attention of the Swavesey "Village Fathers". .

THE WEATHER. 30th March 1906.

The 21st of this month should, according to the calendar, be the first day of spring and of spring - beautiful, vernal spring, - poets and such like imaginative persons have written all kinds of nice things. It would be interesting to know what a poet would, or could, say of the weather we have been enjoying since spring came in this year. Snow, hail, and rain day after day, with fitful gleams of sunshine now and again just to keep us from losing heart altogether. The season seems to want re-arranging, or future editions of poems dealing with the delights of spring will have to be furnished with explanatory notes. Cottagers cannot get on with their gardening, and a longing and praying for fair and settled weather. I hope, however, their prayers are a

little less selfish than the prayers a Swavesey Primitive Methodist used to offer up in meetings some years ago:-

“Good Lord preserve my kidney beans,
And keep them from the fly,
That I may have kidney beans to sell,
When others have to buy.”

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VESTRY MEETING. 27 April 1906

Protest against Education Bill. - The Easter Vestry Meeting was held under the tower of the Parish Church of St Andrew on Thursday evening, 19 April, the Rev A.C. Vidler presiding. After prayers had been said, the Vicar gracefully thanked Mr W.H.Key for his invaluable services to the Church, the parish, and himself, for many years past, and again nominated him as warden, and on the proposal of Mr Key, seconded by Mr W.Cain, Mr J.Wells was re-elected people's warden. Messrs W.Cain, J.Dodson, George Metcalf, Philip Metcalf, William T.Thorp and Mr Walter Thorp, in place of the late Mr Jethro Garner, were chosen as sidesmen. The Vicar addressed the Vestry at some length on the subject of the Education Bill now before Parliament, dealing with the proposed alienation of trust property, the abolition of definite religious teaching and the position of the Church of England teachers who under the bill would be prohibited from giving religious instruction. Mr Key moved the following resolution. :- “That this Vestry considers the Education Bill now before Parliament as it stands at present, demands the uncompromising opposition of all Churchmen, because it violates principles of religious liberty, and proposes to give the sanction of law to alienation of trust property”. Mr Wells seconded. After some remarks by Mr George Metcalf, Mr Walter Thorp, and others the resolution was carried unanimously, and it was decided that copies should be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr Birrell,(president of the Board of Education), Mr A.J.Balfour, and the Bishop of Ely. The Church accounts were presented and passed.

A CORRECTION' 27 April 1906

The anthem sung on Easter Day at the Parish Church, and repeated on Low Sunday, was composed by the late Sir George Elvey, once organist at St George's Windsor, and not Sir John Goss as stated in our last issue

WEDDING. 27 April 1906

On Tuesday morning a pretty wedding took place at Swavesey Parish Church, When Edgar Cole, of Spike Hall, Weston Colville, fourth son of the late Mr Silas Cole, of Weston Colville, Was married to Ada Jane Metcalfe, elder daughter of Mr Alfred Metcalfe, of Market Street, Swavesey. The Ceremony was performed by the Rev. A.C.Vidler, vicar. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr Philip Metcalfe, in the regrsttable absence through illness of he father, was charmingly attired in a gown of cream alpaca. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids the Misses Bertha Metcalfe (sister) Clara William, and Rhoda Easton, also wore gold brooches, presented by the bridegroom. Mr Preston Cole (brother) acted as best man. On their return from the Church the wedding party were entertained at Mr Philip Metcalfe's in Market Street. The presents were numerous and useful. The happy couple left Swavesey Station for the honeymoon at Royston by the 6.15 p.m. train amidst showers of rice and confetti thrown on them by a crowd of well-wishers. Mr Edgar Cole is gamekeeper to Mr Foster.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27 April 1906.

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, the following members attending :- Rev.A.C. Vidler, (chairman) Messrs. W.H. Key, (vice chairman) Jethro Linford, George Metcalfe, Robert Norman, J.Wells, and W.P.Wimpres. The Rev. A.C.Vidler was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, on the proposal of Mr Linford, seconded by Mr Wells. Mr Key was again chosen as vice-chairman. Messrs Herbert Wilderspin and J.Dodson were appointed overseers, and Mr Parker of Capital and Counties Bank treasurer, in place of the late Mr Foster. It was decided that Mr Robinson Mitham should repair the fence to the Council property in Wallman's Lane. Mr Norman reported respecting the interview with Mr Stanton in regard to the disputed charge for the attendance of the parish fire engine at the recent fire. The Council resolved that the clerk should write to Messrs Stanton pressing for immediate payment, and, failing a satisfactory reply, the Fire Engine Committee were instructed to give formal notice that if the claim was not settled within seven days legal proceeding would be at once taken to enforce payment. There was some discussion as to the formation of a village fire brigade.

CRICKET. 27 April 1906

Swavesey v Over. This match was played at Swavesey on Tuesday last and the resulted in a win for Over by 25 runs on the first innings.

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SWAVESEY FEAST. 9th May 1906

THE SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Owners and Occupiers of Booths and Vans attending the above Feast MUST NOT erect their Booths or Place their Vans so as to Obstruct the free use of the highway; neither must they enter the village or take up any position beside the Highway until after Eight o'clock p.m. on Sunday, the 27th instant. THOMAS JOHNSON. Surveyor. 9th May 1906.

DEATH OF MR ALFRED METCALFE. 18th May 1906

We regret to announce the death, after a illness of some duration, of Mr Alfred Metcalfe, thatcher, of Market Street, Swavesey, who was 62 years of age, belonging to a well known Swavesey family, being the youngest son of the late Mr John Metcalfe, His eldest brother, who is within a few days of his 85th birthday, is lying very seriously ill at his residence in the village. The late Mr Metcalfe leaves a widow, two daughters, and a little son to mourn their loss.

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WEDDING 22 June 1906

In the presence Of a large congregation Miss Maud Goad, eldest daughter Mr James Goad of Swavesey, was married on Tuesday afternoon at Bethel Baptist Chapel to Mr Walter James Hephher, third son of Mr Jesse Hephher, registrar of birth and deaths, Swavesey. The bride, Who was given away by her father, was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister Miss Nance Goad, who was tastefully attired in a gown of cream colienne with hat to match. She carried a bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid's dress was of cream alpaca, and her bouquet was also the bridegroom's gift. Mr Wilfred Hephher acted as best man. The Rev. H.T.N. Ussher, pastor, officiated, and delivered a short and appropriate address. As the happy pair left the chapel, Mr E. Papworth, of Oakington, played the "Wedding March". During the afternoon the wedding party were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, and the newly married couple left Swavesey for London by the 6.15 p.m. train. The presents were both numerous and useful, and in the course of the day many congratulatory telegrams were received from well-wishers in all parts of the country. amongst the guests were Mr and Miss Bennett of Cambridge

(aunt and cousin of the bride) Mr & Mrs Potter, Chesterton, the Misses Hephher, Haddenham, Mr & Mrs Twist, Walthamstow, Mr & Mrs Albert Hephher, Datchet, Mr & Mrs T. Jacobs, Stretham, Mr Russell Wright, Boxworth, and a host of friends and relations in the village.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 22 Jun 1906

In the List issued on Saturday last of those undergraduates who gained honours in the Classical Tripos Examination the name of Mr Percy J. Beaumont appears in the first division of the third class. Mr Beaumont is the eldest son of Mr Henry Beaumont, who has for many years been greatly respected master of Swavesey National School. Percy was educated at that school and subsequently entered St Mark's Training College for schoolmasters, Chelsea, London. Leaving there after a creditable career, he obtained an appointment at a school in Kent, but wishing to be nearer home soon removed to St Luke's Chesterton. The desire to prove himself capable of greater things was too strong for him to remain there, and three years ago he entered the University of Cambridge as a non-collegiate student. Mr Beaumont who had no classical training, took his degree on Tuesday.

AN EYESORE REMOVED. 22nd June 1906.

The old dilapidated barn for so long has been an eyesore to people passing through the village of Swavesey from the Huntingdon Road has at length disappeared, or at least two thirds of it have been taken down and the remainder is being turned into a cart shed. The barn was erected upwards of 150 years ago, when strength and solidity were the greatest consideration, and many of its massive timbers are still sound. On one of the large beams which support the roof the initials J.M. were discovered and as they were upside down must have been cut before the beam was put into position. It is believed that the barn was erected by the great-great-grandfather of Robinson Mitham, who carries on the long established business of carpenter and builder in Swavesey. In cleaning up the old place, which has recently change tenants, many strange odds and ends have been found amongst the rubbish, including numerous hats of all shapes and styles. A Parish Councillor, assisting in the work, dug a hold on the site of the barn partly to bury unconsidered trifles such as superannuated pots, etc., and partly to make a solid foundation for a roadway, and he was promptly accused by some people of digging for treasure - not a brass farthing was found - or of making a grave for himself or the occupier.

Farewell to the Baptist Pastor. 3rd August 1906.

The Rev H J N Ussher, who has been Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Chapel for the past two & half years as bade farewell to his flock. On Thursday in last week a tea was held in the chapel at which 170 persons were present. A public meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr Yeadon, and St Ives, who was supported by Rev J.E. Barton, late of Middlesborough, H.G. Stambridge, Willingham, and J Hines, and Messrs Arthur Norman and Jabez Day, deacons. And illuminated address from the attendance at the Tuesday evening prayer meeting was presented by Mr Day, and Mr Ussher in reply on behalf of Mrs Ussher and himself was visibly affected. The evening service on Sunday was especially well attended, many people bringing presents from other villages, and Mr Ussher preached his farewell sermon, -an earnest and practical address - from the well-known text "Finally a brethern and farewell". Mr and Mrs Ussher will be missed. Many Swavesey people can tell of acts of kindness to those in sickness and distress. Not content with rendering and spiritual consolation, Mr Ussher, who is understood to have had medical training, saved many a doctor's bill by healing bodily ailments. Mrs Asher can also carry away the knowledge that she will be remembered in the village with grateful feeling. Her methods, due doubtless to her American origin, were not always appreciated, but of her kindness of heart there was no doubt.

BULL KILLED ON RAILWAY. 3rd Aug. 1906

Mr Alfred Day of Swavesey, has had the misfortune to have his large bull, an animal of value to its owner, but not beloved in the Parish. On Tuesday morning it was being removed from the Fen between the railway and the river where it had been some time, and with two cows was being driven over the line at Mow Fen crossing. The cows went over without difficult, but the bull preferred to explore the railway track, and, notwithstanding the efforts of Messrs. A. Aintree and Sam King and a youth named Savage, bolted in the direction of St Ives. For about a quarter of an hour the wild animal defied his guardians. Permanent-way men working in sight, but at a distance, ran up to help, but before they could do anything the up passenger train leaving St Ives at 8 a.m. came along. The bull regarding the train as an enemy, and charged the engine, with the result disastrous to itself, as was prophesied by George Stephenson. The carcass was carried 220 yards before the train was pulled up near the up signal, and the engine had to be detached in order to clear the mangled remains from the works. One cylinder was found to be broken and other damage done to the engine. A down goods train was passing at the time, and the engine driver, stoker and guard assisted the officials of the passenger train in the works of clearance, and seeing something was wrong, the Swavesey Stationmaster, (Mr W.Perry) two porters, and Mr C.W.Hines ran

from the station to render what help they could. The passenger train was therefore only ten minutes late in reaching Swavesey. In March last the bull gored and killed a horse belonging to Mr Day.

Bank Holiday. 10th August 1906.

Visitors to Swavesey have been more numerous than ever this year and the trains on Saturday landed unusual numbers from London and elsewhere. On Monday however the village seemed deserted, the holidaymakers spending their time by or on the river, whilst many went to the Mammoth Show at Cambridge, some 60 tickets for Cambridge being issued at the station. The workers were busily engaged from early morn until late evening in the harvest field.

ANCIENT CHARITY ACCOUNTS. 10th Aug. 1906.

The oldest account book in existence of Galon's Charity, Swavesey, contains some quaint entries. The Charity consists mainly of land left by Thomas Galon, who flourished in the reign of King Henry VIII., and produces now about £79 a year. Fifty years or so ago it yielded about £128 a year. The book shows how the education of the people has advanced, for many of the ancient feoffees were unable to write, and had to affix their marks. On a fly sheet at the beginning of the book appear these entries:- "This book was brought January 1735. followed by "This book rebound December 21, 1783. Recd of James Wragg, Four shillings for Binding this Book. T.Gee."

The binding is of parchment, and as the book was in use for very many years after 1793, and the cover is sound today, it must be admitted that T.Gee did his work well. Another entry reads,

"April ye 13th 1737. Paid for John Walker ye sum of two pounds ten shillings a poor man in great want and being very much afflicted in his body. £2 10s."

A receipt fastened to a page and dated January 19 1819. is for Inoculation of ye Poor, No 238. £10. Paid Robt Ellis of Willingham. An old Directory I have been looking through gives some particulars which may be of interest to Swavesey readers. The population of the Parish in 1801 was 831. A century later, in 1901 it was 899; in 1831, 1115. and in 1841 1273. In 1851, the amount of assessed property was £2,940. At the present time the rateable value is £6,958, the assessment of the railway buildings and houses alone amounting to £3,114.

THE SCHOOL CLOCK. 17th August 1906.

An old proverb tell us "that when the cat's away the mice will play". and acting on that principle the clock outside Swavesey National School has been

having a very happy time, “all on its own” since the harvest holidays begun. It snapped its fingers, figuratively speaking, at schoolmaster, managers, and Education Authority, and has been thoroughly “on the loose”, and, considering that it is about sixty years of age, has been setting a terribly bad example to the children on whom during school days it looks down so demurely. The clock has been striking one hour behind time - for instance, one o’clock has been announced by twelve strokes on the bell. The minute hand has proceeded on its way round the dial with commendable regularity. but the hour hand has gone in fits and starts at very irregular and sometimes very lengthy intervals. At 11.30 on Monday morning the hour hand stood halfway between six and seven. The clock is often called the Town Clock; and as it is in the middle of the village, while the clock on the Church tower is at the extreme end of the long village, accuracy is of importance to the villagers, and its erratic behaviour has doubtless caused inconvenience and annoyance. On the other hand, its wayward conduct has given occasion for a laugh, and has been a change from such well-worn topics of conversation as the weather, crops, and prospects of rain, and so has been a blessing in disguise. Over Church clock on Monday was six or seven minutes slow. No wonder, therefore, people have had difficulty in catching trains. .

APPEARANCES ARE DECEPTIVE. 30 Aug 1906

An unusual crowd of visiors went to Swavesey station one morning last week to bid farwell to a well-known inhabitant. Owing to circumstances into which it is needless to enter, ther was no time for the male portion of the crowd to put on their coats, nor for the representatives of the fair sex to don their head gear or their walking-out frocks. The send-off was hearty. The animated scene puzzled two gentlemen who were seated in the train, but at last a happy thought struck one of them. “This must be Histon” he said to his companion, “and these are the Factory girls!”

CRICKET. 30 Aug 1906.

I have recieved the following letter:- “Dear Sir - Being the Swavesey farmer referred to by you last week as having played and lost a game of cricket at Over, I write to say that I shall be gald if Mr Tom Hawkes, or Mr Bob Dines, or any other Over man will cometo Swavesey and have another game, I was not in my true form at Over, and more than that I do not think the umpire knew his business or he wouldf not have given me out simply for being hit by the ball - Yours truly, H. Wilderspin.

ALL SAINTS ARTHURIANS. ST IVES 30 Aug. 1906.

This match was played at St Ives on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by 48 runs. The home club was represented by a much stronger eleven than that defeated at Swavesey a month ago, but notwithstanding this Swavesey managed to score a creditable victory. Froment and Scard shared the bowling, and did well, the former taking his 50th wicket of the season during the game. The Swavesey fielding was excellent.

Scores Swavesey, 40 and 74 runs. St Ives, 31 and 35 runs.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 3rd Sept. 1906.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Tuesday, at which there were present :- Rev A.C. Vidler (chairman) Messrs. W.H.Key, (vice chairman) J.Gilby, Jethro Linford, G.Metcalf, S.Prime, J.Wells, W.P.Wimpress, and Robinson Mitham, (clerk)

Street Lighting. The first business was the lighting of the street lamps during the winter months. Only one tender had been received, viz., from Mr George Clarke, whose price was £23. A long discussion ensued, several Councillors complaining that the amount had risen within a few years from £19 to £23, notwithstanding that there had been no increase in the number of lamps: but eventually it being a case of Hobson's choice. Mr Clarke's tender was accepted. It transpired that the cost of lighting for last year including payments to contractor's insurance of the lamps, repairs and storage, was £25 7s 6d.

Messrs. Stanton's fire, The fire on Messrs. Stanton & Sons premises last December again came under consideration. It will be remembered that although the parish fire engine was not used, it was retained on the scene of the fire for four days at the request of Messrs. Stanton, there being imminent risk.

A CURIOSITY. 7 Sept 1906

Mr Arthur Froment, of High Street, has this week dug out of his garden a medium - sized potato, in which was firmly clasped a horse's tusk tooth.

AMENITIES OF SPORTSMEN 7 Sept 1906

On the morning of the 1st two ardent Swavesey sportsmen carrying guns were walking on a highway in the parish. Another sportman came along in a trap and demanded to see the licence of one of the pedestrians, who promptly refused to comply, and asked the amateur Excise Officer why he wanted to see the document. The reply was ladylike - he merely wished to see the "certificate"

With such jealous watchdogs of the public purse about, the Board of Inland Revenue will be able to effect economies by reducing its staff.

CAR ENTIRELY DESTROYED, 14 Sept 1906.

On Monday afternoon, about one o'clock, a serious motor-car accident happened on the Huntingdon Road. Two tumbril carts, laden with barley, were being taken out of a field, tenanted by Mr John Scambler of Conington. Seeing a motor car approaching from Fenstanton, the man and boy in charge of the carts drew them up by the side of the road. The car passed the first cart safely, but swerved in towards the second. The front off wheel struck the iron near wheel of the cart, and smashed it, and broke both shafts. Then the car, its front off wheel also smashed, turned abruptly to the left in front of the horse, and, passing under the telegraph wires crossed the grass, dashed through the hedge, taking a portion with it. It continued its mad career for some eighteen yards into the field occupied by Mr Watts of Fen Drayton. Its occupants had all been thrown out, one gentleman being flung 50 feet, another 40 feet, whilst the third and the chauffeur, who were injured the most, were hurled shorter distances. Fortunately, both horses were kept under control and the cart wheel rolled harmlessly across the road into the opposite ditch. The cart was not upset. Dense clouds of black smoke immediately rose from the petrol in the tanks of the motor. The chauffeur staggered to his feet, but it was seen at once that he had sustained serious injury. One passenger was badly cut about the head and another's face bore traces of many scratches. Mr William Crisp and the Rev, E. Short of Swavesey who were in a light cart and had been passed by the motor just before the accident, drove up, and were asked to take the chauffeur to Cambridge, but, unfortunately, were unable to do so. A good Samaritan, in the person of Mr Philip Papworth of Oakington, soon came on the scene. and he at once drove the injured man to Addenbrooke's Hospital. where he was detained, Everything belonging to the car capable of being burned - (the coil with its polished wooden case and the uninjured front wheel alone excepted) - was soon destroyed, and about 23yards of hedge with the surrounding grass was also burned. During the afternoon and evening crowds of people visited the spot. The accident is ascribed to the car bumping over a sudden rise and fall in the road. (the report continues) .

THE GROOM'S CONSTITUTION. 14 Sept 1906

A gentleman residing in the county wanted a somewhat disagreeable job done the other day which he thought his gardener and groom might manage. when the subject was broached to the groom he demurred and assured his master that the work would not suit his constitution, "Won't it?" said the Master sympathetically, " No Sir" replied the man. "my constitution is very weak".

“Perhaps” went on the gentleman, “you think you’re going to get nothing for the job, but I intend to give you five shillings each and half a bottle of whisky between you. Will that help your constitution?. “That’ll go a long way towards it” said the groom. The work has been done to the satisfaction of all parties, and the groom’s constitution so far does not seem to have suffered.

GAP

STATISTICS. 28 Sept 1906

An ancient contributor of local items to the “Express” writes to me from Swavesey respecting a favourite thrush that he has had in a cage for eight years. A few days ago he noticed that there was something wrong with the bird. It seemed to have had a sort of stroke, as its head was twisted to one side, For a short time it rallied, but three days later it had another attack, and died in a few minutes. The bird was a beautiful songster, and had many friends. An aged lady living next door regarded it as a companion, and would often talk to it as a child. People in the street would stop and wonder where the beautiful and unseen bird could be, and even the mail cart driver as he drove by morning and night would listen to its tuneful note, and often ask after its welfare. On Sunday morning at 8 o’clock the old favourite was buried, and no longer are the dwellers in the High Street charmed with its sweet music. My correspondent is a statistician. Casting sorrows aside he has furnished me with the following particulars. In the day time the cage and its feathered prisoner was hung up in the open air, at night they were taken a distance of 13yards and placed under cover. During the eight years of its life he computes that the distance the bird has been carried from its day to its night abode and vice - versa to be 43miles. The cage - a home-made article weighted exactly 13 lbs. and the total weight carried during the eight years was over 33 tons.

ROUGH ON AUNTIE. 5 Oct 1906

I heard the other day a good story of a little girl four years of age. Her Aunt was suffering from toothache, and to relieve the pain had taken out her mouth two or three artificial teeth, and was holding them in her hand. The little niece, seeing her aunt looking miserable, enquired whether her head was aching, “No dear” was the reply, “ my teeth are aching”. After pondering for a moment or two the child asked, “Which teeth, Auntie; those in your head or those in your hand ?”

ENTERPRISE. 5th Oct. 1906

One of the Swavesey coal merchants has now his own railway trucks. Within the last few days a newly painted coal waggon was to be seen in the siding at the station bearing the inscription in large letters, "James Wells, No 1. Swavesey, G.E.R."

SCHOOL TREAT AND ENTERTAINMENT. 5th Oct 1906.

On Wednesday afternoon in the last week the children attending the Sunday School attached to the Parish Church had their annual treat, which had been postponed owing to an outbreak of measles. Assembling at the National School, at 2pm they marched around with cups and mugs to the Church, where a short service was held, after which they adjourned to the grounds of the Vicarage and played game, ran races, and had a bountiful tea. During the afternoon the parents of the children, Church workers, members of the Girls Friendly Society, and aged parishioners were also entertained. The veterans of both sexes ran, or rather walked, races, and created great amusement. Three old men competed in one contest, each carrying an apple in a spoon. An active veteran of eighty odd came first, but was disqualified as he dropped his apple, and first place was awarded to an old gentleman, who, having to use two sticks, had to hold his spoon in his mouth; the third competitor, a cheery old gentleman bent nearly double, was close behind. The other race was between three elderly ladies, also carrying apples in spoons. As all competitors were awarded prizes, everyone was satisfied. After dusk, Mr Walter Thorp essayed to send up two balloons, much to the delight of the youngsters. One Balloon sailed gallantly away, but the other unfortunately got alight and speedily came to grief. Before the proceedings terminated hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Vidler and to the many willing workers were carried. "God Save the King" was then sung, the children cheered again and again, their hurrahs echoing all over the village, and the company dispersed.

BREAKDOWN 5th Oct. 1906

On Wednesday, 26th ultimo, the engine drawing the down Midland train due out of Cambridge at 8.55 a.m. broke down near Swavesey signal box. Another engine was speedily obtained, and the damaged engine had to be dragged, into a siding before the train could proceed. The up Midland train, due at Swavesey at 9.49 a.m. was delayed about half-an-hour in consequence of the mishap.

HARVET FESTIVAL 12 Oct 1906

The harvest festival at Bethel Chapel took place on Thursday evening. In the afternoon a tea was held at which a good number were present. The following ladies presided at the tables, Mesdames Carter, Aldred, Godfrey,

Wimpress, Brand, and Miss Start. The Chapel was prettily decorated with corn, rushes, and various kinds of flowers. The Rev. Collins, pastor of Bluntisham was the preacher. The collection, which amounted to £3 17s 6d., went to augment the funds of Addenbrooke's Hospital,

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 12 Oct 1906

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 am. and Evensong - the popular service was sung. The service, which was taken by the Vicar, was bright and hearty: and the choir, from whom it was noticed some old faces were absent, did right well. The anthem was Barnby's "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works". The Rev Walter R. Gardner, curate in charge of Holywell, preached an excellent sermon. Although not as extensive as in some years, the decorations were effective and in good taste, and reflected great credit on Miss Vidler, Mrs George Long, Mrs Bridgeman, Miss Pook, Miss Key, Miss Daisley, and Miss Ethel Garner, who form the devoted band of ladies who usually undertake the work, particularly as they were crippled this year by reason of a limited supply of flowers, fruit, etc. the result of the exceptionally dry and hot season. On Thursday evening there was a thanksgiving service at the Mission Church, when the Vicar preached. The festival services were continued on Sunday at the Parish Church, and at the Mission Church the children had their annual flower service during the afternoon. The offerings of fruit, vegetables, etc., at the Parish Church have, as usual, been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, while the children's gifts of flowers, fruit and honey have gone to the St Ives Union Infirmary. All offertories during the festival and on Sunday morning, amounting in all to £5 0s 1d, have been for the benefit of Addenbrookes.

THE CHURCH CHOIR. 12 Oct 1906

The choir appears to be in a state of transition. Some old singers have left, and their places have been filled by young men. Under the fostering care, however, of the choirmaster - Mr H. Beaumont, - considerable improvement is already manifest. No ambitious anthems and services are attempted, but what is done is done well, special attention being bestowed on the response, monitoring, chanting, etc, matters of every-day detail too frequently deemed of little or no consequence. A word of praise is due to the organist Mr G.H. Skeeles, who has ably supported the choirmaster, and whose excellent accompanying and playing generally have done so much within the last year to instil life, vigour, and beauty into the services.

A COINCIDENCE. 12 Oct 1906.

A month ago attention was called to a potato which had been placed on the large weight of the Church clock at the conclusion of last year's harvest festival, and in this strange position has thrown out sprouts with leaves. When the Parish Clerk entered the Church on the morning of this year's festival he found that the potato had fallen to the ground. For twelve months it had reposed safely on the weight, and with it had every Saturday been wound up high into the belfry, only to descend slowly during the week. When the festival again came round its course was ended, and it voluntarily retired. It found a resting place in a fissure in the stone work of the tower, and was an object of interest during the festival.

CORRECTION. 12 Oct 1906.

Mr Walter Thorpe did not have a mishap with a fire balloon at the recent school treat. Only one balloon - not two, as erroneously reported - was used and that one Mr Thorp with the assistance of Mr John Gilby and Mr Ben Thorp, sent away in perfect condition.

A DISTRICT NURSE WANTED. 12 Oct 1906

The following has come to hand from Swavesey:- Reading the account of usefulness of the district nurse at Babraham in last week's 'Express' made one long for a properly trained nurse in the Swavesey district. She would find plenty of scope for her energies. There are many cases in which the superintendence of a trained nurse would be invaluable, but which for want of one have now to be left in the hands of untrained nurses. Some little time ago an effort was made to provide a district nurse, but the proposal was not received with enthusiasm, and so came to nothing. People about here taken generally are, apart from their avowed political principles, so very conservative - they might be described as obstructive "Tories" of the worst kind. - in matters of social and sanitary progress and reform. Because they have hitherto done without a trained nurse they see no reason for having one now. Perhaps, however, the subject can be brought forward again. The district nurses have proved an inestimable blessing in other places, and it is difficult to see why Swavesey should be an exception".

I commend the foregoing to the earnest attention of my readers in Swavesey and the neighbourhood, especially those who are in any position of authority or influence. If Swavesey people do not wish to be behind the times, if they have real sympathy for the sick and injured, they will lay their heads together and concert measures whereby a district nurse may be secured. To paraphrase

a well-known advertisement, if they once get one, they will never be without one.

MR E. S. MONTAGU'S VISIT. 19 Oct 1906.

Mr E.S. Montagu's visited Swavesey on Wednesday evening, and addressed a meeting of his supporters in the National Schoolroom. Owing to great pressure on our space a fuller report is crowded out.

A NEW MAGISTRATE. 19 Oct. 1906.

Mr Ebenezer Parish has been appointed a J.P. for the county.

THE EDUCATION BILL. 19 Oct 1906.

A petition praying the House of Lords not to pass any Bill which would in any way take from the children the benefit of full religious instruction, which they now enjoy, has been signed by 85 parents and guardians of children attending Swavesey National School. The children of 66 separate families are at present on the books of the school and the 85 persons who signed the petition represented 45 households. Nonconformists as well as Church people signed the document, and amongst the signatories were several Liberals.

THE NEW MAGISTRATE. 26th Oct. 1906.

Mr Ebenezer Parish, the newly appointed J.P., was sworn in at the County Quarter Sessions last week, and took his seat on the Bench. Mr Parish's appointment anticipated the demand made at the recent conference in Cambridge of East Anglian Liberals for a larger representation of the Liberal Party on magisterial benches. The new magistrate is a native of Swavesey, and is the elder brother of Mr Zachariah Parish, butcher, well known in Cambridge Market. For a short period he was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, but migrated to Manchester when still a lad, and spent the greater part of his life there. Returning to Swavesey, six years ago he built himself a house, and at once interested himself in local matters. At village meetings he has been prominent, and in 1904 he stood as Progressive, or Liberal candidate for the County Council, but was defeated by a large majority. Subsequently, as overseer, it fell to his lot to deal with the re-assessment of the parish. A large increase - upwards of £1,100, being demanded the ratepayers thought the matter should be gone into by a committee working in conjunction with the Overseer. Such a committee was appointed at an exceptionally well-attended Parish Meeting, but Mr Parish declined to avail himself of its assistance. His year of office, however, came to an end before the re-valuation was finally settled, and new Overseers were appointed, who went afresh into the re-assessment, working cordially with the Committee, and their re-valuation

which was considerably less than Mr Parish's, was accepted by the St. Ives Union Assessment Committee. More recently he headed the opposition to the proposals of the Parish Council to settle a long- standing dispute with the Lord of the Manor, and acquire his rights in the Recreation Ground, proposals which, if adopted would have secured the land.

DICK WILDERSPIN'S ACCIDENT. 2nd Nov. 1906.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that Mr Dick Wilderspin, second son of Mr Herbert Wilderspin, farmer, etc. is progressing favourably after his very serious accident on the evening of Tuesday 23rd Oct., when Mr Herbert Armes, landlord of the New Crown Inn at the Hemingford and Fen Stanton crossroads, extricated him from under the horse with which his motor cycle had collided. He was taken at once into the Inn, and Dr. Mence's (locum tenens) summoned. It was found that he had sustained a concussion of the brain besides a bad cut across the forehead, and his condition was so serious that he could not be removed home until last Friday.

DEATH OF MRS SIDNEY BEAUMONT. 2nd Nov. 1906

After a long and very painful illness borne with great courage and patience, Mr Emily Beaumont, wife of Mr Sidney Beaumont, painter, of Swavesey, died on Wednesday afternoon. Great sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church tomorrow, (Saturday) afternoon.

NUISANCES, 2nd Nov. 1906.

The energetic Inspector of Nuisances is again at work in Swavesey, and notices are being served on owners of property to remedy defects, etc. but private people are asking why they should be required to provide within 14 days ash bins with covers for detached houses standing in large gardens, when a public drain which was condemned some time ago is left severely alone

A SAD CASE. 9 Nov 1906

On Sunday morning, at six o'clock, the wife of Mr John Bridgeford, a well known and highly respected inhabitant of Swavesey, was seized with a stroke, and at 1pm, breathed her last. She had been ill in the spring of this year, from which she recovered sufficiently to be able to get about her domestic duties, though she never regained her health. There was, however, no indication of anything seriously amiss with her, and her sudden end came, therefore, as a terrible shock to her husband, three sons and two daughters. Mrs Bridgeford belonged to an old Swavesey family, being the daughter of the late Mr David

Prime. She was sixty- six years of age, and, with the exception of twelve months in service in the neighbouring village of Over, had spent all her life in Swavesey. What makes the case a particularly sad one is the fact that this is the third death in Mr Bridgeford's house within about eighteen months. At Easter, 1905, his son-in-law Mr Muggeridge, who, broken down in health, had gone with his wife and two little boys to live with Mr Bridgeford, died , and on the 30th September last, the elder of the little boys passed away, after a very brief illness. Mr Bridgeford and his family have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole village, The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, in Swavesey Cemetery.

MRS E. PARISH'S ILLNESS. 9 NOV 1906.

We are sorry to learn that Mr Ebenezer Parish is in sad trouble, as his wife is lying seriously ill at "Ashlea" Swavesey. Mr Parish has sincere sympathy of his political opponents, as well as friends, and it is their earnest hope that his helpmate for many a long year, may be speedily relieved from pain and restored to health.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY. 9 Nov 1906

The Church and Christian Education.

On Sunday last special sermons were preached at Swavesey Parish Church at the morning and evening services on behalf of the National Society. The Rev, Clement F. Rogers occupied the pulpit in the morning, and set before the congregation the aims and ideals of Christian education as understood by the Church. (a long report).

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. 16 Nov 1906

Before being dismissed last Friday morning, the children attendeing the National School sang, "God Save the King", and then gave hearty cheers. During the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung in honour of the day.

FIRE ENGINE. 16 Nov 1906

Taking advantage of so many men not being at work, owing to the wet day, the parish fire engine was tested on the Recreation Ground on Friday last. Beyond one very slight leakage in the hose pipe, everything was found satisfactory. Mr W.Thurbon, captain, was in charge. The Chairman of the Parish Council, (Rev A.C. Vidler) and Councillor George Metcalfe were present during part of the proceedings. The present hose is not sufficently long

to meet all requirements, but the Parish Council will doubtless have this defect seen to.

TEMPERANCE MEETING 16 Nov 1906

In connection with the British Women's Temperance Association a successful and well-attended meeting was held in the National Schoolroom on Monday evening. The Rev. A.C. Vidler occupied the chair, and Mrs Crossfield of Cambridge, gave a powerful and inspiring address, dwelling on the duty and privilege of helping those around us. Miss Gaunt, the secretary of the local Branch of the Association would be glad to receive the names of any person who would like to join.

SWAVESEY DRAINAGE. 16 Nov 1906

A correspondent writes, - I was sorry to see from Friday's "Express" that only the Chairman put in an appearance at the last meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, therefore, no meeting was held. This was a pity, as we had been hoping that something might have been done to expedite the work in connection with the drain in Wallman's Lane, Swavesey, which has been condemned in June or July, and ordered to be attended to at once. So far nothing has been done since the open part of the drain was temporarily cleaned out preparatory, so we are told, to further action. While on the question of drainage the Council might with advantage devote attention to the public drains in the main street of the village. The stench from them at times is far from pleasant. With all respect to the Inspector of Nuisances, one cannot help thinking that he would do far more good in insisting upon the proper trapping of these public drains than calling upon individual landlords to supply ashbins with lids, and bring up the drainage of their property to the standard required - and properly required - in towns. Unless he sees that drains for which, it is believed, his Council are responsible are kept in proper order, he will, it is feared, find some difficulty in inducing individuals to comply with his requirements.

SOCIAL EVENING. 16 Nov 1906

A very successful and enjoyable social evening was held at the National School on Thursday evening, the 15th instant. Upwards of 150 persons, of all classes, attended. During the evening there was music, songs being contributed by Miss Vidler, Miss Irby, the Vicar, and Messrs J.Gilby, and William T. Thorp. Miss Irby played a violin solo. Mr Cole delivered a stump oration, and Mr Skeeles, the organist at the Parish Church, presided at the piano. The more active danced, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The proceeds, upwards of £4, were for the Choir Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was passed, on the proposal of Mr Cole, seconded by Mr Key, to the Vicar and organisers.

CRICKET CLUB. 16 Nov 1906

A meeting of the members of the Cricket Club was held at the National School on Friday evening, the 9th inst. Mr E.J. Warboys, captain, presiding. The annual accounts were passed, and showed that the Club is in a sound financial position. viz, balance from 1905. £3 6s. ; subscriptions, £8. Total £11 6. The expenditure during 1906 amounted to £6 1s 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £5 4s 8d. It was decided to have a social gathering of members and friends during December, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. A resolution thanking Mr Ellis Long for the free use of the cricket ground was carried, amidst cheers, and votes of thanks to the Captain and Secretary, (Mr H. Beaumont, jun.) for their services were also passed. The meeting ended with the singing of "God Save the King" in honour of his Majesty's birthday.

FORTHCOMING TEA AND "SMOKER", 16 Nov 1906

The Committee of the Swavesey District Conservative Association are arranging a meat tea to be followed by a smoking concert, at the National School on Monday evening, December 3rd. Mr Raymond Greene has promised to be present. In order to avoid disappointment, early application should be made for tickets, which can be obtained from Messrs W.H. Key, Walter Thorp, and A.E. Saunders, Hon Secretary.

LIBERAL TEA AND SOCIAL. 16 Nov 1906.

A Liberal tea and social were held in Mr Parish's room on Monday evening. About 50 sat down to tea. Several speakers were expected for the meeting, which was held subsequently, but unfortunately they were unable to turn up. A varied programme of instrumental and vocal music was successfully carried out by Messrs. L. Parish, F. Parish, O. Williams and Miss Wimpres. Mr E Parish occupied the chair.

MISSIONARY SERVICES, 16 Nov 1906

The Missionary Services were held at Bethel Chapel on Sunday last. Sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rev. Robert Davies, of Cheshunt College to a good congregation. On Monday evening the services were continued. The Rev. Wall of Rome, addressed a fair gathering. The Rev. J. E. Barton presided. Mr Wall said that he was asked to go as a missionary to

India, but declined, and urged that Italy was the sphere for him, as his father was of that country, and that he himself lived there for the first 16 years of his life. He gave an interesting and instructive account of the superstitions which were still held by natives of that country. It was not less necessary to send missionaries to Italy than to India or China. The collection was devoted to the funds of the Baptist Missionary Society.

A MARVELLOUS HEN 16 Nov 1906

A hen belonging to Mr Ebenezer Prime, of Wright's Farm, Swavesey, one day recently laid two eggs. They were perfect in shape and of ordinary size, and were joined together by a small piece of skin.

FOR YOUNG MEN ONLY. 16 Nov 1906

A few energetic young men of Swavesey have started a kind of Hare and Hound Club, and on Saturday last had their first run, being upwards of two hours. On the ancient principle of a healthy mind in a healthy body this new venture is to be heartily commended, and it is hoped that an informal association of a few young men will develop into a permanent and prosperous club. Mr Lawson Hepher is, we understand, chief organiser.

GAP

CONSERVATISM IN WEST CAMBS. 6th Dec 1906.

The Conservatives of Swavesey, assisted by Conservatives from the surrounding villages, gave an unmistakable demonstration on Monday evening, that, notwithstanding their defeat in January last, they are the reverse of being down-hearted at the present time. The occasion was a meat tea and smoking concert arranged by the local association. The large room of the National School was filled with some 200 persons, chiefly men, the only ladies admitted, being those who presided over the tea tables. Two disappointments awaited the gathering, First, the absence of Mr Greene, the President of the Association, and second, the announcement that he had decided to contest another constituency. In a letter to the Chairman, Mr Cole, he said, "Please convey to the Conservative Party in Swavesey, my deep regret that I shall not be able to be present on Monday, and express to them my high appreciation of their kindness and consideration towards me during the years that I had the honour of representing them in Parliament, I am yours faithfully, Raymond Greene". (a long report with many names)

Doctor Barnado's Homes 6th December 1906.

A lantern lecture in aid of the homes was given in the National School on Tuesday evening by the Rev J.R.C Forrest, Vicar of Swanborne, before a large audience. The Rev a C Vidler, vicar presided, and Mister Walter Thorpe assisted in manipulating the lantern. A collection was made at the close, but it is feared it was not as large as might have been.

A Precocious child 6th December 1906.

When speaking some days previously to the above lecture to the little children in the infants School the thick are mentioned that he wanted a horse and cart to convey the lantern to the school and asked whether any of the children had a Big enough to lend him. He expected no answer, but to his surprise one came. A Chad be a chain of five years of age promptly offered to supply the necessary horse and cart. It was his father's but in the eyes of the small boy that was a matter of detail not worthy of consideration.

Cricket Club Social. 14th Dec 1906.

A highly successful social evening attended by about 100 members and friends, - the ladies were largely in evidence - was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. Mr H.S. Aldred presided, and was supported by the Captain Mr E Warboys, Mr J Wells, Church warden, Mr J Robinson, Mr S.W. Crisp, Mr J.S. Goad, and for a time by the vicar the Rev A C Vidler, an old captain. A long programme of songs and instrumental music and recitations was gone through, with intervals for refreshments of the most tempting and succulent, though non-intoxicating description. Every member was well received. Indeed, at first so many items were encored that it was necessary later to prohibit repetitions entirely. The band, Messrs H Beaumont, Lawson Hephher, L.Parish and R. Parish with Miss Goad at the piano was most effective. The songs of Miss Scard, and Messrs A.T. Scard, J. Gilby, Lawson Hephher, H. Wells, and H. Beaumont were greatly appreciated, and the choruses were taking up with gusto. The piano solos of Miss Goad, Miss Scard, and the talented organist at the parish church Mr Skeeles were admirable. At the conclusion of the program that chairman called upon the captain to address the gathering. Mister Warboys express the gratitude of himself and the committee for the help rendered by the Chairman, the ladies, the vicar, and the performers towards making the entertainment a success. He thanked Mr Ellis Long for kindly lending the cricket ground, and feelingly referred to the cricketers who had died, especially mentioning the late Dr Lewis. The chairman responded as far as he was able, and called upon Miss Scard to reply for the ladies. She declined, and the chairman suggested the secretary was the proper man to represent them. Mister H Beaumont was

either too shy or deemed himself not sufficiently a ladies man, to undertake the duty, so he somewhat chivalrously refused, and for want of a volunteer that Chairman had to reply himself. He did it admirably by thanking the ladies once again. The audience cheered, the ladies smiled, and all ended happily notwithstanding the secretary's defection.

St Andrews Day 21st December 1906

The festival of the patron Saint of the Parish Church was kept last week. On Thursday (the eve) there was choral evensong and the sermon was preached by the newly appointed Rural Dean Rev C.E. Crump, Rector of Cottenham. On Friday there were other services.

Parish Council Meeting, 21st December 1906.

A meeting of the parish council was held in the National School on Tuesday evening the Rev A C Vidler chairman presiding. Councillors J. Gilby, George Metcalfe, R Norman, and W.P. Wimpress were also present, with the clerk Mr Robinson Mitham.

It was decided to erect a brick wall with coping to separate the parish property in High Street from the main road, and to tidy the premises. Payments were authorised to the lamp lighter and to the committee charged with cleaning out of the parish ponds. Considerable discussion ensued respecting the dispute with Messrs Stanton's respecting payment for the attendance of the parish fire engine at the fire on their premises last December. It was decided to place a notice board at each of the parish ponds warning persons from depositing rubbish in the ponds.

Mister George Metcalfe proposed that a letter in the following terms be sent to County Councillor Rev S.T. Adams.

- Sir the members of this meeting wished to express their thanks to you for your unfailing energy in trying your utmost to reduce the expenditure of the proposed county school. The waste of public money by the county council is most deplorable, as many a ratepayer has to deny himself the necessities of life to pay for education in this county, and a great deal of which is of no real use whatsoever to the children in after life. We admire your courageous fight for the good of your supporters.

Mister R Norman seconded, the resolution was carried unanimously.

AN OLD CUSTOM ABANDONED. 4th Jan. 1907.

The dinner in connection with the recent Swavesey Tithe Audit was not held. It usually takes place at the White Horse Inn, where the collector, a gentleman

from the South of England, sits on the appointed day at the “receipt of custom”. It appears that the collector is only prepared to pay a fixed sum for each person actually present at the dinner, notwithstanding that may have been given to provide for a larger number. The landlord after last year’s audit stated that he could not, except at loss to himself, which he naturally declined to incur, provide a dinner such as that required for the sum offered, and he asked that specified number of diners should be guaranteed and paid for whether present or not. To these conditions the collector would not agree, and so the dinner, a very ancient custom, has not been held. The Collector apparently forgets that Swavesey is not a town, and that the White Horse is merely a village inn. and not a restaurant or hotel. Tithe paying is not popular at the best of times, and it therefore seems hardly wise, where it has been the practice to sugar-coat the pill with a dinner to abandon an old custom for the sake of a few shillings. Another reason why it appears a mistake in the case of the Swavesey Rectorial Tithe is that the produce of the Tithe goes to gentlemen residing in a distance part of the country, and except possibly in rates none now goes back directly or indirectly for the benefit of the parish as would probably be the case if the owners were resident in or near the village.

DEATH OF MRS EDWARD THORP. 4th Jan. 1907.

We regret to announce the death from senile decay and heart failure of Mrs Edward Thorp, of Boxworth End, which occurred at mid-day on Thursday, 27th December. Mrs Thorp, who was within a month of attaining the great age of 84years, had been of failing health for some time. She was the widow of Mr Edward Thorp, butcher, who, prior to his death 24 years ago, had stood in Cambridge Market for upwards of half a century. She leaves two sons, Mr Walter and Mr William Twist Thorp, the latter of whom was, until his recent retirement a familiar figure in Cambridge Market. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Vicar, and Rev. A.C.Vidler officiating.

DEATHS 4th Jan. 1907.

Two other aged inhabitants of Swavesey also passed away during Christmas week, namely Mr Benjamin Sutton, aged 79years. early on Christmas morning, and Mr William Prime aged 78years on Thursday 27th December. Sutton had the distinction of having been employed on two farms only during his long life. Many years ago he worked for the late Mr John Reynolds, at Oakington, and subsequently for the late Mr Joseph Garner, and his successor, the late Mr Jethro Garner at Swavesey. Mr Prime was a well known as a hay factor in and around Cambridge. Both funerals took place in the cemetery.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS. 4th Jan. 1907.

Mr and Mrs William Wright, senior, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day, all their sons and daughters, except one of the latter who is aboard, being present, and on Sunday, Mr and Mrs Charles Savage, surrounded by their family, also commemorated a similar event.

Ping-Pong Club's Farewell. 11th Jan. 1907.

Condemned to death through no fault of theirs, but merely because the fascinating game has followed in the wake of other ephemeral amusements, the members of the Swavesey Ping Pong Club which was established five years ago, determined to go out of existence with éclat, and on Thursday evening in last week did it most successfully. With funds in hand the Committee, under the energetic leadership of the last Captain, Mr S.W. Crisp and of Mrs W.C. Cole, who had been the indefatigable Secretary during the whole of the Club's lifetime, arranged a social evening at the National School, and some fifty members and friends attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Songs, instrumental music, and recitations were contributed by Miss Vidler, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Welch, Miss Scard, Miss Queenie Cole, Miss L. Mitham, Miss Hawkes, Miss H. Garner, Miss Muriel Parsons, and Miss P. Welch. Mr A.T. Scard and Mr H.S. Aldred. The Vicar gave a reading from Washington Irving's "Bracebridge Hall". The versatile Mr Hills, besides singing and reciting, made his first appearance - a successful one too - in a drawing room sketch. Mr Lawson Hephner caused much amusement with his dancing doll, and the genial and ever welcome Mr E. Papworth (Oakington) delighted the audience with his lively and facetious songs, some of which were given in character. At intervals there were dances. During the proceedings, at the suggestion of the Vicar, Mr W.C. Cole the first captain, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr S.W. Crisp the last captain for his valuable services, and he referred in pathetic terms to the mournful occasion which had caused his hearers to meet together; he felt, he declared, inclined to weep, for they were assisting in burying the club which had afforded so many a pleasant hour. Mr Crisp's reply was conspicuous for its brevity and modesty. All credit was due, he said, to other persons, especially to the Hon. Secretary, to whom he proposed a vote of thanks. Mrs Cole responded in a few graceful sentences. A word of praise is due to Mr Scard, the well-known Swavesey Confectioner, who provided the excellent refreshments, and was responsible for the effective decoration of the room. A cake made by him, on which was displayed in sugar a realistic representation of a ping pong net with balls and bats, was an admirable specimen of the confectioner's art.

THE NEW POST OFFICE. 11 Jan 1907

It has long been recognised that Swavesey Post Office was too small for the ever-increasing demands of postal work, and for the Sub- Postmaster's growing stationary business, but it has hitherto been difficult to find more suitable premises in the main part of the village. The compulsory closing of the Sir Harry Smith public house a few yards away, however, threw that property on the market, and enabled Mr Thomas Metcalfe, the sub-postmaster, to purchase premises which would afford a commodious and convenient office. On Wednesday the new office was opened. There was no formal ceremony, even the schoolchildren were absent, and severe businesslike simplicity ruled the proceedings. The Postmaster- General and the Member of Parliament for the Division were not present; being unable it is presumed, to tear them away from the repose they so sorely need after their strenuous labours in and out of Parliament. As the new office, which is admirably arranged, was until lately a tap-room, its conversion to its present purpose must be regarded as being in a measure a triumph of the Temperance Cause. Where the publican reigned, the sub-postmaster is now supreme. Counters have replaced settles on which the votaries of John Barleycorn reclined. The clink of the telegraph instrument is heard instead of the jingle of glasses, In lieu of beer postage stamps are vended, and the insidious cigarette has made way for harmless picture postcard. The superfluous twopence of the horny handed sons of toil can now be invested in the savings bank, where once they purchased the fleeting joys of a pint of ale. From whatever point of view, utilitarian or moral, the opening of the new office may be regarded, so far as the village of Swavesey is concerned it was of historic interest, and for the benefit of future generations it may therefore be recorded that, after a keen contest, Mr H. Beaumont, junior transacted the first business at the counter, and Mr Bartley posted the first letter.

ROUND & ABOUT. - CHARITY COAL. 11 Jan 1907.

I learn that the letter published in this column last week respecting the charges made for the delivering the Swavesey charity coal will be brought before the Feoffees at their next meeting, which is to be held almost immediately. During the last few days I have received further information on the subject. The charges my correspondent complains of are no new imposition, but have been in force for very many years. The Feoffees give instructions for a free distribution of coal to the selected recipients at the railway station. It not being convenient for many of the recipients to fetch away their coal, it has been the practice for others persons to undertake the delivery on their behalf, and make

a small charge for so doing. Until some twelve or fourteen years ago the delivery was effected by private persons, since then the contractors for the coal have done the work themselves. Each distribution should be announced by the town crier who requests recipients to go to the railway station on a specified day for their coal. Latterly, however each distribution dose not appear always to have been “ cried” . The charge of four pence levied on every new recipient is also of ancient origin. It is supposed to represent the price of a quart on beer for the men engaged in weighing out the coal, and it has been paid without murmur.

ROUND & ABOUT, - THE LIGHTS OF SWAVESEY. 18 Jan 1907

There is some talk, in Swavesey, respecting the lighting of High Street near the new Post Office. Opposite the old office there is a public lamp, which throw a certain amount of light on the posting box, but the new office being between two lamps is somewhat in the gloom. A suggestion has been madethat one of the two lamps in question should be moved to a position facing the present posting box, but this proposal is open to objection, as it would bring the lamps too close to one another. Perhaps, however the Parish Council could see their way, without entailing much expense on the ratepayers, to re-arrange all the lamps in the street, and erect anew lamp near the house known as the Cricketers. The street at this point is very dark especially when there are no lights in Mr Starte’s shop. The Latter proposal, if adopted, would materially improve the lighting of the High Street, which is the most important thoroughfare in the village, whereas the other proposal savours somewhat of a robbery of Peter to pay Paul.

ROUND & ABOUT. - MIDDLE FEN, SWAVESEY. 18 Jan 1907.

“A stitch in time saves nine” is a good old proverb, which contains, as proverbs mostly do, a great deal of truth. At any rate certain occupiers of land, near the river Ouse, in the parish of Swavesey, are just aat6 present willing to admit that if the principle set forth in the homely proverb I have quoted had been acted upon, their land would not so often be under water. Middle Fen, now flooded once more, should be protected by “Scratch Bank” but this bank and its fobs have been allowed to get out of repair, and are useless for protective purposes. Some two or three years ago an effort was made to raise a fund to effect the necessary repairs, but nothing was done as all the parties concerned could not be induced to agree to the scheme. Now another attempt to deal with the matter is being made which, it is sincerely to be hoped, will be successful.

ROUND & ABOUT.-A PRICELESS HERITAGE. 19 Jan 1907,

These banks are a priceless heritage from the past, and it is therefore more than a pity - far stronger language might be used without exaggeration - that works on which our fore-fathers expended so much money and so much labour, should through the neglect or the pusillanimity of their descendants, be suffered to fall into decay. While dealing with the question, present needs should not only be considered. It will be short-sighted policy merely to patch. The future must be thought of. A comprehensive scheme should be adopted whereby the bank and fob may be always kept in sound condition. On the principle that a stitch in time save nine, there should be periodical examinations, and, when necessary, defects should be attended to at once. A single stitch, be it remembered, is cheaper than nine, and, moreover, except perhaps in case of a "Captain" there would be no floods. To leave all thought of repair until the land is under water remains one of another proverb which sarcastically speaks of locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 18 Jan 1907.

Influenza has attacked the children of the village, and on Thursday in last week no less than forty three youngsters, about a third of the total number borne on the register, were absent from school. It has in consequence been decided to close the National School for a fortnight.

CHARITY COAL. 18 Jan 1907

We are authorised to state that the Feoffees of Galon's Charity, at their meeting on Monday evening, decided that in future the coal distributed by them should be delivered by the contractors at the house of every recipient free of charge.

HOUNDS MEET. 18 Jan 1907.

For the first time for many years the Cambridgeshire Hounds met in Swavesey on Friday last. The scene in Market Street about 11 o'clock was bright and animated and the villagers showed their appreciation of the unwonted spectacle by attending in large numbers. \the weather was delightful but frosty, and the Master, Mr Crossman, therefore delayed moving away for a short time in order to give the sun a chance of making an impression. No attempt was made to find a fox in Swavesey though two or three are known to be about, but the hounds were taken towards Fendrayton and thence to Fenstanton. Happening on nothing. they returned and made for Longstanton and Westwick. The villagers were much disappointed that there was no attempt to start a fox near Swavesey, and the opinion was freely expressed that

if enquiry on behalf of the Hunt had been made prior to the meet as to the whereabouts of foxes something could have been done to furnish sport. Perhaps the Master may be able to see his way to arrange for another visit. as a photographer was busily engaged in taking snapshots of various phases of the meet some interesting pictures will no doubt be on sale before long.

MORE COAL. 18 Jan 1907.

Mr George Carter, son of the late Mr Fred Carter, of Swavesey, has very kindly given away, through Mr James Wells coal to certain widows, windowers, and other needy persons in the village, The timely gift has been greatly appreciated

OBITUARY. 18 Jan 1907

We regret to have to record the death of Miss Elizabeth Williams, sister of Mr John Williams, coal merchant and parish clerk of Swavesey, at his house in Market Street she passed away. Miss Williams, who was 73 years of age, had been feeble and failing health for some time. ashe was one of a family of 19 or 20, being the daughter of Mr Edward Williams, for about 40 years parish clerk of Swavesey. She was greatly respected, and was for many years houskeeper at Hallack & Bond's Cambridge. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Saturday) in Swavesey Churchyard.

ROUND & ABOUT - MIDDLE FEN SWAVESEY, 25 Jan 1907

With regard to the paragraphs in this column last week respecting Middle Fen, Swavesey, I hear that Mr Robinson Mitham, the Assistant overseer and clerk to the Parish Council, etc. who is usually well informed in such matters, says that the proper name of the defective bank is not Scratch, as it is invariably called nowadays, Cradge Bank. There is, he believes, a bank of the same name in connection with the Middle Level Drainage. Perhaps some of my readers may be able to furnish further information on the subject, and also give the meaning of this mysterious and probably obsolete word "Cradge".

ROUND & ABOUT, - CRUELTY AT SWAVESEY, 25 Jan 1907.

Sir – Can you induce the officials of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals to visit Swavesey, for unnecessary suffering is being inflicted on horses bt fresh granite being laid down in the High Street by the County Council on a hard frozen roadway ? On Saturday granite was spread over a section of the street from one side to side. The steam roller arrived on Tuesday and partly rolled in the stones. Yesterday and today the roller has not been at work, owing, it is presumed, to severe frost; but, notwithstanding this, the rest

of the street was yesterday thickly covered with granite. A very considerable amount of heavy traffic passes along the street to and from the Railway Station, and, except for part of the way where there is an awkward side lane there is no alternative route. Was it necessary – it certainly was not humane – to put down stones yesterday?. As our member County Councillor , who is, I believe a member of the Roads Committee, has not interfered, it is supposed he is powerless to act. I therefore make this public appeal, and I believe I voice the sentiments of every kindly disposed person in the village, I may add that a little gravel is being thrown on the granite – Yours truly X.Y.Z.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL'S SUPPER. 1. Feb. 1907

Through the generosity of Mr E.H. Thornhill, (Boxworth) Rev R.M. Stapylton, (Lolworth), Mrs George Long, Rev. A.C, Vidler, Mr Bartley, Mr Cole, Mr Cox, anf Mr Watts- White, (Swavesey, the station, booking clerks, signalmen, porters, foreman platelayer and the carrier were entertained at supper on Friday Evening at the Railway Station. About a dozen sat down to an excellent meal provided by Mrs Perry, and after wards spent a very pleasant and harmonious time under the genial chairmanship of the station master.

CHURCH DEFENCE. 1 Feb. 1907

In the cause of Church Defence, a very interesting and able lecturc, well illustrated by lantern slides, entitled “ The Coming of St Augustine,” was delivered by the Rev. A.J.C. Allen, vicar of St Mary-the-Less, Cambridge, on Monday evening in the National School. The Vicar presided over an audience which was thoroughly appreciative, but might with advantage have been larger. Probably the short and doubtless unavoidably inadequate notice given had much to do with the small attendance.

SKATING. 1. Feb 1907

The ice on the one-time famous Mere Fen was in excellent condition the latter part of last week, the whole of its many acres being available. On Thursday, in spite of a request to the contrary announcement by the crier in Swavesey and Over, a few people, chiefly from other villages, could not resist the temptation to try their “pattens”. On Friday the field was thrown open, a small charge being made for admission, and a fair number of persons from the neighbourhood and St Ives were skating. On Saturday, there was a much larger attendance, but visitors from Cambridge were not as numerous as in some previous years. There were many spills, but only one serious accident, when Mrs James Norman, of Over, who was walking on the ice, was upset by a skater, and fell heavily, breaking her wrist. She proceeded by train to

Cambridge for attention at Addenbrooke's Hospital, but was able to return home during the evening. Sunday morning saw a never-ending procession of motor-car, carriages, and cycles through the village, and notwithstanding that a thaw has set in the ice was well patronised. It is estimated that at least 300 cycles were stacked on Mere Fen, and many others were accommodated at public houses in the village. One cyclist, an undergraduate, had a nasty fall in Hihs Street about midday on the loose granite covering the road. He injured his leg and had to return to Cambridge by train. Admission to Mere Fen was free, but a gate had to be scaled, which, however, proved no insuperable obstacle even to the ladies. A grand opportunity was lost in not collecting for a charity, Addenbrooke's Hospital for instance, as most of those who enjoyed a good and gratuitous, though possibly damp day's skating would have been only too glad to have shown their satisfaction in the form of a small monetary contribution. A few people were on the ice on Monday. As the thaw continued the local races arranged for Tuesday had to be abandoned.

BROUGHT HOME. 1 Feb 1907.

On Monday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs Sarah Mitchell took place in Swavesey Churchyard, the Rev. A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. Mr Mitchell who was 74 years of age, was the daughter of Mr William Papwoth, of Swavesey, and was married to Me Ebenezer Mitchell, farmer, who died some 30 years ago and was buried in Swavesey Churchyard. A few years later Mrs Mitchell removed to London, and there she died last week.

SWANS. 1 Feb 1907

One of four swans which have recently taken up their quarters on Mere Fen appears to be missing. Can it have fallen a victim of the gun of a "sportsman?" on the prowl, as was the case with some other swans three and a quarter years ago.

SKATING. 8th Feb 1907

Although not so good as a week previously, nor so extensive, the ice on Mere Fen was well patronised on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. On Saturday the ice in part did not prove strong enough to bear the weight of a lady – a stranger. A young Swavesey resident gallantly went to her rescue, and also got into the water, which fortunately was shallow. After considerable trouble he managed to help her back onto sound ice, but both she and her companion, in haste to reach, terra firma, forgot even a word of thanks for his assistance, or of regret for his immersion on her behalf. On Monday afternoon there were two mishaps, Miss Rhoda Eason fell and seriously hurt her arm,

and an undergraduate received a severe blow on his forehead from a hockey stick.

BEN THORP REDIVIVUS. - 8 Feb. 1907

The redoubtable Ben Thorp journeyed to Littleport on Monday and took part in the big race. He was drawn against Dix, the winner, but unfortunately fell in his heat, whilst turning on some rough ice.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. – 8 Feb 1907.

His many friend and customers in Swavesey and the surrounding villages will learn with sincere regret that Mr Charles Garner, the well-known harness maker, of Swavesey & Over, met with a serious accident on Monday afternoon. Whilst walking along the raised pebble causeway, commonly known as the “Stones” near the Swan Pond, he slipped on a piece of frozen snow and fell, breaking his ankle. He was promptly assisted to his residence a few yards distant, and Mr John Gilby officiently rendered first aid. During the evening Mr Garner was removed to Addenbrooke’s Hospital, where the bone was set and he was detained. He is doing as well as can be expected.

A MYSTERIOUS FIRE. 8 Feb 1907.

A fire, which though not of extensive dimensions, yet was of serious consequence to the sufferer, broke out shortly before midnight on Tuesday on the premises of Mr Edward Bull, market gardener, Boxworth End. Mr Bull’s house stands by itself, and is reached by a roadway on the north side of the Red Lion Inn. The family went to rest at the usual time, a son being the last to retire at 11pm. As far as can be ascertain all was then safe. Almost a quarter to twelve a daughter was aroused from sleep by loud sounds of crackling. Looking through her window she discovered that a hovel, situated some thirty yards away, in which a drill and other implements and tools were stored, was on fire. She immediately alarmed the rest of the family, but as the fames had got a strong hold very little could be done. The roof, composed of bushes, etc, was blazing furiously, and speedily fell in and everything was destroyed. A small stack near by was however, saved by water. Sergeant Chevill, who saw the light from Longstanton cycled to the spot immediately, and P.C. Hiner the Swavesey constable, patrolling near Fendrayton, also detected it, and made his way there as speedily as possible. Throughout Wednesday, the police were making diligent enquiries with a view to ascertain the cause of the fire. Mr Bull was, unfortunately, not insured, and the loss, roughly estimated at from £40 to £50, will be a heavy blow to him.

ROUND & ABOUT. 8th Feb. 1907.

(By the Scribe in the Villages.) Following the much-needed repairs recently executed to the roadway of High Street, Swavesey, it may interest some of my readers to know that along this short and comparatively narrow stretch of street some 10,000 tons of agricultural produce, fruit, and coal, besides other goods of all kinds, were conveyed to or from Swavesey Railway Station last year. When this amount is added to the non-railway traffic of the neighbourhood it will be seen that it is desirable the roadway should be kept in good condition. Many of the carts and wagons are very heavily laden. The station serves nine villages besides Swavesey, whose carts, etc., must proceed through High Street to reach the railway, viz., Boxworth, Conington, Elsworth, Fendrayton, Knapwell, and Lolworth regularly, and occasionally Bourn, Caxton, and Papworth Everard.

ENTERTAINMENT. 15 Feb 1907

The members of Histon Amateur Dramatic Society, in pursuance of their laudable ambition to help and amuse their neighbours, paid their first visit to Swavesey on Thursdays, the 7th inst, and gave an excellent entertainment in the National School. The Vicar of Swavesey, who presided, mentioned in the course of his brief introductory remarks that the visit was due to Mr A.E. Saunders, once of Histon but now a Swavesey resident, and that the proceeds were to be given in aid of funds to form a Men's Institute in Swavesey,
--- At the conclusion of the programme the Vicar heartily thanked the performers for their entertainment, and especially for their kindness in journeying so far in such wintry weather.

CRICKET CLUB. 15 Feb 1907

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held on Friday evening at the National School, Mr E.J. Warboys, presiding. The chief business was the selection of officers for the ensuing year, and the following appointments were made:- Captain, E.J. Warboys, vice-captain, S.J. Froment, treasurer, W.P. Wimpress, secretary, C. Taylor. assistant secretary, J.W. Williams, committee, F. Causer, W.Goad, E. Mitham, E.J Mitham, R. Mitham jun. H. Perry, and B.Prior. A president and fourteen vice-presidents were also elected, subject to their acceptance of office.

LAMP SMASHING. 15 Feb 1907

The peace and quiet of Sunday afternoon were disturbed by a stranger, apparently of the homeless tramp order, smashing the glass of the public lamp in High Street facing Market Street. He declared that he wished to be locked

up, and immediately surrendered to P.C. Hines, who was able to comply with the request by conveying him to the County Police Station at Chesterton. It is understood that the man will appear before the Magistrates tomorrow (saturday).

RECENT FIRE, 15 Feb 1907.

An appeal is being made for funds to assist Mr Edward Bull to replace some of the implements and tools which were destroyed in the fire on his premises on the night of the 5th instant. Mr W.C. Cole, The Farm, Swavesey, will be glad to receive subscriptions. Mr Bull, unfortunately, allowed the insurance on his property to lapse a few months ago, and his loss, which he cannot meet out of his own resources, is estimated at between £40 and £50.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.

The annual report of Addenbrooke's Hospital recently issued, shows that the donations from Swavesey to the County Organisation Fund, in aid of the Hospitals were the largest in the aggregate from any village in the county, viz, £16 5s. It will be remembered that the house-to-house collection for the fund was made by a Committee of ladies, under the leadership of Mr George Long. This satisfactory result will, doubtless, on the occasion of the next collection, inspire the villagers, not only to maintain their premier position, but to do still better. The Hospital renders excellent service to Swavesey people, and for that reason alone is well deserving of their hearty support.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 15 Feb 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, at which were present :- Rev A.C. Vilder, chairman, Messrs W.H. Key, vice chairman, J Gilby, G. Metcalfe, R.Norman, J.Wells, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commissioners which seemed to promise some settlement of the difficulty concerning the recreation ground.

The letter amounted to a recommendation that the Parish Council should make application to the Charity Commissioners for a new scheme for the control of the ground. Mr Gilby proposed, and Mr Norman seconded, that the application should be made, and the prescribed form was eventually signed by the Chairman and two other members of the Council at the meeting.

A letter was also read respecting the attendance of the parish engine at the fire on Messrs Stanton's premises in December, 1905. – a matter which has been under discussion on so many occasions – and certain instruction on so many

occasions – and certain instructions were given to the Clerk, with the view of enforcing payment.

The reply of the Rev. S.T. Adams to the letter of thanks, etc. for his services in the cause of economy, which was sent him by the Council on the 18th December, was communicated to the meeting. One Councillor expressed the opinion that Mr Adams was one of the best men on the County Council, and that if a poll was taken of direct ratepayers throughout the county he would get a majority of ten to one.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES. 1 March 1907

A complaint has reached me from Swavesey respecting the way in which the official notice concerning the impending Rural District Council Election has been posted on the Parish Church and the two Chapels. The notice, which is a considerable size and of buff colour, has been pasted on the outside stone wall of the church porch, notwithstanding, that there is a notice board inside the porch. No notice had ever hitherto been posted outside the porch. On the Primitive Methodist and Old Baptist Chapels it has been pasted on the wall near the doors, a stretch of virgin brickwork being selected, just as if it were an auctioneer's bill announcing the sale of property. My correspondent asks if it is legal to post public notices in such a position and in such a way as to disfigure buildings dedicated to sacred purposes. If this sort of thing is allowed our churches and chapels will soon present the appearance of advertisement hoarding.

A DISAPPOINTMENT, 1 March 1907.

The smoking concert announced by Swavesey District Conservative Association to take place at the White Horse on Monday last had to be postponed owing to the illness of Captain W.H. Heal who had kindly undertaken to provide entertainment.

OFF TO CANADA, 1 March 1907

Four young men, members of well-known Swavesey families, Messrs H. Beaumont, F. Day, Lawson Hephew, and H. Wells, are leaving England towards the end of the month to try their luck in Canada. Their friends are arranging a social evening in their honour at the National School on Tuesday, March 19th at which the Vicar has promised to preside.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION. 1 March 1907

The Annual public meeting, in connection with the British Women's Temperance Association, was held, on Monday last, in the Bethel Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion. The chair was taken by the Rev J.E. Barton, who gave a sympathetic earnest speech on "The Drink Traffic" as affecting child life" Mrs Reaney, of London, was the principal speaker. Her talented and refined address will long be remembered by those privileged to hear, founded upon the words of the Scripture, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" Commencing with an earnest appeal to believe on the Son of God, she showed that as christen workers, we should have greater influence if abstainers from intoxicating drink. Many incidents were given from her own personal experience, and moved the people by their pathos and power.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1 March 1907

The Parish Council met on Thursday 26th February, at the National School, under the presidency of Mr W.H. Key, vice- chairman. The business was brief. Persons eligible to act as parish constables during the ensuing year were nominated, and a further letter respecting the fire on Messrs. Stanton premises was read, but no action was taken thereon.

LATE MR GEORGE LONG. 1 March 1907

In accordance with the terms of the bequest of the late Mr George Long. J.P., the bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon of Saturday, the 2nd instants, the anniversary of his birthday.

RAYMOND GREENE'S SUCCESS 1 March 1907.

The news that Mr Raymond Greene had been returned as County Councillor for North Hackney by the huge majority of the 3.211 was received by telegram about 8.30 on Sunday morning. Notices publishing the welcome intelligence and giving the general result of the London County Council elections were promptly posted in various places in the village, and gave great satisfaction to Mr Greene's many friends. Several congratulatory telegrams were despatched to Mr Greene, to which he replied on the following day.

CONSERVATIVE SMOKER 8th March 1907

The smoking concert arranged by the Swavesey District Conservative Association for the 25th ultimo, which had to be postponed on account of Captain Heal's illness, will be held at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening next, 12th March. Admission is by ticket only.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. 8th March 1907.

A Parish Meeting for the election of the Parish Concillors was held in the National School on Monday evening, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar presiding. The proceeding were most orderly, but those ratepayers who have strong opinions on the subject of the extravagant expenditure of public money, and who have not forgotten the difficulty in connection with the last reassessment of the parish, attended in such strong force as to secure the triumphal return of all their nominees. The voting resulted as follows: Messrs J.S. Goad 35; * W.H. Key; 37 votes: H. Wilderspin; 35: * J.Gilby and * G. Metcalfe.; 34votes: J.T.Daintree; William T. Thorp, and * J. Wells; 31: E.J. Warboys; 26: Unsuccessful candidates, Messrs R.Norman, 14: * W.P.Wimpress, 8; J. Smith and James Williams, 7: * S. Prime, 5. Dr Ellis and * Mr Jethro Linford were also nominated, but withdrew before the voting began. Those Gentlemen marked with a asterisk * were members of the old Council. The proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, proposed by Dr Ellis and seconded by Mr Ebenezer Parish, J.P.

INADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. 8th March 1907.

A correspondent writes as follows,

At Monday night's meeting in connection with the coming District Council election mention was made that the Swavesey Councillors were often hampered in their efforts to keep Swavesey up to date and in good repair by the opposition of the representatives of the three small parishes, of Lolworth, Boxworth, and Conington. For instance, Swavesey is sometimes greatly inconvenience by flood water from these parishes. Yet they are shy of contributing their share of the cost of keeping in repair the Swavesey brooks which carry away the water. The question arises - is Swavesey with its rateable value of £6,958, and a population of 899, fairly represented on the District Council by two Councillors, whiles the three small parishes named have one representative each?. Their combined rateable value is £3,639. and the combined population 494, yet they have three Councillors, who can outvote the Swavesey two whenever they like.

MUSICAL SERVICE. 8th March 1907.

At the evening service at the Parish Church on Tuesday next the choir will render a selection from "Christ and His Soldiers" by J.Farmer.

THE LATE FIRE. 15 March 1907.

The recent fire on Mr Edward Bull's premises, at Boxworth End, the origin of which has not been, and probably never will be ascertained, resulted in a heavy loss to him, as he had inadvertently allowed his insurance tp lapse a

short time previously. A cart, two drills, and various other implements and tools were destroyed. A collection to assist him in providing new tools, etc, has been made by Mr W. C. Cole, and the sum of £4 11s. has been realised. On Monday evening, Mr Cole handed over this amount to Mr Bull, who desires to express his deep gratitude to his friends and sympathisers for their welcome help in his time of need.

A NONAGENARIAN DEAD. 15 March 1907.

Mrs Sarah Stocker, the oldest inhabitant, died on the 3rd instants. She was ninety years old age, and was the widow of the late Mr Cole Stocker, who died some years ago.

LATE MRS FREDERICK CARTER. 15 March 1907

We regret to announce the death, at the advanced age of 83 years, of Mrs Drusilla Cater, which occurred after a painful illness of many months duration at her residence in Over on Friday last, 8th instant. Mrs Carter was the wife of the late Mr Frederick Carter, who farmed in Swavesey for many years, occupying the farm subsequently acquired by the late Mr George Long. Mrs Carter was greatly respected and beloved both in Over and Swavesey. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon in Swavesey Churchyard, the Vicars of Swavesey and Over officiating. Some fifty to sixty relations and friends were present. The bearers were elderly men who had worked for the late Mr Carter. There were several beautiful wreaths. It may be of interest to record that the death of Mrs Carter removes the oldest member of Bethel Baptist Chapel (Swavesey) and that the Sunday School there was founded by her husband and Mrs Rebecca Wilderspin.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION. 15 March 1907

There is to be a contest in Swavesey for the Rural District Council.

Mr Herbert Wilderspin having decided at the last moment to try and oust one of the two retiring guardians and councillors. Messrs W.C. Cole and A. Day, who for fourteen years have represented the parish, and have given general satisfaction. Politics cannot enter into the contest as Mr Cole, a Conservative, has been nominated by two Liberals, Messrs James Parsons and James Smith, whilst two leading Conservatives, Messrs George Metcalfe and W.H. Key, have nominated Mr Day, a Liberal. Messrs Cole and Day are running together, they will hold a meeting at the National School, on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and will then be prepared to answer any questions their friends and critics may think fit to ask them.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS 22nd Mar 1907.

The medals and bars awarded by the County Education Committee for good attendance were presented to children attending Swavesey School on Thursday last, the 14th inst. The Vicar, who is chairman of the managers made the presentation and briefly addressed the children. Mr W.H.Key and Mr H.S.Aldred, (managers) were also present, and the latter spoke and attributed the good attendance of the recipients of the medals and bars to their parents solicitude as to their punctuality.

He specially warned the boys against smoking. The following were recipients:- Medals for good attendance during the years 1905 and 1900. Frank Beaumont, Ethel King, Willie Hephher, Cyril Hephher, George Hephher, Alice Norman, Rose Seekings, Joseph Ding, Wilfred Church, John Parish, Ethel Daintree, Ada Howlett, Florence Ding, Bertha Fromant and Sarah Linford. Medals for full attendance during 1906, Ethel Brooks. A Bar was given to each of the following for never being absent for two years, Berry Dodson, Willie Metcalfe, Walter Metcalfe, Arthur Froment, and Clara Thorp.

OFF TO CANADA. 22 March 1907

On Tuesday evening a notable gathering of all classes and all shades of opinion, assembled in the National School, Swavesey, for a social evening, arranged to bid God-speed to Messrs Harry Beaumont, Frank Day, Lawson Hephher, and Harry Wells. four promising young men, who on Wednesday next are leaving Swavesey for Canada. The crowded room afforded striking evidence of the great respect in which the young men and their parents are held by their fellow villagers. (long report follows))

ELECTION MEETING. 22 March 1907.

A crowded meeting in support of Messrs W.C. Cole, and A. Day, who have represented the parish on the district council for fourteen years without question, - but who are now opposed by Mr Herbert Wilderspin, - was held in the National School, on Monday evening. Mr H. S. Aldred presided, and made an excellent opening speech touched on various matters. He praised their administration of the Poor Law in Swavesey, and scored a strong point by declaring that they had been more careful of spending public money than their own. In conclusion, he said, during their fourteen years of devoted service, the two candidates Messrs Cole and Day had worked well together, and had the best interests of the parish at heart.

Mr Cole, whose rising was greeted with loud cheers, thanked the Chairman for his speech. He said that his colleague and he had tried to do their best for the parish during their fourteen years of office. Mr Day had a hearty reception.

He urged the importance to the parishioners of their two representatives working in agreement, as otherwise one might neutralise the other. The Poor Law should, he maintained, be administered by men and women with heart, and in sympathy with their less favoured brothers and sisters. Mr Day resumed his seat amidst loud applause. Questions having been invited, Mr W,S, Crisp complained that certain public drains were more or less blocked, and that Councillors had not done their duty in the matter. Mr Herbert Wilderspin, who had entered the room just previously, rose and expressed his surprise at seeing so many people present. He then complained of the condition of the brooks and fobs, and also referred to the drainage question. Mr Cole replied that as much as possible was done for the parish, and reiterated that Swavesey was handicapped by the opposition of other villages. Mr Wilderspin made further observations, and concluded; "If you don't do better in the future than you have done in the past you are no good".

With no more questions being asked, Mr James Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Cole and Day for their past services, and of confidence in them in the future. The Chairman put the resolution to the meeting, which was carried amidst loud cheers and the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows".

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION 22 Mar 1907.

Keen interest is being taken by all sections in the parish, in the election for the District Council, and a heavy poll is anticipated on Monday next,

The hours of voting are between 12 noon and 8 p.m. and the polling station is at the National School. There is much talk as to the expense which the parish will incur in consequence of the election, viz. about half the whole cost of lighting the village, and many people express the opinion that as ratepayers as a whole appeared satisfied with the old representatives, there was no need for a contest. Some misconception exists as to how many candidates each elector can vote for. As two Councillors have to be elected, elector's can vote for two candidates, The electors cannot do better than record their votes in accordance with the instructions on the cards, issued on behalf of the old members, Messrs Cole and Day.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 29th Mar.1907.

The parishioners of Swavesey on Monday last showed, in the most unmistakeable manner that they were thoroughly satisfied with and had implicit confidence in their old Guardians and District Councillors, - Messrs. W.C.Cole and A Day. The greatest interest was taken in the election by all classes, men and women voting, who had never voted before. Messrs. Cole

and Day's chief supporters, although they knew that their return was certain, were determined that their representatives should go back to their duties with the full knowledge that they had the whole parish behind them. All worked on Monday like horses; not a vote was lost for the want of looking after; traps and carts were busy all day, and the result was a poll which must beat all records. Almost every local elector able to get to the poll voted and electors came from London, Huntingdon, Cambridge, and the surrounding villages.

A large crowd was gathered round the National School when the poll was declared about 8.30 p.m. and the announcement of the figures was greeted with great enthusiasm. The result was;

A.Day 190. W.C.Cole 186. H. Wilderspin 23.

The two successful candidates mounted a cart outside the school, and returned their heartiest thanks to their supporters, and to the many willing worker on their behalf. Both had the warmest of receptions. - Monday last will be a day long remembered in the village, for far great interest was taken in this election than in any Parliamentary election of recent times. The parishioners felt that they had something at stake.

AN EXPECTED RESULT,

The striking success which the old candidates achieved was fully expected. By general consent it is recognised that they have served the parish well and faithfully in the past. That they have not been able to secure all the advantages which the parishioners consider themselves entitled to is due to no lack of effort on their part, but to the fact that their votes are swamped by the representatives of the adjoining parishes. I certainly agree with the views expressed last week that Swavesey has an excellent case for submission to the County Council for extra representation on the District Council,

SUDDEN DEATH. 29th March 1907

The village was shocked on Sunday by the news of the death, after an illness of an hour's duration of Mrs Mary Ann Spring. She went to the morning church service as usual, and shortly before the Litany, was taken ill and had to be assisted to the porch. Thence she was conveyed home in an invalid chair by Mr Walter Thorp. No immediate danger was apprehended. Immediately before death she told the Vicar, who had hastened to visit her, that she felt a little better. Dr Ellis was sent for, but, mean while death had taken place. The matter was reported to the County Coroner, who decided that an inquest must be held. Mrs Spring, who was 82 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr

John Spring of Swavesey. She was a native of Swavesey. Her only surviving child is Mr Philip S. Spring, so well known in the district as an insurance agent. The inquest was held at the White Horse Inn. Dr Ellis said that at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday he found the deceased sitting in a chair dead. In his opinion death was caused by a rupture of a blood vessel of the heart. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

VESTRY MEETING. 29th March 1907.

The Easter Vestry meeting was held in the Parish Church on Monday evening, the Vicar presiding. Mr James Wells was re-elected people's warden and the Vicar's again nominated Mr W.H.Key as his warden.

PARISH MEETING. 29^h March 1907

The annual statutory Parish Meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the National School. Rev A.C.Vidler presiding. The usual accounts were presented. – A meeting of the Council was held the same evening, at which were present, Rev A.C. Vidler, Chairman. Messrs W.H. Key, vice-chairman, J. Gilby, George Metcalfe, R.Norman, Jethro Linford, J. Wells, and W.P. Wimpres. The annual accounts were presented, and all outstanding bills were ordered to be paid.

SUCCESS. 29th March 1907

Mr A.T. Scard, baker and confectioner, of Swavesey has been successful in gaining a diploma carrying the fourth prize for tin bread in the recent competition organised by the Master Bakers's and Confectioner's Society.

POSTPONED. 5th April 1907

The Vicar gave notice on Sunday that the performance of "Christ and his Soldiers" announced for Tuesday evening would have to be postponed, owing to the illness of the organist, Mr Skeeles.

OFF TO CANADA 5th April 1907

The four young Canadian venturers, Messrs. Beaumont. F.Day, Lawson Hepher, and H.Well, had splendid send-off from Swavesey Railway Station, on Wednesday evening, March 27th. The platform was crowded and the empty trucks in the siding were filled with the younger people. It is estimated that about 200 persons were present. They sailed from Liverpool the following day on board the Dominion liner, SS Kensington.

OFF TO CANADA, 5th April 1907.

If the writer of the anonymous postcard placed on the front doorstep of our representative's residence on Sunday evening will communicate with him, furnishing name and address, he will be pleased to do what he can towards having photographs of the four young men, who have left the village for Canada, published in the columns of this journal, but would suggest that any future communication should be placed in the letter box, as it is dangerous to leave letters on a doorstep.

FRANK DAY'S FAREWELL. 5th April 1907

Mr Frank Day, eldest son of Mr Alfred Day, who left Swavesey for Canada on Wednesday evening, was presented with a handsome bible from the teachers and scholars of the Particular Baptist Chapel on Wednesday 20th instant. The proceedings commenced with tea, at which upwards of eighty persons were present.

AN IMPROVEMENT. 5th April 1907.

An excellent wall, enclosing the parish property fronting on High Street, has just been erected by the Parish Council. An eyesore has, in consequence disappeared.

DEATH OF MRS COLE. 12th April 1907.

We regret to announce the death after a long illness of Mrs Sarah Cole, widow of the late Mr William Cole, farmer, of Swavesey, which occurred on Good Friday afternoon, the eighty first anniversary of her birthday. Mr Cole had been gradually failing for some years. She was a native of Swavesey, and had spent the whole of her life there. For many years she had been a member of the Bethel Baptist Chapel, the founder of which was her grandfather, hence its local name Carter's Chapel. Mrs Cole left one son, Mr William Carter Cole of The Farm, Swavesey.

The funeral of the late Mrs Cole, whose death was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Thursday afternoon 4th April, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. The following were the mourners; Mr & Mrs W.C. Cole, (son & daughter-in-law) Mr Charles Cole, (grandson) Mr William Carter, (brother) Mr & Mrs T.W. Carter, (brother & daughter-in-law) Dr & Mrs J.W. Ellis, Mr A.E. King. Mrs Dean, and Miss Curtis. On Sunday evening a memorial service was held at the Bethel Baptist Chapel, where the deceased was a member.

WEDDING. 12th April 1907.

Miss Hannah Garner, second daughter of the late Mr Jethro Garner, of Swavesey, was married quietly on Wednesday afternoon 3rd instant, at St Luke's Church, Chesterton, to Mr Charles Willson of Hilton, only son of Mr Charles Willson of Swavesey, and lately of Hilton. The Rev R.M. Stapylton M.A. rector of Lolworth, officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. Hird, M.A. vicar of St Luke's. After the ceremony a small reception was held at the University Arms.

EASTER OFFERING. 19th April 1907.

The Vicar's Easter offering amounted to upwards of £12, nearly as much as last year, when the sun contributed was a record.

HOME FROM THE TRANSVAAL. 19th April 1907

Mr Horace S. Clarke, younger son of Mr George Clarke, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday evening after five years service in the South African Constabulary. At his particular request the time of his arrival in Swavesey was kept secret, so there was on opportunity for a public demonstration of welcome, much to the regret of his many old friends, who had been looking forward to giving him a hearty reception.

MR FRED WILLIAMS. 19th April 1907

We regret to announce the death of Mr Fred Williams, at the early age of 27 years, after a painful and distressing illness of five months duration. Mr Fred Williams, was the second son of Mr James Williams, wheelwright, of Swavesey. Since he was fourteen, Fred has been engaged in the drapery business, and latterly had been an assistant in the establishment of Messrs Reynolds & Co., Newport, Mon. Shortly before Christmas he returned home, and died at his father's home on Wednesday 10th instant. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and neighbours. The mourners included Mr & Mrs James Williams (parents) Mr & Mrs Sidney Williams, Misses P. & F. Williams, James Williams, junior, and other relations, teachers and scholars of the Bethel Chapel Sunday School. Also representatives of the Temperance Society and Band of Hope connected with the Bethel Chapel. Mr & Mrs Williams sincerely thank the many friends of their late son, for their expressions of sympathy, which are so numerous that they find it impossible to acknowledge all individually.

A MISHAP. 19th April. 1907

Mr William Crisp, butcher, met with a nasty mishap on Friday last. Whilst taking down a cloth outside his shop he slipped, and in falling badly lacerated his left hand by catching it on a meat hook.

OFF TO CANADA. 19th April 1907

The Steamship Kensington, on which Messrs Beaumont Day Hephher & Wells sailed for Canada, arrived safely at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Sunday last.

CRICKET MATCH. 26th April 1907.

Swavesey V Over. – This match was played at Swavesey on Thursday April 18th, and resulted in a win for Over. Scores:- Over 70 runs, Swavesey 36 runs.

THE LATE REV T. NORMANDALE. 3rd May. 1907.

The news of the sudden death of Mr Norman dale was received with very great regret in Swavesey, and deep sympathy is felt for hia young daughter, left an orphan so many miles from home. On Sunday morning in his sermon the Vicar referred in feeling terms to the sad event.

PARISH COUNCIL. 3rd May 1907.

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. Present :- Messrs W.H. Key (in the chair), J. T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J.S. Goad, George Metcalfe, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells. and Herbert Wilderspin. After all Councillors present had signed the declaration of office, the Rev A.C. Vidler was re-elected chairman and Mr W.H. Key vice- chairman. Messrs S.W. Crisp & Herbert Wilderspin, were appointed Overseers, and Mr Samuel Wilderspin, sen. pindar, the latter without salary. The Clerk was instyruacted to take out forthwith a County Court summons against Messrs Stanton Bros. in respect of the Council's claim against them for attendance of the parish engine at the fire on their premises in December, 1905.

LONGEVITY. 10th May. 1907.

The following extract from this month's Parish Magazine. will be of interest to many of our readers. There has been six burials in the Churchyard since the beginning of this present year, and that the average ages of these six should amount to rather more than 80 years, the accumulated total being 483 years.

In stating this, we may perhaps be allowed to recall the names and dates of burial, of those who have passed away:-

Jan 20th Elizabeth Williams, aged 73 years,

Jan 28th Sarah Mitchell, aged 74years.
Mar 7th Sarah Stocker, aged 90years,
Mar 13th Drusilla Carter, aged 83years,
Mar 28th Mary Ann Spring, aged 82years,
April 4th Sarah Cole, aged 81years.

MR A. WELLS. 10th May 1907.

Mr Anderson Wells, son of Mr James Wells, churchwarden, has entered as an undergraduate at Durham University, and it is his intention, eventually to take Hold Orders, Mr wells has for the last ten years been a licensed lay reader and mission helper.

THE FEAST, 10th May 1907.

Swavesey feast, the origin of which is lost in antiquity, begins of Sunday, when the services at the Parish Church will, as usual, be of a festal character. Three cricket matches will be played, viz, . on Monday against Lolworth, 2 pm. on Tuesday against Elsworth, 11.30. am. ; and Wednesday against Boxworth, 2 pm.

CONFIRMATION 10th May 1907. The Lord Bishop of Ely held a confirmation in the Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey, on Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in the presence of a considerable congregation. His lordship, attended by his chaplain, and preceded by the choir and clergy entered by the north door, and the procession moved slowly to the chancel singing a hymn. The Bishop delivered a practical address, and then proceeded with the sacred rite. About fifty candidates were presented from Swavesey, Willingham, Over, Longstanton St Michael, Oakington, Lolworth, St Clement's Cambridge Wisbech and Huntingdon.

FIRE ENGINE. 10th May 1907.

The parish fire engine was tested on the Recreation Ground on Thursday, and instant, and was found in good and serviceable condition notwithstanding that it is eighty years of age. It was thoroughly overhauled a year or two ago by Mr Kidd of Willingham. Captain Thurbon was in command. If additional lengths of hose were provided the usefulness of the venerable machine would be greatly increased.

SWAVESEY FEAST. 17th May 1907.

The feast, so keenly looked forward to by children and young people, and even by many of mature age, has once more come and gone. The village had,

of course, been whitewashed and polished up as usual, spring cleaning had been finished, and the bakers had been busy cooking the accustomed multifarious tasty dishes. The bells of the parish church ringing early on Sunday morning heralded the festival, and the services throughout the day, had a special reference to the village feast. Evensong was attended by a large congregation; the choir acquitted themselves well especially in the anthem. The weather was fine and warm, and the ladies appeared in their brightest costumes. During the day caravans trooped into the village, and early on Monday, Market Street was the scene of active preparations. The lollipop and toy stalls soon found customers amongst the juveniles, many of whom were bankrupt before the feast had fairly begun. The roundabout, with its strident mechanical band, the shooting galleries, etc., did not begin business until later. A new feature was the stall for the sale of teetotal refreshments, under the auspices of the British Women's Temperance Association. and managed by Mrs Watts-White, Mrs Arthur Norman, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Jesse Hephher, Mrs J. Payne, Miss Arliss, Miss Gaunt, and Miss Hayes. Religious services were held each evening in connection with the stall. Tuesday, the temperature was low and everything uncomfortable and damp. The attendance of visitors was under the average in consequence. On Wednesday morning the sun shone brightly, but the sky was soon clouded over. Some of the show people moved away. Cricket matches are a staple attraction of the Feast, and three were played. The committee decided to introduced a collecting box on the ground on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital, but owing to the unpleasant weather the attendance of spectators was small, and the amount collected, £1 0s 6d. was as large as was anticipated. On Tuesday afternoon, Swavesey schoolboys played Longstanton schoolboys at cricket, and the visitor won by a few runs. Apparently the laws of cricket, as understood by the M.C.C. apparently did not apply to the game, for many things were allowed which would have astonished an ordinary cricketer.

SWAVESEY V LOLWORTH. 17th May 1907.

This match was played at Swavesey on Feast Monday, 13th May, and result in a win for Swavesey by one run. An interesting match, with an exciting finish, keenly contested throughout. At the conclusion of Swavesey's second innings Lolworth wanted 31 runs to win. Sam Froment and Harrison opened the bowling for the home team, and Froment accounted for five wickets for seven runs. Harrison, however, was not up to the form shown by him in the first innings, and after two overs was replaced by Williams, who did well, taking five wickets for twelve runs. When the eighth man retired the scored stood at 29 and the game seemed a certainty for Lolworth, but the Swavesey men,

determined to win if possible, fielding smartly, and the next two wickets fell without any addition to the total. In the first innings Froment collared six wickets for twenty runs. For the visitors Jonas Payne bowled splendidly, every wicket except one being credited to him in the second innings.

Scores:- Swavesey, 33 & 40 runs. Lolworth, 43 & 29 runs.

SWAVESEY V ELSWORTH.

This match was played at Swavesey on Feast Tuesday, 14th May. In consequence of the heavy rain which fell during the previous night, it was not possible to start play until about 3 o'clock. Once again Swavesey fielding showed a great improvement. W. Braybrooke for the visitors and Scard for the home team bowled excellently, the latter taking six wicket for twelve runs. Goodley, the new Elsworth Secretary, distinguished himself by his activity in the field. Sam Braybrooke, the popular Elsworth veteran, owing to an accident the previous week at Swavesey station, was, to the general regret, unable to play, but he officiated as umpire.

Scores:- Elsworth, 29 runs. Swavesey. 50 runs.

SWAVESEY V BOXWORTH.

This match was played at Swavesey on Feast Wednesday, May 15th and resulted in a win for Boxworth by two wickets,

Scores:- Boxworth, 47 & 33 runs. Swavesey. 26 & 52 runs.

ACCIDENT. 24th May 1907

Mr J.S. Goad, who takes a keen interest in the prevention of floods, went for a tour of inspection on Tuesday morning. Near the new Dock he stood on a fence, and in getting down inadvertently stepped into a small hole, fell, and dislocated his right ankle. He proceeded at once to Wisbech, and had the injured limb attended to by Dr Mason.

SOUTH AFRICAN CURIOS. 24th May 1907.

Mr Alfred Thorp, whose arrival in Swavesey on a visit from Queenstown, Cape Colony, was announced last week, has an interesting collection of South African curiosities on view at his mother's house, Amongst other things there are several specimens of native work, and many photographs taken by Mr Thorp.

FLOODS. 24th May 1907

As a consequence of the recent heavy rains a good deal of land around Swavesey is under water.

MISHAP. 24th May 1907

Mr Harry Wells, one of the Swavesey carriers, met with an unfortunate mishap as he was leaving St Ives on Monday afternoon. He had fastened a donkey he was commissioned to take home alongside his horse, and when near the old toll gate, the nobler animal resenting the proximity of the donkey, or frightened by an unaccustomed companion, reared an fell, damaging itself severely. There were several passengers in the cart, but happily, no one sustained any injury.

SWAVESEY BANKS & DRAINS, 31st May 1907

From a Swavesey ratepayer, :- I shall be much obliged if you will allow me to call public attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the gates protecting our low-lying land from the River Ouse. In company with two other ratepayers, I paid a visit on Friday the 17th instant to Colville's drain, a most important drain. On arriving at the point where it enters the river, we found a District Councillor, the District Council Surveyor, and one of his men endeavouring to close the river doors. The Councillor had a rope round his body and was pulling for all he was worth, whilst the other two were looking on. The gates were eventually cleared and closed. During the operations a conversation took place. The surveyor was asked why he had not seen that the gates were in working order earlier. He replied that he had sent his man on the previous Saturday, 11th but he had been unable to close the gates, which were firmly fixed in mud and weeds. We expressed our surprise that with the river rising, a week had elapsed before any further attempt was made to close the gates. By the following day, the 18th the river had risen two feet, and if the gates had not been closed a serious flood would have ensued. As it was, the delay of nearly a week allowed much water to get into the fen.

The official's attention was then directed to the doors at the junction of Navigation drain and Colville's drain, which, patched some time back with Orange boxes, leaked seriously. Four years ago, I believe the District Council gave instructions that these doors should be repaired. Perhaps, now that public attention has been called to the matter, the Council will adopt measures to ensure their instructions are complied with, and will request their Surveyor to devote a little more of his time and energies to the drains and gates. We are aware that our two Councillors have difficulty in inducing their colleagues, who represent parishes not liable to flood, to do anything for the Swavesey banks and drains. Still, the question is of paramount importance to Swavesey, whose rateable value is about double the combined rateable value of the three other parishes in the district, situated on higher ground. J.S. Goad

EMPIRE DAY. 31st May 1907.

A Union Jack, or rather a spurious imitation of one, was hoisted outside the National School on Empire Day. Towards the end of morning school the children were addressed by the headmaster, Henry Beaumont, on the subject of the British Empire. He mentioned that an old scholar who had recently left for Canada had written to say that he had been employed in the erection of a hall in Toronto, in which the Empire Day celebrations were to take place. Mr Beaumont explained how the Union Jack represented different parts of the United Kingdom. After the address, "God Save the King" was sung, the children saluted the flag, and then cheered lustily. A half-holiday was granted in honour of the day. During the evening the church bells were rung. At two or three houses in the village flags were hung out, but the flagstaff on the church tower was naked, though it is usual to hoist a Union Jack there on special occasions.

ROYAL OAK DAY. 31st May 1907.

On Wednesday evening, 29th May, being Royal Oak Day, the bell of the Parish Church were rung in accordance with ancient custom.

A SMASH AND A SILENT BOY: 31st May. 1907

On Friday evening a cow belonging to Mr John Williams, of Market Street, whilst being driven with others along High Street, knocked down and wrecked the iron railings in front of a house. The Lad in charge proceeded on his way as if nothing had happened.

IN GRATITUDE, 31st May 1907

A Swavesey carrier and a Fenstanton baker, whilst passing along the road from St Ives to Fenstanton the other afternoon discovered two gentlemen of St Ives in difficulties. Their trap and pony were in the ditch, and they were unable to extricate them. The carrier and the baker promptly went to the rescue, pulled the trap on to the road, and bound up the fractured shaft. The St Ivesians expressed their gratitude by driving away in silence. So much overcome were they that they could not even say "Thank you".

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 31st May 1907

An eleven of Swavesey schoolboys walked to Lolworth on Tuesday afternoon, and played a game of cricket with the Lolworth youngsters. The visitors were victorious scoring 40 and 38 runs against the home team, 14 and 29. The Swavesey champions then walked home to tea. Imagination fails to conjure up

the picture of a team of adult village cricketer walking so long a distance, playing a match, and tramping home without refreshment.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEGLECT, 7th June 1907.

Mr J.S. Goad, who recently dislocated his ankle whilst voluntarily looking after the fobs and gates protecting the low lying land between the Ouse and the Village of Swavesey, is progressing as favourably as can be expected. It has been suggested that the District Council should compensate him, as he was engaged on work which many persons maintain should be attended to by the Council.

LOLWORTH V SWAVESEY. 7th June 1907.

This match was played at Lolworth on Monday 3rd June. and resulted in a victory for Lolworth, Scores :- Swavesey, 53 runs, Lolworth, 98 runs.

ELSWORTH V SWAVESEY.

This match was played at Elsworth on Tuesday, 28th May, and resulted in a win for the home XI. Scores:- Elsworth, 59 runs, Swavesey, 17 runs

JUVENILE CRICKET. 14th June 1907.

An eleven of Swavesey juveniles journeyed to Longstanton on Tuesday, and met and defeated a team of juveniles of that village in a friendly game of cricket. Swavesey scored 22 runs in the first innings and 28 in the second, while Longstanton made 24 runs in their first venture and 10 in their second. Thus Swavesey won by 16runs, thanks mainly to the effective bowling of L.Williams and B. Walker.

PARISH COUNCIL 21st June 1907.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening, at the National School, the following councillors being present. Rev A.C. Vidler, chairman, Messrs W.H. Key Vice-chairman, J Gilby, J.S. Goad, G, Metcalfe, William T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells, and H. Wilderspin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and after amendments were signed. It transpired that the clerk had not taken out a County Court summons against Messrs Stanton in respect of the charge they declined to pay for the attendance of the Parish fire engine at the fire on their premises in December, 1905, although instructed to do so at the last two meetings of the Council. He was given strict orders to obtain a summons within a week. The chairman submitted the draft scheme for the recreation ground which he had received from the Charity Commissioners. A slight alteration was suggested. It was reported that the

piece of waste Land in the High Street, bequeathed to the Parish by the late Mr George Long, J.P. had been cleared and there was a considerable quantity of bricks and brick rubbish for disposal. The Council decided that it should be sold by auction. The other business was not of public interest.

SWAVESEY V. St. IVES ARTHURIANS. 21st June 1907

This match was played at St Ives on Saturday, 15th June, and resulted in a decisive victory for the Arturians. The Swavesey X.I. was far from strong, whilst the Arthurians, anxious, doubtless to wipe out their defeats of last year, put men into the field who may be members of the Club, but who usually play for the St Ives Club.

Scores:- Swavesey, 65 runs, Arthurians, 102 runs for 6 wickets.

GAP

THAT CLOCK AGAIN. 19th July 1907

The famous clock on the National School known locally as the Town Clock, which had stopped a day or two previously at 1.55 was wound up and set going shortly before 11p.m. on Saturday. Putting the hands right involved much striking of the bell - it sounded 54 times, and not unnaturally caused great consternation. One visitor, unaccustomed to Swavesey eccentricities, thought that the fire alarm was being rung, whilst other people wondered if the planet Mars had anything to do with the midnight tocsin.

OVER V. SWAVESEY, 19th July 1907

This match was played at Over on Thursdays , July 11th and resulted in a win for Over by 12 runs on the first innings,

Scores :- Over, 28 runs for 9 wickets, Swavesey 21 runs.

PARISH COUNCIL 19th July 1907.

The Parish Council were not successful in their action in Huntingdon County Court, on Wednesday, against Messrs Stanton to recover the amount of the charge. £3 17s made for the attendance of the fire engine at the fire on the defendant's premise in December, 1905. Mr Harrison of St Ives represented the Council, and Mr Berryman, of London, the defendants, No witnesses were called, though several were in attendance. There was considerable argument. Mr Berryman maintained that although the Council had not adopted the Lighting and Watching Act, certain payments for the maintenance of the engine, its appliances, and its house had been made out of the rates, so no charge could be levied for the use of the engine. Judge Wheeler K.C., said he

was compelled to decide in favour of the defendants, although he was in sympathy with the Parish Council, but he refused an application by Mr Berryman for costs on the higher scale. This decision is of considerable importance to the ratepayers and residents of Swavesey. For very many years, whenever the engine has attended at a fire a claim has been made on the insurance office concerned, and in every case the amount charged has been paid without question, but now it would appear that no claim can legally be made, The ratepayers will now have to bear the cost of attendance at fires. Mr Harrison pointed out in Court, the result may be the Council decides not to maintain the engine. It will be interesting to know what view the insurance offices will take of this latter possibility.

WATER SUPPLY. 26th July. 1907.

An attempt has been made to meet the shortage of water at Boxworth End by a temporary expediency of locking up all the public pumps except during a short interval each day, it is being assumed that the deficiency is due to the socks being low. There are, however, descendents of Didymus who question the truth of the theory. With great temerity they maintain that the socks cannot be low after the heavy and continuous rainfall. and that the shortage is accounted for by the pipes being blocked, as they have been on several previous occasions. The users of the four public pumps are sore at their supply being restricted – other than for domestic purposes. It is even contended that the drawing of water from private pumps that contributes very largely to the frequent failure at Boxworth End.

WALLMAN'S LANE. 26th July 1907.

It is hoped it will be possible to announce next week that the stupendous work in connection with the offensive sewer – not many yards in length – in Wallman's Lane, which has been in hand for upwards of a year, has been completed. A filter was ordered some time ago, and the case, minus the filtering materials, was put in position at the end of last month. All that remains to be done is to fill the case with coke and gravel and to lower the pipes under entrances to gardens. To the uninitiated these seem simple matters which could be attended to without a superhuman expenditure of thought, time, or labour, but things that on the surface appear quite simple often are terribly difficult. In the meantime, the stagnant sewage in the open drain continues to emit offensive odour, and potentially dangerous to health.

EARLY HARVEST. 26th July 1907

Who says the harvest will be late this year?. An allotment holder in the Hale reaped his barley over a week ago! It is true birds had taken most of the corn, and the farmer probably deemed it advisable to secure the straw in case that should disappear as well.

SWAVESEY FIRE BRIGADE. 2nd August 1907

Dear Sir, - We notice in the articles appearing in your paper of the 19th instant, that the statement made with regard to the attendance of the Fire Brigade at the fire at our farm at Swavesey are somewhat erroneous. Our contention was, and is, that as ratepayers, and consequently as contributors to the maintenance of the extinguishing appliances belonging to the Parish Council, we were in the event of our being unfortunate enough to have a fire, entitled to the free use of the Council's appliances, etc. We notice it is stated that we asked for the account, but seeing the position we adopted in the matter, we think your readers will hardly credit this as being in accordance with the true facts of the case. We regret, as ratepayers, that our Council should have wasted money on legal proceedings, which resulted in a judgement being given against them, especially as we understand that they were advised that they could not legally recover the charges made upon us. We do not think we need trespass any further on your valuable space, but seeing that the facts as stated are somewhat misleading, we thought it advisable to explain our attitude in the matter – We remain, Yours respectfully, STANTON BROS. July 30th 1907.

SWAVESEY FIRE ENGINE. 3rd August 1907.

Dear Sirs, - If insurance offices have been in the habit of paying for the use of the Swavesey fire engine at fires, why do not the Council send their account which Mr Stanton objects to pay to his fire office?. If things were explained the office might pay rather than have the engine given up altogether, as I hear is likely to be the case. In most places, I believe, the insurance offices agree to a scale of charges for fire engines. Why not in Swavesey? –

Yours respectfully, COMMON SENSE.

(The correspondence on this subject continues for several weeks)

WALLMAN'S LANE, 2nd August 1907.

We were too hopeful last week in suggesting the possibility of the completion of the drain in Wallman's Lane within a few days. Nothing further has been done, the difficulty in obtaining the few pounds of coke and a shovel or two of gravel for the filter having apparently proved insuperable. Is the Swavesey Rural District Council callous to the health and convenience of the people, or powerless to enforce the carrying out of its orders within reasonable time?.

THE PUMPS. 2nd August 1907.

The locks were removed from the five (not four as stated last week) public pumps on Friday, the 26th ult. a weeks experience having shown that the shortage was not due to the socks being low. A water cart now perambulates Boxworth End periodically, but whether it is to take the place of the pumps permanently has not been officially announced by the District Council. Eighteen private pumps and wells draw their supply of water from the public pipes.

CRICKET. 2nd August 1907.

On Thursday 25th a team nominally of St Ives Arthurians, but more correctly be described as “ St Ives & District” visited Swavesey. The home eleven went in first, although rain was falling, but the game had to be abandoned when six wickets were down for eighteen runs. When it came to the St Ives Arthurians sending out a team – an eleven it was not, as only nine players turned up, two substitutes having to be supplied by the home club. The Arthurians is believed to be intended for youths and young men connected with St Ives Parish Church. It may be urged that owing to St Ives Flower Show being on the same day, it was not possible to induce genuine Arthurians to leave the town beloved of Cromwell, but the plea is largely discounted when it is remembered that the Arthurian eleven, which opposed Swavesey at St Ives on June 15th included more than one crack player of St Ives Town Club.

CHURCH CLOCK. 9th August 1907.

The two faces of the clock on the tower of the Parish Church have been regilded through the kindness of Mr George Long. The clock was presented some years ago by her late husband in memory of his parents.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET, 9th August 1907.

The return match between the St. Ives and Swavesey schoolboys was played at St. Ives on Bank Holiday. The Home XI won by 20 runs. Scores; St. Ives. 1st innings 18, 2nd innings 42. Swavesey; 1st innings 24, 2nd innings, 16.

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AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT. 16th August 1907.

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WALLMAN'S LANE. 16th August 1907

Nothing has yet been done to the drain. As the works appear to be beyond the powers of the present contractor, who is noted for his promptitude in executing all orders, could not some intelligent labouring man with elementary knowledge of draining be given the job?.

A MISHAP, 16th August 1907

On Saturday a van laden with furniture had a narrow escape from a ducking in the Chapel Pond, Middle Watch. The horse was taken into the pond for water, and here the van got into difficulties and nearly capsized. All efforts to extricate it having failed, some of the furniture was removed, and with the kindly aid of District Councillor A. Day, who is prolific in expedients, the van was eventually got out without further mishap. Other carts have had narrow escapes at the same spot, but we understand that instructions have now been given for the pond to be rendered safe.

PARISH COUNCIL 23rd August 1907.

A meeting of unusual importance of the Swavesey Parish Council was held in the National School on Thursday, 15th instant. The Rev. A.C. Vidler, chairman presided, and there were present, Messrs W.H. Key, J. Gilby, J.S. Goad, George Metcalfe, Willim T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, and confirmed, the condition of the pump and well on parish property in High

Street was considered. It was decided that both should be attended to but that nothing could with advantage be done at present. The clerk reported that the sum of £11 6s had been realised, after expenses (10s) had been deducted, by the sale of old bricks and brick rubbish on the parish land in High Street.

The Chairman then made a statement respecting the parish fire engine, dealing particularly with (a) the Stanton case and its consequences and (b) the question of the responsibility of the Council under the Employer's Liability Act. He finished by submitting certain practical proposals which he suggested should be dealt with in detail. After the Stanton case and the Employers Liability Act had been discussed by Councillors, the Chairman's proposals were dealt with and were agreed to without opposition. They were as follows:- (1) That insurance offices insuring property in Swavesey and neighbouring parishes should be asked if they would agree to pay for the use of the engine, appliances, captain, and workers according to a fixed scale of charges. (2) A scale of charges was drawn up and adopted. (3) That in view of the responsibility incurred by the Council under the Employer's Liability Act, the services of the captain should at once be dispensed with, and that he be paid six months salary in lieu of notice. (4) That the key of the engine house should be kept by the clerk. (5) That the engine and its house be insured. (6) That all charges for the attendance of the engine at fires be sent to the insurance office concerned. (7) That a statement of the facts of the Stanton case be sent to the London & Lancashire Fire Office. Mr J. Gilby was elected to the Fire Engine Committee which at present consisting of Messrs W.H.Key and G.Metcalf.

After briefly considering a letter from the County Council respecting Small Holdings, the Council adjourned.

DEATH. 23th August 1907

To the great sorrow of his many friends and relatives, Herbert Perry, second son of Mr William Perry, the respected Station Master at Swavesey, passed away shortly after noon on Friday last, at the early age of nineteen years. Bert Perry, as he was called, was born in Swavesey. He was educated at the National School, and was a choir boy at the Parish Church. He trained as a railway booking office clerk, under his father, and worked at Swavesey for four years. At the beginning of March last he was transferred to Dunmow. He returned home at Whitsuntide very unwell, and immediately took to his bed, where consumption developed with terrible rapidity. Always of a happy and unselfish disposition he bore his illness uncomplaining, and until almost the last was hopeful of recovery. He was an enthusiastic member of the Cricket Club, which showed its sympathy and respect by being officially represented

at the funeral service, held on Tuesday, in the church. The burial took place in the church yard, the coffin being borne from the station to the church on the shoulders of six young men, all of whom were old friends and schoolmates. A long line of mourners followed, including his parents and family, railway officials, cricket club representatives and friends.

DENNANT – BRASHER. 23rd August 1907

On Monday, 19th instant, the marriage was solemnised at St Andrew's church of Mr Charles Henry Dennant of 81 Glisson Rd, Cambridge, son of the late Mr James Dennant, of Ipswich, and Miss Lucy Ann Brasher, elder daughter of Mr Edward Brasher of Mill Rd, Cambridge. As the bride and her father are both natives of Swavesey, considerable interest was taken in the wedding by the villagers. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a tasteful gown of cream alpaca trimmed with cream chiffon and lace, and wore a veil and wreath of orange blossoms. Two bridesmaids Miss Alice M. Brasher, (sister) and Miss Elsie Hawkes (cousin) attended her, their dresses being of biscuit crinoline with pale blue hats trimmed with pink roses. The bride and bridesmaids carried beautiful bouquets composed mainly of lilies of various kinds. After the ceremony there was luncheon at the house in Market Street, in which the bride was born. (the names of guests follows). The groom holds the responsible post of Clerk of Works, Great Eastern Railway, Cambridge, and is well known, having been the honorary secretary and treasurer of Cambs Football Association for several years.

“IS VISIONS ABOUT” 23rd August 1907

A correspondent writes:- Two workmen armed with pick axes and shovels appeared in Wallman's Lane, Swavesey, and proceeded to open the drains under gateways. Well may I exclaim with the poet.

“Do I sleep – do I dream?

Do I wonder and doubt?

Are things what they seem,

Or is visions about.”

AWKWARD! 23rd Aug 1907

A Swavesey correspondent writes:-

The popular hostess of an inn dedicated to a noble quadruped of sable hue had a narrow escape the other day. Whilst seated in state in her tap-room surrounded by admiring customers a strong smell of burning cloth was noticed. Search was made under tables and in cupboards, and the chimney stacki was inspected, but nothing could be found until at last smoke was seen

issuing from the petticoats of the landlady herself. Her lower garments were smouldering, but how they got on fire cannot be ascertained. Spontaneous combustion seems out of the question, and no one would be so rude or so careless as to throw a not extinguished match at the lady, Customers rushed heroically to the rescue, the fire was put out, and the lady saved, but her clothing was sadly damaged The services of the parish fire engine were not required, so the Parish Councillors will not be troubled with another County Court action, nor will it be necessary for them to enquire the name of the fire office in which she and her petticoats were insured.

FORTHCOMING GARDEN FETE. 23rd August 1907

A representative meeting of members of the congregation of the Parish Church, under the presidency of the Vicar, was held in the Vicarage Room on Tuesday evening, to make final arrangements for a garden fete and sale of work which are to take place in the Vicarage Grounds on Tuesday next, 27th instant, between 3pm and 10pm. The St Ives Brass Band has been engaged for the whole time, and there will be dancing to its strains during the evening. The grounds will be illuminated, and there will be other attractions. Yet the charge for admission has been fixed at a modest sum of sixpence. It is hoped the weather will be fine, and that the attendance will be good, as the proceeds are to go for the repair of the organ, and for other expenses connected with the large and beautiful Church at Swavesey.

GREAT FALL IN PORK. 30th August 1907

A litter of pigs of about a month old, belonging to the landlady of the Bell, Swavesey, caused excitement to the general public and anxiety to her the other Sunday. The piggies strayed away from home but all except one were soon recovered, One little piggie, however, could not be found. Had it started early for St Ives market, or had it gone a courting?. No one could say? presently came an urgent message from a house on the opposite side of the road, Piggie was having a grand time in the garden, not altogether to the owner's satisfaction. It was driven towards home, but preferred the company of the taproom customers to that of its brothers and sisters. Driven from the taproom, it visited other apartments, and finally scrambled upstairs into the landlady's bedroom, where it entrenched itself under the bed. A wild scene ensued, in the course of which, as a spectator picturesquely put it, furniture under the bed was smashed. Piggie was determined not to be caught, and when driven to extremities, dashed at the window and jumped to the ground, falling unharmed to the first floor, a distance of several feet.

ANOTHER OLD FACE GONE. 30th August 1907

Shadrach Knock, a very familiar figure in and around Swavesey and St Ives until a year or two ago, died last week in St Ives Union, and was buried in Swavesey Churchyard on Wednesday, He had been in failing health for some time.

NOT ANOTHER FISMONGER. 30th August 1907.

It was rumoured last week that another fishmonger has started business in Swavesey, but we are able to say there is no truth in the tale. It seems that a well-known tradesman, whose only acquaintance in the fish trade has been for his own domestic use, had occasion to borrow a friend's donkey and cart. Accompanied by a lady, he drove through Middle Watch and Boxworth End, and his acquaintances instead of cheering him on his way, very rudely jeered. In retaliation he began to cry "Mackerel, fine mackerel" – just like the regular merchant, only a little better. It was truly surprising to see housewives, hungering for a change of food, rush to their front doors armed with plates and dishes, and their disappointment was painful to witness. It is pleasing to be able to record that the Swavesey housewives displayed great forbearance, for not one plate or dish was thrown.

GARDEN FETE. 30th August 1907.

Garden fetes, sales of work, and the like appears nowadays to be the approved method of raising money for ecclesiastical as well as charitable purposes. I refer to the garden fete and sale of work which came off on Tuesday in the charming grounds of Swavesey Vicarage. The crowd that attended was estimated at from 400 to 500. The function was to raise money for the repair of the organ and for other church expenses. Swavesey possesses a particularly large, ancient, beautiful Church, which is expensive to keep up. The organ too is large for a village church. The ordinary church funds are barely sufficient for the purpose of maintenance, even when there are no exceptional expenses. When it was found that rain water had seriously damaged the organ, fund raising was needed to put things right.

The fete opened at 3 o'clock, with the St Ives Town band playing a spirited march. Crowds tramped along the vicarage drive, which for a time presented the appearance of a sprinting track. The stalls were attacked furiously and soon showed signs of depletion. The jumble stall was at first the chief attraction. The new work stall did well, as their returns showed at the end of the day. Two features on this stall were the straw hats manufactured for the occasion and the excellent photographs of the Vicar. The flower stall with bran tubs attached were most successful. Then came the most important stall

of all,- the refreshment stall. Here in a tent ladies dispensed tea and coffee, lemonade, and all kinds of tasty edibles. The side shows were very popular. At six o'clock an open air concert took place. In the evening, the grounds were effectively illuminated and presented a beautiful and fairy-like appearance.

At the end of the evening, the vicar, in declaring the fete a success in every respect, thanked the workers and contributors for all they had done. The gross receipts amounted to slightly over £38, and after deducting expenses not less than £32 will remain. (a condensed account of a very long report)

PARISH COUNCIL 30th August.

The Parish Council were not successful in their action in Huntingdon County Court, on Wednesday, against Messrs Stanton to recover the amount of the charge. £3 17s made for the attendance of the fire engine at fire on the defendant's premise in December, 1905. Mr Harrison of St Ives represented the Council, and Mr Berryman, of London, the defendants, No witnesses were called, though several were in attendance. There was considerable argument. Mr Berryman maintained that although the Council had not adopted the Lighting and Watching Act, certain payments for the maintenance of the engine, its appliances, and its house had been made out of the rates, so no charge could be levied for the use of the engine. Judge Wheeler K.C., said he was compelled to decide in favour of the defendants, although he was in sympathy with the Parish Council, but he refused an application by Mr Berryman for costs on the higher scale. This decision is of considerable importance to the ratepayers and residents of Swavesey. For very many years, whenever the engine has attended at a fire a claim has been made on the insurance office concerned, and in every case the amount charged has been paid without question, but now it would appear that no claim can legally be made, The ratepayers will now have to bear the cost of attendance at fires. Mr Harrison pointed out in Court, the result may be the Council decides not to maintain the engine. It will be interesting to know what view the insurance offices will take of this latter possibility.

WALLMAN'S LANE DRAIN 30th August 1907

A correspondent writes to say that the open sewer in Wallman's Lane, to which attention has been called in these columns, has been very offensive during the week, notwithstanding the filter recently put in by the District Council. The stench, he declares, is as bad as ever. He also mentions that the Sanitary Inspector last week visited the houses in High Street, the gardens belonging to which run down to the sewer, and intimated that he would require all drains on these premises to be trapped, W.C.'s at a distance from the

houses to be brought into accordance with modern requirements, and ash pits take abolished. the writer asks whether it would not look better if the District Council, whose officer he understands the Inspector to be put its own offensive drains in order before worrying private owners respecting their drains, etc. He further suggests that it would be well if the Inspector visited Swavesey during the weekly clearing out by District Council workmen of the cesspools connected with the public drains in the main street. This work is done during the daytime and the effluvium which arises is abominable.

WATER SUPPLY 30th August 1907

There is now a good supply of water at the public pumps in Middle Watch and Boxworth End. The recent shortage was due, as on previous occasions, to the pipes being blocked.

GAP

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS 13th Sept, 1907

Swavesey nearly lost one of its most prominent inhabitants on Tuesday afternoon, when S.W. Crisp narrowly escaped drowning in the weedy water of the Ouse. He was boating with a party of ladies and gentlemen, and when opposite Carter's Jump, not far from Overcote, he attempted to change places with another gentleman. He lost his balance and fell backwards into the River which is between seven and eight feet deep at this place. With great present of mind, when he came to the surface, he grasped the side of the boat and tried to get over the side, but to this the other gentleman objected, as the boat would, without doubt, have been upset, and the whole party immersed. The boat was therefore punted to the bank where Mr Crisp found his feet and scrambled on to *terra firma*. He at once went home and changed. He returned on a bicycle, and when turning the sharp corner of the road by Overcote drawbridge, had a spill and seriously damaged his face,

ENTERPRISE, 13th Sept. 1907,

A Swavesey farmer, (Alfred Day) noted for his resourcefulness, and for the originality of his method, has been thrashing this week, and anxious to lose no time, he continued at work after darkness had fallen upon the land. Electric lights not yet having been installed in Swavesey, bicycle lamps were used to supply the needful illumination. Instead of sacks to catch the grain, a milk float, was backed against the drum. This also was a saving of labour, for when full it was _rotted away to the barn and its contents tipped out. Yet there are people so prejudiced as to say that Swavesey is behind the times!

SWAVESEY 13th Sept 1907.

The newly appointed Revising Barrister, Mr Romer Macklin held his annual court for the revision of voter's list in fifteen parishes at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Tuesday. The court was held in the large room of the Inn, which in the course of its long life has been put to many uses. Here at least times the nimble of all ages dance to the stirring strains of an accordion. The mystic rites appertaining to the Order of Shepherds are performed, and here auctioneers seductive in tongue, but callous in heart, hammer away the parishioner's property. Of late a billiard table has been installed in the room. The Barrister took his seat at a separate table. On one side was his clerk: at the other was a chair for the overseer whose parish was under revision. The agents representing the two political parties sat at the sides of the billiard table facing one another. The revision Court at Swavesey is like a family gathering, for the same old faces turn up year after year. The venerable Mr Whybrow, hale and hearty, in spite of his 85 years once again appeared for the little parish of Westwick and received warm congratulations from the Barrister, the agents, and his colleagues. He was, of course, sustained by his friend Mr Osbourne of Girton. There was little of public interest in the proceedings, but the net advantage appeared to rest with Mr French the popular and energetic Conservative Agent. The able and amiable Mr Guyatt, the Liberal Champion successfully objected to the vote of Mr John Frank Brown, on the Dry Drayton list. For the fifteenth year in succession Mr French objected to Mr Herbert Silk, of Over, and as usual the name was expunged. The proceeding ended shortly before 3 o'clock.

AN UNDESIRABLE VISITOR. 20th Sept 1907

A gentle man of Weary Willie class created somewhat of a stir in the village on Monday. He arrived the previous evening, and, honour one or two public houses with his presence, but his company was not appreciated, for he was requested to leave. Early on Monday morning he was found lying at full length outside the gate leading to a stack yard in Wallman's Lane. When disturbed he expressed his disapproval volubly and forcibly. The greater part of the day he spent in paying calls at shops, private houses, and cottages, but apparently did not meet with sympathetic welcome he thought he deserved. At several places his behaviour was to reproach, and he alarmed one or two old ladies, and little children were afraid to venture into the lanes. One father of a family, working at an outlying farm, had to go without his tea as his diminutive daughter declined to run the risk of meeting "the tramp" in a lonely lane. Later in the day the constable induced Weary Willie to leave the parish and he wandered

to Over and there repeated his tactics, but the stalwart small boys of Over took him in hand and chivvied him back to Swavesey, and the Over constable started in pursuit. It is understood the unwelcome visitor left for St Ives by the last train, and Swavesey slept in peace.

ACCIDENT 20th September 1907

Samuel Cook, the eleven years old son of Mr William Cook, horse keeper for Mr Ellis Long, climbed a high tree on Monday to a pigeon's nest. He fell and broke his wrist. His father drove him to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where the fracture was set, and the boy was allowed to return home. He is progressing favourably.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 20th September 1907

During the holidays the interior of the National School has been whitewashed and repainted. A light green dado round the walls is very effective. The work has been done admirably by Mr Sidney Beaumont, painter and plumber, of Swavesey.

VERY SAD. 20th September 1907.

A Swavesey young man (Walter Hodson) who is employing his spare time in the harvest field met with a sad disappointment the other day. He rose early, and shouldering a well-filled basket of provender trudged gaily to Scotland, which in this instance is a tract of land in the Swavesey, boarding on the Huntingdon Road.

The dinner hour arrived, the young man's appetite whetted by harvest toil was keen, and like old Mother Hubbard, he went not to the cupboard but to his basket. only like her to be disappointed, The old lady found her cupboard bare. The young man discovered his basket in a similar condition. A friend's dog had raided the food. Potatoes, beans, meat, currant turnovers, and half a loaf of bread had disappeared. A pot carefully secured with a bung which contained biutter had been licked clean, the predatory quadruped having managed to withdraw the bung. All that was left of the fair and ample repast were two onions and a quart of cold tea! It will be observed that there is a difference between Mrs Hubbard's case and the young man's. She was disappointed because her poor dog had no bone: the young man was sad because the dog collared the bone and every thing else worth considering, and had left him without food.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 27th September 1907

The thanksgiving service for harvest will be held at the Parish Church, on Thursday next, 3rd October. The preacher at the festal evensong will be the Rev W.E. Palmer Bath of St Stephen's Regent's Park, London, who won Golden opinions in the parish whist acting a *locum tenens* during the Vicar's holiday in July.

CRICKET CLUB' 27th September 1907.

Two bats have this season been presented to Swavesey Cricket Club by the Hon E.S. Montagu, M. P. and Mr Bartley, respectively, to be given to the two members with the best batting averages. As however, the last match of the season was played in July, and the averages were published shortly afterwards, it is about time the bats were presented to the successful players. But why should batting alone be recognised? Why should not the hard worked bowlers be rewarded? Early in the season it was understood that a playing member of the club had volunteered to present a ball for the best bowler, but owing to a difference of opinion with the committee the offer was withdrawn. As the gentleman in question is the winner of one of the bats, and also tops the bowling, it would be a graceful act on his part to present a ball to the bowler with the next best analysis, whose record runs very close to his own.

CYCLING ACCIDENT. 27th September 1907

Mr T. Mackness came to grief on Sunday evening in a gallant, it ia satisfactory to add successful, endeavour to avoid injuring certain ladies in Over who obstructed his way, and like the deaf adder, ignored the frantic appeals of his cycle bell. He had been cycling in the neighbourhood, and was returning home through the village of Over. Mr Mackness is no scorcher: he rides with discretion proper to his years and weight. On approaching The Parish Church he met a crowd of people. They stretched a solid phalanx, from side to side of the roadway, and even blocked the nearly non-existent footpath. He rang his bell again and again. Possibly they heroically held the highway as a protest against cycle riding on the Sabbath. Mr Mackness for 20years and more served his country right nobly in the Royal Artillery, and has seen service in India, South Africa, and elsewhere.

PARISH MEETING. 27th September 1907.

A poorly attended Parish Meeting was held on Thursday evening in last week at the National School to authorise the expenditure necessary for lighting the street lamps during the coming winter.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th September 1907.

The Parish Council met on Monday evening, the Rev. A.C. Vidler presiding. Tenders were received from Mr George Clarke and Mr F. Sanderson for lighting the public lamps. Mr Clarke's tender at £23 was accepted. Correspondence with insurance offices respecting the maintenance of the fire engine was read, also a communication from the Charity Commissioners stating that all legal formalities in connection with the recreation ground had been completed.

AN EXPLANATION. 4th October 1907.

Mr Bartley has called the attention of our Swavesey correspondent to the paragraph in last week's "Express" respecting the cricket club, which he considers contains a reflection on himself as, in his opinion it would lead our readers to infer he had not given the bat in accordance with his promise, Our Correspondent had no intention or desire to convey any such impression. Mr Bartley informs him that he handed his bat to the winner privately some three weeks ago. We are sorry that Mr Bartley should have been annoyed with the paragraph, but we can assure him that on reflection was cast on him.

RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA. 4th October 1907.

Mr Alfred Thorp, who has been in England since May, left Swavesey on Thursday 3rd instant, and on Saturday sailed from Southampton for South Africa in the Kinfauns Castle. Having had an enjoyable holiday and visited many of his old friends, he returns to his cycle business in Queenstown, Cape Colony.

STREET LAMPS 4th October 1907.

The public lamps were brought into use for the first time this season on Thursday, the 3rd inst. As evidence that they have been lighted none too soon, it may be mentioned that several persons returning from evening service at the Parish Church on the previous Sunday were obliged to strike matches in order to find their way home. The Contract for lighting, etc., is again in the capable hands of Mr George Clarke, whose only opponent Mr F. Sanderson, when lamplighter some yeas ago, won renown by leaving the lamps alight all one night. in order to warm the air. Influenza was rife at the time. Ratepayers who are doubtful whether the lamplighter earns his money may be interested to learn that Mr Clarke estimates the distance he has to walk whilst lighting, putting out, and filling up during the six months the lamps are in use aft about 1300 miles, and that the erection a few years ago of the lamp near the station added some twenty miles in the six months to the lamplighter's walk.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11th October 1907.

The thanksgiving service for harvest was held at the Parish Church of St Andrew on Thursday the 3rd inst. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 am and there was choral Evensong at 7.30 pm. when a excellent congregation including Nonconformists, attended. The service was notable for its great heartiness, the people joining in singing of the psalms and hymns with vigour. The glorious old church was effectively decorated by the usual devoted band of ladies – Miss Vidler, Mrs G. Long, Mrs Levell, Miss Beaumont, Miss Daisley, Miss Ethel Garner, Miss Pook , and Miss J Wells. On Sunday afternoon the children had their annual flower service at the Mission Church, Boxworth End. The offerings of fruit and Flowers by the young people have been sent to St Ives Union Infirmary, and the other contributions of fruit and vegetables to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

STOCK CLUB. 11th Oct. 1907

The annual gathering of the members of the Swavesey Stock Club took place at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening. It was the custom until six years ago to celebrate the event with a dinner. Then came a period of all work and no social function. This year a meat tea was substituted, at which twenty six members sat down, under the genial presidency of Mr Philip Metcalfe. The business meeting followed the tea. The annual accounts were settled, and disclosed the pleasing fact that, although about £7 less than last year, owing to a few small losses, the financial condition of the club was satisfactory.

The old Committee, with the exception of Mr J.S.Goad, who retired at his request, were re-elected. Mr Samuel Hephher being appointed to the vacancy, and Mr Philip Metcalfe was again chosen as clerk, an office he has held, and given general satisfaction for many years. A proposal by Mr W.H. Key that the old system of an annual dinner on the principle of 'attend or pay' should be reverted to, was carried as an amendment to a motion by Mr George Clarke that a tea with optional attendance should be the rule.

A MAN HUNT, 11th October 1907

This story as told by the Swavesey Lamplighter, of the search for a man of Weary Willie class at Boxworth End. A Tramp (who are not beloved in Swavesey), on Saturday evening, asked a youth for matches, he had none; however, another person supplied him with a few. For some time he loitered about and was then seen to enter Mr A. Day's well stocked rickyard opposite the Red Lion Inn. An alarm was given and the populace turned out in force to search for him. (the incident, a long story which finishes with a limerick)

A muscular tramp met at Swaysey
A reception so bad that you may see
Such folk should keep clear,
Or else go in fear.
Of a crowbar, thick sticks, and the P.C.

DEATH OF AN QCTOGENARIAN. 18th October 1907

An old inhabitant has passed away in the person of Mr Charles Savage, who died on the 12^{inst}, at the great age of 84 years. The funeral took place in the parish Churchyard on Tuesday.

TRAP ACCIDENT. 18th October 1907

A somewhat serious trap accident occurred about four o'clock on Friday afternoon near the New Inn on the Huntingdon Road. A youth in the employment of Messrs Lanrie & McConnal, Ltd, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge drove up to the New Inn with a pony and trap in order to give the animal, which had done a long journey, a rest. He put on the nose bag, but did not tie up the pony, and then entered the house, No sooner had he done so than the pony bolted towards Cambridge, and after a brief but exciting dash for liberty soon came ingloriously to grief in the ditch on the southern side of the road near the turning to Boxworth. The Trap was turned over, and the animal lay in a curious position. its head being towards the trap and its hind quarters in the opposite direction. Assistance was promptly forthcoming. Three of Mr Thornhill's workmen ran up, while Mr W.C. Cole's groom and Mr Jacob Frohock's stud groom, who were driving along the road independently immediately hurried to the scene. With difficulty, the trap was righted and the pony extricated. One shaft was cracked, The pony's side had been pierced by the shaft, and acting on the advice of the stud groom, the youth left the animal at the New Inn and proceeded to Cambridge in a passing vehicle.

BREAD

SON AND HEIR. 18th Oct. 1907.

Mr Tom Nicholson, whose marriage in August 1906 was the occasion of a remarkable popular demonstration, was on Wednesday presented with a fine strapping son and heir. Both mother and child are doing well. Mr Nicholson is being warmly congratulated on the happy event.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION. 18th Oct 1907.

Two contingents from Swavesey attended the great temperance demonstration in Cambridge on Tuesday. Miss Fanny Gaunt headed a deputation of thirteen

members of the British Women's Temperance Association and Miss Beaumont and Miss J.Wells commanded a battalion of twenty seven youngsters belonging to the juvenile Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The Vicar accompanied the latter party.

REMOVALS. 18th Oct. 1907.

Several changes have taken place in the parish this Michaelmas. Mr T.W.Carter, who had resided at Trinity College Farm during the whole of his long life of upwards of 80 years, has removed to 'The Poplars' recently vacated by the Rev J.E. Barton; and Mr Robert Norman, of the firm of Norman Brothers, has gone into the Trinity College Farm house. Mr Pilgram, who last year bought the house in Middle Watch opposite Trinity College Farm, is about to take up his residence there. Two public houses have changed hands. Mr Frank Silk has replaced Mr Chillery at the New Inn on the Huntingdon Road, while Mr Alfred Eason has taken the "Bell Inn" where Mrs Mary Richman reigned for so many years. Her numerous friends and admirers may be interested to know that Mrs Richman has not left the village, but is now living near her old home at a house known as "The Elms".

BREAD, COAL, AND POLITICS. 18th October 1907

Those sanguine persons in Swavesey who so confidently anticipated a general fall in the cost of all commodities, - except, of course, those of their own raising - when the Radical Party took up the reins of government, have been greatly disappointed and distressed at the universal rise in the prices of nearly every necessary. Bread this week has gone up to sixpence a quartern loaf. "Penny loaves" cost three-halfpence and twists are reduced in size. Twenty-four shillings and 25s. a ton is charged for ordinary coal. The cost of other things has increased, and smokers are complaining that even matches are dearer. Radicals, of course, say that the present immaculate and infallible Government has nothing to do with this continued rise in prices, but they cannot, or at any rate do not, explain why they always held the late Conservative Administration responsible for what they considered the high prices of commodities during its term of office. If the Conservative Government were to blame between 1895 & 1905, surely the Radical Government is in fault in 1907, when the prices are much higher. Where is the Radical "big loaf" disconsolate housewives are anxiously inquiring, about which there was so much talk and so many wild promises in January 1906. Perhaps the Hon. E.S. Montagu, M.P. will go to Swavesey and explain.

SWAVESEY BAPTISTS. 18th October 1907.

“A splendid beginning of the new page of history of the cause” was the unanimous verdict passed by those who were present at the reopening services held yesterday Thursday at Betel Baptist Chapel. Some months ago it began to be pretty evident that the chapel was badly in need of restoration. The flooring in the middle showed signs of being none too strong, while the damp had caused a great crack – it has been described as a chasm – to appear in the wall at the end of the building. Two months ago it was decided to have the chapel thoroughly renewed, and the work was placed in the hands of local tradesmen. Mr R. Mitham was given the general contract. and did all the carpentering himself, and Mr Sidney Beaumont had the decorating and painting, while the bricklaying was undertaken by Mr Thompson Mortlock. It must be said that these gentlemen have carried out the work with the most praiseworthy dispatch, for when the renewing was begun it was discovered that the whole floor was in an unsafe condition. and it had to be almost entirely replaced, Yesterday the interior presented a very pleasing appearance, the wall having been cultured green, and the whole of the pews re-stained. In the afternoon the Rev. R.S. Latimer, of Brixton, preached to a congregation composed of members and friends, a number of whom had come from the neighbouring villages of Over and Willingham. The theme of Mr Latimer’s discourse was one of encouragement to the members of the Church. He urged them not to lose faith. Afterwards a tea was held in the Chapel to which nearly 100 sat down At the meeting held in the evening there was a crowded attendance. The Mayor of Huntingdon (Mr R. Carter) presided, He was supported on the platform by the Revs, B.G. Knight, late pastor of the Bethel Chapel, R.S, Latimer , J.E. Barton late of Middlesborough, and Mr T. Carter. Mr Thos Carter was called upon to give the financial statement. Before doing so he gave a most interesting review of the history of the Chapel. The accuse in Swavesey was commenced in 1840, when eight members met in a little cottage opposite the present building. Soon that became too small and a chapel capable of seating 100 was built on the site of the present one. That was enlarged, and eventually rebuilt, the present one, which is capable of seating from 400 to 500 being the result. We may mention that Mr Carter himself has been associated with the cause at Swavesey as one of the deacons for over 50 years, and both his father and grandfather was prominent Baptist in the village. The financial Statement showed that there had been a total outlay of £110 15s 6d. Received from friends not worshipping at the chapel, £33 1s; raised by the chapel congregation, £40 2s, : the Sunday School effort. £9 10s 9d: the collecting cards £11 13s: total £99 12s 9d, leaving a balance to be raised at the meeting of £11 3s 9d. At the conclusion of the meeting the amount of the collection was announced, and it came to within £1 13s 7d of the amount

required, whereupon, Mr W. Cole and Mr T.W. Carter agreed to wipe off the debt between them. The Chairman congratulated the members on the evident vitality of the cause, and expressed the wish that the chapel, which is without a pastor, would speedily find a leader who would be the right man in the right place. .

GAP

ILLNESS OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 1st November 1907

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mr George Day is lying very seriously ill at his residence in Wallman's Lane.

WEDDING. 1st November 1907

On Tuesday afternoon Mr James Marriott, only son of Mr Allen Marriott, of Swavesey, was married at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, to Miss Jane King, daughter of the late Mr William King. Rev. E Short, pastor officiated. The bride, who was attired in a gown of pale lavender trimmed with cream lace, and was accompanied by two nieces as bridesmaids, was given away by Mr John Savage, (brother-in-law) . The Sidney Prime acted as best man. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and ornamental presents.

A SUGGESTION, 1st November 1907

We have received the following :- Pleasant Sunday afternoons have been instituted Bethel Chapel for the edification of its adherents, and judging from the attendance on the first Sunday seen likely to be popular and to meet a want during the dreary winter days. But why should there not be occasional Sunday afternoon organ recitals at the Parish Church for the benefit of Church people?. We have a good organ and an excellent organist, and a recital, - say once a month – would give the congregation an opportunity of hearing good music. At Present the organist gets but little encouragement, as the congregation has a back-handed way of showing its appreciation of his voluntaries by hurriedly quitting the church at the close of the service, and leaving him to play to an audience consisting of the churchwardens busy with the counting of the collection and the official who superintends the lamps and the heating apparatus.

DEATH OF MR GEORGE DAY. 7th November 1907.

We regret to announce the death of Mr George Day, a well known Swavesey farmer, which occurred at his home Wallman's Farm early on Saturday

morning last, after a short illness. About three weeks before his death Mr Day attended a sale at Fen Stanton, and there, it is believed caught a cold, which developed into double pneumonia, and as he was 78 years of age great fears of his recovery were entertained from the first. Mr Day, who was native of Swavesey, worked on the Wallman's Farm as a young man, and on the death of Mr E. Wallman nearly forty years ago bought the property. He was well known, not only in the neighbourhood of Swavesey, but also in Cambridge, where he stood on the market for many years. Although he never held public office he was a regular attendant at parochial meetings, where he was noted for his candid criticism of everything he deemed wrong or irregular. His success in life was due to his hard work, industrious habits, and strength of character. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Cemetery, by the Rev. H.T.N.Ussher, lately pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel officiating. The mourners were the widow, Mr & Mrs Alfred Day, Mr & Mrs Ezra Day, Mr Jabez Day, Miss Emma Day, (sons and daughters) Mr & Mrs Alfred Williams, Mr & Mrs James Williams, Miss Elizabeth Day, Misses P. and J. Williams, Mr James Wilderspin, Mr William Thoday, Miss Bowd. etc. There was a considerable number of people present at the graveside including Mr W.H.Key, churchwarden, William Carter, Thomas Prior, H.S. Aldred and J.Gilby

UNIONISM IN SWAVESEY 8th November 1907

A meeting of the Unionist cause was held in the Schoolroom, Swavesey last Thursday evening, under the auspices of Swavesey & District Conservative Association. Mr W.C. Cole, association chairman presided, supported on the platform by Capt E. Morrison-Bell, the prospective Unionist candidate, Col Raymond Greene, Major C.W. Stanley, President of the West Cambs Conservatives Ass. Mr Douglas Newton. Croxton Park. Mr J.S. French Conservative agent. The audience consisted of Swavesey members and supporters from the neighbouring villages. The Chairman, in introducing the prospective candidate, assured Captain Morrison Bell that he would always receive a hearty welcome at Swavesey. Certainly they had wandered in West Cambs, but they would soon return to their old faith. He hoped they would soon read "Captain E. Morrison-Bell, M.P. for West Cambs. In reply he thanked them very much for the kind reception they had given him. It was the first time he had the pleasure of addressing them. There had been a great many changes since there had been a public meeting in the school, and there was one change that many people in the division were already beginning to repent. They had some experience of the present Government and the result was a bitter disappointment. They had fulfilled promises by making more. Captain

Morrison-Bell went on to deal with the fiscal question, and pointed out the advantages which it gave to the foreign manufacturer over the English producer. He was entirely in sympathy with the policy of extending small holdings, but insisted on the importance of making those small holding remunerative to the people who held them. Mr Chamberlain had proposed to put a duty on all dairy produce that was imported into this country, and that would give the small holders a much better chance of making a good living. If we were to compete successfully against our rivals we must have a very large production, and to have that a large market was required, and that would be provided by the Colonial Preference scheme. There were signs that the present boom in trade was coming to an end, and that meant the number of people out of work, and in distress, throughout the country would increase. During the depression the foreigner would dump his products in this country in increased quantities, owing to the free imports. That could be averted if the policy of Tariff Reform were adopted. What was wanted in this country was a change of Government. They wanted a Government that would not be afraid of hurting the susceptibilities of the foreigners by treating them as they treat us. They wanted a Government that would bind the nation together in the bonds of a great commercial union, so that they could work out their own destiny regardless of other nations. Colonel Raymond Greene, thanked the audience for the reception they had given him, and paid tribute to the enthusiasm of the Swavesey Conservatives. He confessed that he was sorry he did not represent them in the House of Commons. However, he was not going to say a single word about the present member, for he never indulged in any personalities of that kind. Mr Montagu and he were staunch friends and he hoped they would remain so. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Nation Anthem.

A SWAVESEY MAN IN CANADA. 1th November 1907

Dear Sir – I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in sending you a few lines for publication in your paper, which I have sent me every week from my home in Swavesey. I wish to say a word or two about Winnipeg, the future Chicago of the West. I have been here now nearly two years, and have already been successful enough to get a small business of my own, and am doing pretty well, although not in the city, but about a mile from it. The place where I am is steadily growing, and promises great prospects in a few years to come, as does Winnipeg itself and all the surrounding district, which is all being divided up into lots and being built on. Does not that show what Winnipeg is going to be in the future? Just fancy! Only twenty years ago Winnipeg was but a small town, and where there are bricks and mortar now, there was then, only open prairie. We have one skyscraper here, and they are putting up two

new post offices, the finest in Canada. There are banks going up every year, does not that show what an enormous amount of money there is in circulation in this city, which of course will grow as the years go by? My belief is that anyone coming out here from England can get on and make money if they only persevere and work hard and are willing to put up with hardships and rough it, and take care of their money when they do get it. The Englishman is not particularly liked out here by the Canadian, who thinks he only comes out because he has had to leave the old country – they think he has disgraced himself, or that there is no living to be got in England, and he is therefore forced to come or starve, beg or steal. Others run away with the idea that you come out here to be dependent on them, which is their great mistake, for the Englishman's one aim is to better himself in this new land. If he only takes the many splendid opportunities that come to him when he has been out here a little while, he will soon be able to sing the praises of Winnipeg and the great West at large, - Yours faithfully, Percy Prior, Louise Bridge, Winnipeg, Canada. - October 14th 1907.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 15th Nov. 1907.

In compliance with the recommendation of the County Education Committee, the bell for afternoon school is now rung at 1.35 p.m. and the children are dismissed at 3.45 p.m. The new arrangements which were begun on Monday last, and will remain in force during the winter months, will obviate the lighting of the lamps, and thus effect a saving.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING. 15th November 1907

That the Conservative meeting on the 7th inst. was an unqualified success, and was the best political gathering in Swavesey for many years, and that the only fault to be found was that it ended too soon. That Captain Morrison-Bell made an excellent impression, and that his outspoken language on Tariff Reform gave general satisfaction. That Colonel Raymond Greene's reception was most enthusiastic, and that some people cast anxious glances towards the roof during the cheering. That his anecdote about a cup of tea, which might have been coffee, or coffee which might have been tea, will be told at tea tables for many a day.

A MISHAP 15th November 1907

On a recent morning an awkward mishap befell a party of seven or eight of Messrs Norman Brothers' workmen, who were being conveyed in a cart driven by Mr Joseph Payne to the scene of their daily labours at Hill Farm. When near Mr Aldred's shop in Middle Watch the wanty gave way and the

cart tipped up, all its occupants being thrown into the road. The spectacle was truly amusing. Men lay sprawling on top of one another in the road. Intermixed with their tools and their day's provender. The cart stood upright on its hindboard, with the shafts pointing skywards and wheels spinning. The horse slipped its harness and lay beneath the cart. None of the men sustained any damage, but the horse's head was slightly cut and the dinners got hopelessly mixed up.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. 15th November 1907

The bells of the Parish Church rang merrily on Saturday last in honour of the King's birthday. On Sunday evening the Vicar preached a striking sermon on loyalty, the duties of citizenship, and on religious education, a report of which we print in another column. The service, which was particularly bright and hearty, concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB. 22nd November 1907

A most successful meeting was held on Tuesday, November 19th called by Dr Ellis to consider the desirability of forming a Conservative Club for the parish. About sixty people attended in the large room of the White Horse, amongst whom were noticed Messrs George Blunt, Alfred Cain, Steve Church, Sam Crisp, Charles Ellis, Charles Froment, John Hodson, Alfred Prime, J.B. Slater, Philip Spring, Ben Thorp, S.J. Wayman, (Over) Harry Wells, Horace Wells, Herbert Wilderspin, Sam Wilderspin, and John Williams. Mr H. Wilderspin proposed that Dr Ellis take the chair, which was seconded by Mr Alfred Cain, and the business commenced. Dr Ellis hoped that it was not thought that he had called this meeting in any egotistical way. On the contrary, he had felt that for sometime it was necessary for some one to make a move to form a good Conservative Social Club for the Conservatives of the village, wherein they could have social intercourse and also politics of the day brought before their notice by means of speakers from time to time, and by leaflets distributed in the room in which they were. Also they would have a billiard table, which would be for their use, and other games. The room had been obtained for their special use once a week – on Tuesdays – and would be open from six o'clock. Dr Ellis continued that he thought it might be said that this club would be in opposition to the present organisation in the Parish or in the Division. Their opponents might also speak against the Club existing in a "pub" but after all was not the "pub" the poor man's Club, and why should he not have the same advantages as the richer man in his Club?

Dr Ellis said he had seriously considered this before calling the meeting, and he hoped all present would also think seriously before they decided to form

such a Club. Thereupon Mr H. Wilderspin proposed and Mr A Cain seconded, that such a Club should be formed, which was carried unanimously, and to meet as suggested once a week. Mr P Spring proposed and Mr Horace Wells seconded, that Dr Ellis act as chairman. The committee was then elected, viz: Messrs George Blunt, Alfred Cain, Chas Fromant, John Hodson, Philip Spring, Ben Thorp, Harry Wells, H. Wilderspin, and Sam Wilderspin, with power to add. Upwards of 50 members were then elected. The committee were empowered to form rules at their next meeting. It was resolved any person wishing to join must be proposed and seconded by two members and submitted to the committee. Songs and recitations were then given. Mr Fred Kester gave a splendid recitation of Battery "D" of the old ninth. Messrs Syd Carrier, Church, Crooke, and others sang popular songs. Mr Frank Williams acted as accompanist. A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr Ellis for the able way he had officiated as chairman A hearty cheer was given for Captain Morrison-Bell, and the Conservative Cause. The meeting broke up with the National Anthem.

DISABLED BOYS. 22nd November 1907

The bonfire season did not pass without mishap, though one casualty only was traceable to the malign influence of Guy Fawkes. One small boy did his best to blow his head off with gunpowder, but merely succeeded in damaging his eye. A game with a mysterious and apparently unspellable name, which consists mainly of one team of lads vaulting upon the backs of another team, arranged after the shape of a caterpillar, and repeating during the process of mystic formula, is just now very popular with Swavesey school boys. Whilst at this interesting, intellectual and health-giving pursuit, during play time, one small boy came to grief. A companion landed heavily on his arm instead of his back, and had to be conveyed home with a sprained wrist. Another youngster frolicking with a youth of more mature age came into conflict with the business end of a chisel. He is at home with a hole in his leg, and is undergoing a rest cure.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 22nd November 1907

In view of certain recent events it is desirable to remind our Swavesey readers that twelve months ago the Swavesey District Conservatives Ass, seriously considered the question of either converting the association into a club, or forming a club in connection with the Association. The proposal was to establish a club for Conservatives open every week-day with newspapers periodicals, and other appurtenances of a political club, and suitable premises in the middle of the village were offered. The project however had to be

abandoned in consequence of the estimated cost of maintenance being in excess of the estimated income.

RADICAL MEETING. 22nd November 1907

A poorly attended Radical meeting, preceded by a tea party, was held in the Quaker Meeting House, on Monday evening. Mr E.O. Fordham appears to have been the chief speaker, and in course of his address, it is said that he made some remarkable statement respecting the increased price of coal and the abolition of the Coal Duty. Perhaps Mr Fordham will convene a public meeting in the National School, and repeat those statements for the benefit of coal consumers, other than the select Radical few who heard him on Monday night.

SCRATCH BANK. 29th November 1907

The work of repairing Scratch , or Cradge Bank, which protects Middle Fen, is progressing apace, under the able superintendence of Mr J.S. Goad. New fobs were put in during the summer by Mr Robinson Mitham. The cost is being met by the owners of land, who have agreed to a levy not to exceed one shilling and six pence per acre.

AGAIN SUCCESSFUL. 29th November 1907

Mr A.T. Scard, baker and confectioner, of High Street, has been awarded a fourth prize for tin bread in a competition open to all master bakers in the British Isles. This is the third distinction for excellence in bread-making gained by Mr Scard during the present year.

EXAMPLE TO OTHER VILLAGES. 29th November 1907

During the four years of its existence the Swavesey Conservative Association has been doing useful work, and is ready to take the field at any moment. Under its auspices most successful public meetings have been held and there have been smoking concerts, with crowded audiences, at which political addresses have been delivered. Political literature has been circulated. Careful attention has been paid to the register of voters, and the committee can claim without fear of contradiction that every Unionist entitled to vote is now on the Resister. If other villages could follow the admirable example set by Swavesey, there would be no doubt of the triumphant return of Captain Morrison-Bell at the next election.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE 29th November 1907.

A very successful meeting in connection with the local branch of this Association was held in the National Schoolroom on Monday evening. The room was crowded, about 200 being present. The Rev. Vidler occupied the chjair. Miss Gipsy Smith, (accompanied by Miss Goad) sang tow solos with great effect. Mrs Savary, of London gave a pointed, apt, and stimulating address. Commencing in a racy manner, she at once gained the attention of the audience. She spoke with great power on the motto of the Association: "For God, and Home, and every Land". The Meeting was one of the most successful held in connection with the Local Branch.

CRICKET CLUB. 6th December 1907

The members of the Swavesey Cricket Club, and their friends, to the number of about 130, held a pleasant social evening at the National School on Tuesday under the genial chairmanship of Mr H.S. Aldred, who was supported by the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, and Mr E.J. Warboys, captain. A lengthy programme was gone through, consisting of a long list of songs. duets, recitations, etc. During the evening the Captain presented the bat given by the Hon E.S. Motagu, M.P. for the best batting average throughout the season to E. Mitham, and a ball, given by the Club to A.T. Scard for the best bowling.

The bat given by Mr Bartley for the best record in a limited number of innings was presented to the winner, A.T. Scard privately some time ago. After the presentations the Vicar briefly addressed the gathering. He urged, especially on the younger members, the importance of unity and cheerful and willing obedience to the captain's orders, and promised hearty support to the Club, and he announced that he would present a ball next season to the best bowler. When everyone did his or her best to contribute to the success of the evening it would be invidious to select any performers for special commendation, but an exception must be made in favour of Miss Goad, who spared neither time nor trouble in training her band of somewhat youthful and inexperienced songsters, and who acted as accompanist throughout the evening. Plentiful refreshments were provided by Mr Scard, and it is needless to say gave the utmost satisfaction. During the evening the collection box in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital introduced on the cricket field at the Feast Matches, was opened and was found to contain the substantial sum of about 27 shillings The proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and performers, proposed by Mr Warboys and seconded by Mr Walter Thorp.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERT, 6th December 1907

In pursuance of their policy during the last four years the Committee of the Association, have arranged a Bohemian Concert to take place at the National School on Monday at 7 .30 pm. No charge will be made for admission, which

will be by ticket only. Mr Collins, tenor, King's College Choir, and Mr H.S. Turner, St Ives, will sing, and they will be assisted by Messrs G.W.S. Hills. A.T. Scard, and other local artists. Smoking will be allowed, and those ladies who do not abject to tobacco are cordially invited to be present. A short political address will be delivered during the evening. The chair will be taken by Mr W.C. Cole.

BELL RINGING. 6th December 1907

On Monday evening 25th ult. a combined team of senior and junior Swavesey ringers rang a peal of 720 changes in Bob Minor on the bells of the Parish Church. No such peal has been successfully attempted for several by ringers of Swavesey, once renowned campanologist, The following were the ringers :- Messrs F. Hodson, treble, John Hodson, 2. Bert Hodson, 3. John Williams, 4. E.H. Hodson, 5. (conductor) and W.Perry, tenor.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERT. 13th December 1907

On Monday evening the Conservatives of Swavesey gave another proof that they are very much alive and by no means downhearted. The occasion was a concert called "Bohemian" apparently because of the presence of two great soothers of mankind, tobacco and ladies, and the absence of troublesome boys. It was not intended to be a great function, but merely, to use the apt phase of a local celebrity, a by-blow. The large room of the National School was packed with an enthusiastic and keenly appreciative audience. The chair was taken punctually at half-past seven by Mr W.C. Cole, the able and popular chairman of the Swavesey Association, under whose auspices the concert was arrange.

CRICKET AND CHARITY. 13th December 1907

Mr E.J. Warboys, captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club, has received the following letter from Mr R.J. Coles, the secretary- superintendent of Addenbrooke's Hospital:- Dear Sir, - I have very great pleasure in conveying to you and the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club, the committee's grateful thanks for the valued contribution o £1 11s 6d., which you have so kindly sent in aid of the funds, and for your kind interest in the Hospital. I enclose the official receipt and three recommendations". The above sum was collected on the cricket ground during the feast week matches and at the recent social evening.

STAG HUNT. 13th December 1907

The Cambridge University Drag Hounds met near the Red Lion on Tuesday.

It had been intended that the stag – a lady by the way – should be un-carted in the same field, belonging to Mr Cole, and tenanted by Mr A. Day, opposite the Red Lion, in which the meet took place, in February, 1906. but water being out on the further side of Swavesey the Master (Mr Norman W. Loder) decided to work in the direction of the high road. Much to the disappointment of the many spectators, some of whom had come a distance, who regardless of mud and water trudged, bravely over the heavy land, and risked a wetting by crossing over drains full of water, the stag was let loose in Soldier's Drift, at the end of Tippler's Drove, and gently persuaded in the direction of Lolworth. After frolicking with young horses in a field of Mr John Mitham's the stag made Childerley, and nearly reached Childerley Gate. Then, left-handing, it bore towards Madingley, and was taken at Madingley Mill, near Mr Hunt's Farm, after three quarters of an hour without a check, Swavesey people therefore saw none of the fun, and went home disappointed. James Norman "the Over Sportsman" who for twenty-seven years has looked after the interests of the Drag Hunt in his parish desires that it should be known that he was present at the meet and followed in a friend's carriage as far as Lolworth. We gladly make this interesting announcement

OBITUARY, 13th December 1907

Many of our readers will learn with sincere regret that Mrs Lucy Ding, wife of Mr Thomas Ding, died early on Sunday morning, at the age of 79, after an illness of only five days. Both she and her Husband are well known as devoted adherents of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, in Swavesey. The Funeral took place in the Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, The Rev. A.C. Vidler, vicar officiating.

COLLAPSE OF A ROOF. 20th December 1907

The old Swavesey Brewery narrowly escaped being the scene of a serious disaster on Monday. The kitchen portion of the dwelling house which runs to the back at right angles to the main building has been under repair at the hands of Messrs Wayman Bros, of Over. One part had been practically pulled down and rebuilt, and the work had progressed so far that the rafters of the roof were in position. The remainder of the building, that furthest from the house, was to be attended to later, and it was this that came to grief. On Monday at about 5.30 p.m. after workmen had gone home, the occupier heard sounds of cracks or as he thought at the time of stones being thrown on the roof. Then he heard a loud crash, and the roof and parts of the walls down wholesale. the workmen had spent their dinner hour in the upper part of the building which collapsed, and had the accident happened when they were inside serious loss of life, or at any rate severe bodily injury, would have occurred, for about

three tons of materials fell. Strangely enough the carpenter's tools buried beneath the debris were rescued the following morning uninjured, and the ceiling underneath was intact, a good old fashioned sumpter beam having supported the weight.

HALE ALLOTMENTS. 20th December 1907

At a recent meeting of the Feoffee's of the Galon's Charity, it was decided to have the Hale Allotments re-measured and new boundary stumps put down. Galon's Charity Coal. - The first distribution for the present winter of charity coal was made at the end of last week.

THE FLOODS, 20th December 1907

All low-lying land between the village of Swavesey and the Ouse is flooded and the view from Mill Pitts above Mere Fen is interesting to those who appreciate the sight of miles of water. Both of the Swavesey railway gate-houses are surrounded, and the only access to them is by the railroad, but so far no houses in the village have been flooded, Mere Fen, beloved of skaters, is ripe for a strong frost.

PARISH COUNCIL 20th December 1907

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening, at which were the rev. A.C. Vidler, (chairman), Messrs W.H. Key. (vice-chairman) J.T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J.S. Goad, G. Metcalfe, E.J. Warboys, and J. Wells, with Robinson Mitham,(clerk) Certain Bills were passed and ordered to be paid. The question of the fire engine was the chief matter of interest dealt with. After some discussion it was decided to appoint a caretaker for the engine, and a suitable parishioner was selected for the post, subject to his acceptance. It was also agreed that the Council should insure the caretaker in respect of risk under the Employer's Liability Act.

A RETROSPECT 20th December 1907

The past year, so far as Swavesey is concerned, cannot be said to have been one of startling incident. The Village has pursued the even tenor of its way undisturbed by cataclysmal charges, but in a modest way a certain amount of steady progress has been made. (following is a list of items mentioned in the long report,)

Post office was moved to more suitable premises.

High Street roadway was made-up with granite and steam-rolled.

Work to improve drain in Wallman's Lane took place'

Brickwall was built on the frontage of the parish property in High Street.

Derelict site in Taylor's lane converted into a garden by W.H. Key.
Recreation Ground acquired under a Parish Council Charity scheme.
Scratch Bank, a defence against floods has been repaired.
Hale Allotments re-measured and freshly marked out.
The faces of the church clock regilded by Mrs George Long.
Figures on School clock regilded, a weather vane erected on the bell turret.
Bethal Baptist chapel thoroughly renovated.
Fire on Mr Bull's premise at Boxworth End
Successful Garden Fete took place in the Vicarage grounds.
Four Swavesey young men emigrated to Canada.
Two prize cricket bats awarded to Swavesey cricketers.
Parish Council failed to recover costs of fire engine attending a fire.
New Conservative candidate Captain Morrison-Bell visited Swavesey
District Council Election took place.
Ten Swavesey inhabitant's deaths took place during the year.

COAL 3rd Jan. 1908

Mrs George Long, of the Priory, has once again made her welcomed distribution of coal during the past Christmas season, and has earned the gratitude of many needy householders.

SKATING. 3rd Jan. 1908.

The ice on Mere Fen was largely patronised on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday last. There were several immersions, but as there is no depth of water, no lives were endangered. Early on Monday a thaw set in and put an end to all thought of races.

SOIREE. 3rd January 1908

Under the auspices of the recently formed Conservative Club a soiree was held in the Club Room at the White Horse on Christmas Eve, when a programme of vocal music was carried out. During the evening the Chairman Dr Ellis made a statement as to the progress the club was making.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH, 3rd January 1908

The services during Christmastide at the Parish Church have been bright and hearty. At evensong, after the service carols were sung, a anthem "Let us go even now unto Bethlehem" was well rendered by the choir. Then the organist played "The War March of the Priests" sad to relate, to empty benches. The Vicar, who had been unwell, was taken worse during Sunday, and in

consequence there was no evening service. Mr Vidler, we are glad to hear, is progressing favourably.

MRS LONG'S HOSPITALITY. 3rd January 1908

The members of the congregation of the Parish Church and other villagers to the number of upwards of two hundred, were right royally entertained by Mrs George Long, of the Priory, at the National School on Monday evening. The large room which was effectively decorated on a scheme some what new to Swavesey mainly by Messrs J Gilby and Percy Beaumont, was crowded with an assemblage representative of all sorts and conditions and ages (children accepted). It was a social gathering of parishioners in the truest sense of the word. Mrs Long received her guests, and was most assiduous in looking after their comfort, being assisted in the pleasing duty by Misses Vidler and other ladies of the congregation, too numerous to mention here. The famous Chorister Glee Singers of King's College Chapel supplied the programme of Music. with Mr Stanley Spring as humorist. They were all in excellent form, and every item was enthusiastically received. At intervals refreshments were handed round. Before the close of the evening Mr W.H. Key, the veteran churchwarden, gave expression to the sentiments of all present by thanking Mrs Long in a few trenchant sentences for her generous hospitality, and for having afforded Swavesey people a musical treat they would remember for many a long year. In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, Mr William Clarke acted as Master of Ceremonies, and did his work well.

SEASONABLE GIFTS 3rd Jan. 1908.

The venerable Mr Thomas Payne, although by reason of his great age unable to get many yards from his house, has once again remembered his humble friends and presented to each of his tenants and all needy widows and widowers a pound of loaf sugar and a pound of tea.

WEDDINGS 3rd Jan. 1908.

Pressure on our space last week prevented a reference to three weddings which took place at the Parish Church, during the Christmas Season.

THURBON - METCALFE.

Early on Boxing Day, Charles William, elder son of Mr William Thurbon, was married to Bertha Ann, daughter of the late Mr Alfred Metcalfe, of Market Street. The wedding was strictly private owing to the recent death of the bride's mother.

KETTLE - SMITH.

Later on the same day Lionel Kettle of Stamford, eldest son of Mr Louis Kettle of Cambridge, was joined together in matrimony to Alice A. Smith, eldest daughter of Mr James Smith, the well known market gardener of Swavesey. The Bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in a cream coloured gown, and wore a hat to match, and was accompanied by one bridesmaid, Miss Hetter Smith, sister. Mr Joseph Smith was best man. The Vicar officiated. The happy couple left Swavesey by the 4.30 p.m. train for Stamford, and during their progress to the station the church bells rang merrily. They were the recipients of numerous useful presents

FROMANT – DESBOROUGH.

On Monday, 30th December 1907 Harry Day Fromant, eldest son of Mr Arthur Fromant of High Street, Swavesey, was married to Ellen Desborough adopted daughter of Mr & Mrs H. Lawrence of Haslingfield. the Rev T.E. Beckett, vicar of Over officiating. The bride wore a pretty dress of light fawn silk, and orange blossoms. She was given away by her uncle Mr John Day, of Over. and was attended by two bridesmaids Miss Grace Froment, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Edith Day, cousin of the bride. bothe of whom were dressed in light grey skirts, cream blouses, and cream hats. Mr S.J. Fromant was groomsman, During the afternoon the church bells rang lustily, The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

MISSIONARY TEA. 10th January 1908

Tuesday, the 7th inst, was the day fixed for the annual missionary tea, an institution of more than thirty years standing. At the tables, which were fairly well filled, presided Mrs Long, Misses Vidler, Cole, Key, Hodson, and Mrs Wells, Beaumont, Scard, and Dean. After Justice had been done to the eatables provided and grace said, the more serious part of the evening commenced. Some Prayers and a hymn were thrown upon the sheet by a lantern, ably manipulated by Miss Ruth Vidler. The Vicar then introduced the lecturer, the Rev. E.C. Johnson M.A. and S.P.G. missionary, from Japan. In a short speech he referred to the time honoured custom of meeting annually for promoting missionary work and reminded his audience of the special effort that ought to be made in the year of the pan Anglican Congress. These brief remarks were followed by an interesting and instructive lecture on the Japanese people which completely vindicated the importance of the subject. With the aid of excellent lantern slides he gave a clear and concise description of various sides of Japanese life. The speaker ably explained from practical experience the many obstacles encountered in attempting to convert so

intellectual a race. Out of a population of forty five millions only two hundred thousand are as yet Christians. Just before the close of the meeting, which terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by the Vicar to the lecturer, a telegram was read from the late incumbent of the parish, viz, Best Wishes to all old friends at Swavesey from all old friends at Bearsted". About four pounds was collected in aid of Foreign Missions.

DEATHS. 10th January 1908

Metcalfe. – December 19th 1907, at Market Street, Swavesey. Mary Ann, widow of Alfred Metcalfe, aged 54 years.

Wilderspin. – January 4th 1908, Eliza, wife of Samuel Wilderspin, senior, aged 70 years.

WEST CAMBS M.P. AT SWAVESEY, 10th January 1908.

The Hon. E.H. Montagu, M.P. visited Swavesey on Wednesday evening and addressed a meeting in the National School. The attendance was fairly good, but a casual glance around the room disclosed the fact that there were quite as many Conservatives present as supporters of Mr Montagu, even if the former did not predominate. Extraordinary precautions were taken to ensure order. Extra police were in attendance. At the door stood Mr Guyatt, the Liberal Agent for West Cambs, supported by local Radical workers. Each person was closely scrutinized before being allowed to enter the room. Certain young men and lads were refused admittance, and on protesting were told that it was not a public meeting, but that admission was by invitation. Boys were allowed inside only on their mother's becoming surety for their good behaviour. The Result was a deadly dull and lifeless meeting. Mr Montagu arrived late, having had to go to London with a deputation from the County which waited upon the Secretary of State for War, respecting the disbandment of the Cambridgeshire Militia Battalion. He enter the room accompanied by Mr James Westley, J.P. of Stretham, who took the chair, and Mr Ebenezer Parish, J.P. chairman of the Swavesey Liberal Association. People wondered why it was necessary to go to Stretham for a chairman when there was a fully competent chairman in the village. Mr Westley briefly opened the meeting and called upon Mr Montagu to render an account of his stewardship. Mr Montagu began by apologising for and explaining his late attendance, and expressed himself as being hopeful about the retention of the Cambs Militia. He frankly admitted that the result of the Mid-Devon election was "a very nasty smack" for the Government. It was no use trying to explain the defeat by saying that the electors had been led astray. To do so was to insult the electors, and, moreover both sides tried to be truthful. The defeat in Mid-Devon was an

undoubted victory for Tariff Reform. He singled out the Small Holding Act for special notice but gave intending smallholders cold comfort. From the past Mr Montagu proceeded to the future and he told his hearers what was going to be done. He mentioned an Education Bill, Reform of the House of Lords, Shorter Parliaments, 5 years instead of 7 years, a Housing Bill, a Licensing Bill, and others. A beginning – but only a beginning – would be made with Old Age Pensions. Mr Montagu expressed his willingness to answer questions. His speech had been listened to attentively but in silence. After questions Mr E Parish proposed and Mr Lack seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr Montagu. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the meeting, one of the most orderly, if not the tamest political gathering ever held in Swavesey.

THE ICE. 10th January 1908

Skating was resumed at the end of last week, on outlying flooded fields, but Mere Fen was not thrown open to the public until Monday. The ice was then in excellent condition. Races were announced for Wednesday, but the thaw on Tuesday prevented these being run. An interesting programme of three races, viz:- an amateur mile race, and an amateur boy's race, both open to resident within a radius of eight miles of Swavesey, and a race for men 35 years of age and over, resident in Boxworth, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and Willingham. In the event of the ice being again in a fit state, due notice will be given of the racing. On Sunday there were several accidents. A visitor from Cambridge fell on the ice and badly gashed his throat necessitating medical treatment. About midday two intending skaters, one on a motor cycle and the other on an ordinary bicycle, were passing through the village at a rapid pace, locked together in brotherly fashion, and when near the Turn Bridge the motor skidded, with the result that the rider of the ordinary machine was hurled violently to the ground. Both he and his machine were somewhat seriously damaged.

A PARCEL FOR FATHER, 17th January 1908

An interesting conversation was overheard at the railway station the other day. A young lady entered the booking office, and thus addressed the official in charge, who by the way was a stranger to the village. "Have you a parcel for us?" "Who is us" queried the official, who was adding up a long column of figures, "My father" replied the lady fair, "Who is your father?" asked the perplexed official. The lady declined to say, but after a pause volunteered the information. "It come from father's brother" "Who is your father's brother?" gasped the now bewildered official. "You blithering fool" Don't you know his

name is ----- ?” retorted the lady in indignation, mixed with scorn. On this information the parcel was unearthed, and the fair creature was told she would have to sign for it. After she had left, and the official had recovered his breath, he casually inspected the signature, and to his dismay discovered she had merely written her Christian name. (Selina)

TIDINGS OF VICTORY. 24th January 1908

The Conservatives of Swavesey were jubilant on Saturday when the astonishing news arrived that Captain Eustace Morrison-Bell’s brother had been returned to Parliament for the Asburton Division of Devonshire. His plucky and determined attack on this ancient stronghold of Liberalism has been watched with the keenest interest, but was regarded as a forlorn hope. His splendid and decisive victory, therefore, over the combined forces of Radicalism, Hooliganism, and Socialism gave great satisfaction.

LANTERN LECTURE. 24th January 1908

Mr G. Douglas Newton J.P. of Croxton Park, will give a lecture at half past seven o’clock on Monday Evening, in the National School, Swavesey, on Imperial Preference and Tariff Reform. The lecture will be illustrated by limelight views.

SWAVESEY MAN IN CANADA. 24th January 1908

Letter from Canada addressed to the Editor, - Dear Sir – The 21st birthday of Mr Frank Day, eldest son of Mr Alfred Day of Swavesey was celebrated here on January 4th 1908 at the house of Mrs John Burlingham, late of St Ives, Hunts, in whose employ Mr Day now is. Messrs Beaumont, Wells, and Lawson Hephher, of Swavesey were guests at the party There were also five of Mr Day’s Canadian friends. After a splendid repast, provided by the kind hostess, a very enjoyable evening was spent in music and singing; also during the evening congratulatory speeches were made and then good wishes of Swavesey were tendered by one of the Swavesey guests. Mr Burlingham said in the course of his remarks, that he was pleased to have in his employ one whom he could trust everything.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 31st January 1908

Captain Eustace Morrison-Bell, the prespective Conservative & Unionist candidate for West Cambs, has accepted the office of President of the Swavesey Association in succession to Colonel Raymond Greene.

Gap

TARIFF REFORM. 31st January 1908

A large audience crowded the spacious room of the National School to hear a lecture by Mr G.Douglas Newton J.P of Croxton Park, on Imperial Preference and Tariff Reform. At present there are no openly declared Suffragettes in the village, but the ladies are known to exercise there, as indeed they do in most other civilised places, a great influence over the men. The Liberals have a Women's Association, and sustained by tea and buns, presumably concert measures for the education and management of mere man in matters political. It was fitting, therefore, that ladies should be invited to hear Mr Newton, and they attended in large numbers. What he said in regard to the cost of food and on matters connected with the maintenance of a household appealed to them strongly, and they showed openly their appreciation of his remarks and his illustrations. (the report continued)

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GOLD MEDAL AWARDED. 14th February 1908

Mr A.T. Scard, baker and confectioner, of High Street, has been awarded a gold medal by the Master Baker's and Confectioners' Society, London being the first for excellence and purity in the making tin bread. The prize was won in a competition open to the whole of the British Isles. Mr Scard had already gained three diplomas from the same Society.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 14th February 1908

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held on Monday evening in Mr E. Parish's room, Middle Watch. Mr Parish, chairman of the Association, presided and various political matters were discussed.

PROMPTITUDE. 14th February 1908

At their last meeting, held a fortnight ago, the Swavesey Rural District Council ordered a new door for one of the fobs controlling the dock. The work was given to Mr Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, who made a new door and placed it in position on Monday last.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 21st February 1908

The committee of the Swavesey Conservative Association are arranging a meat tea, to be followed by a smoking concert and speeches, at the National School on Monday, 2nd March, Admission will be by ticket only, price one shilling, to be obtained on or before Thursday 27th February. Major C.W.

Stanley, D.L. J.P. president of West Cambs Conservatives, and Mr G.D. Newton. J.P. Croxton Park, are announced to be present. Mr R. Ellis Long, of Lolworth, who has a large interest in Swavesey & Fen Drayton, has recently been elected a Vice President of the Association.

CONSERVATIVE VAN. It has been intimated that the Conservative Van N. with Mr Cawdron in charge, will visit Swavesey this Friday evening, and will remain the night.

CRICKET CLUB. 21st February 1908

A meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Friday evening, Mr E.J. Warboys presiding, when the following officers were elected for the coming season: Captain, Mr E.J. Warboys, Vice-captain, Mr B. Prior, Treasurer, Mr A.T. Scard, Secretary, Mr C. Taylor, Assistant secretary, Mr J.W. Williams, Committee: Messrs, S.J. Froment, T. Goad, W. Goad, T. Harris, E. Mitham, R. Mitham, junior, and S. Trundley. A President and Vice President were also elected, subject to their acceptance of office.

OTTERS 28th February 1908

It is reported that there are otters in Middle Fen between Swavesey and Overcote.

THE GALE. 28th February 1908

During the gale on Saturday afternoon a considerable portion of the high brick wall surrounding Mr Cole's garden at Boxworth End was blown down. In a cottage at Church End a violent gust of wind carried a small kettle from the fire up the chimney, It has not been seen since.

CONSERVATIVE TEA. 28th February 1908

Our readers are reminded that a meet tea and smoking concert will be held in the National School on Monday evening, Mr J Gambling the well-known conjurer and ventriloquial entertainer has been engaged for the evening There is no truth in the rumour that no refreshments will be served. Refreshments will be supplied on exactly the same lines as at the Association's tea and smoking concert in December 1906. The charge for admission includes everything.

SOCIAL EVENING. 28th February 1908

A parochial social evening is announced to be held at the National School on Tuesday, 3rd March. The musical programme will be contributed by ladies from

Cambridge and by local friends. Admission is by ticket, 6d each, to be obtained not later than noon on Tuesday. Entrance without ticket, 9d. Light refreshments will be provided.

HAPPY EVENT. 28th February 1908

It will interest many of our readers to learn that on Sunday last 23rd instant, a daughter was born to Mr & Mrs E.J. Warboys. Both mother and child are doing well.

QUESTIONS. 28th February 1908

Allotment holders are asking whether the plots in the Hale allotments will be re-measured and new boundary stumps put in after the land has been dug and planted. Parishioners are enquiring whether the fire engine caretaker has yet been appointed, and also when a notice will be posted on the engine shed signifying where the keys are to be kept. The latest official intimation was that they were to be held by the clerk of the Parish Council pending the settlement of the engine question. The Parish Council came to a decision in the matter on the 17th December last.

CONSERVATIVE VAN AT SWAVESEY. 28th February 1908

One of the twenty vans sent out some weeks ago on missionary work from the Conservative Headquarters in London, visited Swavesey on Friday last. That it was designed and built for use and not for ornament is evident for it has the appearance of a cross between a pantechnicon van and a huge packing case on wheels. and cannot be described as a thing of beauty by any stretch of the imagination. Three of the four sides are covered in posters, pictorial and otherwise. Rustic critics found insult with its wheels, which they declare are not large enough for heavy country roads, though doubtless suitable for the hard pavements of large towns, and they were pleased to be able to pick holes in what they supposed was the work of the very superior people in the Metropolis. (a long account of the visit followed)

WEDDING. 6th March 1908

The marriage of Miss Maud Key, second daughter of Mr William Henry Key, who has for many years been the greatly respected \church worker of Swavesey, to Mr Walter Frohock Gleaves, youngest son of Mr Edmund Gleaves, of Swavesey, and late of Willingham, took place at St Andrew's Swavesey. on Thursday week, in the presence of a large congregation. The Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiated. The service was choral, the hymns "the Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Thine for ever, God of Love" were sung.

The bride, who was not accompanied by bridesmaids, was given away by her father, While the congregation were waiting the arrival of the bride Mr G.H. Skeeles, organist, played the following music :- The Happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents, including one greatly valued from the members of the Women's Guild.

SOCIAL EVENING. 6th March 1908

The large room of the National School was crowded on Tuesday night for a social evening in aid of the Parish Church Choir Fund. The Rev. A.C. Vidler vicar presided. The evening started with a programme of music, songs, pianoforte solo, etc. This was followed by dancing, which was greatly enjoyed by many of those present. At the end of the entertainment the Vicar thanked all the helpers for their assistance.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE. 6th March 1908

A meeting in connection with the above Association was held on Thursday 27th February, in the National Schoolroom. Dr R.Watts White occupied the chair. Mrs Savary of London gave an able and powerful address pointing out the results of personal influence in regard to the Temperance question. Mr Williams accompanied the singing on the piano.

A MAN IN A FIT. 13th March 1908

About 9p.m. on Thursday the 5th inst., Mr Robinson Mitham, on crossing the road near his house, found a man apparently in a fit, lying unconscious at the Side of the Swan pond. Assistance was promptly summoned, the man was taken into Mr Hills' cottage, and Dr Ellis was called in. the man partially recovered, but remained in a dazed state and was unable to give any account of himself. He was unknown to Swavesey, and it was with difficulty elicited that his name was Sidders. After some time P.C. Hiner and Mr Overseer Herbert Wilderspin were satisfied that he belonged to Willingham, and as he was neither able to walk home nor be trusted alone it was decided to send him to Willingham in a cart. P.C. Hiner and Mr Robinson Mitham, Jun., accordingly drove him to Willingham and on the way met his brother and brother-in-law, who were in search of the wanderer. It appears that he had had three fits in the course of the day, and that he had disappeared from home during the evening, and a search was at once instituted.

CRICKET CLUB. 13th March 1908

A social eveing in connection with Swavesey Cricket Club will be held at the National School on Tuesday, 24th inst.

STRANGE, BUT QUITE TRUE. 13th March 1908

Mr Ephraim Stocker, when acting as ticket taker at the recent Conservative tea and smoking concert, was somewhat perplexed. A visitor from another village on "the other side of the telegraph wires" tendered to him a letter duly sealed, addressed, and bearing an un-cancelled postage stamp. Mr Stocker naturally stared, and politely suggested that he would rather have a ticket, whereupon the visitor woke up to the fact that he had posted his ticket instead of his letter!

PAN-ANGLICAN CONGRESS, 13th March 1908

A lecture, illustrated by lantern views, was given in the National School, in the presence of a good audience on Tuesday evening, by the Rev, W.R. Gardner, with the object of bringing the subject of the Pan-Anglican Congress, which is to be held in London in June next, before the Church people of Swavesey. Mr Gardner, who is now in spiritual charge of the neighbouring parish of Holywell-cum-Needlingworth, has had much experience of work in South Africa, and was therefore able to speak with personal knowledge of part, at least, of the foreign missionary efforts of the English Church. At the conclusion a collection was made towards the expenses of this and similar lectures. The Vicar of Swavesey is acting as secretary for matters connected with the Congress in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe, and is arranging for lectures and meetings in various parishes so as to bring the aims and objects of the congress before the people, and quicken their interests in so momentous a gathering.

PIG REMOVAL ORDERS. 13th March 1908

Small breeders of pigs are complaining of the expense and inconvenience to which they are put in order to obtain the necessary orders for the removal of pigs. They have to go to Cambridge for the orders and apart from the inconvenience and loss of time they do not unnaturally resent the expense of the railway journey. The return ticket to Cambridge costs 1s 11d. They are asking why the local police constable cannot supply the orders.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th March 1908

A meeting of the Parish council was held in the National School on Thursday week at which were present Rev.A.C. Vidler, chairman, Messrs W,H, Key, vice-chairman, J.T. Daintree, J. Gilby, G. Metcalfe, William T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J.Wells, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. The chief business was the consideration of new rules for guidance of the caretaker of the fire engine. After some discussion and a few alterations the rules were adopted. Mr Stehen Challis, of Wallman's Lane, has been appointed caretaker, and the keys of the

engine house have been placed in his custody, The Council gave orders for a notice board setting forth the name, etc of the caretaker, to be affixed to the engine house. Discussion ensued on a letter from the Insurance Office respecting the insurance of the caretaker and others.

SERVICE TO SONG. 20th March 1908

On Monday evening a service of song, entitled “Blind Betty’s Text” was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Longstanton Primitive Methodist Choir, Mr Raven of Longstanton, read the connecting narrative. A clooection was made in aid of the Primitive Methodist cause.

P.S.A. 20th March 1908

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon meetings have been held at Bethel Baptist Chapel throughout the winter. On Sunday last Mr Councillor Starr, of Cambridge, gave an excellent address on “Character” and Miss Few, of Willingham sang two solos. Mr Dawson, of the Pastor’s Colege, presided, and Miss Goad officiated at the harmonium. On Sunday next Mr Dinnage, of Cambridge, will deliver an address and Mr Fred Day, of Over, will be the soloist.

LIBERAL MEETING. 20th March 1908

The Friends’ Meeting House in Black Horse Lane was on Tuesday once again the scene of a political demonstration, when the fair members of the Swavesey Women’s Liberal Association, to the number of about fifty, held high revel. After a sumptuous tea men were admitted, and then the serious business of the evening began. Mre Tillyard of Cambridge, President of the Association, supported by Mrs Oliver, vice-president occupied the chair. In her address she referred with gratitude to the fact that women can now hold public office. She spoke of the great benefits conferred by the Employers’ Liability Act, and mad a brief allusion to the Education Bill, a question in which she was much interested. Mr Toulmin of King’s College, Cambridge, was announced as the chief speaker, but, unfortunately, owing to the inconvenient train service – the last train for Cambridge leaves Swavesey at 7.32 p.m. – he had to curtail his address. Mr Toulmin is a young man, but is a keen politician, and he dealt mainly with the Question of Free Trade and the inestimable blessings it bestowed on the people of this country. He proved to his own satisfaction, and, doubtless to his hearers, or some of them, that there is a cheaper loaf under a Liberal Government than under a Conservative. During the proceedings Miss Mckay of Cambridge, sang two songs, viz: “Jessie’s Dream” and “Goodbye”.

COTTENHAM HOOLIGANS 20th March 1908

Sir – Shortly after the Mid-Devon election the Hon. E.S. Montagu, M.P. in a speech in West Cambs, within a few miles of Cottenham, emphatically declared that in his opinion constituencies guilty of roadyism should be disfranchised. If it is right to disfranchise a constituency surely it would not be wrong to disfranchise part of one. I therefore suggest to Mr Montagu that he should introduce a measure into the House of Commons depriving the cowardly blackguards of Cottenham of their votes. The dastardly attack on Mr & Mrs G.D. Newton and their party was, as you pointed out last week only one of many instances of brutal intimidation of that benighted parish.
Yours faithfully. XYZ. 17th March 1908.

FIRE ENGINE 27th March 1908

It may be of interest to the residents of Swavesey to know that the following Parish Councillors now form the Fire Engine Committee, viz: J.Gilby ,(church End) George Metcalfe, (Centre of the village) and E.J. Warboys, (Boxworth End)

PECKHAM ELECTION. 27th March 1908

Great interest has been taken in the political struggle at Peckham by Swavesey Conservatives. Morning and night the newspapers reports have been eagerly read, and from the outset the general consensus of opinion has been in favour of the Conservative's chances. At seven o'clock on Wednesday morning immediately authentic tidings of Mr Gooch's splendid victory were received, the officers of the Swavesey Conservatives Association, a very vigorous and up-to-date organisation, posted placards giving the full result in different parts of the village, and flags were displayed by several residents. Mr W.H. Chamberlain, landlord of the Rising Sun, not content with posting the result and hoisting a Union Jack outside his hostelry, broke out into poetry. We do not venture to give his verses here for fear of infringing his copyright, but all who desire to see his truly original excursion into the realms of poetry can do so by inspecting the notice board at the side of his front door.

A RECORD. 27th March 1908.

From time to time, reports are published of the number of miles walked by postman in the course of a life spent in public service, but so far the distance travelled by a bricklayer in going to from his work has not been proclaimed to the world at large. Mr Charles Dodson, a native and life-long inhabitant of Swavesey, and well known in St Ives and the country round, estimates that during the thirty years he worked for the late Mr John Saint, builder and contractor, of St Ives, he walked 48,000 miles. He never once arrived late at his work, and being still in the employment of a St Ives builder, he is now walking on average eight miles a day. It is needless to tell those people who are acquainted with Mr Dodson what manner of man he is: but strangers may be interested to know that he is a big heavy man, weighting some 16 to 17 stone, who has seen well nigh seventy summers. In his younger days he had a great reputation locally as a skater.

OBITUARY. "27th March 1908

Two deaths in the village have to be recorded. On Tuesday, March 24th Mrs Mary Martin, wife of Mr James Martin, died at the age of 76. She had been in failing health for some time, but was only taken seriously ill on the previous Thursday. She was buried in the Swavesey Cemetery on Sunday. On Saturday, March 28th. Mrs Ann Dodson, wife of Mr Fred Dodson, passed away aged 55, after an illness lasting nearly 21 years. She was first stricken down during the Jubilee Day (1887) celebrations, and had been an invalid ever since. Her funeral took place in the Cemetery on Wednesday.

FIRE ENGINE. 27th March 1908

The parish fire engine, around which so fierce a conflict has recently raged, was tested on the Recreation Ground on Tuesday afternoon, under the superintendence of the Fire Engine Committee of the Parish Council, Messrs George Metcalf, J. Gilby, and E.J. Warboys. The occasion was memorable as being the first appearance of the new Captain, Mr S. Challis.

HALE ALLOTMENTS 27th March 1908

No Stumps yet! No plots re-measured!, In November last the Feoffees of Galon's Charity, their attention having been specially called to the matter by the "Cambridge Express". ordered that the plots, which it was alleged varied in size, should be re-measured and freshly marked out. Four or five weeks ago the Feoffees repeated their instructions, but nothing has yet been done, though nearly five months have elapsed since the Feoffees first issued their edict. The land is being dug up and planter. If the re measuring is postponed much longer there may be serious friction between the Feoffees and some of their tenants. The reason for the delay cannot surely be that there is no effective chain in Swavesey?

STINKS IN WALLMAN'S LANE, 27th March 1908

The open sewer in Wallman's lane belonging to the district Council is most offensive. A casual glance at the stagnant filth in the ditch shows the reason why.

A SPILL. 27th March 1908.

On Monday, Mr Cecil Dean, baker, of School (or Carter's) Lane, Swavesey, had an awkward spill. Whilst driving his mother, eldest sister and his dog along Taylor's Lane, the horse stumbled and fell. All the occupants of the cart, the dog alone excepted, were thrown out; beyond a shaking and a few bruises no one sustained injury. One shaft of the cart was broken, and the harness had to be cut to release the horse.

WAYFARERS PERPLEXED. 28th March 1908.

Persons wending their weary way from Swavesey Station towards Over Hill were puzzled the other day by dots of colour on Mill Pitts, a lofty promontory, or kind of local Rock of Gibraltar, overhanging Mere Fen. Closer inspection revealed the interesting fact that the nomadic tent-dwellers who have been encamped in the "Pitts" during the winter had had a washing day, and had hung out their clothes to dry on the furze bushes.

CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL. 28th March 1908.

The members of the Swavesy Cricket Club held a social evening in aid of the funds of the club at the National School on Tuesday evening. The attendance was not quite up to the average of such gatherings, the fact that more than one social function having recently taken place in the village keeping many people away. The genial Mr H.S. Aldred presided. An excellent programme of vocal music, (solos, duets, trios and quartet's, pianoforte solos and duets, recitations and a dialogue, was contributed to by the Misses A.Goad, A.Caine, L.& P Mitham, and L.Beaumont, and Messrs F. Williams, B.Hodson, E.H. Hodson, A.T. Scard, J.W.Williams, W.Hepher, J.W. Goad, R.Mitham.and H.S. Aldred. Mr Prime Godfrey gave two gramophone selection. During the evening a letter was read from the Hon. E.S. Montagu, M.P. enclosing a subscription of one guinea, and promising to give a bat for the best average during the coming season. It was also announced that Captain E.Morrison-Bell had sent a contribution to the funds. Through an unfortunate oversight no special expression of appreciation was offered to Miss Goad, who was mainly responsible for the success of the musical part of the evening. For some time previously, night after night, she had been steadily instructing her youthful and inexperienced band of songsters, and that they provided so admirable an entertainment was due to her untiring work.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 3rd April 1908.

When threshing operations were approaching completion on Monday afternoon on the late Mr George Day's farm, Mr James Trundley , the hero of the fight with a hawk, fell from the top of a straw stack.It is satisfactory to report that beyond a severe shaking Mr Trundley escaped injury.

A MISHAP. 3rd April 1908

A considerable portion of the brick facing of the stud and plaster cottages occupied by Messrs James Kester and James Coulson,of Boxworth End, fell about seven o'clock on Sunday evening. No one was injured.

ACCIDENT 3rd April 1908

On Thursday afternoon in last week Mr Samuel W. Crisp sustained a nasty fall whilst engaged in nailing up a creeper on the front of his house. He was at the top of a thirty- round ladder, which slipped and broke, and Mr Crisp fell to the ground, He was badly shaken and bruised, but fortunately escaped serious injury. A small ladder underneath was also also damaged.

PARISH COUNCIL 3rd April 1908

The annual meeting of Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday, April 2nd, and was attended by the Rev. A.C. Vidler, chairman, Messrs W.H. Key, vice chairman, J.Gilby, G. Metcalfe, William T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J.Wells, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. The Rev. Vidler and Mr Key were re-elected chairman & vice chairman, respectively, and Messrs John Williams and A.T. Scarcd were appointed overseers for the ensuing year. Some correspondence was read respecting the responsibility of the Council in regard to its officials under the Employer's Liability Act, and it was decided to store the street lamps in a building on the parish property in the High Street, instead of hiring a shed as in former years. Mr Mitham was instructed to have the building put into a proper state of repair.

AN ECHO OF THE PAST.

Some of our older Swavesey readers may be interested to read the following lines written long ago in the Rose & Crown public- house respecting the late Mr Charles Payne, who is still remembered as a well- known, but somewhat eccentric personage. Mr Payne was proud possessor of a dog more beloved by its master than appreciated by his friends, and on his death a local wit and poet wrote:-

“Here lies the property of Charles Payne,
What he thinks loss, other think gain,
It was a contagious disease that caused it to die,
May it save Charles Payne from telling many a lie”

EARLY BIRDS 10rd April 1908

In a nest in Mr Pilgram's garden in Middle Watch there are three young blackbirds ready to fly.

ANOTHER EARLY BIRD. 10rd April 1908.

A horsekeeper, employed by a Boxworth End farmer, made a mistake the other morning. Under the impression that he had overslept himself he sprang hastily from his bed, dressed in haste not waiting to fasten his boots, hurried to work, called his master, and fed and harnessed his horses. His wife loudly summoned him back home, and his master appeared and indignantly wanted to know what he meant by rousing him before three o'clock. The horsekeeper returned to his bed for further rest.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 17th April 1908

Another very old inhabitant of Swavesey has passed away. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Lucy Thoday, who had entered her 80th year, died after a long

illness. She was the widow of Mr John Thoday, tailor of Swavesey, who pre-deceased, her some 50 years, the daughter of Mr James Williams, farmer and butcher, of Swavesey, and the sister of Messrs Herbert, Alfred and James Williams and of Mrs George Day, all now resident in Swavesey.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 17th April 1908.

The services, special and ordinary, during Holy Week and Easter at the Parish Church of St Andrew have been well attended. On Good Friday from 12noon to 3 p.m. the “Three Hours Service” was held, the Vicar giving the addresses on the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Easter Day was heralded by the bells ringing merrily between 5 and 6 am. The old church presented a bright appearance in its festal garb of flowers, etc., the devoted work of the usual band of ladies. The services were well and heartily rendered. Following sung Matins, there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion. At Evensong the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung. The anthem was “Christ being risen”, the bass and tenor solos being taken by Messrs J.Gilby and A.Prime, jun. respectively. The Vicar preached. The collections on Easter Day were assigned as an Easter offering for the Vicar.

THE WEATHER. 17th April 1908

Easter Day and Easter Monday, 1908, will be long rememberedby reason of the remarkable weather. Snow, hail, rain, and sunshine succeeded one another in startling rapidity. Early risers on Easter Monday found a coating of snowtwo or three inches thick everywhere, and during the morning there were several heavy snowstorms. A club cricket match arranged for the afternoon had to be postponed, but a few enthusiasts got in a little practice on the Recreation Ground, and Mr Bartley’s 1907 presentation bat was tested by its proud owner.

VESTRY MEETING. 17th April 1908

The Easter Vestry meeting was held under the tower of the Parish Church on Monday evening, the Vicar presiding. Mr James Wells was re-elected the people’s warden and the Vicar nominated Mr W.H. Key as his warden. The sidesmen were also re-appointed.

IF I HAD A DONKEY, ETC. 17th April 1908

There are several donkeys in Swavesey – the four-legged variety only is referred to – all of which are the pride of their owner’s hearts. The coat of one of these beloved beasts has been sadly in need of attention, so its fond mistress the other day determined to act as its hair dresser. Armed with her domestic

scissors, she carefully and thoroughly clipped his shaggy coat, and then administered a shampoo with a pail of good strong soapsuds. The donkey looks extremely well. (Mrs Charles Crisp)

ONE GOOD SAMARITAN. 17th April 1908

The impression that there are on Good Samaritans left in Swavesey is erroneous. Last week a new arrival found one, but the kindly gifts took the form of a penny loaf of the Samaritan's own manufacture. (A.T. Scard)

INVITATION DANCE. 17th April 1908

It has often been urged that too little is done to provide healthful recreation and amusement for the younger people, and it must be admitted that there is a certain amount of truth in the charge. As the older generation has not seen fit to bestir itself, the juveniles, acting on the 20th century principle, determined to take the matter in their own hands. An energetic committee – self-named the “Swavesey Dance Committee” – sprang suddenly into existence about a fortnight ago, and Messrs H.G. Key, Tom Harris, E.H. Hodson and Frank Williams, assisted by, Misses Violet Dean and Elsie Hawkes, electrified Swavesey and the neighbourhood by issuing invitations to a dance at the National School on Easter Monday. For a fortnight these intrepid adventurers have gone about with deeply furrowed brows and other outward and visible signs of heavy responsibility. Their dance came on as announced, and was in all respects a huge success, and on Tuesday morning furrowed brows gave place to beaming smiles and sleepy eyes. About fifty young men and maidens with a sprinkling of the older disciples were present. Visitors came from as far away as Cottenham, and it is reported that even classic Cambridge and ancient Ely sent contingents. A most pleasant evening was spent, and dances of all kinds were danced with the greatest zest from 7.30 p.m. until the witching hour of midnight. Miss Mary Hawkes, Miss Cordell of Fendrayton, and Mr Noble Robinson very kindly presided in turns at the piano, and Mr Arthur E. Saunders as M.C., contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were supplied by Mr Cecil Dean, Swavesey and during the evening the Vicar was present for a short time.

“PEEPING TOMMIES” 24th April 1908

During and after the dance at the School on Monday evening some annoyance was caused by mischievous and inquisitive youths, who prowled around the building and playfully opened windows, extinguished the lights in the ladies cloak-room, and played pranks on the clothing. One band of “Peeping Tommies” in their anxiety to see what was going on, removed two chairs and

a stool from the Infants School to the play yard, where they were found next morning, and used them to stand upon so as to get a better view. This is not the first occasion on which there has been reason to complain of the conduct of anxious inquirers and troublesome lads outside the school whilst a meeting or gathering has been in progress inside

MRS THODAY'S FUNERAL 24th April 1908

The funeral of the late Mrs Lucy Thoday, whose death in her 80th year was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. E. Short, paster of Swavesey Particular Chapel, officiating. The morners were Mr W. Thoday, (son,) Mrs Stagner, (daughter,) Mr Herbert Williams, Mrs George Day, Mr & Mrs James Williams,(brothers & sister) Mrs Herbert Williams,(sister-in-law) Mr James William, Mr & Mrs Alfred Day, Mr Jabez Day, Miss Emma Day, & Miss P. Williams, (nephews & nieces) Mrs John Williams, Mrs J Mortlock, Mrs Thompson Mortlock, and Mrs Netherwood. At the Particular Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening, the Rev. E. Short preached an appropriate sermon.

PARISH MEETING. 24th April 1908

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the National Schoolroom on Thursday, 9th instant, the Rev A.C. Vidler presiding. The year's accounts of the Parish Council, the overseer's and Galon's charity, were submitted, but there was no other business of public interest. The attendance was poor.

LICENSING BILL. 24th April 1908.

The petition to Parliament against the Licensing Bill is being extensively signed in the village.

HALE ALLOTMENTS. 24th April 1908.

The plots have now been remeasured and marked out with new stumps.

SMALL HOLDINGS. 24th April 1908

A County Council enquiry under the Small Holding Act 1907 for the parishes of Boxworth, Conington, Fendrayton, Lolworth and Swavesey is announced to be held in Swavesey National School on Monday evening, 20th inst. by Councillors H.G. Few, W.H. Francis and V.J. Webber.

DEATH OF MRS W. PERRY. 24th April 1908.

On Thursday, 9th instant, the villagers were greatly shocked by the sad and unexpected news that Mrs Harriett Perry, wife of Mr William Perry, who has for twenty-six years been the highly respected stationmaster at Swavesey, had died. For several years she had been in indifferent health, and recently it was decided that a operation was necessary. She accordingly entered Huntingdon Hospital as a paying patient. and a week later on the 7th April, the operation was performed. She passed away two days after, between 10 and 11 a.m.

Mrs Perry was the daughter of the late Mr Harry Chapman, farmer of Alconbury Weston, Hunts, and was 49 years of age. The funeral took place at St Andrew's Swavesey, on Tuesday in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and sympathising friends from Swavesey, Over, elsewhere. The Vicar officiated and the service was fully choral, the hymns "Brief life is here our portion" and "Let saints on earth in concert sing" being sung. The mourners were:- The husband, two sons, and daughter, and twenty others members of the family. Before and after the burial a dump peal was rung on the Church bells, and after the mourners had returned to the station house the bells were uncovered and rung open. The numerous wreaths, some of which covered the coffin, and some were carried by mourners, were particularly beautiful. Mr Perry desires to tender his sincere thanks to his many friends and to the public generally for their very kind and greatly appreciated expressions of sympathy with him and his children in their irreparable loss.

POLICE CHANGES. 24th April 1908

Police-constable A. Hiner, who has been responsible for the good behaviour of Swavesey for the past four years, was on Wednesday transferred to Shelford. He is succeeded By P.c. Gray from Chippenham. The constable in the "Pirates of Penzance" declares in the famous song, "A policeman's lot is not a happy one" but P.c. Hiner's friends in Swavesey, when bidding him farewell, expressed the hope that his life and experiences at Shelford would be as happy and successful as they had been in Swavesey as if so he would not have much to complain of. As Shelford is not unknown as a stepping stone to higher things it is not impossible that congratulations may here long succeed the good wishes.

MR WINSTON CHURCHILL. 1st May 1908

The result of the polling at North- West Manchester was posted in several places in the village early on Saturday morning by the officials of the Swavesey Conservative Association, in accordance with their usual practice. A Few flags were also displayed. It is needless to say that news gave the greatest satisfaction – to Conservatives at any rate. Naturally, however, some

Radicals ascribed Mr Winston Churchill's failure to retain the confidence of the electors of the cotton city to the baneful influence of beer.

WEDDING. 1st May 1908

At Christ Church Cambridge, on Wednesday 22nd April Mr William Metcalf Hodson, eldest son of Mr John Hodson of Swavesey, was married to Miss Minnie Smith, now residing at 5. Cam Terrace, Cambridge. The Rev, C. Hodson, curate, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr James Smith, of Peterborough, was attired in a cream dress with bridal fall and a wreath of orange blossom. Miss May Smith, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, wearing a cream dress with hat to match, trimmed with pink roses. Both bride and bridesmaid carried bouquets of lilies of the valley, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr Walter E. Hodson, brother of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man. The presents were numerous and useful.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.

THE FLOODS. 1st May 1908.

As a result of last week's snowstorm and subsequent heavy rains much of the fen land about Swavesey is already under water. Mow Fen is entirely flooded, it having been impracticable, owing to the sudden and unexpected rise of water, to replace in time two fobs which had been removed for repairs. Mere Fen is also assuming the appearance of a lake, but there is not much water in Middle Fen, the recently repaired Scratch, or Cradge, Bank doing its duty well. Mr Thurbon's osier beds are deeply immersed, and work in them has had to be suspended. At the time of writing (Thursday morning) the water is still raising rapidly, rain is falling heavily, and old inhabitants fear a big flood. The outlook is serious.

WEDDING. 1st May 1908

On Wednesday afternoon, Edward Joseph, only son of Mr Joseph Linford of High Street, Swavesey, and late of Lolworth, was married at Swavesey Parish Church to Rose Hannah, second daughter of Mr John Hodson, of Swavesey, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of cream fancy delaine, with a hat to match, and was attended by two bridesmaids – Miss C. Hodson (sister) and Miss Linford, (bridegroom's sister) who were dressed in grey with cream-coloured hats. MR Bert Hodson, (bride's brother) acted as best man. After the ceremony and during the evening the bells were rung in honour of the event. The happy have been the recipients of numerous useful and ornamental.

A SUGGESTION. 1st May 1908

A correspondent asks us to call attention to the unsatisfactory system adopted in distributing the food at the "Old Folks Tea" recently held at Bethel Chapel. It is, however, hardly a matter that can with advantage be discussed in these columns, but perhaps those responsible for this excellent annual feast for the aged will consider whether their arrangements are susceptible of improvement.

THE FLOODS. 8th May 1908.

The floods in around Swavesey have been most serious, and unfortunately, but little improvement in the situation is to be reported. As announced in last weeks "Express" the water rose with great rapidity during Thursday night, and on Friday morning there was every prospect of a record flood. During Thursday night the Great Eastern Railway line was submerged to a depth of two or three inches. The local permanent way staff were augmented by men from Cambridge under an Inspector. Ballast brought up by truck load was thrown along side of the tracks, and everything possible was done to keep the line safe and open. During Friday night, however, a culvert near Fendrayton crossing partially gave way, and traffic had for a time to be run on one line, the Swavesey Stationmaster, Mr W.Perry, piloting the trains.

Early Saturday morning found the roadway by the Swan Pond completely blocked, and temporary bridges had to be placed over the openings on the "stones" for pedestrians. Water rushed across the High Road at the bottom of Over Hill. Wallman's Lane was partially flooded and the water approached to within a few inches of the cottages at Turn Bridge. Hog Pasture was clear of water at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday; by 1.30 p.m. there was two feet of water. The railway gate houses had to be vacated on Thursday night, and so had Friezland Farm. At 3 a.m. on Friday the water had not reached the farmhouse, but by 7am it was knee deep in the rooms. Mr Mitham and his men were busy all night removing corn and stock. The gardens in "Tebbits" and the back of the houses by the Swan Pond have been covered, and in many instances replanting will be necessary. Farmer and others were busily engaged on Friday morning rescuing stock. Several incidents may be recorded. On Thursday evening three venturesome spirits, Messrs W. Mustill, P. Godfrey and L.Parish, so out to inspect the overflow from the river. They reached the bank in safety, but returning a few minutes later their line of retreat was cut off and they had towade through water up to their knees. Our Swavesey correspondent informs us on the eve of going to press that the G.E.R. line between Swavesey and St Ives is 3 inches under water, having risen exceptionally rapidly since yesterday, and there is every prospect of a "captain flood".

P.S.A. 8th May 1908

O Sunday last the closing P.S.A. meeting of the season was held in Bethel Baptist Chapel, and was well attended. Mr Bignall of the Pastors' College, presided. Mr Clee delivered an address, and Mr A. Insley sung, "The Lost Chord" and "Sailor's Dream." Mr G. Linsey (cornet) and Mr W. Tuck, (euphonium) played, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross". Mr J.W. Williams presided at the harmonium. The meeting during the winter have been thoroughly appreciated, and much of their success has been due to the untiring efforts of Mr H. Starte.

BONNIE DUNDEE. 8th May 1908

Our Radical friends have managed to squeeze out a smile at last, but they seem to be content with small mercies. On Sunday morning their faces beamed with satisfaction, as, on w3ending their way to Chapel, they read the noptice giving the result of the Dundee election, kindly provided for their special benefit by the Swavesey Conservative Asscciation. The trifling fact that "Dear Winston" had succeeded in reducing the Radical majority of 5,411 at the last election by 2,197 votes did not appear to militate against their satisfaction.

DISSATISFIED RATPAYERS. 8th May. 1908

Complaints have reached the "Cambridge Express" from certain substantial ratepayers of Swavesey, respecting the – in their opinion – extravagant way in which a portion of the footpath in Middle Watch has been made up by the County Council. It is stated that somewhat pointed remarks are also being made on the subject by others than the complainants.

POLITICAL NOTES. 8th May 1908

When the "Morning Leader" arrived in the village last Friday morning with particulars of the Budget, certain ardent Radicals went wild with joy. They enquired of elderly persons their ages, and assured them that on the 1st January next they would be in receipt of old age pensions, the gift of the beneficent Radical Government. Should their proposal miscarry, there will it is to be feared, be much disappointment. Housewives are anxiously looking out for cheaper sugar. There are, however, sceptical people, who, casting their eyes towards a tall chimney near Cambridge, remark that the small consumer may look, but will not find.

THE FLOODS 8th May 1908.

Indignation at the neglect of the banks, which have contributed very largely to the disastrous floods in the parishes of Swavesey and Fendrayton, is steadily growing, and it is understood that a parish meeting at Swavesey will be called immediately to enable the ratepayers to give expression to their indignation, and to concert measures to remedy the evil. The main banks, which are under the control of Swavesey Rural District Council, have, in places, proved utterly useless. It is held that if the District Council has not the power to deal with a particular section of the bank the necessary authority should be obtained at once, and the people of Swavesey are determined that if they cannot induce the District Council to do its duty, they will appeal to a higher power. For years past the banks and drains have been neglected. Boxworth, Conington, and Lolworth are not affected by floods, but their surplus water flows into Swavesey low lands and at times, floods them, yet these parishes object to pay their quota towards the upkeep of the Swavesey and Fendrayton defensive works. At Over, the remaining parish in the District, is well protected, and representatives of Swavesey and Fendrayton therefore stand alone, and form a minority of those on the Council. The matter was thoroughly discussed during the contested District Council elections last year, and very strong opinions were expressed. The high road near Over Bridge was originally protected by a bank which has been lowered at different times until now it has vanished altogether. It is understood that steps are being taken with a view to the construction of the bank. The high road would then be free from danger of being flooded

OLD FOLKS TEA. 8th May 1908.

On Thursday, 30th ultimo, about sixty old folk, irrespective of sect, responded to the invitation sent out by the Deacons of Bethel Chapel. Trays were presided over by Mrs T. Prior, Mrs Rocliff, Mrs Godfrey, Miss Starte, Miss Wimpres, Miss Smith, and Miss Brand. After tea a meeting followed, presided over by Mr A. Norman. Addresses, solos, recitations, etc. were contributed by various friends, including Mrs Aldred, Mrs Rocliff, the Misses Starte, M. Godfrey, C. Goad, F. Causer, and Alice Norman. the chairman Messrs J. Day, H. Starte, W. Wright, and H.S. Aldred. Parcels of food, etc. were sent to those aged persons who were too feeble to be present.

WAR ON WASPS. 15th May 1908

Mr H.S. Aldred and Mr A.T. Scard are receiving subscription towards a fund to reward the destroyers of queen wasps. Through the agency of the fund about 120 queen wasps were bought last year, which meant 120 nest and many

thousands of wasps less. All interested in fruit growing, whether on a large or small scale, should give the fund their hearty support.

A NOVEL CHIMNEY POT. 15th May 1908

A chimney at Boxworth End would not do its duty in the way of carrying away the smoke, and the householder and his family were sadly incommoded. The idea occurred to one of them that if the chimney were lengthened the evil might be remedied. But the question arose, how was this to be done? At last a happy thought came. A large milk can, such as those in which milk is sent by railway, but minus its bottom, lay handy, and the enterprising householder hoisted it on to the chimney top. It makes an excellent, if somewhat unusual chimney pot, the smoke nuisance has abated and passers by smile.

CHORAL FESTIVAL. 21st May. 1908

A choral festival will be held in St Andrew's Church, Swavesey at 7 p.m. on Thursday Next, May 28th (Ascension Day) in which the united choirs of Fendrayton, Oaklington, Over, Swavesey, and Willingham will take part. The preacher will be the Rev. C.H. Crossley, M.A. rector of Willingham

CRICKET CLUB. 21st May 1908

Notwithstanding the fact that the post on Saturday morning brought a letter from Cambridge Post Office Cricket Club, reminding the Swavesey Club of the match on Parker's Piece during the afternoon, the country eleven, on arriving on the ground, found no pitch had been secured. The match, therefore, could not be played. Not only were the Swavesey men greatly disappointed, but most of them were out of pocket through having "to take the day off". Failures like this are calculated to give a club a bad name. Had a telegram been sent during the morning, much of the inconvenience and unnecessary expense might have been avoided.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 22nd May 1908

Anniversary Services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, the 19th instant, and both in the afternoon and in the evening were very well attended, many people coming from neighbouring villages. The Rev A. Palmer, of London, preached at both services. Between the religious functions there was a public tea, which attracted a crowded gathering.

PARISH MEETING AND THE FLOODS. 22nd May 1908

On the requisition off several ratepayers a Parish Meeting has been called for 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening next, the 26th instant, to consider the condition

of the river banks,, etc, in the parishes of Swavesey and Fendrayton. It is most important that all ratepayers, whether they are directly interested or not in the recent floods, should be present at the meeting which is to be held in the National School.

EMPIRE DAY. 22nd May 1908

On Sunday the Union Jack sailed proudly above the Church tower, and after Evensong the National Anthem was sung. On Monday the school children celebrated the day. At 10 a.m. the headmaster, Mr H. Beaumont gave a lesson on the British Empire and the objects of Empire Day. An interval for play followed, after which the youngsters again assembled in school, outside which the Union Jack was flying, and the Vicar, who is chairman of the Managers, took command. Bunches of daisies picked during the interval, were presented to the Vicar and headmaster. The Vicar briefly addressed the youthful gathering, basing his remarks on the watchwords "Responsibility, Duty, Sympathy and Self sacrifice". The Children sang "O God our help in ages past", the song "The Flag of Britain" (a Union Jack, held by the chief boy, Robert Norman, being saluted at each verse) and lastly the National Anthem. Three cheers were given with great gusto for the King; sweets were distributed, cheers for the Vicar and teachers followed, and then the children ran off to enjoy themselves for the rest of the day, having been granted a half holiday. The infants had a celebration in their own school, the Vicar and Miss Pook, (mistress) superintendent. Flags were displayed on Sunday and Monday by several residents.

SALE OF WORK. 22nd May 1908

During the afternoon and evening of Thursday next a sale of work will be held in the Vicarage grounds in aid of Pan-Anglican thanksgiving offering. There will be a refreshment stall, and children will be dressed in costumes of British dependencies and of other nations and small groups will be arranged as tableaux illustrating incidents of Indian life. The charge for admission will be small viz, 2d. The thanksgiving offering is one which should have the heartiest support of every Churchman and Churchwoman.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd May 1908

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday week, and was attended by Rev, A.C. Vidler, (chairman) Councillors J.T Daintree, J. Gilby, G. Metcalfe, William Thorp, E.J. Warboys, and J. Well, and Mr Robinson Mitham, (clerk). The main business was consideration of an

application to hire a portion of the parish property in the High Street. After considerable discussion the matter was left in the hand of the Chairman for further enquiry, etc.

THE FEAST. 22nd May 1908.

Swavesey feast began on Sunday, and from that day until after Wednesday the village will be held by invading hosts of show people and visitors. Spring cleaning, women's grand chance, of which they never fail to avail themselves, of retaliating on men for wrongs inflicted at other periods of the year, has been in full swing for the last few weeks, and tomorrow, the village will be spick and span. The Swavesey cricket club have arranged two matches, viz. :- Against Lolworth on Monday and Elsworth on Tuesday (all day). On Wednesday also cricket will be played, but the opposing XI has not been announced.

PROTECTION AGAINST THE FLOODS. 22nd May 1908

The ratepayers of Swavesey met in solemn conclave on Tuesday evening at the National School, the occasion being an important parish meeting, convened at the urgent request of several parishioners to consider the conditions of the river bank, and to concert measures to prevent flooding. The proceedings were marked by great unanimity. The Rev. A.C. Vidler, chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and between forty & fifty ratepayers were present. Messrs Baldwick and Scambler, of Fendrayton were also present. The Chairman read correspondence which has passed between himself and Mr G.D. Day (clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council) respecting that portion of the river bank in the Parish of Fendrayton, the carrying away of which, during the recent flood, was responsible for such serious damage, and it appeared that although the Council did not admit liability, they would take over the section of the bank in question, provided it was properly repaired. After considerable discussion in which Messrs A. Day, Scambler, William Thorp, Ebenezer Parish J.P., Baldwick. and others took part it was resolved that the bank be repaired. A committee of four, two from Swavesey & two from Fendrayton were appointed to carry out the work. Mr A. Day and other Swavesey farmers promised to do their share of providing labour, carts, etc. to carry out the work. Mr Baldwick undertook that he and other Fendrayton farmers would assist in like manner. Mr Scambler, on whose land the defective bank is situated, agreed to point out where gault could be obtained. Mr Day called attention to the removal of a bank by the County Council, that protected the main road between Swavesey station and Over bridge, in order to make a footpath. He suggested that the Council should be

written to by the Chairman, requesting that the path should be raised so as to form a bank.

VERY UNFORTUNATE 29th May 1908

Two men and a woman were observed drawing a caravan along the Huntingdon Road on Wednesday afternoon. They had had the misfortune to lose their horse by death at Huntingdon.

EARLY HAYMAKING. 29th May. 1908

Mr S.W. Crisp has cut the grass in a close near his house in Market Street. Haymaking is in full progress, and the hay will be stacked during the month of May. The crop is heavy and excellent.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL AT SWAVESEY. 29th May 1908

Under the auspices of Ely Diocesan Council of Church Music, special choral festival in which choirs from Over, Swavesey, Willingham, Conington and Fendrayton combined, was successfully held last evening, Ascension Day, in the large and beautiful Parish Church of Swavesey.

CRICKET MATCH. 29th May 1908

St Ives Arthurians V Swavesey. This match was played at St Ives on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by an innings and 49 runs.

Scores:- Swavesey, 87 runs. St Ives, 9 runs & 29 runs.

CARRIER'S CART UPSET. 29th May 1908

Exciting Scenes near Cambridge. – Several Persons Injured.

A serious accident happened on Saturday morning on the Huntingdon Road to Mr Samuel Hephher's carrier's cart on its journey from Swavesey to Cambridge. The cart, which is covered with a tilt, was, as usual, heavily laden with passengers, goods, boxes, etc. and an exceptionally large quantity of eggs. It was jogging steadily along the high road, and when passing Lolworth Spring, a small wood on the Huntingdon side of the King William IV. public house, two partridges flew from the side of the road in front of the mare, which shield to the left. On the front of the cart were seated Mrs S Hephher and Mr Hephher, driving, and Mr James Coulson. The shying of the horse threw Mrs Hephher, who was sitting on a box, to the ground, and the cart wheel went over her body. The cart tipped up and fell on its left side, carrying the mare with it. Mr Hephher slipped between the shafts and the animal's hind-quarters and was pinned there in a position of great danger. Mr Coulson fell beneath the cart. Mr Sidney Prime, a Swavesey Hay Dealer, was sitting behind Mrs

Hepher, partly jumped and was partly thrown from the vehicle and landed shaken, but otherwise unhurt, some three yards away. The rest of the passengers were struggling in a confused heap inside the tilt, mixed up with parcels and eggs. Mr Prime rushed to the horse's head and displayed throughout the utmost coolness and resource. Mrs Hepher, despite her injuries, went to her husband's assistance, but in her excitement got amongst the horse's legs. She and Mr Prime succeeded in pulling Mr Hepher out of danger. Mr Hepher, though hurt, then held the horse and Mr Prime raised the cart sufficiently to extricate Mr Coulson. The other passengers, all women & children, were got out through the back of the cart their faces, hands and clothing were smothered with blood and broken eggs. Mrs Rowcliffe was in a fainting condition, and it was feared that her face was badly injured, but later it was found that the blood come from Mrs Howlett, whose lip had been seriously cut and her teeth knocked out. Two ladies proceeding from Cambridge in a small motor-car, seeing the smash, summoned assistance from the King William IV., and Mr Vinsen (the landlord) hurried up. The ladies rendered yeoman service. One of them took Mr Coulson, who has for some time been a crippled with an injured leg, and who was then unconscious) to Addenbrooke's Hospital, while the other remained behind and attended to the injured. Mr E.H. Thornhill J.P. Mr E. Parish, J.P. Mr Vinsen, Mr Harry Wells, the other Swavesey Carrier, Mr George Metcalfe, Mr Ashmore and Mr Saunders who was working close by, helped to release the hors and gave assistance generally. The cart was righted and the goods replaced as far as possible. Mr Prime drove those most injured to the King William IV., where the lady of the motor car and Mr Vinsen, and family cleansed and otherwise attended to their wounds. The tilt of the cart smashed and was left in a field, but the cart itself only sustained minor damage. Mr Wells took on most of the passengers, and Mr Prime drove Mr & Mrs Hepher and Mrs Poulter to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Mr Hepher was not allowed to leave until evening, but the others were kept shorter periods, and all remain out-patients. Mr Coulson badly hurt his hand by tearing it with a hook. It is satisfactory to report that all the injured are doing well. The identity of the ladies of the motor-car, in the excitement of the moment, was not ascertained are being made to find them in order that the thanks of Swavesey may be conveyed to them. It is held on all hands that had not Mr Sidney Prime acted with such coolness, promptitude, and excellent judgement, the accident would undoubtedly have had far more serious consequences. Mr Prime proved a Good Samaritan entirely, and devoted himself for the whole day to the service of Mr Hepher and his customers.

THE FEAST, 5th June. 1908

Swavesey Annual Feast – once no doubt a religious, but now mainly secular function has come & gone. With one exception no special incidents have to be recorded, though the shows and stalls, etc. were more numerous than they have been of late years, and visitors have been many. The trade has been far from brisk. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were of a festal character, the Primitive Methodists, reinforced by friends from other villages sang vigorously in procession through the streets in the afternoon and evening - prior to a meeting on the Recreation Ground. After nightfall other friends held a largely attended open air service in Market Street. Early on Monday morning, Thurston's roundabout of motor cars, pursued by wild ostriches were erected, and other shows and stalls for the sale of toys, sweets etc. sprang up. The local British Women's Temperance Association for the second year had a tent for the sale of light refreshment, temperance drinks, tea, coffee, etc. and did good business. Cricket matches have been played. On Monday the home club suffered defeat at the hands of Lolworth, who won by 22 runs, but on Tuesday a more representative XI achieved a victory over Elsworth by ten wickets. On Tuesday the Over boys played Swavesey boys on the Recreation Ground and defeated them. There was an un-rehearsed spectacle in Market Street during the early hours of Wednesday morning, when Messrs Thurston's engine and wagons left the feast ground. Other vans had to be moved to make way, and slumberers were roused. In turning into High Street the corner of Mr Scard's premises narrowly escaped being carried away by the engine. A Van knocked down and damaged Mr Nightingale's stall. Middle-aged ladies, stockingless and scantily attired in short petticoats, were seen rushing wildly about the streets. There were, however no impertinent snap-shotters present.

CARRIER'S CART. 5th June 1908

It has been ascertained that the lady who so kindly and so ably attended to the injuries of the victims of the recent carrier's cart accident was Mrs Pond. of Catch Hall, Huntingdon Road, and that the lady who conveyed Mr Coulson to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the motor- car was a visitor from London.

THE RIVER BANK. 5th June 1908

A parish meeting under the presidency of Mr G.A. Thoday was held at Fendrayton on Friday evening in connection with the repair of the river bank. In conjunction with some Swavesey representatives final arrangements were made for the work. Operations began on Monday.

LATE FLOODS, 12th June 1908

The small bridge on the Great Eastern Railway near Fendrayton gate, which was “blown” during the recent floods, is being thoroughly repaired and partially re-built. The breach in the river bank in Fendrayton parish opposite Holywell has also been repaired, but there are still weak places in the bank which require attention.

Y. M.C.A. V Swavesey. 12th June 1908

This cricket match played at Parker’s Piece on Saturday, 6th June and resulted in a victory for the countrymen by 99 runs to 86. Scard batted well for the winners.

PARISH COUNCIL 19th June, 1908

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday 11th inst., the Rev Vidler (chairman). Messrs W.H. Key (vice-chairman) G. Metcalfe, m William Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells, and Robinson Mitham (clerk) being present. The Council unanimously agreed that a portion of the parish property in the High Street should be let to Mr William Hepher, butcher for a term of seven years. It is understood that Mr Hepher proposes to transfer his butcher’s shop to the premises, his present shop having been sold. Mr Hepher is to be responsible for all repairs, rates, etc. The other business was not of public interest.

LOST A PARROT 19th June 1908

On Saturday morning a parrot belonging to Mr John Gilby got loose, and down to the time of writing has defied all efforts to recapture it. The bird remained near the village during Saturday, but on Sunday it migrated to Over, and on Wednesday morning was nearly secured near Overcote Ferry. A reward will be paid for its safe return. The bird is an old favourite, having been for many years in the family of Mrs John Gilby.

LOLWORTH V SWAVESEY. 19th June 1908

This match was played at Lolworth on Monday, and resulted in a win for Swavesey by 6wickets and three runs.

CRICKET MATCH. 19th June 1908

Th Swavesey Cricket Club have been doing better this year. Eight matches have been played, five won, and three lost. One match, viz., that against Cambridge Post Office Club, was scratched. The bats presented by the Hon. E.S. Montagu. M.P. and Mr R.E. Bartley respectively are been keenly contested for. W. Goad, who is developing into a most reliable bat, heads the

batting averages at present. S.J. Froment and A.T. Scard have been bowling well. The fielding of the team, although open to improvement, has been smarter this season.

THE MISSING PARROT. 26th June 1908

The parrot belonging to Mr John Gilby, whose escape was announced last week, has been recovered. Mr & Mrs Gilby had been away from home, and on their return on Saturday last were told at Cambridge Station by a gentlemen residing in Over that he had seen the bird on Over Bare Fen, On Sunday Mr & Mrs Gilby went in search of the wanderer, and very soon found her, and she flew round them again and again, but although she took food they threw to her would not come near enough to allow them to get hold of her. At last Mr & Mrs Gilby removed their hats, thinking she would know them better without their head gear. and the former lay down on the grass and called to her to come and kiss him. She did so, and he fed her with pieces of biscuit. She was then seized by Mrs Gilby. The bird, beyond being half starved, appeared none the worse for her nine days of freedom.

PUNCTUAL CHILDREN. 26th June 1908

Medals and bars awarded by the Sducation Committee of the County Council for punctual attendance were presnted to the undermentioned children at Swavesey National School yesterday(Thursday) morning. Jack Mustil, Richard Culpin, and Jane Brooks received medals, and John Parish and Ada Howlett a bar for two year's good attendance, and Clara Thorp and Arthur Beaumonta bar for four year's good attendance. The presentation was made by the Rev. A.C. Vidler, chairman of the Board of Managers, who addressed the children on the importance of punctually and the cultivation of good habits. Mr H.S. Aldred also spoke to the children and appealed to them to win the Shield. Mr Walter Thorp(technical instructor) was present. A half holiday was granted in honour of the occasion.

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SWAVESEY FETE. 10th July 1908

Some curiosity is evinced in the surrounding villages as to whether the garden fete, which was held at Swavesey last year, is to become an annual affair. All who were present remember how successful the function was, and wishes for its repetition have been freely expressed,

MERE FEN, SWAVESEY. 10th July 1908.

Some of our readers have, doubtless, spent many a happy hour during the skating season, on Mere Fen, and they may be interested to know that this piece of land, consisting of some forty acres, will be offered for sale on Saturday the 18th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. It forms part of the Manor Farm, Swavesey, which with other property Messrs. Bidwell and Sons will bring under the hammer.

SWAVESEY MANOR HOUSE, 10th July 1908.

This old and interesting building - its acts as a farm house, - is also included in the above mentioned sale. The catalogue specially calls attention to the very ancient and beautifully carved staircase, and also old oak doors and panelling and mantelpieces in various rooms. So valuable are these latter that, according to the conditions of the sale. the purchaser is required to pay £500 for them in addition to the sum paid for the property, but he can, if he wishes require the vendor to remove them in which case, of course, there will be no £500 to hand over. It is to be hoped that the new owner of Swavesey Manor house, whoever he may be will see his way to retain the oak work where it has been for so long a time.

SWAVESEY FETE 17th July 1908

The dwellers around Swavesey are doomed to disappointment, for our Swavesey correspondent inform us, in referring to the paragraph in this column last week, that there is no probability of a garden fete being held in the Vicarage grounds this year. The fetes have, he says, usually been an ornamental and an attractive adjunct to those more solid and more remunerative jumble sales and sales of work, and there was a sale of work at the beginning of last meeting. He adds that it is very gratifying to Swavesey people to know that their entertainments are so much appreciated by persons in surrounding villages, but he suggest that on the occasion of the next fete and sale their appreciation should take the more solid form of a keener interest in the business and money producing part of the proceedings. A crowd of dancers is an inspiring sight, but a crowd of purchasers at stalls is still more gratifying and consoling to the organisers, and more beneficial to the object for which the function that the Swavesey fetes and sales of work, etc., are got up with the object of raising money, and not merely for healthy amusement. The small charge the admission produces comparatively little – rarely sufficient to pay the band, to the strains of which the more energetic dance so gracefully.

MAKING THINGS LEVEL. 17th July 1908

A cart laden with grass for ensilage came to grief the other day near Market Street, through one of the wheel collapsing. One of the men with it suggested that the other wheel should be taken off, so that the cart could run level.

JUVENILE CRICKET. 17th July 1908

A team of small schoolboys from Over visited Swavesey on Saturday and played a team of equally diminutive Swavesey schoolboys. The visitors did not turn up in full strength, but made their numbers up to ten by taking in Swavesey volunteers. Seven doughty champions defended the honour of Swavesey, and by a dint of hard hitting managed knock up the respectable score of 91, which included 30 extras, viz., 14 byes and 16 wides. The Over small men failed miserably when they went in to bat, for they scored six only. archie Welch's bowling was too much for them. He collared seven wickets and was top scorer, 21 runs.

PARISH CHURCH. 17th July 1908

The Vicar being away on his holidays, the morning and evening services at the parish church on Sunday last was taken by the Rev. C.J.N. Child, M.A. headmaster of the Cambridge and County School.

WASPS. 17th July 1908

Mrssrs. H.S.Aldred and A.T. Scard, who are engineering the war on wasps, in Swavesey, have received this year 120 queens, some of which have in quite lively state, thus affording proof that they were 1908 queens.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 17th July 1908

The anniversary services in connection with Betel Sunday School wer held at the Chapel on Sunday last. The Rev. Ussher, of Oakham, who until July 1906, was pastor at the Chapel for two and a half years, preached at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon there was a flower service, which was well attended. Many bunches bore very appropriate texts. Three crates full of flowers were sent the following day to St Ives Infirmary. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the Sunday School fund and were good.

At the Flower service the soloists were:- Connie Goad and Alice Norman, and the reciters were Carrie Crisp, Grace Holmes, Nellie Prior, Dolly Prior, Ida Spearman, and Aggie Savage. Mr James Williams, junior, efficiently presided at the organ. The general arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr H.S. Aldred, Sunday School Superintendent.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 17th July 1908

The boys attending the National School have formed a cricket club, and have elected Charles Howlett captain and Charles Hephher secretary. Mr Henry Beaumont, school master, has consented to be treasurer. As the boys cannot from their own small subscription raise sufficient money to provide bats and other cricket necessities, they are asking help their friends and the general public. It is hope that all persons who appreciate the importance of healthy games for growing boys will assist. The smallest sums will be thankfully received, and the Treasurer will see that the funds are properly applied.

LIBERAL WOMEN'S OUTING. 17th July 1908

Members of the Swavesey Women's Liberal Association have had another treat at an extremely small cost. On Tuesday they spent an enjoyable day, the weather being fine, by the briny ocean at Yarmouth. Sea bathing attracted some, and doubles nigger minstrels others, but it is not known whether there was an open air demonstration with speeches by a cabinet Minister and Mr Montagu.

SCHOOL BOYS IN SMOKING CARRIAGES. 17th July 1908

Nearly two years ago attention was called in this column to the presence of boys, attending the County School, in smoking carriages attached to trains between Cambridge and St Ives, and it was then asked why these lads were allowed to monopolise such compartments, to the exclusion of men anxious to smoke. A correspondent tells us that on one afternoon last week he searched from end to end of the 4.06 p.m. train and could find only one smoking carriage free of schoolboys. (this report attracted several replies)

DEATH OF MR WIMPRESS 24th July 1908

We regret to announce the death of Mr William Pauley Wimpress, which occur at his residence at Church End, Swavesey, during the early hours of Wednesday morning, after an illness of only a few days duration. Mr Wimpress was born 72years ago in the neighbouring village of Fendrayton. For some thirty four years he was employed as a cooper at the London docks, attaining to the responsible position of foreman. Onh his retirement, with a well earned pension, six years ago, he came to reside in Swavesey, having purchased the house owned and occupied until her death, by Mr Pauley, widow of the late Mr William Pauley. Mr Wimpress was highly respected in the village. He took a keen interest in many local matters and was a member of the Parish Council, where his shrewd common sense was of great assistance. He was a very prominent member ot Bethel Baptist Chapel.

“LAUS DEO” . 24th July 1908

On Tuesday “ the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.” The sun shone brightly, and with thankful hearts men and women went about their daily labour in the hay fields and fruit gardens.

RIVER BANK. 24th July 1908

During the recent heavy and continuous rains many people’s thoughts were turned to the condition of the river bank, repaired to which were ordered, so it is generally understood, by the Rural District Council some time ago. These repairs have not yet been attended to. A report has also been current that certain large and important doors near the river, which are supposed to work automatically, would not close.

CRICKET. 24th July 1908

The match between Swavesey and the Cambridge Post Office C.C. was not played on the 16th inst. The Swavesey team were in attendance and waited with exemplary patience but the visitors did not put in an appearance, and in the absence of any communication from them it can only be assumed that the rain kept them away. When the country XI went to Cambridge in May last to play the men of letters, they found on arriving on Parker’s Piece, that no pitch had been secured. No game, therefore was possible. The country men were put to considerable expense all for nothing, through the neglect of the Post Office Club officials. The question naturally arises, whether the Post Office Club deliberately were absent on the 16th. It has leaked out that their cricketing impediments were to have been sent beforehand. They did not reach Swavesey.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 31st July 1908

The members of the National School Cricket Club desire to thank the ladies and gentlemen who so generously subscribed to funds to provide new bats, etc. Excellent tools have been purchased, and the boys are practising assiduously. To put the Club on a sound financial footing subscriptions are needed.

SCHOOL TREAT. 31st July 1908

The children attending the Sunday School attached to the Parish Church had their annual treat on Tuesday in the Vicarage grounds, The weather was all that could be desired and children had a very happy time.

A LONG WALK. 7th August 1908

Mr William White, a Leicester resident, desired to spend his Bank Holiday in Swavesey, but scorned the idea of travelling by railway. Being fond of long walks, he determined to do the journey on “Shank’s pony”. On Sunday last he left Leicester shortly before 5 a.m. and arrived in Swavesey at 8.30 p.m. in excellent condition, notwithstanding his long and solitary walk of 62 miles. He received a warm welcome from his friends, and the next day was walking about as “fresh as a daisy”.

CONSERVATISM MUCH ALIVE. 7th August 1908

On Friday last the main road through Swavesey presented the appearance of the road to Epsom on Derby Day, when at mid-day contingents from Over and Willingham passed through on the way to a garden party at Croxton Park, given by Mr Douglas Newton to members of the conservative committees in West Cambs. The Willingham crowd – they were a crowd too – were in a charabanc drawn by four excellent horses, Over came along in a heavily laden brake, their secretary having to be content with a dusty seat on the back step. Swavesey joined in with two brakes full of enthusiastic Unionist, the horses heads decked with pink and white ribbons. In addition to what may be called the officials conveyances there were numerous traps, buggies and the like, and a few bicycles. As the Willingham four-in-hand went by an onlooker was heard to say, “What! Do all those people come from Willingham ? I thought there were no Conservatives there”.

WEDDING. 7th August 1908

On Tuesday last Mr Jabez Day, farmer and butcher, Wallman’s Lane, Swavesey, youngest son of the late Mr George Day, was married at Betel Baptist Chapel, to Miss Florence Williams, youngest daughter of Mr James Williams, wheelwright, Swavesey, The Rev. H.T.N. Ussher, of Oakham, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Bessie and Rachel, nieces of the bridegroom. Mr Sidney Williams, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The chapel was very nicely decorated for the occasion with flowers, plants, ferns, etc. The happy couple received numerous presents.

HOLIDAY INCIDENTS. 14th August 1908

Two young gentlemen from London, who had been spending a short holiday in the village, met with a disappointment the other day. Their birthday fell within the period of their visit and they determined to celebrate the auspicious events. One provided cigars of an exceptionally fine brand, and the other

decided to invest in a bottle of port wine. The young gentlemen journeyed to St Ives one fine afternoon and purchased a bottle of wine. Meeting an acquaintance in the town they missed the train by which they proposed to travel home. Seeing the river a happy thought struck them – they would go boating. Rowing is thirsty work, but the suggestion from one of them repeated more than once, to open the bottle and invest in another for the ceremonial use was indignantly rejected by the other. A later train was duly caught. The bottle was handled as carefully as a first new born babe, so as not to disturb the crust. The dangers of the railway journey were passed in safety, but when passing Swavesey Churchyard a terrible disaster happened. The bottle was dropped and smashed and the precious dark life giving liquid mingled with the dust. The Vicar being but a few yards distant, audible comments were postponed until the privacy of a dwelling house was reached!.

A RUNAWAY. 14th August 1908

On Wednesday of last week Mr Jabez Day was driving his horse to the station when it took fright at a passing train and began to rear. Mr Day held on to the animal pluckily, but the bridle broke and it galloped off towards the village, on of the wheels narrowly missing the small stone bridge. The horse came to a standstill at the corner of Wallman's Lane, and was captured without any damage being done.

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WEDDING. 4th September 1908

A wedding of some interest to Swavesey readers, took place on August 10th at the Baptist Chapel, Barnstable, Devon, when Mr Thomas Langleigh Hephher, of Bristol, son of Mr Jesse Hephher, registrar of birth & deaths, Swavesey, was married to Miss Winifred Gertrude Tucker, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs E. Tucker, of Boutport Street, Barnstable. The church was effectively decorated for the occasion with palms and shrubs. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Willis Wilks. On the entrance of the bridal procession the organist Miss K.Prideaux, played the "Bridal March" from Lohengrin. The bride, who was given away by her father was charmingly dressed in a gown of cream eolienne, made in semi-Empire style, with a square cut yoke of chiffon, strapped with pleating of material and trimmed with silver embroidery and blonde lace. Two bridesmaids, Miss Nellie Tucker, sister of the bride, and Miss F. Lewis, of Brighton were in attendance. Mr L. K. Humphreys, of Bristol, acted as best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the Imperial Hotel, at which upwards of thirty guests

were present. A large number of wedding gifts were received by the happy couple, and included a diamond ring from the bridegroom to the bride, and a gold signet ring from the bride to her husband.

MAN SENT TO PRISON. 4th September 1908

At St Ives Petty Sessions on Monday, James Kester, labourer, of Swavesey, was brought up on remand for assaulting John Family, on August 24th.

Mr Oliver Papworth, of Cambridge, defended. Complainant said that when standing near the Railway Hotel, about 12-30 he received a blow from behind on the forehead, which produced the black eye he then had. Witness was unconscious for some time. He did not see prisoner until after the first blow had been struck and did not speak to prisoner. Walter Clements corroborated, but said prisoner after striking the blow said he had a grudge against Family and if witness spoke would serve him the same. - The Bench reduced the charge to one of common assault and defendant pleaded guilty. A number of previous convictions having been handed in (two being this year) the Bench sent prisoner for two months hard labour, - Prisoner "Thank you sir".

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GARDEN FETE. 25th September 1908

A garden fete postponed owing to rain from Tuesday, 15th instant, was held in the Vicarage Grounds on Thursday evening last week, and considering the uncertain state of the weather and the lateness of the season was well attended. The main attraction was dancing to the strains of St Ives Town Band, a cake guessing competition, and the refreshment tent under the superintendence of Mrs Wells and Mrs Dean. The grounds were prettily illuminated by Mr James of St Ives. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion about 10 p.m. when "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" were heartily sung. The profits, about £2 have been given to the choir Fund,

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 25th September 1908

The annual harvest thanksgiving service will be held at the Parish Church on Wednesday next, 30th instant. Festal Evening will be at 7 o'clock, the preacher being the Rev W.R. Gardner, M.A., who for some time has been in charge of the parish of Holywell-cum-Needingworth.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 2nd October 1908

Thankgiving Services for harvest were held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 30th ultimo. Holy Communion was celebrated early in the day,

and there was choral Evensong at 7 p.m. when a good congregation attended. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W.R. Gardner, who has recently been in charge of Holywell. The fine old Church was effectively decorated by the usual devoted band of ladies :- Mrs Long, Mrs Levell, and the Misses H. Vidler, Irby. J.Wells, F. Daisley, Ethel Garner, L. Beaumont, G. Dodson, and Miss Pook. The services in connection with the harvest festival were continued on Sunday last.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 9th October 1908.

The harvest festival at this Chapel assumed the form this year of a "Hospital Effort", and it is satisfactory to report a successful one. At 5.30 p.m., there was a public tea. This was followed by service in the newly renovated Chapel, which had been most tastefully decorated for occasion by many willing workers, foremost amongst whom were Mrs W. Thurbon, and Mrs James Payne. The decoration of the rostrum was particularly effective. An admirable and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. W.E. Lusty, of Stratford. The proceeds of the offertory, and also fruit, etc. have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

MARRIAGE, 9th October 1908

An interesting wedding took place at Swavesey, when Miss Louisa Martha, elder daughter, of Jos. Stockbridge, harness maker, of Swavesey, was married to Mr Sidney Arthur Wagstaffe of Colmworth, Beds. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A.C. Vidler, vicar of the parish, the bride being given away by her father, while the best man was William Stockbridge, of Gransden, brother of the bride.

DEATH OF OLD INHABITANT. 9th October 1908

Allen Marriott, a road labourer, died on October 2nd aged 73 years and was buried in the Cemetery on Monday. The deceased was an old inhabitant of Swavesey, and was much respected.

PARISH MEETING. 9th October 1908

A parish meeting was held on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Vicar to authorise expenditure for the lighting of the village. Some conversation ensued during the meeting respecting the river banks, and it was explained that the matter was receiving attention.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th October 1908

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, the Vicar presiding. There were also present Messrs James Wells, G Metcalf, William Thorp, J, Gilby. E. Warboys, J.T. Daintree, and Robinson Mitham, (clerk) The main business was the lighting of the village during the ensuing winter. Two tenders were received, - one from Mr F. Sanderson and the other from Mr Geo. Clarke. Mr Sanderson's tender was accepted, being £2 lower than Mr Clarke's.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 9th October 1908

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Conservative Association was held at the National School on Monday evening. Mr W.C. Cole presiding and was supported by Messrs R.E. Bartley, H, Beaumont, William Thorp, S.W. Crisp, G. Metcalf, Walter Thorp, etc. The secretary Mr A.E. Saunders read the annual report which contained a record of the useful spadework done by the Committee during the year. Registration matters had, the report stated received careful attention, and it was claimed that every Unionist in the parish entitled to vote was on the register. The annual accounts were passed, and gave unqualified satisfaction as they disclosed the pleasing fact that a useful balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. The election of offices, etc, was then proceeded with,:- Chairman, W.C. Cole, vice- chairman, C.R. Vincent, treasurer, W.H. Key, secretary, A.L. Saunders, : Committee:- Messrs W.H. Chamberlain, S.W. Crisp, J. Gilby, A. Girling, G. Metcalfe, Philip Metcalfe, Robinson Mitham, J. Netherwood, E. Stocker, Walter Thorp, William Thorp, E.J. Warboys, and R. Williamson.

ACCIDENT. 16th October 1908

On Sunday evening Mrs John Williams, wife of Mt John Williams, coal merchant, of Market Street, Swavesey, met with an accident whilst driving with Mr & Mrs John Hodson between Overcote and Over. the party were in Mr Hodson's trap, and shortly after leaving the ferry the pony shied at a white cow. Mrs Williams, who was sitting behind, was thrown out and fell heavily to the ground. She somewhat seriously hurt her shoulder, and has been under medical treatment since, but the latest reports of her condition are satisfactory.

THE PUBLIC LAMPS 16th October 1908

A correspondent writes calling attention to the delay in lighting the street lamps this year. He admits that the Parish and Parish Council meetings were held unusually late, but still he thinks the streets ought and might have been lighted before this. Our correspondent asks why the Parish Council do not deal with the lighting of the streets at a meeting during June or July instead of driving the business off to the last possible moment. If settled earlier the

contractor would, he maintains, have proper time in which to overhaul his lamps, etc., and obtain his oil possibly at a cheaper rate, and the Council could have the necessary repairs attended to before the lamps have to be put up. The writer also wants to know when the lamps were last painted, and whether their shaky condition is due in measure to false economy in the way of paint. Finally he suggests that as lamps, post etc, have been in use for many years and are wearing out, the Council should gradually replaced the old ones by new, a few at a time instead of throwing a heavy expenditure on one year.

LANTERN LECTURE, 16th October 1908

On Wednesday evening Mr Allen, of Wisbech, gave an interesting lecture illustrated by lantern pictures, at the Friend's Meeting House, Black Horse Lane, The lecture was entitled, "Her Benny" and dealt with slum life.

SWAVESEY MEN IN CANADA. 23rd October 1908

In the Spring of 1907 four young men left Swavesey to try their fortune in Canada. After spending twelve months in the province of Ontario three of them migrated into the far west of the Dominion, and set to work near Nelson i British Columbia. Two of them Harry Beaumont and Lawson Hephher, are employed on a large fruit – growing ranch owned by Earl Grey, the present Governor General of Canada. In June last some interesting extracts from their letters were published in the "Cambridge Express" setting forth their early experiences of ranch life. We are now able to print further extracts in which a visit from Earl Grey to his ranch is described. :- Earl Grey came here last Friday evening and stayed until noon on Sunday. He were up in the woods when he came round. He took of his coat and vest, slipped his braces over his shoulders, and took an axe and chopped down a tree. He shook hands with us and was very free and full of fun. He asked where we came from, and when he went in again he told Mr Ginot (the foreman) that we were two very nice boys. He had a look round our shack, and was pleased with out library. He has gone west and is going to spend next Sunday here again. Mr Ginot has asked him to raise our wages five dollars per month and we are in good hopes of getting it. – A week later Mr Beaumont writes:- "Earl Grey came round while Lawson and I were working together ; we were falling trees, so he colared hold of an axe and said he was going to fall one of his own trees himself. he did it all right, and his friend, who by the way is a brother of Mr Lowther, the present Speaker of the House of Commons, had a go too, and felled one. Lord Grey shook hands with us and asked us where we came from. He asked us also when we intended getting the girl out, and said that there were some waiting for us in England. I'm hanged if I know if the latter statement is correct or not.

but I told him, as the cabin in which we live is a small one we had not room for any more company there. As a proof that these two young men are prospering it may be mentioned that they have bought fifty acres of land adjoining Lord Grey's property, and are preparing to cultivate it.

ACCIDENT. 23rd October 1908

Little Gamaliel Fromant, of Market Street, Swavesey, on Sunday afternoon met with a serious accident. He was playing in Twenty Acres, a large field near Mere Fen, with two other small children, and was kicked in the face by a horse. He was unconscious when picked up by Mr F, Asplin, of Over, who conveyed him home on his trolley. P.c. Gray rendered first-aid, and Dr Watts White kindly examined the boy and found no bones broken. Under medical treatment the little lad is progressing favourably.

MIDDLE FEN. 23rd October 1908

It is understood that the drainage of Middle Fen is to receive further attention in the near future.

DRAINAGE OF HIGH STREET. 23rd October 1908

The Rural District Council is engaged in carrying the drain which runs beneath High Street some considerable distance along the side of the brook that flows, or should flow, under Turn Bridge. Nine inch glazed pipes are being used. How far this extension of the drain will prevent smells in High Street is a question that is being much debated in the village.

B.W.T A. 23rd October 1908

On Tuesday evening, at the invitation of Mrs R. Watts-White, the members of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Assoc. were most hospitably entertained to tea at the Friend's Meeting House, Black Horse Lane, kindly lent for the occasion. A very pleasant evening was spent. Miss Arliss rendered solos, and Mrs Watts-White spoke words of help and encouragement. A business conference followed, and arrangements for work during the coming winter were discussed. The Swavesey delegates to the Chatteris Meeting of the B.W.T.A., Miss Arliss and Miss Gaunt, gave a satisfactory report on the proceedings. The room was prettily decorated.

MOTHER'S MEETING. 23rd October 1908

The Mother's Meeting, in connection with the Friends Meeting House, was opened for the ensuing winter yesterday, Thursday afternoon by Mrs R. Watts-

White and Miss Arliss, who entertained the mothers to a friendly cup of tea. Miss gaunt will as usual, superintend the meetings.

THE OLD ASH TREE. 30th Oct. 1908.

On Friday afternoon last the ash tree in Swavesey Churchyard, which collapsed early in August, and in falling damaged the north-west corner of the Church, was sold in convenient on the 'time limit' principle. Mr Henry Beaumont was to have been the salesman, but having a cold, resigned in favour of Mr Walter Thorp, and modestly acted as salesman's clerk. The attendance was poor. After vainly waiting for a quarter of an hour for stragglers, it was decided to proceed, and Mr Thorp, stationed in a field on the north side of the churchyard, began with what, no doubt, would have been an eloquent oration on the subject of wood in general and ash wood in particular. Mr Thorp is an authority on wood. His clerk however objected and sternly ordered him to get on with his work, as he was there to sell the tree and not make speeches. A friendly argument ensued, and after one or two ineffectual attempts to continue his speech. Mr Thorp capitulated, and proceeded to business. The senior Churchwarden displayed each lot to the best advantage and notwithstanding the scanty congregation - we mean of course gathering - all the wood was sold and realised a fair price.

CHURCHWARDEN DISABLED 30th Oct. 1908.

Mr James Wells, coal merchant and churchwarden, when delivering coke to the National School last week met with an accident which has prevented him from following his occupation. When emptying a bag of coke his right foot slipped and he fell and injured his knee. Mr Wells is progressing favourably.

COLLISION. 30th October 1908

On Saturday evening about seven o'clock a waggon belonging to Mr Long and containing furniture and other household effects came into collision in Middle Watch with the light cart of Mr Starte, grocer of Swavesey. The cart was upset, its contents spilled, and the driver, a lad, thrown into the road. Some slight damage was done to both vehicles, but the lad fortunately, escaped unhurt.

SCRATCH BANK. 30th October 1908

Enquiries have from time to time been made as to the delay in issuing a statement. showing the receipts and expenditure in connection with the repair of Scratch, or Cradge, Bank, the main protection of Middle fen, which was carried out during the year 1907. Mr J.S. Goad, who acted as collector and

general manager of the undertaking, desires us to state that the delay is entirely due to his inability to induce one tradesman to render his account for work done, but that as soon as this account has been settled he will issue a statement of account. Perhaps the gentleman in question, in a truly laudable spirit of generous patriotism, desires to make no charge for his work. If so, there will be a useful sum of money in hand in which to form the nucleus of a fund for the new work which we understand is contemplated in connection with the drainage of Middle Fen.

WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 30th Oct. 1908.

The marriage of George, the only son of Mr Charles Burling, the well known blacksmith, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, to Ellen, daughter of Mr Robert Metcalfe, late of Shillington, Bedfordshire, but now of Quebec. Canada, took place at the Parish Church, Swavesey, on Thursday afternoon, 22nd instant. the Rev A.C.Vidler, vicar, officiating. In addition to a goodly company of guests, the villagers showed their interest in the happy event by attending in considerable force. The bride, who was given away by Mr William Thorp, in the absence through illness of her brother-in-law, wore a pretty dress of cream crinoline, trimmed with ivory silk insertion, threaded with white satin ribbon, and a bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and white heather, the gift of the bridegroom. One bridesmaid was in attendance, Miss Minnie Catterill, cousin of the bride. She was attired in a cream cashmere dress, trimmed with cream lace, a pink waist belt and a black picture hat. Mr E.H.Hodson, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the groom's parents. The happy couple have received an unusually large number of wedding presents, including a splendid cake, made by the celebrated firm of Buzzard, Oxford Street, London, the gift of Mr and Mrs Bartley.

AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION. 6th November 1908

The mysterious mast, surmounted by a wire-work globe, resembling a bird cage or a rat trap, which has been erected against the parapet of Turn Bridge, has nothing to do with wireless telegraphy, as some people think. It is a ventilation shaft in connection with the new drain which the Sanitary Authority has laid alongside the brook.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th November 1908

On Sunday the Rev. J.F. Cooksey, lately Vicar of Upwood, Huntingdon, preached the sermon at Morning Prayer at the Parish Church, and assisted the

Vicar in the service. Mr Cooksey is now living at the Manor House, in Market Street.

LIGHTING IN THE VILLAGE. 6th November 1908

Complaints have been general of the unsatisfactory light given this year by the street lamps, and several of them have been removed for repairs. The Parish Council will no doubt in future act on the suggestion made more than once in the "Express" and have the lamps thoroughly overhauled and tested during the summer months, so that when the time for lighting arrives all lamps will be fit for use.

BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE ASSO. 6th November 1908

The first meeting of the winter session was held in the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday. Mr Rhodes of Histon presided, and gave an excellent opening speech. Miss Raynor of St Ives sang two solos. The speaker was Mrs Gibbons of Cambridge, who spoke on the work of the Association and how the members might increase its usefulness and numbers. She also referred to the progress of temperance in the country at present time. The attendance was good and the meeting very successful.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 6th November 1908

The Christian Endeavour Society in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel held a tea and meeting to inaugurate the work for the ensuing winter, in the Schoolroom attached to the Chapel, on wednesday, 28th October. At the meeting which followed the Rev A.C. Ashpool, pastor of Willingham Tabernacle, presided, and gave an address on "Loyalty to Christ". During the evening several solos' recitations, and readings were effectively rendered. There was a crowded attendance.

OLD AGE PENSIONS 6th November 1908

The Vicar has announced that he will be glad to supply certificates of Baptism or marriage for the purposes of Old Age Pensions for the charge of one shilling with the stamp.

CREDIT TO HIS BIRTHPLACE. 6th November 1908

After twenty three years of meritorious service on the Great Eastern Railway Mr Joseph Caine, son of Mr Alfred Caine, of Swavesey, has been promoted to the responsible post of chief ticket inspector for the whole of the Company's service. Mr Caine began as a porter, then in succession was signman, guard,

ticket collector (at Bishop's Stortford), and for the last eleven years has been an inspector. Mr Caine is a native of Swavesey.

GUY FAWKES' DAY 7th November 1908

The youngsters of the village celebrated the Fifth of November by bonfires innumerable on the Recreation Ground and thoroughly enjoyed them selves. When all available supplies of bushes were exhausted sympathetic friends turned out for their benefit large quantities of waste paper children and getting rid of rubbish. At night a few fireworks were let off. No casualties have been reported. A ratepayer asks whether the Parish Council Bye-laws regulating the Recreation Ground are now in operation.

A NEW BANK. 7th November 1908

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 7th November 1908

A meeting and smoking concert, under the auspices of the Swavesey Conservative Association, and arranged by members of the Cambridge University New Carlton Club, will be held in Swavesey National School on Thursday net, the 19th inst. Messrs G.S. Shaw (president of the New Carlton Club) V.E. Cotton, and H.P. Burton, are announced as speaker, and Captain E. Morrison- Bell has promised to attend. Admission is free by ticket, to be obtained from Messrs W.H. Key, J. Gilby, W.H. Chamberlain, E Warboys, Walter Thorp, and of the Secretary Mr A.E. Saunders.

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STREET LAMPS. 20th November 1908

An indignant lay has sent the following letter to the "Express". :- "I see there was a meeting of the Suffragettes at Willingham Last week, and although I don't hold with women going into Parliament, I think they ought to take a part in managing things to do with their parish, especially women who pay rates, and they are heavy enough. If we had a few more women on our Parish Council this village would be better managed, for instance, most of us understand lamps, for we have to do our own, and I know we could look after our street lights better than the men do. If we did not we should be a poor lot. Someone said the other day that our Parish Council are a lot of old women. That's a libel on us women. because no woman, old or young, would have let Swavesey lamps get so bad as they are.

NEW DRAINS. 20th November 1908

As considerable miss-apprehension exists in the minds of ratepayers and inhabitants of Swavesey respecting the drainage operations in progress in the village, the following information, obtained from a reliable source, may perhaps be of some service. The new covered drain from Turn Bridge along the north bank of the brook is the first section of a main drain which will eventually be carried by the side of the brook to a point near the Church. with this main drain other drains will be connected, viz. (a) That in Wallman's Lane, joining near Mr Burton's orchard: (b) a drain in Market Street: and (c) the drain through Church End which will effect a junction near the Church Bridge. The last-named drain has been partially re-laid from the White Horse, to near the Swan Pond, into which it empties itself as a temporary measure. The smells in High Street will be dealt with by inserting gully traps. It is not intended to carry out the work all at once, but to do a section each year, so as to avoid a heavy call on the ratepayers at one time. It is anticipated that the scheme will provide an effective system of drainage satisfactory alike to ratepayers, inhabitants, and the sanitary authority, and will be considerably cheaper than the scheme which was at one time under consideration of the District Council.

MARRIAGE. 20th November 1908

A wedding of considerable interest to Swavesey people took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday, 11th instant, when Miss Kate Hodson, daughter of Mr John Hodson, Thatcher, of Swavesey, was married to Mr Albert Brasher, only son of Mr Thomas Brasher, of Swavesey. The Rev. A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiated. The bride was accompanied by two bridesmaids, the misses Nellie Howlett and Ethel King, nieces of the bridegroom. Mr Walter George Hodson, brother of the bride, was best man. The wedding presents were very numerous, the bride being well known and very popular owing to her having been morning "Postman" in the village for several years.

HOSPITAL EFFORT. 20th November 1908

The Temperance Society in connection with Bethel Chapel, on Thursday evening, the 12th instant, held a social evening in the schoolroom attached to the Chapel, which was well filled. Mr E. Bullman, of St Ives presided, and a miscellaneous programme, arranged by Miss Goad, the able and energetic secretary, was well carried out. Refreshments were served at intervals, and a collection was made, the whole of which will be given to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and will be further augmented by a collection at a lecture on astronomy, to be given shortly by Mr W.J. Wayman, of Over.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 20th November 1908

Under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society, special services were held on Sunday and Monday last in Bethel Baptist Chapel. On Sunday the morning service was, in the enforced absence of the Rev. R. Smith, of Histon, taken by the Rev. R. Fletcher, who based his appeal on "Go ye into all the world," At the evening service the Rev. F. Chilton, of Shelford, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, emphasizing the claims of the Society upon individual members. On Monday evening the Rev. Gordon S. Wilkins of Qrissa India. related his personal experiences and gave a most encouraging report of the Society's work. Several idols, charms, etc. were exhibited. Collections were made at each service in aid of the Society.

THE NEW CARLTON CLUB. 27th November 1908

A highly successful meeting and smoking concert, organised by the Swavesey Conservative Assoc. was held in the large room of the National School, Swavesey, on Thursday 19th inst. The officials of the Cambridge University New Carlton Club provided the speakers, and were entirely responsible for the concert. Captain Morrison-Bell was also present for a time, but had to leave early as he had another engagement at Trumpington. Although admission was by ticket, and was strictly limited to adults, upwards of 150 men attended. Notwithstanding the counter attraction of a conjurer at an entertainment organised by a club calling itself the Swavesey Conservative Club. As this entertainment, (which was held at the White Horse Inn, the club's headquarters,) was arranged some days after the bills announcing the Association's Smoking concert were issued, it must be admitted that the members of the association have a distinct grievance. It now rests with the Club's Chairman, Dr J.W. Ellis, who organised the entertainment, to supply a reasonable explanation. Mr W.C. Cole, chairman of the Association opened the meeting with an amusing speech, which was punctuated by rounds of applause. He thanked Captain Bell for coming, at considerable inconvenience, that evening. In his speech Captain Bell referred to a bye-election which had been disastrous for the Government. In speaking of the Licensing Bill, he remarked that there had been much talk of intemperance, but he defied anyone to find any temperance reform in the Bill. No one could predict what effect the Bill would have. The reduction of the number of public houses would not mean that there would be less drinking, but he thought it probable that the quality of what was drunk would suffer. The closing of public-houses would only add to the number of unemployed. The true remedy, he declared was Tariff Reform, the central plank of the Unionist party. Captain Bell brought his speech to a close by declaring that if the issues now before the country

were properly understood, he had no doubt which party would win in a General Election. (speeches by other visitors followed.)

LADIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. 27th November 1908

A Swavesey correspondent, who declares himself a mere man, writes:- “I cordially agree with the “Indignant Lady” that women should take their share in the management of parish affairs. On some matters their advice given at first hand and in the Parish Council would be most valuable, but doubtless even now some of the Swavesey Councillors have the inestimable benefit of feminine instruction as to the way in which public business should be conducted. Your correspondent, however, appears to be ignorant of the fact that women are already eligible to sit on the Parish Council, and it is to be hoped that one or more of the ladies of Swavesey will offer themselves for election in March 1910. But it seems a pity that the parish should be without their assistance till then. Is there no man Councillors chivalrous enough to resign his seat at once in favour of a lady, and if so, what lady will come forward as the champion of her sex and of effective lamps and clean dusters.

ASTRONOMY. 27th November 1908

A lecture on Astronomy was given in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom on Tuesday, 24th instant, by Mr William Wayman , of Over. The lecturer handled his subject in an interesting manner, and pleasingly illustrated the subject by some well executed diagrams. At the close questions were asked which elicited replies which were much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Wayman. A collection was made in aid of Addenbrooke’s Hospital, and on being added to the amount contributed at recent social evening, resulted in £1 9s 3d being raised for that deserving institution.

PRESENTATION. 27th November 1908

The members of the Primitive Methodists Society in Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, and St Ives, presented Mr Thomas Ding with a handsome Bible on Monday evening, in recognition of his devoted services to the Primitive Methodist cause in Swavesey during a long course of time. Mr Ding, who has recently removed to Longstanton, was steward for many years.

LATE RURAL DEAN. 27th November 1908

The bell of the Parish Church of St Andrew was tolled on Wednesday afternoon during the time the funeral of the late Rural Dean of North Stowe, Rev. C.E. Crump, was taking place at Cottenham.

OBITUARY. 27th November 1908.

We regret to record the death of Mrs William Crisp, wife of Mr William Crisp, butcher, of Swavesey and Cambridge Market, which occurred early on Saturday morning after a long illness. she was buried in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, Rev E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel., officiating. Mrs Crisp was the daughter of the late Mr Daniel Radford, miller and farmer. of Swavesey. We have also to record the death, at the age of 77 years, of Mrs Esther Robey, of Church End, who passed away on Sunday. Mrs Robey was a native of the neighbouring parish of Fendrayton, being the widow of Mr William Robey, at one time manager of the gasworks at Oakington. He died 22 years ago. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Tuesday.

POSTAL TROUBLE. 27th November 1908

People living at Boxworth End and Middle Watch have been seriously inconvenienced this week through the wall posting box near London House, having been closed owing to the lock being out of repair. Not only have they been obliged to go a long distance to the sub post office in High Street to post their letters, but they have lost the advantage of fifteen minutes later posting, The sub-office closing at 7.40 p.m. and the wall box at 7.55 p.m. It is thought that a secure and locked temporary receptacle could have been provided; say at or near London House, the proprietor of which has for twelve years held a license to sell stamps. It is possible that the inconvenience complained of will lead to an agitation for an additional posting box at Boxworth End, .

RURAL DEAN 4th December 1908

In accordance with general expectation the Rev, A.C. Vidler, the esteemed Vicar of Swavesey, has been appointed Rural Dean of the North Stowe, in succession to the late Rev. C. E. Crump; and our readers generally will joinwith us in cordially congratulating the re. gentleman upon the honour thus conferred upon him. Mr Vidler was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he was a scholar and prizeman, taking his degree in mathematical honours in 1875. Mr Vidler was ordained in the diocese of London, where he worked for 18 years. He was for some year's headmaster of St John-at-Hackney Grammer School, which appointment he held in conjunction with the curacies of St James' Clapton, and the Parish Church of St John-at-Hackney. Dr Walsham How, Bishop of Bedford and afterwards of Wakefield, was the Visitor of the above school in Mr Vidler's time, and Dr Thomas, the present Bishop of Adelaide, and Mr Howard W. Liversidge, a late President of the unoin Society at Oxford, were among the number of his pupils there. Mr Vidler was appointed to the Vicarage of Swavesey in 1895, which living is in

the presentation of his college, and he now holds the offices of Archidiaconal Secretary for the Diocesan Sunday School Council, is the clerical representative of the Deanery for the Diocesan Conference, and is the Deanery representative on the Governing Body of the Diocesan association for Voluntary Schools. Mr Vidler was elected Chairman of the Parish Council of Swavesey in 1896, which position he continued to hold since.

FREE TRADE MEETING. 11th December 1908

Messrs A.S. Doran and George Oldfield, of the Free Trade Union, addressed a moderately attended meeting in the National School on Friday evening, 4th instant. In the absence, through indisposition, of Mr Ebenezer Parish J.P. who was announced to preside, the chair was taken by his son, Mr Leonard Parish. Both of the speakers quoted statistics of all kinds in support of their case, and compared the wages of workmen in "Free Trade" Great Britain. These statements had to go unchallenged as an all round cosmopolitan statistician is rarely to be found in a village audience. One allegation, at least, of Mr Doran's might have been questioned. The advocates of Tariff Reform, he declared, go about the country offering protection to every trade in turn. At the close of Mr Doran's long speech he observed with sorrow that he ought to be speaking of great reforms such as the Licensing Question, the Land Question, and the like, instead of which he had to defend Free Trade, a question that was settled many years ago. If any benefit accrued from Tariff Reform the money would go into the pockets of the big landlords and the big manufacturers, but he did not say why the smaller landlord and the smaller manufacturers would not get a share. That would have been of greater interest to Swavesey people. One or two questions were put to the speakers before the meeting ended. An ardent Radical asked why it was proposed to tax the manufactured article and not the raw materials. Mr Doran evidently mistaking the political colour of the enquirer replied that the question was one to be put to a Tariff Reform Speaker. (Radical applause) A Conservative (there was a good sprinkling of Tariff Reformers present) asked several questions, and was beginning to get the better of the argument – it referred to foreign-made doors and window frames, which, according to Mr Doran, are not manufactured articles, - when an unmannerly interruption from a Radical on the back benches led to a mild altercation, and Mr Doran escaped. One thing was noticeable; the Conservative was called to order while the Radical with his personalities got off "Scott free". At the close of the meeting Free Trade literature was on sale, but how much was bought we do not know.

ENTERTAINMENT 11th December 1908

Professor Cristo & Son, the men of mystery and conjurers, visited Swavesey on Saturday last and gave two entertainments at the National School. At the afternoon performance, which was for the children, Master Cristo, who is said to be the youngest magician, amused a good crowd of youngsters with conjuring and a Punch & Judy show. In the evening, the entertainment was given by Professor Cristo assisted by the youthful magician and the rest of the company.

REMARKABLE EGG. 11th December 1908

Mr A.T. Scard, baker and confectioner, High Street, on recently breaking an egg found another inside. The smaller egg, which was perfect in every respect, measured an inch and a half in circumference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE. 18th December 1908

The annual general meeting of the Sunday School Teacher's Assoc. was held at the National Schoolroom, Swavesey, on Monday last. Amongst those present were:- The Rural Dean, Rev A.C. Vidler, who is ex-officio president of the Association, the Revs. T.E. Beckett, Over, W.C. Cooke, Histon, J.F. Cooksey, Swavesey, H.B. Woolley, Longstanton All Saints, together with Sunday School Teachers from their parishes and representatives from Willingham. An excellent tea was provided, and was very acceptable to many of the visitors after their cold and wet journey. After tea a model lesson was given by Mr E.H. Fedarb, of the Sunday School Institute, London, the lesson being illustrated by a class of children belonging to the Swavesey Sunday School who had made the highest attendances during the year. The annual business meeting of the Association followed, the Rural Dean presiding. The chairman made a touching reference to the death of the late Rural Dean, the Rev. C.E. Crump, Rector of Cottenham, who had been president of the Association. The annual Report was read by the Rev. H.G. Hooton, the Clerical Secretary, and was adopted. Mr W.J. Wayman, Over presented the annual financial statement, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The Rev. Beckett proposed, and Mrs Levell seconded, the re-election of Mr Hooton and Mr Wayman. After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting concluded with a discussion on Mr Fedarb's model lesson, in which Rev. W.C. Cooke and Mr Hooton and Mr Wayman took part.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 18th December 1908

The members and friends of the Temperance Society at the Bethel Baptist Chapel had a very pleasant gathering on Thursday in last week in the schoolroom attached to the Chapel, under the chairmanship of Mr J. Toseland,

of Fenstanton. Miss Goad, the honorary secretary, who presided at the harmonium, once more evidenced her kindly interest in the Society by arranging an excellent programme, consisting of past songs, solos, and choruses. Recitations were ably rendered by Miss M.Day, Miss H.Causer, and Mrs S. Wright, and an interesting reading was given by Mr J.Day. The chairman delivered a stirring address.

TEMPERANCE MEETING. 18th December 1908

A most successful public meeting in furtherance of the work of the British Women's Temperance Assoc. was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening. That stalwart Temperance advocate, Mrs R. Watts White presided, and a truly excellent and soul- stirring address was given by Mrs Heath, of Cambridge, in which she maintained that the secret of successful temperance work was prayer and enthusiasm. During the proceedings solos were admirably song by Miss Arliss, Considering the wet night, the attendance was exceptionally good.

LANTERN LECTURE, 18th December 1908

At the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Tuesday evening, Mr J.T. Allen, the well known evangelistic lecturer of Wisbech, delivered a most interesting lecture illustrated by photographic and other lantern pictures, entitled, "The Torn Bible". The lecture was a simple and touching story of a soldier wounded in the East Indies, and invalided home. He finds his mother dead, and his father whom he meets casually by the roadside does not recognise him. The torn Bible was given him by his mother apparently, on his enlistment. He falls amongst bad companions and the Bible which he had promised his mother to read and value is thrust aside. Later he finds it when searching for songs such as a soldier is supposed to admire, and in his exasperation at being inconveniently reminded of his broken promises he tears the sacred volume. Later still in battle a bullet strikes him, but the mutilated Bible carried in his breast receives the lead and his life is spared. The simple story is an old one, but none the worse for that. It was well told by Mr Allen, excellently illustrated, and well received by an audience that crowded the little building. Hymns were heartily sung at intervals, and a satisfactory collection in aid of the Chapel funds made at the close.

ADVENT SERVICE. 18th December 1908

Special services are being held at the Parish Church on Wednesday evenings during Advent, at which sermons are being preached by the Rev, J.F. Cooksey, late vicar of Upwood, Huntingdon.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 18th December 1908

The annual supper of the George & Dragon Mutual Benefit Club was held at the Little Rose on Thursday evening in last week. An excellent meal was provided by Mr & Mrs George Clarke, the popular host and hostess, and upwards of thirty members sat down. After supper, an enjoyable social evening was spent, songs contributed by Messrs H.Sanderson, Peter Ding, (the famous Swavesey basso) George Clarke and George Trundle, who delighted his audience with old-time favourites. Mr George Papworth gave selections on his gramophone. On the following evening the share-out took place. the sum of 19s 11d (not including the cost of the supper) being handed to each member.

CHRISTMAS FARE. 18th December 1908

The butchers of Swavesey have had a fine display of prize meat this week, Viz., Mr Z. Parish, a hogget (fed by Mr Hamer Towgood), which took first prize; Mr W. Hephher, two pigs, first and third prizes respectively; and Mr Walter Spolton, a bullock, (fed by Mr Hamer Towgood), second prize, and a sheep, (fed by Mr Thomas Bowyer,) first prize. All the prizes were awarded at Messrs Dilleys St Ives, Christmas Fat Stock Show.

PARISH CHURCH 18th December 1908

The list of special services at the Parish Church, and the Mission Church, during Christmastide were reported in the "Express".

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. 25th December 1908

The usual Christmas gifts to the poorer widows and widowers have this week been distributed by the Vicar. We understand that certain necessitous parishoners have recieved Christmas presents of money from Captain J.D. Daintree, R.N.

ACCIDENT. 25th December 1908

On Wednesday last Prime Godfrey, carting contractor, slipped when stepping from a cart to a railway truck. He fell against the side of the cart and hurt his back. Although progressing satisfactory, he is still unable to work.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 1st January 1909

Shortly after 5am. on Christmas Day the joyous ringing of the church bells heralded the festival of Christ's birth. At 6 am, and 7.45am, the Holy Communion was celebrated. Martins was song at 10.30, and a choral

celebration of Holy Eucharist followed. Festal Evensong with a sermon by the Vicar was at 3pm. At this services carols were sung. All the services were bright and hearty and were well attended, and the choir acquitted themselves right well. The splendid old church, the glory of Swavesey, looked exceptionally beautiful in its festal garb, the devoted work of Misses Helen & Ruth Vidler, Pook, L. Beaumont, F.Daisley, G. Dodson, Ethel Garner, J. Wells and Mrs Levell, the prevailing colours being red and white with a background of holly and other evergreens. On Sunday, the festival services were continued, the sermons at Matins and Evensong being preached by the Rev, J.F. Cooksey.

YEAR'S RETROSPECT. 1st January 1909

No startling incidents and no epoch-making changes have to be recorded in connection with the past year. The population of Swavesey for many years has been decreasing, but since 1st January last it is satisfactory to note that the births have outnumbered the deaths. The health of the village has been satisfactory, and its good behaviour may be taken for granted, as there is at present no resident police constable. The Parish Council has held several meetings, but no great questions have been under discussion. The Public lighting of the streets having failed to give satisfaction, a special meeting was held on 26th November. Certain suggestions then made have been carried out and an improvement in the lighting has resulted. The parish fire engine still remains one of the chief glories of the village. Its efficiency must, however, be taken largely on trust, as it has not emerged from its house since 31st March, when engine and appliances were last tested. The condition of the Recreation Ground is far from what it ought to be. Whether the herbage rents are available for the much-needed improvements we know not, but the Council may be reminded that they hold a sum of nearly £2 which was handed to them by the Coronation Festivities Committee, to be spent on the ground.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT. 8th Jan. 1909.

The County Council Road Authorities have erected a bank at the western side of the high road from Swavesey to Over, near Mere Fen. The bank takes the place of one removed some years ago, and will, it is hoped, prevent the high road from being flooded.

PARISH CHURCH 8th January 1909

The Venerable Archdeacon of Ely, Dr. Cunningham, preached at evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday. There was a good congregation.

BIRTHS & DEATHS. 8th January 1909

From enquiries we have made in the six parishes comprised in the Swavesey R.D.C. area. viz., Boxworth, Conington, Fendrayton, Lolworth, Over, and Swavesey. whose combined population at the last census in 1901 amounted to 2,468, we have elicited the interesting information, that there were about twelve births and eight deaths during each quarter, of the past year, and, as far as we can ascertain: no deaths resulted from synoptic diseases, and there were no inquests. Hardly any young people died, and no infants. There were more births and deaths in Over than in any of the other five parishes.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT. 8th Jan. 1909.

Notwithstanding his great age and feeble state of health, Mr Thomas Payne has not forgotten his old friends and dependants. Through Mr Alfred Williams, he has once more again made his usual New Year's gifts of tea and sugar to his poorer tenants and certain needy widows and widowers.

OLD AGE PENSIONS. 8th Jan. 1909.

Thirty-eight persons received their first pension payment to which they are entitled under the Old Age Pension Act, on Friday last a Swavesey post Office. On the same evening a happy gathering took place at the National School - the building being place free of charge to the Committee who arranged the function. All the old age pensioners of Swavesey and also those over 70 in receipt of parochial assistance, had been invited to a meat tea and social evening, the total number present at tea - including the committee - being upward of sixty. Parcels of good things were sent to the aged invalids who could not attend. Tea was served about 4.30 and after the Vicar (Rev A.C.Vidler MA.) had said grace, the real pleasure of the gathering commenced and continued without a hitch till 8.0'clock, when the party of aged friends separated; trays and tea was presided over by Mr Alfred Day, Miss E Day, Mrs E.Parish, Mrs W.Twist, and Mrs Wimpres. Tea over, a social evening ensued, Mr H.S.Aldred presiding, owing to the Vicar having another engagement, the reverend gentleman spoke early. In a kindly and genial speech the Vicar expressed his pleasure at being present but whether it was entirely a non-political gathering he could not say, for it is said, "Every little baby born alive was either a little Liberal or else a Conservative. In olden times, to qualify for a pension the person had to attend a place of worship. Although no stipulation or condition like that existed now, he ventured to hope that each one would make a point of attending some place of worship if possible. The gift they had received from the nation was for work or labour

they had given the nation. The gift was practically £100, as at 70 years of age an annuity of 5s per week was purchasable for the sum of £100.

ACCIDENT 8th January 1909

Immediately after the children left school on Wednesday afternoon a little boy, named Roland Sanderson, of Boxworth End, was knocked down by a trap. He probably ran into it. The wheel passed over both legs and his face was cut. The Chils was immediately picked up by the driver, Mr Bert Hodson, and taken into Mr W.Thurbon's house close by where he was carefully attended to by Mrs Thurbon and Miss Pook, the infant's schoolmistress. Fortunately no bones were found to be broken, but the little fellow is badly bruised and his eye and nose are damaged, Subsequently, Mr Bert Hodson – who was most attentive and to whom no blame is attached – took the child home.

NO POLICEMAN. 8th January 1909

One correspondent argues the necessity for the early appointment of a resident policeman in Swavesey, While in no way suggesting that the constables who are doing occasional duty in the village have been remiss he is of the opinion that the fact of there being no resident policeman has had a good deal to do with certain regrettable incidents which have recently occurred.

CONSERVATIVE LADIES. 8th January 1909

A NARROW ESCAPE, 8th January 1909

Early on Saturday morning Mrs Godfrey senior, discovered that her bedroon was full of smoke, and at the time detected a strong smell of burning. On going downstairs she found that a cupboard at the side of the fireplace in the kitchen was alight. She called in the assistance of he horsekeeper. and between them the fire was extinguished, bur not before considerable damage had been done to the cupboard and its contents. As the fire had, undoubtedly , been smouldering all night and the house is an old one, Mrs Godfrey and her family may be congratulated on a providential escape.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 8th January 1909

On Thursday evening in last week the members of the Christian Endeavour Society, in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel, held a pleasant evening, under the management of Mrs.T.W. Carter and Mr Arthur Norman. Excellent light refreshments were provided.

MISSIONARY TEA. 8th January 1909

On Tuesday last the annual missionary tea and lecture were held at the National Schools. The tables were provided by the Misses Vidler, Mrs Long, Mr W.H. Key, Mrs Wells, Mrs Levelle, Mrs Cooksey, Mrs Beaumont, Mrs Dean, and Mrs Scard, the subscribers being, Mrs Bartley, Mrs Cole, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Willson, Miss Pook, Mrs Gilby, Mrs P. Hephher, Mrs H. Williams, and Mrs Challis. Others kindly assisted by presiding, including Miss Cole, Miss Wells and Mrs J. Linford; and Mr Walter Thorp, with others, was very helpful in arranging the room. An Excellent Lecture was given by the Rev. H. Mathews, from Tientsin, China, dealing specially with the work of the Church in North China, and the troubles connected with the Boxer Rising. A collection of rather more than £3 was the result, and there were about 120 present.

GAP

CHURCH DEFENCE. 22nd January 1909

An instructive lecture on “ Church Property: what it is and where it came from” was given in the National School on Monday evening by the Rev A.J.C. Allen, vicar of St Mary-the-Less, Cambridge. The lecturer explained the sources from which the Church and clergy are supported, and gave instances from the time of St Augustine to the present day of the way the Church has been endowed by Royal personages and other individuals. He also explained the origins of tithes, Queen Anne’s Bounty and so forth. His references to the Church in Wales were especially valuable in view of the troubles threatened in that quarter. The Lecture was illustrated by lantern slides, ably manipulated by Miss Vidler, amongst the pictures being copies of most interesting documents, some of them being of great antiquity. On the proposal of the Vicar, seconded by Dr Ellis, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Allen for his lecture. The Attendance was fairly good, but considering the importance of the subject to Church people, and the great ignorance that exists on matters affecting Church property and endowments, it might, with advantage have been larger.

DYING TRAMP SLEEPS OUT AT SWAVESEY. 29th Jan. 1909

An old tramp, name unknown, died in extremely sad circumstances at Swavesey, on Friday morning. On Thursday night he was allowed by the landlord of the Red Lion, Swavesey, Mr David Garner, who knew him by sight, to rest himself by the fireside, for a little while, and left the house about nine o’clock. He was an old man of about seventy years of age, and getting feeble. Early on Friday morning he was found by the roadside near a telegraph pole, between Norman’s cottage and Lolworth Road. The exposure to cold had

hastened his death. George Ward, telegraph foreman of Cambridge, stated that soon after seven o'clock he saw deceased lying near a roadside telegraph pole, with his head towards the ditch. He did not appear dead. He went to Mr Taylor's cottage near by, to get some tea for him. One of the deceased's shoes was off, and there was no sock on that foot, merely a piece of rag twisted round his toes. (Long report of the inquest.) Our Swavesey representative informs us that prior to calling upon Mr Garner, the deceased man, who came from Over, called at the railway station, and was allowed to sit in front of the fire in the lamp room. Subsequently he called at the Little Rose public house, where he was given tea and bread & butter by the landlord, Mr George Clarke.

HOME MISSION. 29th January 1909

A sermon in aid of the Additional Curates Society will be preached in Swavesey Parish Church on Sunday morning 31st January, by the rev. J.W. Eisdell, M.A., vicar of Barking, Essex. A collection will be made on behalf of this admirable Society.

ENTERTAINMENT. 29th January 1909

An entertainment is to be given in the National School on Thursday evening, 4th February, at seven o'clock consisting of (1) A performance by children, entitled, "A Fancy Dress Ball", (2) songs and recitations; (3) a dramatic representation. The proceeds of the entertainment are in aid of the Church Sunday School.

CHOIR SUPPER. 29th January 1909

The Vicar entertained the choir, organist, ringers, churchwardens, and sidesmen at supper at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. About 40 sat down to an excellent repast, consisting of beef, mutton, and ham, followed by plum pudding and mince pies, all hot. After supper the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome to his guests, and thanked them for the assistance they had rendered him in his work in the Church and parish. The rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent in singing songs, etc.

THE FLOODS

The floods, which have surrounded this village in all directions during the past week, have been very serious although they have not been quite as high as in the years 1875, 1895, and 1897. Great inconvenience has been caused to farmers and others; and several householders have had to turn out of their houses at very short notice. The people especially inconvenienced in this respect are those living in the cottages near the Town Bridge. every one of

whom has had to turn out, and the occupants of the gate houses upon the railway have also had to find quarters in the village. We suppose that these floods are to a certain extent unavoidable, but we cannot help thinking that if the proper authorities would pay due attention to the banks much damage and inconvenience might be avoided.

POST OFFICE. 29th Jan. 1909.

The hours during which public business is transacted at Swavesey Post Office have been altered from 7a.m. to 8p.m. to 8a.m. to 3p.m. The new arrangements came into force on Wednesday

MISHAP TO MAIL CART. 29th Jan. 1909

On Monday evening, shortly after eight o'clock, the mail cart which runs between Over, Swavesey and Cambridge Post Office came to grief in Ramper Road. About three-quarters of a mile from the turning from Swavesey village the horse stumbled and fell on some loose granite, with which the road is thinly covered. The horse was jammed by the shafts, and lay in such a position that the driver could not extricate it. The road is a lonely one, and no help being forthcoming the driver shouldered his bags, and returned on foot to Swavesey in search of assistance. Mr Charles Crisp and Mr Arthur Prior, with one or two others promptly ran to the scene of the accident, and after considerable trouble managed to get the horse up. The animal, though somewhat damaged was able to complete the journey.

“SCISSORS SHARPENER”. 5th February 1909

The old tramp known as “Scissors Sharpener”, whose sad death, on the Huntingdon Road, was recorded last week, was buried in Swavesey Churchyard, the Rev, T.E. Beckett, vicar of Over, officiating, in the absence of the Vicar of Swavesey.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. 5th February 1909

A great Christian Endeavour Rally of St Ives, Over, and Bethel Chapel, Swavesey, Societies was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Swavesey, on Monday evening, 1st instant. Mr C. Richardson of Over, presided over a crowded gathering, the room being packed. The proceeds of the gathering, which were satisfactory, were devoted to the Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel Trust Fund.

A RECORD ENTERTAINMENT. 12th February 1909

An entertainment, successful in every respect, was given at the National Schools on Thursday evening, 4th February in aid of the Church Sunday Schools. An interesting programme, excellently carried out, was provided. A record crowd attended, and the takings amounting to upwards of £9, were also a record. Part 1. consisted of a musical entertainment by children, called a "Fancy Dress Ball". The youngsters did remarkably well. Their fancy dresses were effective, they sang their songs tunefully and with spirit, and the spoken parts were delivered clearly and with intelligence. The performance, which was heartily applauded, reflected great credit on the trainers of the children, Miss Helen and Ruth Vidler, G. Dodson and J. Wells. Part 2. consisted of songs, recitations, etc. preformed by Mr G.H. Skeeles, organist, Messrs J. Gilby, H.S. Turner, E. Williams, A. Prime, E. Mitham, and Misses P. Mitham, L. Mitham. L. Beaumont. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close with a dramatic sketch entitled, "Don't let the lady go," a clever and amusing trifle well performed by the Misses Kirke Smith, (Boxworth) & Lieut Hatton Gardner, (Conington). The troubles caused by the irritability and untidiness of a bachelor gentleman and the obtuseness of his elderly and devoted housekeeper tickled the fancy of the audience. The housekeeper's acting and make-up were so realistic that people may be excused for having mistaken the actress for her mother.

PASTOR FOR BETHEL CHAPEL. 12th February 1909

Over two and a half years ago the Rev. H.T.N. Ussher left the Bethel Chapel and since then the congregation has been without an appointed Pastor. We are now able to announce that the vacancy has been filled by the Rev W.H. Stevens, of Grove Church, Stratford, London. He will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in March.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 12th February 1909

An old and highly respected inhabitant of Swavesey, Mr Stephen Hayes, passed away on Wednesday, the 3rd instant., after several years illness. Mr Hayes, who was 86 years of age, was the only son of the late Stephen Hayes, at one time deacon of the Bethel Baptist Chapel. For 50 years he was a member of Bethel Chapel, and teacher in the Sunday School. The funeral, which took place in the cemetery on Sunday afternoon was attended by a large number of people. Bethel Sunday School teachers and scholars headed the cortege from the deceased's residence to the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr James Williams of Swavesey.

LIBERAL MEETING. 12th February 1909

The Hon. E.S. Montagu, M.P. addressed an extremely quiet and orderly meeting of the electors of Swavesey, their wives, sisters, and children, in the School on Monday Evening. There was a fair attendance, but the room was far from full, though many Conservatives were present. Mr Ebenezer Parish, J.P. presided. Mr Montagu, who spoke for about an hour, eulogised the Government, and at the end of his address offered to answer questions. Mr Wilfred Hephner and Dr Ellis asked a few, to which the Member replied. Mr J.E. Baker, of Cambridge University, followed with a speech. On the proposal of Mr W. Mustill, seconded by William Parish, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Montagu and Mr Baker.

CHURCHWORKES ENTERTAINED. 12th February 1909

The Vicar and the Misses Vidler hospitably entertained the lady church workers on Tuesday at the Vicarage, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SUPPER TO RAILWAY & POST OFFICE STAFF. 17th February 1909

On Thursday evening of last week a pleasing scene was witnessed in the Infants School, when twenty two members of the above staffs were seated at supper. The committee who arranged the function commenced soliciting funds with the view of sending invitations to local railway staff only, but the kind generosity of the local public gave the Committee the additional pleasure of extending the invitations to the Post Office staff. Mr A.F. Scard, confectioner catered in a most satisfactory style, his efforts being much appreciated by the guests, and gave much pleasure to the Committee. The menu was as follows:- Roast beef, ham & tongue, pork pie, tomatoes, salad, cucumber, beetroot, blancmange, jellies, jam tarts, trifle, gorgonzola, cheddar, celery. After supper a social evening was held in the main room of the school, Mr Fred Asplin, of Over, kindly presiding, and notwithstanding counter attractions elsewhere in the village about a hundred of the public were present. At the close thanks were accorded to the generous donors, the Committee, and those who had so kindly given their services during the evening.

PROTECTION FROM FLOODING. 19th February 1909

A solid concrete wall, about four feet deep, to protect the high road from Swavesey to Over from flood water from Mere Fen, has been erected by Messrs Wayman Brothers, builders, of Over, for the County Council. It extends from Over bridge alongside Mere Fen, and joins the existing bank. The Council's roadmen are also raising the footpath from the bridge to Swavesey,

CRICKET CLUB. 19th February 1909

The annual meeting of the cricket Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the School, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:- Captain Mr A.T. Scard, Vice captain Mr W. Goad, secretary Mr C. Taylor, assistant secretary Mr E.J. Mitham, treasurer Mr A.J. Wilson, committee, Messrs S.J. Fromant, T. Harris, T. Goad, L. William, R. Mitham, F. Causer, and F. Beaumont.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING 19th February 1909

A most successful smoking concert and meeting was held under the auspices of the above Association, at the White Horse, on Thursday, 11th February, in the large room being crowded with an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. Mr W.C. Cole presided and was supported by Captain W.H. Heal, Mr F. C. Winfield and other prominent supporters. Mr Cole expressed his gratification at seeing such a crowded gathering, and extended a hearty welcome to Captain Heal and other friends from Cambridge. Mr F.G. Winfield in an excellent speech, touched on amongst other topics, Old Age Pensions, pointing out that those who most needed it did not receive the benefit of the Act. Although Conservatives agreed with the principles of Old Age Pension, they objected to the deserving poor being debarred from its benefits, while those who had large sums of money participated. The speaker next dealt with Tariff Reform in relation to agriculture, and pointed out that while we were importling manufactured goods into this country our own workmen were unemployed. The speaker also dealt with the late Licensing Bill, and the House of Lords, and concluded an admirable address by urged all present to do their best to return Captain Morrison-Bell at the head of the poll.

TEMPERANCE POLICY. 19th February 1909

A meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of North Stowe was held at Swavesey on Wednesday 17th to consider the "Forward Movement". The meeting was summoned by the Rural Dean (Rev A.C. Vidler). The object of the "Forward Movement" is to elicit a wider co-operation amongst Church people in the principles and aims of the Church of England Temperance Society, by a special effort to be made in the autumn of this year. A very valuable discussion resulted in the adoption of a motion favouring the movement.

PARISH CHURCH. 26th February 1909

Courses of sermons have been arranged for during Lent as follows:- At the Church on Sunday evenings, at 6.30 pm, by the Vicar. At the Mission Church

on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. by the Rev Cooksey, and at the cChurch on Thursday evenings a 7pm by the Rev A.C. Crosfield, M.A. Vicar of Hartford, Hunts.

SCHOOL CLOSED, 26th February 1909

Owing to numerous cases of illness amongst the children, the National School was closed on Monday for a time, by order of Dr Bushell Anningson, medical officer of health.

B.W.T.A. 26th February 1909

A meeting, under the auspices of the British Women's Temperance Assoc. was held on Monday evening, at the Bethel Baptist Chapel. After a few introductory remarks by the Chairman, Rev A.C. Ashpool, pastor of the Tabernacle, Willingham, Mrs Sims Woodhead, of Cambridge, delivered an earnest and inspiring address. Miss Raynor, of St Ives, sang two solos, in her usual beautiful style Dr Watts White proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Woodhead. The attendance was good and the collection was satisfactory.

DEATH OF A CHILD. 26th February 1909

Much sympathy is felt for Mr Walter Spolton, butcxher and his wife, in the sad loss they have sustained, by the death on Sunday, 14th instants after an illness of for days, of the youngest daughter Constance Maud, at the age of four months. The funeral took place on Thursday 18th instants, in Swavesey Churchyard. Upon the tiny coffin were wreaths from parents grandparents and aunts.

WHIST DRIVE 26th February 1909

A whist drive was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, at which 76 players were present. Results:- Ladies first prize – silver mounted jam jars and spoons, second prize – silver mounted breakfast cruet, Gentlemen:- silver sovereign purse, second prize – silver match box. Consolation prize:- a bottle of scent and cigars.

OLD FRIEND GONE. 26th February 1909

We regret to announce the death on Tuesday evening of an old and most respected Swavesey man, Mr Thorp Mansfield, from bronchitis. Mr Mansfield, who attained the great age of 83 years of St Valentine's Day, was out on Friday, and had been able to work until that time. He was employed as a platelayer on the Gt. Eastern Railway for 54 years, retiring on the 10th January 1902, at the age of 76 with a pension for long and faithful service.

This pension was withdrawn on 1st January this year, when he became an Old Age Pensioner. As a young man he was in the choir of the Parish Church, and was a ringer, and even of late years he has occasionally tolled the big bell. He leaves a widow - an invalid and several children, Mr Mansfield enjoyed marvellous health during his long life and is believed not to have had a bottle of medicine until a few days ago.

Funeral, 6th March 1909 - The funeral of the late Mr Thorp Mansfield took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Sunday afternoon, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, officiated. Mr John Mansfield, (son) and other family mourners were present. A few sympathisers were gathered at the graveside, but several old friends were prevented by the inclement weather from being present.

DEATH. 26th February 1909

Mr William Hepher, a well known character in Swavesey, passed away on Thursday, 18th instant, after having been laid up about about a fortnight, but he had been in failing health for some time. Mr Hepher was the son of Mr Richard Hepher, who died many years ago. and was 72 years of age. He was well known in St Ives and Cambridge Market, and all around Swavesey as a dealer and market gardener. He belonged to a very ancient Swavesey family, had lived in the village the whole of his life, never married, died in the house in which he was born, and was the first Swavesey Old Age Pensioner to die. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Vicar officiating, The mourners were Mr Frederick Hepher (brother) Mr & Mrs Samuel Hepher, Mr Robert Hepher, Mr James Hepher, Mr Arthur Hepher, (nephews) Mrs J Payne, Mrs Albert Daintree, Miss F Hepher, (nieces) Mr W.J. Hepher, (grandnephew) and Mr Ebenezer Prime. Mr Robinson Mitham was the undertaker.

BAND OF HOPE. 26th February 1909

On Thursday 18th, the members of Bethel Band of Hope gave an entertainment in the Schoolroom attached to the Chapel, which was crowded with an appreciative audience. The young people acquitted themselves well. Miss A Goad presided at the harmonium, and thanks were accorded her for her kind and practical interest in the good work.

LATE GEORGE LONG. 5th March 1909

In accordance with the terms of the bequest of the late Mr George Long, J.P., the bell of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, 2nd instant, the anniversary of his birthday,

A GRIEVANCE. 5th March 1909

Country Butchers standing in Cambridge Market are complaining bitterly of the depredation of certain presumably hungry persons who have on several Saturdays lately surreptitiously relieved them of meat, not only small pieces, but substantial joints such as legs of mutton. Amongst the butchers victimised are Robert Williamson, (beef & leg of mutton) and Walter Spolton, (beef and pork) of Swavesey. Mr Spolton has also lost two butcher's baskets, one of which had his initials "W.S. – B." painted on its side.

SNOW STORM. 5th March 1909

Snow fell heavily during Tuesday night, and early on Wednesday morning, the ground was covered to a depth of from six to eight inches. The drifts were considerably deeper. The road authorities, both County and District, set to work to clear the roads with highly commendable promptitude. Snow ploughs were brought into use early in the morning, and extra men were employed. Mr Johnson, the surveyor of Swavesey District Council, was most energetic in personally superintending the clearance of the road under his charge.

DEATH OF OLD INHABITANT. 5th March 1909

We regret to record the death at the age of 68 of Mr Benjamin Parish of Boxworth End, which occurred yesterday Thursday morning at seven o'clock. Mr Parish worked for many years for Mr Thornhill, of Boxworth. This severe weather is working sad havoc amongst the elderly people of the village, and there are several cases of severe illness in more than one of which a fatal termination is feared.

HEARTS OF OAK. 5th March 1909

A public meeting of members and others interested in the formation of a medical association was held in the White Horse Club Room on Monday evening, and was largely attended. Mr A.E. Saunders presided, supported by Mr G.H. Barnsdale, of Cambridge, chairman of the London Executive Committee, Mr J.R. Ingram and H.G. Parker (St Ives). The officers for the year were elected as follow:- President, Mr A.E. Saunders, Vice President, Mr Twist, Hon Secretary and Treasurer, F. Williams. The meeting adjourned until Saturday evening to settle the question of the appointment of a doctor for a medical agency.

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th March 1909

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Friday evening, at which were present Messrs J.D. Daintree, J. Gilby, E.J. Warboys,

H. Wilderspin, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. The only business was the selection of a parish constable for the ensuing year.

Bethel Baptist Chapel 12th March 1909.

The Rev W.H. Stevens, lately of Grove Church, Stratford, London, the newly appointed Pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, entered upon his duties in Swavesey on Sunday last, and officiated throughout the day. The services were marked by no special features.

NATIONAL SCHOOL 12th March 1909

The National School which had been closed for a fortnight in consequence of illness amongst the children, was re-opened on Monday last.

HEARTS OF OAK. 12th March 1909

The adjourned meeting of the recently formed Hearts of Oak Medical Assoc. for Swavesey was held at the White Horse on Saturday evening, Mr A.E. Saunders, president, in the chair. Dr J.W. Ellis was appointed medical officer.

WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOC. 12th March 1909

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Assoc. (Swavesey Branch.), preceded by tea, was held in the Friend's Meeting House, Black Horse Lane, on Monday evening. Mrs Tillyard presided, and Miss Verrall, of Cambridge delivered an address. Mr G. Toulmin (hon secretary) of the University Liberal Assoc., who was announced as a speaker, was not present. The attendance was small.

ACCIDENT. 12th March 1909

About 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, a cyclist proceeding to Peterborough from Cambridge, met with a nasty accident near the New Inn, on the Huntingdon Road, being thrown from his machine, through a workman's basket he was carrying slipping between the wheels. He was seen by Mr William Thorp, of Swavesey, lying in the road in a dazed state and apparently suffering from injury to his hip. Mr Thorp assisted him to the New Inn and there had him supplied with brandy. Sergeant Chevill, accompanied by P.C. Howe, passed the Inn shortly afterwards, and Mr Thorp placed the injured man in their hands. The man recovered a little, though unfit to proceed on his journey, so the Sergeant had him conveyed to his lodgings, in New Chesterton, in one of Messrs Lacon & Co.'s carts, which happened to be returning to Cambridge.

OBITUARY. 12th March 1909

Between Thursday, the 4th inst., and Sunday. 7th inclusive, four deaths occurred in Swavesey, two of the deceased being Old Age Pensioners. Mr Benjamin Parish, who was at work on the previous Saturday, passed away on Thursday, at the age of 64 years, while Mrs Aaron Metcalfe, aged 83 and Mrs Daniel Wilderspin, aged 81, died on Saturday, both having been laid up for a week only. On Sunday morning Mr William Wright, junior, of Market Street, died. He was at work for the District Council on Friday last.

Mr Parish was buried in the Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. A.C. Vidler, officiating. The under mentioned mourners followed:- Mrs W. Edwards, daughter, Mr James Parish, Mr & Mrs Fred Parish, Mr David Parish, Mr James Parish, brothers & daughter-in-law. and nephews and nieces of the deceased. Mr F. Ellwood represented Mr E.H. Thornhill, J.P. of Boxworth. Upon the coffin were family wreaths and from the servants at Boxworth Manor.

FUNERAL. 12th March 1909

The funeral of Mrs Sarah Wilderspin, widow of the late Daniel Wilderspin, who died in 1875, took place in the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Her remains were followed to the grave by Mrs Porter, Miss Emma Wilderspin, Mr & Mrs T. Cracknell (daughters & son-in-law), Mr & Mrs Herbert Wilderspin, Mr & Mrs S. Wilderspin, Mr Joseph Wilderspin, (sons & daughters-in-law.) Mrs Arthur Allen, Over. (granddaughter). Mrs Wilderspin left four sons, three daughters, thirty seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She was for upwards of 50 years a member of the Bethel Baptist Chapel, and at the time of her death she was the second oldest member of the community. For upwards of sixty years she had lived in Swavesey, and had resided on the same estate for the whole of that time, with the exception of a short interval of seven years.

FUNERAL. 12th March 1909

The remains of Mrs Esther Metcalfe were interred in the Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the following mourners, Mr James Metcalfe, Mr & Mrs Edmund Metcalfe, Mr & Mrs Samuel J. Metcalfe, (sons & daughters-in-law) Mr & Mrs W. Day, (brother), Mr John Hodson, Mrs John Mortlock, Mr William Thorp, Miss Annie Garner, Mrs P. Hephher, Mrs Bowd, and Miss F. Daisley. The Vicar officiated. Mrs Metcalfe was the widow of the late Mr Aaron Metcalfe, a well known thatcher, of Swavesey, who died upwards of twenty years ago. Mr Robinson Mitham was the undertaker.

SUCCESS. 19th March 1909

Miss L. Beaumont, only daughter of Mr Henry Beaumont, schoolmaster of Swavesey National School, and Miss L.Mitham, eldest daughter of Mr Robinson Mitham, have passed the final examination for certificated teachers, under the Board of Education. Miss Beaumont is a teacher at Swavesey School, and Miss Mitham holds a similar post at Somersham, Hunts.

SAD DEATH, 19th March 1909

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 30 years, of Mrs Kate Brasher, wife of Mr Albert Brasher, which occurred about midday on Sunday. On Wednesday, the 3rd instant, Mrs Brasher's week old baby died in convulsions. Prior to her marriage last year, Mrs Brasher, who was the third daughter of Mr John Hodson, thatcher, Swavesey, had for some years been employed by the Post Office on part of their morning delivery of letters in the village, and had made herself very popular. Her death, especially in the sad circumstances, has called forth universal expressions of regret and sympathy. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) in Swavesey Churchyard. The family desire to thank their many friends for their kind enquires and sympathy.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. 19th March 1909

On Monday evening the annual public meeting in connection with the Friends Adult School was held in the Friends Meeting House, and in spite of the inclement weather a very good company was present. Mr J.T. Allen, of Wisbech, presided. A stirring and inspiring addresses were given by Mr Murkin (Cambridge) and Mr Toseland (Fenstanton) During the evening Mr Burgess(St Ives) sang solos, and Miss Goad, ably presided at the organ. A most encouraging report was submitted by Miss F. Gaunt, secretary of the School. The meeting was preceded by a public tea, at which a good number sat down.

CONFLAGRATION. 19th March 1909

Last Friday evening the dwellers in Church End and the late shop goers were all agog. The large street lamp at the end of Taylor's Lane was alight. That fact alone some irreverent ratepayer might be inclined to suggest bordered on the unusual, but the lamp was alight in another way. Not only did the flame come from the wick, but from the oil reservoir as well, Flames and smoke belched forth as from a furnace. A bystander proposed that the Parish fire engine should be sent for, as he thought that machine might not only be useful, but might be the better for a little exercise after twelve months rest. The suggestion, however, was not entertained, as it was considered to border on

profanity. So the lamp-lighter was summoned, and he, after much difficulty, extinguished the fire, but not before the lamp and its fitting was seriously damaged. It is understood that the question of public lighting this year is likely to be brought up at the annual Parish Meeting, which will be held shortly.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA 19th March 1909

A letter has been received from Mr Ezra J Williams, now resident in Sydney, New South Wales, eldest son of Mr John Williams of Swavesey. Mr Williams gives a glowing account of life in his newly adopted country. It is the finest country, he declares that anyone can emigrate to. It is full of sport. Cricket is played everywhere. He has been playing in one of the best second-grade clubs. As regards financial consideration, he speaks in glowing terms. There is lots of money to be made in Australia, and he adds “if any Swavesey boys come this way they can rest assured that they will get a dinner if they want one, and they cannot make a mistake in coming here if they will work”. The climate, he says, is lovely. Wages are good – nothing less than 7s a day in the cities for a working man, and anyone can live at the rate of 15s a week. Some things, such as beer, cigarettes, clothing, are dear, but other necessities, such as meat, are very cheap.

FUNERAL, 26th March 1909

Amidst many sighs of sorrow, and in the presence of a large assemblage of sympathising friends, the funeral of Mrs Kate Brasher, wife of Mr Albert Brasher took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Thursday afternoon 18th inst. The Blinds of nearly every house were drawn, and the shutters of shops put up on route from Turn Bridge Row to the Church. In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Beckett, vicar of Over, officiated. The under mentioned mourners followed:- Mr Albert Brasher, (husband) Miss C.E. Hodson, (sister), Mr John Hodson, (father) Mr & Mrs W.H. Hodson, (brother) Mr & Mrs W. Howlett, Mr & Mrs S. King, Messrs Walter, Bert, and E.H. Hodson, (brothers) Mrs G Walker, Mr Charles & Miss F. Metcallfe, (Elsworth), Messrs Charles & George Burling, Mr Butterworth, (Needingworth) and the Misses E. King & C. Crisp. Upon the coffin were beautiful wreaths from the bereaved husband, brothers, and sisters.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th March 1909

Recognition services, in connection with the settlement of the Rev. W. H. Stevens, the newly- appointed pastor, will be held in Bethel Baptist Chapel, on Thursday next, 1st April.

DEATH OF AGED INHABITANT. 26th March 1909

Having been bedridden, and for nine years unable to stand on her feet, Mrs Sarah Edwards, died on Monday last, at the residence of her widowed daughter, Mrs Wright, in Gibraltar Lane. Mrs Edwards who was in her 90th year, was the widow of Mr James Edwards, a native of Swavesey, but for a considerable time in his later days resident in Over.

MANY DEATHS. 26th March 1909

Between the 14th February and the 22nd instant, inclusive, no less than ten deaths have occurred in Swavesey, a most usual record. Of the ten deceased, four were between 80 and 90 years of age, one 72, one 64, one 59, one 30, and two infants.

PARISH COUNCIL 26th March 1909.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Tuesday, the following being present;- Rev A.C. Vidler (chairman) Messrs. W.H.Key, (vice chairman) J.Gilby, J.S.Goad, G.Metcalf, William T.Thorpe, E.J.Warboys, J.Wells, H.Wilderspin, and Robinson Mitham, (clerk). The annual accounts were considered and passed. It was decided that tenders should be invited for the herbage on the Recreation Ground. Mr W.T.Thorpe drew attention to the unsatisfactory way in which the street lamps had been attended to this winter. Some discussion ensued and it was resolved that the Clerk should see the lamplighter in the matter. Mr Gilby called attention to the dilapidated stile on the footpath to Fendrayton, and the necessary repairs were ordered to be carried out at once. Mr Wells complained of the faulty condition of the Causeway near the Swan Pond, and it was agreed that the attention of the Assistant Road Surveyor should be directed to the matter. Finally, the Council gave directions that the well on the Parish property in the High Street should be domed over with brickwork, a lid being let into the top.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. 26th March 1909.

The Long Stanton Wesleyan Choir rendered a Service of Song entitled "Old Glory", in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening. Mrs Watts White presided and Mr Tibbett of Dry Drayton gave the connective readings. Mr Chapman of Long Stanton was accompanist. There was a good attendance, and the collection for the lighting, etc. of the Chapel realized 14s 9d.

NEW PASTOR, 9th April 1909

The recognition service of the Rev. W.H. Stevens, the new pastor of the Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Thursday afternoon was attended by a

large congregation drawn from the village and neighbourhood. The service was conducted by the Rev Chas Joseph, of Cambridge, who preached a striking and helpful sermon. He specially appealed for unity and co-operation amongst members of the chapel. A public tea, at which 100 persons were present followed the service, and later in the evening a public meeting was held, Mr R. Cater, Mayor of Huntingdon, presided. At the conclusion of the meeting he urged his hearers to support their new pastor by giving him their sympathy and co-operation and thus making his ministry amongst them such that he might in days to come, look back upon the period of his life and work in Swavesey, as the happiest time in his life.

TECHNICAL CLASS. 9th April 1909

The Evening woodwork class at the National School, under the County Education Authority, brought a successful season to a close last week. The class had been held during the winter months for the last 15 years under the same instructor, Mr Walter Thorp.

DROVE LETTING, 9th April 1909

By order of the Swavesey Rural District Council the annual Drove-way herbage letting was held on Tuesday evening at the White Horse Inn, in the presence of a good company. The prices realised were about the same as late years. Mr C.W. Underwood of Willingham, was the auctioneer.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT. 9th April 1909

Many of our readers will be interested to learn that Mr Ben Thorp, the well known cyclist and skater, is to be married on Wednesday next to Miss Hannah Richardson, at Caldbeck Church, near Wigton, Cumberland. The grave of the famous huntsman, John Peel, is in Caldbeck churchyard.

MISHAP TO AGED LADY. 9th April 1909

Mrs Jonas Thorp, who for many years has been the highly respected landlady of the Swan Inn, a hostelry patronised by fishermen and skaters on Mere Fen, had the misfortune to fall from a stool on Tuesday afternoon and somewhat seriously injured her right arm. Two ex-police constables, Messrs J. Gilby and C.W. Gray, rendered first aid, and subsequently Dr Ellis was called in. Mrs Thorp is going on well as can be expected.

A SWAVESEY OCTOGENARIAN. 9th April 1909

We regret to announce the death, early on Good Friday morning, of Mr Thomas Watson Carter, at his residence, "The Poplars" Swavesey. He was the

second son of the late Mr Joseph Carter, and was born 84 years ago at Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, then and for years previously in the occupation of his father, whom he succeeded. At Trinity College Farm he remained until two or three years ago: indeed, he continued to live in the farmhouse after he had given up the land, until at Michaelmas, 1907, he removed to "The Poplars" only a hundred yards or so distant. Mr Carter was well known and highly respected as a farmer and as a supporter of the Baptist cause. Bethel Baptist Chapel, with the foundation of which his uncle was deeply concerned, owes a heavy debt of gratitude to him for his never failing generosity, care, and interest. For 58 years he was a deacon; for half a century he held the offices of Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer of the Chapel. In public parochial matters he was a Guardian of the Poor, Parish Surveyor, Trustee of Galon's Charity, School Manager, etc. Mr Carter married somewhat late in life Miss Harriet Curtiss, of Swavesey, who survives him.

DEATH OF MR JOHN MITHAM. 2nd April. 1909

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr John Mitham, Clare College Farm, Lolworth, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon, after a few days illness. Mr Mitham, who was 45 years of age, belonged to a very old Swavesey family, being the younger son of the late Mr John Mitham, of Swavesey. He was at St. Ives Market on Monday, 22nd ultimo, and is believed to have caught a cold when riding home. On the following day he was obliged to take to his bed, and despite every attention succumbed a week later to bronchi pneumonia. Mr Mitham has left a widow, eldest daughter of Mr James Wells, Swavesey and three young sons and a daughter. He had been at Clare Farm some eighteen years, and had the well deserved reputation of being an excellent farmer. Greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact, his loss will be keenly felt, especially in Lolworth and Swavesey. In parish business matters he rendered most useful and unselfish service, having at one time and another held most parochial offices. For some years he has been rector's churchwarden. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Saturday afternoon in Swavesey churchyard.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 16th April 1909.

The annual meat tea of the Swavesey Conservative Association will be held at the National School on Monday next at 7 p.m. Captain E.W.Morrison-Bell and Mr C.W.Stanley will be present, and the tea will be followed by speeches and an entertainment.

ACCIDENT. 16th April 1909.

On Tuesday, 6th instant, Mr Charles Crisp, hay dealer, narrowly escaped a very serious, and possible fatal accident. When cutting hay at Over his assistant dropped the cutting heavy knife from the top of the stack onto Mr Crisp, who was on the ground below. Fortunately only the end of the blade near the handle struck the side of Mr Crisp's head, but it inflicted a nasty cut, and Mr Crisp lost a good deal of blood.

PARISH CHURCH. 16th April 1909.

The numerous services at the Parish Church on Good Friday and Easter Day were well attended. At the three celebrations of Holy Communion, 114 persons were communicants, viz. 60 at a.m. 21 at 7.30. and 33 at the midday choral service. The fine old church was simply, but effectively decorated, and the choir sang well. The music was as follows Matins, Te Deum. (Mauder), Communion Service, (Marbecke), Evensong, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, (C. Simper) and the anthem by Simper, "Christ being raised from the dead" (bass solo). Mr J.Gilby tenor solo, Mr A.Prime). The organist Mr G.H.Skeeles played "Prehide" (H Smart) "Lied" (Wolstenholme), "Song of Faith" (Churchill Sibley), and "Deus Tibi" (Mozart).

PARISH COUNCIL. 16th April 1909

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Thursday, 8th instant, at which were present Rev. A.C. Vidler(chairman) Messrs W.H. Key(vice-chairman), J.T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J.S. Goad, G. Metcalfe, William T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J.Wells, H. Wilderspin and Robinson Mitham, clerk. Mr Thorp referred to the death of Mr John Mitham, who was so closely connected to the parish. He proposed that the chairman should send a letter of condolences to Mrs John Mitham, The question of the disposal of two old pumps belonging to the parish was considered It was decided that Mr W, Hephher should have the use of the pump on the High Street property on condition he repaired it at his own expense, while an offer for the Dock Pump was accepted. Mr John Williams tender for the herbage on the recreation ground was also accepted. Other matters dealt with were the final settlement with the lamplighter, the repair of a gate on Church Green, and a stile on Hale footpath, the proposed County Rate Basis, and the disposal of the balance of £1 16s 6d allocated to the Council by Coronation Festivities Committee, in October 1902, for levelling the recreation ground. Mr Wilderspin proposed that a low brick wall, with openings each end, should be erected in front of the Chapel Pond.

A SUGGESTION. 16th April 1909

A correspondent hopes that now the attention has been called in the Parish Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the Chapel pond, the matter will not be lost sight of. He suggests that a strong iron rail would be quite as effective as the brick wall proposed by Mr Wilderspin, and would cost less.

A HINT. 23rd April 1909

If the Parish Councillors wish to avoid the possibility of trouble they should see that the gate by the bridge on Church Green, now off its hinges, is repaired and replaced immediately. It is stated that one villager was throwndown the other evening, bu fortunately not injured, by a cord which until a day or so ago blocked the entrance to the bridge. A stick nailed at the height of about 4feet above the ground has since been substituted, but stout and elderly persons, and there are more than one in the village, experience difficulty in stooping under obstruction, which whether cord or stick, is a danger to persons using the path across the green in the dark. Orders were given for the gate to be repaired without delay at the Parish Council meeting on the 8th instant.

MOTHERS UNION. 23rd April 1909.

A meeting of ladies was held at the vicarage on Tuesday evening with a view of establishing a branch of the Mother's Union in Swavesey. The Vicar presided. After Mrs Drake, of Leverington Rectory, Wisbech, had explained the objects of the Union and the useful work it was doing, it was unanimously decided to form a branch in the village. Mrs Cooksey has undertaken to act as enrolling member.

ACCIDENT. 23rd April 1909

On Monday afternoon Mr Jabez Parish, coal merchant, Swavesey, met with a slight accident whilst unloading coal from a railway truck into a cart at Swavesey Station. Mr Parish was standing on the door of the truck when the horse moved and knocked the prop away, with the result that the door dropped, and he fell heavily to the ground and injured his right arm.

S.P.C.K. 23rd April 1909

A meeting was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday in furthrance of the objects of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The Rev A. Shillito, organising secretary for the Southern District, delivered an interesting and instructive address.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd April 1909

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday, the 15th instant, at which were present the Rev. A.C. Vidler (chairman) Messrs W.H. Key, J Gilby, J.S. Goad, George Metcalfe, William T. Thorp, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells and Robinson Mitham. clerk. The Rev A.C. Vidler and Mr W.H. Key were re elected chairman & Vice Chairman. Messrs S.W. Crisp & Arthur Norman were appointed overseers, and Mr S. Wilderspin, sen, pindar. Authority was given to the Lighting Committee to have the street lamps overhauled and repaired, and on the motion of the Chairman, a vote of condolence with Mrs T.W. Carter on the death of her husband was carried.

MARRIAGE OF MR BEN THORP. 23rd April 1909

A wedding of considerable interest to Swavesey people was celebrated at 2pm on Wednesday, 14th inst., in Caldbeck parish church, Cumberland, when Mr Ben Thorp. of Swavesey, so well known in cycling, skating and Yeomanry circles, was married to Miss Hannah Richardson, of Woodhall, Heskethnewmarket, Cumberland. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr John Richardson, and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Agnes Thorp, sister of the bridegroom. Mr Joe Richardson acted as best man.

As the bridal party left the church the bridegroom and best man scattered coppers amongst the children in accordance with the old Cumberland custom.

LATE JAMES DODSON. 23rd April 1909

The funeral of the late Mr James Alfred Dodson, whose death at the early age of 29 years was recorded last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on the afternoon of Wednesday, 14th instant, in the presence of many sympathising friends. At the gates of the Churchyard the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar, met the body and the mourners: Miss Sophia Dodson (aunt) and others. As the sad procession moved up the nave the choir, sang the hymn "Peace perfect peace. The Easter hymn, " The strife is o'er the battle done" being sung after the lesson. Upon the coffin were wreaths and other floral tributes from the Misses S & A Dodson, (aunts) and others. Muffled peals were rang on the church bells under the arrangement of Mr John Williams, Mr David Prime acting as conductor. Mr Robinson Mitham was the undertaker.

PARISH MEETING. 23rd April 1909

The annual parish meeting was held at the National School on Thursday, 15th instant, the Rev A.C. Vidler, presiding. Amongst those present were Messrs H.S. Aldred, H. Beaumont, G. Clarke, J.S. Goad, W.H. Key, Jethro Linford, G. Metcalfe, A. Norman, E. Parish, A.T. Scard, James Smith, J. Strapps, Walter Thorp, William Thorp, E.J. Warboys, A.J. Willson, J. Wells, and R.

Mitham, (clerk.) After the Overseer's, Parish Council, and Galon's Charity accounts had been read, Mr G. Clarke raised an animated discussion respecting last season's street lighting contract, in which others took part. More than one speaker thought the village did not need street lamps, and one gentleman, who stated that he usually stayed in doors during the dark winter evenings, offered to propose a resolution abolishing the lamps if anyone would second him. No one did, and the subject dropped. Mr William Thorp called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the public drains under the control of Swavesey Rural District Council. He complained that the outlet into the river were blocked, and that the drains were full of mud, yet, a new drain had been laid in the middle of the village, which therefore had no proper outlet. A beginning was, he said, being made at the wrong end, and rate payers' money was being wasted in consequence. Mr Metcalfe and other gentlemen strongly supported Mr Thorp. In the result Mr Thorp moved a resolution that the chairman should write to the District Council requesting that the drains which mainly affect the village should be cleared out at the earliest practical moment, a beginning being made at the end nearest the river.

B.W.T.A. 30th April 1909

The closing meeting of the winter season of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Assoc. was held at the Friends Meeting House on Monday evening, Mr H.S. Aldred presided and Miss Gautrey of Chatteris, gave an admirable address. There was a fair attendance.

CHURCH GREEN GATE. 30th April 1909

The gate on the Church Green, to which attention was called in our last issue, was repaired and replaced during the afternoon of Thursday of last week

PARISH CHURCH 30th April 1909

The vestry meeting of the parish church was held in the National School of last week, when the annual accounts for church expenses, etc., were submitted. The Vicar presided, and there was a fair attendance. The accounts showed a deficit of about £4, but it is pleasing to record that this was practically wiped out during the evening by subscriptions in the room.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. 30th April 1909

The members of the mothers' meeting and the children of the Band of Hope in connection with the friends Meeting House had their annual gathering to bring the season to a close on the 19th instant. After business had been transacted, the company sat down to tea. A public meeting followed, at which Mr J.B.

Near, of Wisbech, took the chair, and Mrs Crosfield, of Cambridge, delivered an interesting address. The children gave recitations and dialogues, and hymns were sung, [Mis May Norman, of Swavesey, presiding at the harmonium. The past season's work has been most successful, and great credit is due to Miss Gaunt, who has charge of the Friends' Mission.

DEFECTIVE STILE. 30th April 1909

A correspondent writes:- The gate on Church Green has been attended to, but when is the stile on the footpath to Fen Drayton going to be put right. If not seen to at once it will, like the walls of Jericho, fall to the ground. What with its shaky condition, and the ragged stake in the middle which projects some inches above the top bar, and the well-worn steps, it is most difficult for persons, like myself, who are not so young, or as light as they used to be, to get over. If the stile came to the ground beneath the weight of a ponderous wayfarer an awkward accident might result, and who would be liable for the damages?.

HOMECOMING. 30th April 1909

There was considerable excitement at Swavesey Station on Monday evening, when shortly after 9 o'clock Mr Ben Thorp & his bride alighted from the Midland train. A good crowd of friends, including a few ladies, had gathered to welcome the happy couple, and amidst cheers they were escorted to one of Mr Thorp's motor cars, to which ropes had been attached, and dragged home. The helpers included: Messrs S.Carter, G., E., and A. Conquest, E.J. Mitham, J.Gilby, Walter Ding, A.J. Willson, R. Williamson, P.V. Maltby, S. Perry, Arthur Garner, Fred Hephher, and W. Twist. On their arrival home Mr & Mrs Thorp were met by members of the family, and having said "Good Night" to their enthusiastic and perspiring friends, disappeared from view amidst a final storm of cheers.

DEATH OF AGED PREACHER, 30th April 1909

We regret to record the death, at the age of 73, of Mr John Mortlock, which occurred at Church End, Swavesey, on Thursday 22nd inst. Mr Mortloc, who had been in failing health for the past four years, was the son of the late Mr John Mortlock, of Swavesey. He was a master bricklayer, having worked in Swavesey for sixteen years prior to which he followed his trade in Lincolnshire for seventeen years. He was a member of the Particular Baptist connection, and was well-known as a local preacher. For several years he used to preach on one Sunday a month at Catworth and Billingboro', and also at Stretham. He was in receipt of an old age pension. The funeral took place on Monday

afternoon in Swavesey cemetery. Mr C.S. Cannon, of Over, officiating. The following mourners attended. The widow, Mrs Kate Massey,(daughter) Messrs E. G. B. J, W. & J.H. Mortlock, (sons) T. Mortlock, (brother) Mrs J. Taylor, (sister) Mr C. Taylor (nephew) Mesdames G. B. J. W. & J.H. Mortlock (daughters-in-law) Mr A. Massey (son-in-law) and others. Mr Thompson Mortlock, the youngest son and successor in business was unable to attend because of illness. Robinson Mitham, carried out the funeral arrangements.

DEARER TOBACCO. 7th May 1909.

The increased price of tobacco consequent on the Budget, says a correspondent, has not been received with satisfaction by the working men smokers in the village, and some have been heard to declare that they will give up smoking. Half-ounce packets of shag hitherto sold for three halfpence are now 2 pence each, and an ounce costs three and one half pence. Smokers want to know why a tax was not imposed on bicycles. Spirit drinkers say they will drink beer in future, but what will they do, asks our correspondent, if the price of beer is increased.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 7th May 1909

The anniversary services were held on Tuesday. The afternoon service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Palmer of Grove Congregational Church, Stratford, Essex, assisted by the Rev A.C. Ashpool, (Willingham Tabernacle) and Rev W.H. Stevens, (pastor). Mr Palmer preached a striking and helpful sermon, on the unspeakable gifts, amongst these were, he said, light, sight, sound, mind, and health. He referred feelingly to the loss the community had sustained by the death of the late Mr J.W. Carter, whom he spoke of as an upright man, and praised for his steadfastness to his principles as a Nonconformist. Mr Palmer preached again in the evening. Between the services a public tea was held, at which 95 persons sat down. The Tables were presided over by Miss Brand, Miss H Smith, Miss Hayes, Mrs W.C. Cole, Mrs Wimpres, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Stevens and Mrs C.Prior.

SALE, 7th May 1909

Mr A.L. Rutter of the firm Arthur Rutter, Sons and Co. of Cambridge & Bury St Edmund's offered for sale at the Golden Lion Hotel. St Ives. on Monday, 26 acres 2 roods 22 poles of freehold meadow land situated at Cow Fen, Swavesey,. The land had been let at £30 a year, and after spirited competition. it was disposed of to the tenant at £660. Purchaser – Mr Herbert Wilderspin

OUT-RELIEF 14th May 1909

The decision of the St Ives Board of Guardians, to grant increased relief to persons 70years of age and upwards in order to put them on practically the same footing as old age pensioners has given greatest satisfaction to all concerned.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14th May 1909

At a recent annual meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council Mr Fred Kirby, an Over Representative, was appointed vice-chairman in place of Mr John Kieby of Boxworth. Mr Jacob Frohock, of Lolworth, was re-elected chairman.

CRICKET. 14th May 1909

Swavesey Cricket Club played the first match of the season on Saturday last, when the eleven visited St Ives and defeated the Grammar School first innings 25, second innings 41 for five wickets. S.J. Froment, who was top scorer for Swavesey with 16 runs, bowled most effectively, taking eight wickets for 10 runs in the first innings and two wickets for 13 runs in the second.

WATER SUPPLY. 14th May 1909

The Rural District Council has appointed a committee, consisting of Swavesey District Councillors, Messrs W.C. Cole & A. Day, and the chairman and vice-chairman of the Parish Council to consider and report as to the Swavesey water supply. The matter will be discussed at the meeting of the District Council on Wednesday next. The question is of great moment to the ratepayers of Swavesey, as a scheme may be adopted involving heavy expenditure out of the rates. It has been suggested that if it is necessary to obtain water from a fresh source a supply should be laid on from the water works at Bourn and that the villages of Boxworth, Fendrayton, and Lolworth should be included in the scheme.

MARRIAGE OF MR FRANK DAY. 14th May 1909.

Many of our readers will be interested to learn that Mr Frank Day, eldest son of Mr Alfred Day, farmer, Guardian and District Councillor of Swavesey, was married on 25th March last in Canada, whither he went with three other Swavesey young men on March 27th 1907. The following account of the wedding is taken from "The Acton (Ontario) Free Press".

A very pretty wedding took place on Thursday, 20th March, at the home of the bride's parents, Lot 3. concession. 1. Erring, near Crewson's Corner, when

Ella Leola, eldest daughter of Mr R.H.Wansbrough, was joined in wedlock to Mr Frank Day, eldest son of Mr Alfred Day, Mill Farm, Swavesey. Cambs., England. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D.H. Taylor, (pastor of the church attended by the bride, under an arch of evergreens tastefully decorated. Lohengrin's Wedding March was played by Mrs J. Edward Pearen, Erm.

MOTOR SMASH. 18th May 1909

The two cyclists, Frederick Robinson and Dick Wilderspin, who were admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday night suffering from the effects of a collision with a motor-car are making a favourable progress toward recovery. Further inquiries into the cause of the accident only accentuate the diversity of the evidence given by the motorists and the cyclists. One of the main points at issue is whether the care swerved before any of the cyclist were struck, and upon that point the marks upon the road, which was examined shortly after the accident, will have a important bearing. Another point is whether the half-dozen cyclists were riding in single file, and there the evidence obtainable is absolutely conflicting.

The Motorist's Story.

James Fletcher, driver of the car, who had been driving for the Cambridge Automobile & Engineering Company for eight or nine months, tell his story very simply. He says, On Sunday evening I was driving along the Huntingdon Road towards Cambridge, and just before reaching the Five Bells, I saw four lights in the distance coming down the hill. I sounded my horn, but the lights still came on. They were spread out across the road. I took out the 'clutch' to slow down, and when passing them the outside cyclist smashed into the front of the car. His cycle became entangled with the steering gear, and made the car swerve across the road. I am certain the car did not swerve before the car struck the first cyclist.

The Cyclist's Version.

In contrast the statement of George Norman of Over, says as follows: We were proceeding in single file from Cambridge, and when at the bottom of the Five Bell's hill, about 10.15 pm. met a motor-car, followed by a taxi-cab, both being in the middle of the road. We were riding on our right side close to the grass. When about twelve yards away, the motor-car turned suddenly on to L.Thorpe who was leading, and threw him over. I was able to escape by falling off my machine. The others turned more onto the grass but the car followed, and knocked them over one after the other. Robinson and Wilderspin were badly hurt. Four out of the six cycles were damaged, three being smashed. The car, a Coventry Humber, is damaged to the extent of between £40 and £50.

ANCIENT SHEPHERDS. 21st May 1900.

The Royal Wheat sheaf Lodge of Shepherds, now held at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey possesses some ancient members. The Lodge was established at the Wheat sheaf Inn, Boxworth End, on the 5th February, 1850, on which day Mr Joseph Gilling was enrolled. Mr Thomas Prior joined about the same time, and Mr Herbert Williams three years later. All three gentlemen have remained members to this day. The headquarters of the Lodge have changed several times in the course of 50 years of its existence. On the Wheat sheaf becoming a private house, the Lodge migrated to the Cricketers in High Street, and when that hostelry closed its doors to a thirsty public, to the George & Dragon, in Market Street. Four years ago the licence of the George & Dragon was surrendered, and the Lodge was transferred to the White Horse. Years ago there were at least 20 licensed houses in Swavesey. Now there are 10, one of which has been referred for compensation.

CRICKET CLUB. 21st May 1909

Captain E.W. Morrison Bell, the prospective Unionist candidate for West Cambs, has forwarded his usual subscription to the Swavesey Cricket Club.

THE FEAST. 21st May 1909

Sunday next will see the beginning of the annual feast. On that day the services at the church will be of a festal character, and special music will be sung. A special attraction is announced for Tuesday evening in the shape of a theatrical performance in the National School by members of the Huntingdon Dramatic Society, under the general management of Mr W.H. Clayton. The amusing farce, "A Silent Woman" and a screaming comedy, "My Wife's Second Floor" are to be given. The proceeds will be given to the fund for altering the vestry of the church. Two half-day cricket matches have been arranged against Lolworth and Over.

EMPIRE DAY. 21st May 1909.

As the National School will be closed next week in consequence of the feast, Empire Day was celebrated by the children yesterday, (Thursday) . At 11 o'clock the Vicar, who is chairman of the school managers, accompanied by Miss Vidler and Mt H.S. Aldred, addressed the youngsters on the subject of the British Empire. Self- sacrifice and a stern determination to do their duty were, he said, the dominant motives of the Statesmen, soldiers and sailors who had built up the Empire, and of British people generally. Led by the schoolmaster, Mr H. Beaumont, the children then sang the " Empire song"

saluting the Union Jack at the end of each verse. “ God Save the King” followed, after which the Vicar announced a half-holiday.

QBITUARY. 21st May 1909

Mrs Mary Ann Dodson, widow of the late Mr Philip Dodson, of Swavesey died on Saturday, aged 66 years, at the residence of her brother-in-law, of Gt Eastern- street, Cambridge. Mrs Dodson, who was the daughter of the Mr James Radford, butcher, of Oakington and Cambridge market. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar officiating.

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RURAL DEANERY OF NORTH STOWE. 21st May 1909

A meeting of the Conference of clergy and laity in this Rural Deanery was held at Swavesey on Thursday of last week under the presidency of the Rural Dean, the Rev A.C. Vidler, vicar of Swavesey. There were 12 clergy and 20 of the laity present.

CRICKET. 21st May 1909

A cricket match between Swavesey & Longstanton was played at Swavesey on Thursday of last Week, when the home team won by 21 runs on the first innings.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 28th May 1909.

In our report last week on the analysis of the Swavesey water the word “satisfactory” should have been “Unsatisfactory”.

THE PARISH CHURCH, 28th May 1909.

The Vicar, choir, churchwardens, sidemen, ringers, church workers, etc. of the number of about seventy, were photographed in several groups on Ascension Day by Messrs. Stearns, of Cambridge.

EMPIRE DAY. 28th May 1909.

Early on Monday morning the bells of the parish church rang in honour of Empire Day. The school children, as recorded in our last issue, had the celebration on the 20th inst. in consequence of the School being closed this week on account of the village feast.

A DEFECTIVE PUMP. 28th May 1909

A resident in Middle Watch complains that while the public pump known locally as "Curtis" has recently had its wooden casing repaired and has been repainted, a far more important detail has been neglected, for nothing has been done to the bucket, which has been out of order for two or three months. It is, he says necessary to pour water down every morning in order to get the pump to act. He also mentions that the drain which should take away the waste water has been blocked for about six months.

FEAST. 28th May 1909

The village feast, that ancient annual festival has come ahd gone. Saturday afternoon and evening saw the arrival of many visitors, and early on Sunday morning the church bells rang merrily. The Services at the Parish Church were of a festal character. Open air services were held during the evening on the Recreation Ground by the Primitive Methodists and in Market Street amongst the feast people, led by the Rev W.H. Stevens of the Bethel Baptist Chapel. The attendance of show people and stall holders in Market St. was about average. Monday was a beautiful day, and the visitors were numerous, but the heavy rain on Tuesday & Wednesday, welcome though it was to farmers and gardeners, militated against a crowded gathering of visitors.

ENTERTAINMENT. 28th May 1909

A very successful entertainment was given in the National School on Feast Tuesday evening by members of the Huntingdon Amateur Dramatic Society under the capable management of Mr W.H. Clayton. Considering the state of the weather and the counter- attraction of the feast, the attendance was good. The programme, (an itemised list follows) All the performers acquitted themselves most creditably, and in view of the level of excellence, it would be

invidious to select any individual for special commendation. The gross proceeds amounted to upwards £5 and after expenses are paid the balance will be devoted to the fund that is being raised to screen off the western end of the north aisle so as to form a vestry for the choir.

CRICKET 4th June 1909

Playing for Swavesey against the local club at Lonstanton on Whit-Monday. S.J. Froment took 14 wickets for 16 runs.

THE SCHOOL. 4th June 1909

The Diocesan Inspector, who recently visited the National School, has given a very satisfactory report of both the upper and infants divisions of the school.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 4th June 1909

The anniversary services in connection with the Particular Baptist Chapel were held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and were well attended. There was a public tea in the chapel at 5 o'clock, at which a goodly number sat down.

DEFECTIVE STILES. 4th June 1909

A correspondent desires to know when the stile in Ramper-road leading from Cow Fen, will be repaired. It has been lying flat on the ground for some time past. The stile on the footpath to Fen Drayton is stated to be in a worse condition than ever. The Parish Council gave instructions for its immediate repair on the 8th April.

WHIT- SUNDAY 4th June 1909

The service at the parish church of St Andrews were well attended on Sunday last. The anthem, "If ye love Me, keep My Commandments" was sung, the treble solo being rendered by Masters Stanley Perry and Charles Hephher.

DOG KILLED. 4th June 1909

A pet dog, belonging to a visitor, was run over and killed instantly on Friday evening last in the High Street by a cart belonging to Messrs Norman Bros. filled with workmen returning home. The High Street is narrow at this point, and owing to the presence of buggy, a mail cart and a child's tricycle, with numerous children and adults, the dog, which apparently considered it had a sole right to the middle of the road, was not seen by the driver.

THE MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP. 4th June 1909.

Mr Walter Lack, of Willingham and Swavesey, states that when in Taylor's Lane Swavesey, between 2.30 and 3.0'clock on Monday morning, he saw looking over Castle Close, a large object in the sky which had every appearance of being an airship. The object had "strong light at its head and another at the tail"; It appeared to be passing towards Huntingdon along the line of the high road from Cambridge. A Police Constable however, who was patrolling in the neighbourhood at the same time, saw nothing of the apparition.

OLD SIGNS. 4th June 1909.

An elderly inhabitant of Swavesey remembers seeing the following sign boards on houses in the village many years ago. (1) On the house in High Street, now tenanted by Mr Jesse Hephher, registrar of births and deaths, "James Hephher, Tailor, Barber, Bleeder & Tooth Drawer." Mr James Hephher, who also a tailor.

(2) On a cottage near Swan Pond now occupied by a chimney sweep, was a board, removed half a century ago with the inscription,

"J.Wicks lives here,

He sweeps chimneys far and near.

All they who choose on him to call,

He's willing to oblige them all."

N.B.

Fire defender and Smoke Jack Cleanser

MAN'S BAD CHARACTER, 4th June 1909

J. K., 28, labourer of Swavesey was summoned to appear at Shirehall on Saturday on a charge of assaulting George Unwin, of Swavesey. on May 24th, P.C. Howe proved service of summons. George Unwin, labourer, of Over stated that he was in the White Horse, Swavesey, and defendant took him unawares and hit him with his fist. Defendant hit him again and again. Witness had given no provocation. Harold Leggett, labourer, of Over, corroborated. Supt Webb, Deputy Chief Constable, stated that defendant was the most brutal man he knew, and that was saying a lot. Since his discharge from the army he had been up ten times, eight for assault. He assaulted people without the slightest provocation. He knocked a man down at St Ives, making him unconscious. A charge of doing grievous bodily harm was reduced to common assault, and he got two months. He was fined £2 for putting an old woman upside down in a water-butt at Swavesey, and served two months for an unprovoked assault on two women at Swavesey. A sentence of two month imprisonment was passed.

NEWS FROM GREATER BRITIAN, 11th June 1909

The pleasing intelligence has reached the village that MR Ezra John Williams, eldest son of Mr John Williams, coal merchant, and parish clerk, of Swavesey, was presented with a son and heir on 28th April. Mr E.J. Williams is in business in Sydney, New South Wales.

OLD SIGNS. 11th June 1909

In reference to the paragraph in our last week's issue respecting old signs. There is a probability of a chimney sweep's sign board, or rather a modern reproduction of it, being set up on a cottage near the Swan Pond. The house in High Street in which the tailor and toothdrawer's board appeared was built and owned by Mr James Hepher, the grandfather of the present tenant.

LOCAL YEOMANRY SUCCESSES. 11th June 1909

At the sports of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry, held at the camp in Milton Park, near Peterborough, on Whitsun Monday, Trooper Ben Thorp, of Swavesey, won the first prize in the hurdle race on Motor Car, and third prize in the 12-stone flat race on the same horse, running Corpl C.W. Townsend, of Longstanton, very close. Fen Drayton also scored a success at camp. Sergeant T. S. Johnson's section was awarded the squadron prize of £4 for the best drilled section.

WATER SUPPLY. 11th June 1909

An important meeting of ratepayers and residents of Swavesey was held at the National School on Tuesday night to consider the question of the village water supply. The Rev. A.C. Vidler, vicar and chairman of the parish council presided, and amongst the large audience, were Messrs, G.D. Day, Clerk to Swavesey R.D.C., Fred Kirby, vice-chairman, W.C. Cole & A. Day, district councillors. The proceeding at times threatened to be of a breezy nature, and it was evident that the bulk of those present were opposed to any interference with the existing source of supply. The Chairman explained how matters stood, and said that in his opinion the present system having been condemned, there were two alternatives open to the parish, viz., 1. to obtain a supply of water from East Hunts Waterworks, at Bourn, or 2. to pump water from the River Ouse, filter it, and store it in a reservoir. Mr William Thorp, seconded by Mr George Metcalfe, maintained that the present supply was ample, and the water good, and objected to the way the samples were taken to analysis. Mr G.D. Day then gave the history of the steps that had been taken to deal with the matter. He maintained that everything possible had been done to find a

satisfactory source of supply locally. In his opinion it would not be advisable to get water from the river, and he strongly urged the parish to accept with good grace the proposal to lay on water from the East Hunts Waterworks. Mr Fred Kirby assured the meeting that the District Council were just as unwilling as people of Swavesey to carry out the work, but the question had to be faced. He believed the probable cost of the suggested scheme had been much exaggerated, and he prophesied that when the new system was in working order everyone would be pleased. Mr Thomas Prior said that some had come to the meeting to oppose, but found they could not do that, and therefore they had better go home and put on mourning. Mr W.C. Cole remarked that the meeting was going farther ahead than the District Council had gone, for as yet only the preliminaries of the question had been considered, and the cost had not been gone into.

HUNTINGDON ROAD SMASH. 18th June, 1909.

The police court sequel to the recent Sunday evening smash on the Huntingdon Road, (reported on 18th May), ended most unsatisfactorily, so unsatisfactorily, indeed, that the matter can hardly be allowed to rest where it is. If the story of the cyclists was true, the magistrates' dismissal of the case does them grievous wrong; it, on the other hand, the balance of truth was with the motorists, the injury to the defendant is no less severe. It is no vindication of one's position to have a charge against one dismissed on the ground that the evidence is so contradictory that the magistrates are unable to decide which party is telling the truth. The case is rendered all the more serious by the allegations of drunkenness that were made. It was suggested by the defence that at any rate two of the party of cyclists were the worse for liquor, a suggestion that was vigorously denied by all the witnesses for the prosecution. The most important evidence on this point was given by the house surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, who swore that both the injured cyclists who were taken to hospital after the accident, were drunk. This seems to us the crux of the case. How far is it possible, even for a medical man, to say that a person who is seriously injured is the worse for drink? As the matter will probably be carried farther by one party or the other, we cannot say at present.

A DEFECTIVE PUMP. 18th June 1909

In our issue of May 28th a resident in Middle Watch called attention to the defective condition of the public pump, known locally as Curtis. He said that while the wooden casing had been repaired and re-painted, nothing had been done to the bucket, nor to the drain which is intended to carry away the waste water, both of which had been out of order for some time. Mt J. Strapps, of

Middle Watch, now informs us that the drain has been cleared this week, not by the District Council, the authority in charge of the pump, but by an enterprising resident. Nothing has, he says, been done to the bucket, and water, usually obtained from a pond or rain water butt, has to be poured down every morning in order to get the pump to act. Can the District Council and Dr Anningson wonder, asks Mr Strapps, that the Swavesey public Water supply is contaminated.

SAD DEATH 18th June 1909

Whilst making final preparations for her marriage some four months ago, Miss Susan Sutton, youngest daughter of Mr David Sutton, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, was taken ill and, we regret to say, died on Thursday, 10th inst. She was only twenty-six years of age, and she was universally beloved and respected as shown by the large attendance of sympathising friends at her funeral in Swavesey cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel Swavesey, officiated. Mr & Mrs David Sutton, parents, Mr & Mrs Robert Sutton, and Mr David Sutton Junr, brothers and sister-in law, the Misses Kate and Alice Sutton, sisters, were listed as mourners, along with thirteen others. The funeral arrangement were efficiently carried out by Mr Walter Thorp. Swavesey

RECOLLECTIONS OF A WITCH. 18th June 1909.

Mrs Taylor, whose grave is in Swavesey Churchyard, had the reputation of being a witch, and although she died upwards of 80 years ago, tales are still told about her, but there is no one living in the village, noted though it is for the longevity of its inhabitants, who remembers seeing her. The stone which marks her grave bears the inscription; "Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, the wife of Will Taylor, who departed this life December 6th 1824, aged 81 years.

Farewell, vain world, I know enough of thee,
And now am careless what thou say' of me,
Thy smiles I count not nor thy frowns I fear,
May cares are past; my head lies quiet here,
What faults you saw in me take care and shun,
Look but at home enough there's to be done.

These lines are said to have been found under her pillow, after her death. Mrs Taylor lived in a cottage, since burnt down, at Amen Corner. and that part of the village is still associated with her memory. Mr John Hodson, High Street, Swavesey, remembers an old man telling him many years ago that one day he met Mrs Taylor in Middle Fen riding on a hurdle. The old man said to her, "I

will tell the people when I get back in the village". Mrs Taylor replied, "You can if you think of it". The old man forgot to tell anyone of the witch's strange steed until after her death.

DESCENT OF A BALLOON. 25th June 1909.

Since it was reported that Mr Walter Lack had seen an apparition in the sky, at Swavesey, which he took to be an airship, people in neighbourhood have been on the lookout for a similar aerial monster. On Monday afternoon, about six o'clock, the inhabitants of Boxworth and district thought they had "struck ile", for they saw something strange sailing in the air from the direction of the St. Neots road. Instead of an airship, however, it proved to be a balloon, and it descended in a close in Knapwell, coming in contact with a small willow tree in the process. Fortunately no damage was done as Mr Percy Childerley, of Knapwell was able to seize the ropes and pull the balloon safely to the ground. It contained one passenger, a gentleman, who immediately inquired where he was. Knapwell men promptly rush up to render assistance. The balloon was packed and conveyed by horse and cart, kindly lent by Mr Maurice Hawkes, to the Old North Road Station, for transmission to London. People had collected like magic from all around, and the cart and its load were followed by a motley crowd, coatless and some hatless. The Boxworth police constable hurried to the scene on his bicycle, and was much relieved to find that nobody and nothing had been injured. Many of the crowd were confident that they had caught an airship; one poor old lady declared that she was sure it was because she had heard a noise. The aeronautics' name did not transpire but "C.S. Rolls" was marked on the canvas. (The Hon C.S. Rolls is a well-known balloonist.)

HAYMAKING. 25th June 1909

Notwithstanding the backward season, haymaking has commenced.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE 25th June 1909

The Swavesey R.D.C. dose not trouble to keep the footpaths under its charge free from weeds, and so the path by the side of the National School premise was very untidy, the schoolmaster. Mr H. Beaumont, has had the weeds, etc., cleared away at his expense. The work was done by a Swavesey Parish Councillor.

WANTED, AN AIRSHIP. 25th June 1909

A correspondent wants to know if the local authority, responsible for the footbridge, at the Overcote corner of Middle Fen, near Sandholes, which has

been conspicuous by its absence for some considerable time, propose providing a balloon or an airship in order to enable persons to reach the river bank without danger of a ducking. As the vanished bridge is on the recognised route from Swavesey to Overcote Ferry, which is much used, especially during the summer months, the writer hopes that something will be done without delay to meet the convenience of the public.

COMPLAINTS. 25th June 1909

Complaints continue to be made respecting the alleged neglect of the local authorities in not promptly attending to minor repairs and defects to the public pump in Middle Watch, to which attention has been called more than once in these columns, is stated to be in a worse condition than ever. Until the last few days it was only necessary to put down water,(obtained from a pond or rain water butt) once a day in order to induce the bucket to act. Now water has to be poured down every time the pump is used. This disregard of the health and convenience of the users of the pump seems inexplicable in view of the indignation aroused, in the parish by the District Council's large water supply scheme which many ratepayers maintain would not be forced on the parish if the Council had promptly attended to small defects as they arose.

An open sewer in Wallman's Lane is quoted as another instance of apparent neglect. Two years ago a small portion of the drain was cover in, a ventilation pipe erected, and a filter placed at the outlet into the open ditch. It is stated that the filter dose not act and that the drain is worse than useless because it is blocked. It is stated that in course of time this drain will be connected with the new drain which is being laid in small sections alongside the Turn Bridge brook, but at the present rate of progress years may elapes before the nuisance is abated. The Parish Council also comes in for criticism. On April 8th the Council gave instructions for the immediate repair of the stile on the much used footpath to Fen Drayton. Nothing has been done to it and people are asking the cause of the delay, seeing there are several carpenters in the village capable of doing the job.

INCIDENTS. 2nd July 1909

There has been two exciting incidents in the village this week. One morning Mr A.Day's milk cart endeavoured to storm Mr Goad's premises at Boxworth End. While the driver was engaged in securing a milk can, the horse made for the small garden gateway and jammed the cart in the gate and hedge, and in order to extricate it the animal had to be taken out and led through the garden and out another gate. Subsequently cows raided Mr Goad's garden, gaining entrance through the hole in the hedge made by the milk cart. On Tuesday

evening a youth, not unconnected with the cycle business, when riding a heavy tricycle, dashed into the school pond, and had to be rescued with a cart rope.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 2nd July 1909

Services in connection with the Bethel Sunday School anniversary were held on Sunday last. At the morning service the Rev. W.H. Stevens, (pastor) preached an appropriate sermon, taking as his subject life as a garden, and the seeds to be sown, such as punctuality, study of the Bible, thoughtfulness for others, etc. In the afternoon there was a children's flower service, which children and parents attended in force. As scholars entered the building they passed in front of the rostrum and presented their offerings of flowers, which were sent on Monday morning to St Ives Infirmary. During the service recitations were rendered by children named. (a list follows) The collections throughout the day, in aid of the Sunday School funds amounted to £3 7s. a record for these anniversary services.

MORE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. 2nd July, 1909

This week it may be recorded that private enterprise has put in working order the public pump in Middle Watch, to which attention has been directed so many times. For ten long months Curtis's pump has been out of order. The District Council and the Sanitary Officer have been unable to do anything, and one day last week a plumber examined the pump, but it got worse instead of better. The inconvenience to the public has been great, and the danger to their moral and physical welfare acute. Ladies have uttered ejaculations that were not exactly prayers or blessings, while men have used language that would be described by some modern writers as "tropical". On Sunday morning a pathetic incident occurred. A man carrying two pails, one full and the other empty, went to draw water. Remarking to an onlooker that he had to take one pail of water (probably from a pond) in order to get two, he poured the pond water down the pump, and by dint of hard work he filled one pail. Exhausted by the effort he paused to rest and re-light his pipe, and then he tried the pump again, but alas the water had "gone". On Monday afternoon certain dwellers in Middle Watch determined to attempt to do for themselves, what the public officials could not do. Not one of the band was a plumber, still, they essayed the task manfully, and defied the possible thunders of an outraged authority. Pulling the pump to pieces, they discovered a rent in the pipe through which a coin could be passed, and to this they applied a plaster of red lead. At first the pump worked satisfactory, but soon the plaster gave way. Were they discouraged? No. Failure was only an incentive to further effort. They called in a passer-by who had some knowledge of the art of soldering, and with his

assistance the hole was mended, and then the pump worked well. What is more, it continues to do so. Next morning a user of the pump wrote the following words in white chalk on the wooden case:

“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow”.

Parishioner need not be surprised to hear that the repair of the stile on the much-frequented footpath to Fen Drayton, which the Parish Council gave orders three months ago, has been taken in hand by amateur carpenters tired of waiting the convenience of a contractor.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th July 1909

The Archdeacon of Ely, Dr W. Cunningham, will conduct the services on Sunday next, the 11th inst. in the absence of the Vicar, who is away on his holidays.

A CUNNING DONKEY. 9th July 1909

A pet donkey belonging to a well-known inhabitant in Middle Watch went on a spree the other day. Finding the kitchen door open, and the room unoccupied, he entered, and cast his eye around for food or mischief, and he found both, in the shape of the bread pan. This he upset, stole and ate the bread, and hearing footsteps, departed by the front door just as his master entered by the back.

WORKPEOPLE ENTERTAINED, 9th July 1909

The workpeople, male & female, to the number of about twenty, who for nearly three months have been employed in Swavesey by Messrs. Stanton Bros., the well-known fire salvage firm of Whitechapel, in drying and sorting a larger quantity of jute salvaged from a great fire in London, caused by a mischievous youth, were hospitably entertained by the firm on Saturday evening on the completion of the work. After a sumptuous meal of ham and tongue, cake, fruit, etc, games were indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr Levi Stanton, was assiduous in looking after the comfort of his guests.

THE PUBLIC LAMPS. 9th July 1909.

At the end of last winter there was much talk about the unsatisfactory condition of the street lamps. The Parish Council, who have their custody, discussed the matter many times, and, it is believed, agreed to have them overhauled during the summer months. They also decided to make arrangements for the lighting next winter at a meeting to be held about this time, instead of driving things to the last moment, as had been the practice of

late years. Have the Council done anything yet?, and if not, when do they intend to do something? Perhaps they are waiting for summer weather, but if they do not take action until that happy time, we may get no lamps at all this winter.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 16th July 1909

The ladies house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently been made under the superintendence of Mrs Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, has resulted in sum of £10 being raised, Mrs Long has forwarded this amount to Mr A.E. Hoare, of Milton Hall, the president of the Ladies' Association, who in acknowledging it receipt has expressed her appreciation and gratitude.

ARCHDEACON'S VISIT. 16^h July 1909

Arriving in the village on Saturday night, and remaining until Monday morning, the Archdeacon of Ely, Dr W. Cunningham, was sole officiate at all services at the parish church, on Sunday last. in the absence of the vicar, who is on his holiday. Good congregations attended the morning and evening services, notwithstanding the stormy weather, and greatly appreciated the Archdeacon's simple and helpful sermons. He also took the usual afternoon service at the Mission Church, Boxworth End.

MISAPPROPRIATION IN THE HALE. 16th July 1909

From time to time the tenants of Galon's Charity Allotments in the Hale have had reason to complain of petty pilfering. This year again, there are complaints. The other Saturday evening a holder went to gather peas, of which only two days previously he had assured himself that he had a supply sufficient for his family's Sunday dinner fit to pull. To his dismay and annoyance he found that some enterprising person had been before him and appropriated every full pod.

WATER SUPPLY. 16th July 1909

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday morning when there were present: Alderman J. Frohock, (chairman), Messrs W.C. Cole, F. Kirby, and W.I. Hemington. The council decided to advertise for candidates for the post of surveyor to the Council. The question of the water supply to Swavesey was discussed, and the terms proposed, and it was decided to hold a special meeting of the whole council and the Swavesey Water Committee on July 26th to consider the terms and alternatives. The inspector reported that he had affixed bills to the pump at Swavesey, and he had visited on them since and

found they had been torn off. The Council decided to take no action. The Inspector further reported that whilst affixing the bills to pumps at Swavesey, a certain gentleman came up and abused him about the drain. The Clerk said if this took place on the highway, the Inspector could prosecute this gentleman under the county bye-laws.

OBITUARY. 16th July 1909

We regret to announce the death of another Swavesey old age pensioner. Mr Edward Bull, market gardener, who stood for many years in Cambridge market, and was well-known in the University town. Mr Bull aged 74 years, died early on Saturday last, after an illness of three weeks' duration. He was a native of Fen Drayton, and he lived and carried on business there until about twelve years ago, when he removed to Boxworth End, Swavesey. He was a widower, having been twice married, and he leaves three sons and five daughters. The funeral took place in Fen Drayton churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev J.F. Cooksey officiating. - Close family mourners named. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr James Williams, Swavesey.

OLD LANDMARK GONE. 16th July 1909.

The lonely two-storied brick house on the road from Swavesey to Fen Drayton, known as The Plough. is in the course of demolition. Built in the early part of the last century for a wayside public house, it became a private dwelling about twenty years ago, but of late it has been tenantless. Between the ceiling of the downstairs rooms and the floor of the rooms above, a few copper coins, chiefly of George III's time, five or six clay pipes, two ancient thimbles, a reel of what was once white cotton, and the skeleton of a rat have been found.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 30th July 1909

Mr W.J. Hepher, butcher, High Street, Swavesey, was highly commended by the judges for his butcher's turnout in the tradesmen's Class at the Cambridge County Show, on the 22nd instant.

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PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 30th July 1909

The annual treat to the children attending the Sunday School in connection with the Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel was held on Wednesday, 21st instant. After a service the th chapel conducted by the Rev. E. Short, pastor, who addressed the children, recitations were delivered by the scholars. A move was then made to Mr A.Day's lawn for tea. An adults tea followed in the chapel, after which the children played games in Mr Day's field, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Before leaving each child was given cakes and fruit.

THE HALE. 30th July 1909

Petty thefts from Galon's Charity Allotments in the Hale continue. One day last week a raid was made on a holder's carrot bed. Carrots were not drawn here and there, but parts of three or four rows were cleared. Whoever the depredator may be, he or she, will probably meet with a warm reception when caught. Mr William Twist, who has a newly planted orchard adjoining the allotments, has reason to complain of damage done to his young fruit trees by some mischievous or malicious person. Between each row of plum and apple trees are gooseberry bushes. Recently Mr Twist discovered that every third or fourth bush had been more or less broken, evidently by someone wantonly slashing at them with a stick. Some of the branches of the top trees were also damaged in the same way.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE. 30th July 1909.

Tuesday last was the first anniversary of the new era in newspaper distribution in the Swavesey District. Prior to the 27th June 1908, daily and other newspapers, except local journals, were received in Swavesey and the surrounding villages through the railway or by post. If sent by rail they had to be fetched from the station, and by post they were received by midday delivery, and comparatively few people indulged in the luxury of a daily paper. On July 27th, Mr W.F.Gleaves, of High Street, Swavesey, became agent for the "Daily Mail", and so successful was the venture that two months later he extended his agency so as to supply all newspapers. Daily papers are delivered immediately after the arrival of the 6.25 a.m. trains in Boxworth, Conington, Elsworth, and Fendrayton, Over, and Swavesey, and in the two last named villages certain London dailies arriving by the 7.8.a.m. train, are in the reader's hands by 7 and 8 o'clock. Under the old arrangements postage or railway charges had to be paid in addition to the cost of the paper. Now even in Elsworth six miles distant, papers are delivered for face value only, appreciably earlier and at smaller cost than if sent by post.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR, July 1909.

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Highway Surveyor for the above District, comprising the following six Parishes viz;- Boxworth. Conington. Fendrayton. Lolworth. Over. and Swavesey. Salary £52 per annum, to include all travelling expenses. Particulars as to length of roads, etc. can be inspected at my Office.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials as to character and competency, to be delivered to the undersigned,, Not later than MONDAY August 9th.

Geo Dennis Day, Clerk to the Council. St. Ives, Hunts.

CENTURION. 6th August. 1909.

S.J.Froment who has been bowling with great success this year, had the satisfaction of taking his hundredth wicket during a match at Swavesey on Saturday afternoon. He has this season bowled in fifteen matches, and taken 107 wickets at a cost of 357 runs, an average of 3.33 runs per wicket. In Saturday's match he captured eight wickets for 26 runs. As a slight recognition of his success, and as an encouragement to further efforts, he has been presented with a cricket ball by a friend who does not wish his name to be disclosed.

EARLY CLOSING. 6th August. 1909

Correspondent asks whether some better arrangement cannot be made in regard to the early closing of the village shops on Thursdays. He says that the agreement arrived at a few years ago is not in some instances strictly adhered to, and that dilatory customers are served after the recognised closing time. He further suggests that especially during the summer months, it would be a great boon to the younger assistants, and in no way detrimental to the shopkeepers, if an earlier hour than four o'clock, were adopted. In Willingham business on Wednesday is suspended at one o'clock, and the public do not complain of inconvenience, and Cambridge on Thursday business cease at the same hour.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 6th August 1909.

The annual treat to the children attending the Sunday School attached to the Bethel Baptist Chapel, was held on Thursday 29th ultimo. The children assembled in the schoolroom attached to the chapel and while the final preparations for tea were being made sang songs. About 60 or 70 youngsters sat down to tea and thoroughly enjoyed the good things that were provided. An adjournment was made to Mrs Jabez Day's meadow for games, and whilst these were in progress, the adults had tea in the school, a good muster attending. During the evening games of cricket were played, under the

superintendence of Mr Benjamin Prior. Races were run and tugs of war were pulled with mighty vigour. Swings were well patronised, and Mr Joseph Payne, who had charge of them, was kept busily employed. Skipping contests evoked keen rivalry, the champion skipper recording nearly 300 skips before she came to grief. The general management of the treat was in the capable hands of Mr H.S.Aldred, and Sunday school superintendent, and Mr and Mrs Starte, Miss Goad, Miss May Norman, and Miss C. Smith worked hard to make the youngsters happy. The weather was favourably. So much did some of the older visitors enjoy the evening's entertainment that they were oblivious of the passage of time, and half past ten arrived before they realised the painful fact that it was necessary for them to go home.

THE HALE STILE. 13th August 1909

The broken down apology for a stile on the footpath from Swavesey and Fen Drayton has at last been replaced by a solid and workmanlike stile, upon which even a nervous person may trust himself.

SCHOOL CLOCK ON STRIKE. 13th August 1909

As a protest possibly against the unusually late breaking up for the harvest holidays, the clock outside the National School has gone on strike. When the hands indicate eleven o'clock for instance, the clock strikes seven. The villagers have to take their time by sight and not sound.

BATHING IN A VILLAGE POND, 13th August 1909.

A tiny Swavesey child, a little over one year of age, and barely able to toddle, has taken to the water like a duckling or a mermaid. He or she (we forget which) is wont to stagger from its mother's cottage door and sit down contentedly, fully clothed, in the duckweed and muddy water of the Swan pond close at hand, and occasionally do a bit of wading. The other day the mother gave the child a thorough ducking in the pond in the regular seaside fashion, but on this occasion its costume was simplicity itself, being merely an attenuated loin garment somewhat resembling bathing drawers. The babe enjoyed the fun immensely.

A CANADIAN DISASTER. 13th August 1909

Mr Henry Beaumont, schoolmaster of Swavesey National School, has received a letter from his son Harry, who went to Canada in the spring of 1907, conveying the news of a serious disaster that had befallen him in British Columbia. In the company of another Swavesey young man, Mr Lawson

Hepher, he had acquired a piece of land near Nelson, B.C. and each had built a wooden house upon his holding. On Thursday, 22nd July, whilst Mr Beaumont was lighting a smoking fire in a tin to drive out mosquitoes from his cabin, a spark set some brushwood alight, and the cabin was speedily ablaze. Mr Hepher ran up to his friend's assistance, and the small quantity of water at hand was thrown on the flames, but to no avail. Within two minutes the whole cabin was involved. Seeing that it was impossible to save the building, Mr Beaumont made a dash to rescue a box containing his papers and money, but that was all he could reach. Everything else that he possessed – his clothes, carpentering tools, (he had a valuable set) his violin, camera, furniture, and his much-prized books – all have been destroyed.

SCHOOL TREAT. 13th August 1909

The children attending the Sunday School connected with the parish church had their annual treat on Wednesday. Assembling at the National School, they marched to the church, accompanied by Mr H. Beaumont, (headmaster), and Miss Pook (infants' mistress) and other teachers. A short service was held, and the vicar addressed the children. Tea followed in the vicarage garden, and thus fortified the youngsters amused themselves with games. At five o'clock a goodly gathering of parents and other adults sat down to tea presided over by the ladies. At 6.30 boys and girls ran races, sweets were scrambled for, and notwithstanding the tropical weather football was played. After dusk the gardens were prettily illuminated. At the end of the evening prizes gained by children for racing, etc, were given away by Miss Vidler.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL, 13th August 1909

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday morning, when there were present Mr J. Frohock, in the chair, Messrs F. Kirby, W.I. Hemington, A. Day, W. C. Cole, H. Baldwick, and the clerk, Mr G.D. Day.

A long discussion on the Swavesey water question took place, during which it was stated that if Swavesey people could bring forward an alternative scheme, the Council did not wish to press Bourn water on them. They had had an interview with the Bourn Waterworks Directors, and also held a special meeting at Swavesey. In reply to a question from the Chairman, the Clerk said the council could not get rid of their responsibility, and if they did nothing, then the Local Government Board would appoint officials and do the work themselves. If Swavesey people could get water cheaper and better than by having it from Bourn, then there was no doubt the Local Government Board would accept it. The Chairman thought it best to refer it to the Local

Government Board and have done with it. They had had meetings and spent a lot of time over this matter, without any successful issue. After further discussion, it was proposed and carried, "That the Clerk write to Swavesey Parish Council stating that this Council are of opinion that there is no alternative method of obtaining a satisfactory water supply for Swavesey except by arrangement with East Hunts Water Co, and that the Clerk inform the Parish Council thereof, and ask them to submit any alternative scheme that may occur to them for consideration at the next meeting of the Council, and failing any satisfactory alternative, the Council will proceed to arrange terms with the East Hunts Water Co."

THE POST OF SURVEYOR. There were 19 applications for the post of surveyor to the Council, caused by Mr Thomas Johnson's resignation, including applicants from Scarborough, Norfolk, Penrhyn, Bristol, Slough, Redcar, Middlesborough, Cambridge, Farnham, Chesterton and four local applicants. The Council thought that the applications from outsiders should be put to one side, because it was felt they were only to be used as stepping stones for higher appointments, and that only local applicants should be considered. Mr Baldwick proposed Mr Johnson, of Fendrayton, and Mr Kirby proposed Mr Carter of Over, and on a show of hands Mr Johnson obtained the post by the casting vote of the Chairman. There was nothing to report by the Inspector of Nuisances.

Question of Liability. The surveyor asked about replacing a plank over the brook on Swavesey Bank. He thought the award made them liable. The Council directed that if the clerk thought this was so, the Surveyor should do the work at once.

BLOCKED DRAIN 20th August 1909

A public drain in Taylor's Lane near its junction with Black Horse Lane, has been blocked for some time, and whenever there is heavy rain the roadway is flooded.

CAMP MEETING. 20th August 1909

The Primitive Methodists of Swavesey, assisted by friends from the neighbourhood, held a camp meeting in the village on Sunday afternoon and evening. Collecting at the Swan Pond in the afternoon, the members, after a little speaking, proceeded through the streets to the Recreation Ground, singing hymns as they went. Around there more hymns were sung and an address delivered. In the evening the meeting place was in Market Street, and again the members march to the Recreation Ground, for a second service.

Addresses were given by various members. Collections were made in aid of Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel funds.

ON TRIAL FROM CANADA. 20th August 1909

Some time ago Mr Alfred Caine, of High Street, Swavesey, received from his sons, Messrs Surrey and Harry Caine, who have been some years in Canada, and handful of kernels of rivet wheat grown in the Peace River country, 500 miles northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. During last spring Mr Caine carefully sowed the corn in his allotment in the hale, dibbering in each grain separately, and he has since bestowed the greatest care on his diminutive wheat field. The heads are very large and certainly promise a heavy yield. Harvest operations will soon begin. The Messrs Caine sent with the wheat a few seeds of two kinds of shrub, picked by them when visiting the famous Golden Gate Park at San Francisco. The seeds have produced plants with leaves somewhat resembling those of a geranium, but so far there have been no signs of any blooms.

NOT FROM GERMANY. 20th August 1909

About noon on Friday last a mysterious object was observed in the sky hovering over Church End, Swavesey. People passing along the street, stopped, stared and wondered: housewives rushed from their kitchens recklessly leaving pots and pans to boil over, and their dinners at the mercy of the predatory cat, and men in the fields dropped their tools and gazed. The much-talked of airship had come at last, they declared. No: it was too small; it must be an aeroplane, with Mr Latham or M. Bleriot aboard. At length, when the excitement was at its highest pitch, and necks could hardly bear the strain any longer, a keen-eyed gazer detected a line connecting the floating object with the earth. The airship turned out to be a kite resembling an aeroplane, sent up by some London visitors who were sitting quietly in Mr Twist's stack yard oblivious of the excitement they had cause.

GIANT CABBAGE. 27th August 1909

Mr George Clarke, of the Little Rose, is showing a spring cabbage grown by him, which weighs 22lbs 10oz.

GOOD CITIZEN. 27th August 1909

Mr Walter Sanderson, of Boxworth End, and late of Cottenham, has been presented by his wife with their 19th child. Both mother and baby are doing well.

SEASIDE EXCURSIONS. 27th August 1909

Forty one passengers were booked from Swavesey Station on Tuesday morning for the cheap excursion to Yarmouth. Twenty seven passengers were booked to Hunstanton on Wednesday.

BUTCHER' DILEMMA. 27th August 1909

The matrons of Swavesey are not the only people who lose their way. Two Swavesey Butchers, returning home late one night, recently completely lost their bearings in Dry Drayton, and had to call up a slumbering inhabitant to put them in the right road.

WATER BABY. 27th August 1909

Mrs Bishop, the mother of the famous Swavesey water baby,. has been visited by an Inspector of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to children, who has been inquiring as to the alleged cruelty to the child in allowing it to go into the Swan Pond of its own accord; in fact, it cannot be kept out. He has also, we are informed been asking questions, some of which Mrs Bishop declined to answer, as to the father's earnings and the sum he hands over to his wife each week for household expenses.

FISHING EXTRAORDINARY. 27th August 1909

The other day two export fishermen of Swavesey went fishing in Navigation Drain near the double doors by the river, but they forgot to take their tackle with them. They were, however, determined to fish, and this is how they managed it. For a line they used their bootlaces, and for a float a cork fastened to the line with an indiarubber ring from a ginger-beer bottle, A pig ring was the hook and a black snail the bait. They tied the line to a staple in a beam which crosses the drain, waited patiently, and were rewarded with one roach.

CLEANING A CLOCK. 27th August 1909

As there are more ways of killing a cat than hanging, so there are other ways of cleaning a clock than handing it over to the tender mercies of a professional clock man. Last week the clock in a Swavesey taproom stopped, and would not be coaxed to go. and in these days a clock which keeps correct time is a necessity in such a place, in an irregularity about the witching hour of 10pm. has been known to lead to trouble, So the landlady set to work to put things right. With the domestic bellows she blew with might and main right into the works. The dust and dirt flew out, and eventually the clock consented to go.

THE BOY LAUGHED 27th August 1909

Early this week a farmer, accompanied by a friend, were cutting wheat with a reaper. Both were keen gunners. A small boy was near by and dogs were prowling around. All of a sudden an agonised squeal was heard, the reaper stopped stunt. The sportsmen seized their guns and the dogs were called up.

The standing wheat was thoroughly searched by men and dogs for the hare it was confidently believed the reaper had knocked over, but no hare could be found. A prolonged investigation, however, discovered a rat with its tail cut off, and the small boy, who had been “in the know” all the time and had enjoyed the fun, was rude enough to laugh at the discomfort of his elders.

AN ALARMING SITUATION 27th August 1909

Fatigued by an evening spent picking fruit a Swavesey young lady sat down to supper, but hardly had she emptied herself to the good things before her, that she felt a bite or sting. She thought a wasp had stung her, and searched for the intrusive insect. But it was something more terrifying. A mouse ran from her clothing, and a mouse it is well known, has terrors for the feminine mind which nothing else, whether man, wild beast, reptile or insect possesses. Even the boldest suffragette who has defied the law and the prison wardress, or who has spanked the face of a gentleman clad in official blue, or who has but with little trepidation spent long hours of darkness under a Town Hall platform or on the roof of a public building, is understood to quail before a mouse. so the Swavesey young lady's fright can well be imagined.

PERSONAL. 3rd September 1909

An elderley Swavesey lady, who has gone to London for a holiday, sent her feather bed on in advance, She cannot rest on a new fangled spring mattress.

BELATED AND MISCHIEVOUS CUSTOMERS. 3rd September 1909

A party of men returning towards Cambridge on Thursday night endeavoured to gain admission to the New Inn, a lonely wayside hostelry on the Huntingdon-road at the corner of the turning to Swavesey. As it was midnight, the landlord not unnaturally declined to leave his bed, and the festive party retaliated by pulling up some of the hollyhocks which adorn the front of the house.

MOTHERS' UNION. 3rd September 1909

A gathering of members of the recently-formed Swavesey branch of the Mothers' Union was held on Thursday, 26th ultimo. After a short service in the parish church, at which the vicar officiated, an adjourned was made to the Manor, Market Street, the residence of the Rev. J.F. and Mrs Cooksey, where

in course of a meeting the newly- elected members were formally enrolled, Mrs Cooksey subsequently kindly entertained her visitors to tea, and the rest of the evening was spent in the garden in social intercourse

HEAVY HARVEST 3rd Sept. 1909

The corn harvest in Swavesey is exceptionally good this year. Mr Herbert Wilderspin has this week cut a five acre field of Rivet Wheat, and the crop was so heavy that no reaper or binder would act. As a last resource a Bentall grass mower was used and did the work effectively. The field is so full of shocks that it is necessary to back a cart in at the gateway. Several experts have been to see the crop, and have formed various estimates of the yield, some placing it as high as about 17 combs to the acre. Mr Wilderspin is prepared to give actual results when the corn has been thrashed out. The Bentall cutter referred to above was brought out in 1891, and Mr Wilderspin, beginning with that season, has cut at least 250 acres of grass with it every year since. The machine is still in good going order, and Mr Wilderspin considers it to be the best on the market.

SUPERANNUATED 3rd September 1909

On Wednesday evening in last week, as the sun was fast sinking below the western horizon, a sad procession was seen wending its way towards Swavesey from the river, surrounded by a company of young men was a four wheeled trolley, and on the trolley was an ancient boat which Mr Henry Beaumont, the far famed Swavesey angler, has for many years used on his fishing expeditions. The old craft has been patched again and again, but is beyond repair. It was accordingly taken to the village, and found an Ararat amongst the beehives in Mr Beaumont's garden. its future is not known whether, for instance, it will become a novel kind of beehive, or set on end to form a garden seat in shape resembling an old fashioned porter's chaur, or whether, broken up, it will add heat and cheerfulness during the winter nights to the room, on the wall of which trophies of its owner's rod and line are displayed. But it is to be hoped that the withdrawal of the boat does not portend the early retirement of Mr Beaumont from the ranks of the followers of Izaak Walton.

A PROTEST 3rd September 1909

We have received the following: Dear Sir, I really must protest against the rubbish you are printing as Swavesey news in your paper. On Friday last I was quite disgusted when I opened the paper and found a lot of stupid tales about belated butchers, and good citizens, clock cleaning and a rat's tail; a large

cabbage and a young lady frightened by a mouse; and last of all a picture of a nearly naked baby. I shudder when I think of the poor little child's feelings twenty years hence should it be then shown the picture. There was no real for the simple reason, I suppose, that there was none to report, Oh, I exclaimed, for the good old days when my native village rarely figured in the Cambridge papers, and then only when sensible things were reported, such as Band of Hope meetings, bazaars, when for a good object and so on. Your local scribbler, I really cannot call him anything else, actually writes about public officials, but there is one consolation they do not appear to pay much attention to him, though as a ratepayer, I think it would be better if they did, for he sometimes tells them about things that if seen to directly might save expense and a lot of trouble. A serious thing came to my ears the other day. A farm foreman saw one of his men turning hay with a shovel and in reproving him he told him he "ought to be put in the papers" Now sir, I call that dreadful; it is downright intimidation. I know your paper is selling remarkably well in Swavesey, and people say they take it because there is usually something in that interests them. It is your success that makes me sorry that you are misusing your opportunities for elevating the public mind in this village. Speaking for myself, and I have no doubt for other sober minded persons, I do deeply deplore this pandering to the depraved tastes of the frivolous. I fear it is a sign of the degeneracy of the times,

Yours truly, Disgusted. Swavesey, 30th August, 1909

THE PROTEST OF "DISGUSTED" 10th September 1909

A regular reader writes: I perused with interest, not unmixed with amusement the letter signed "Disgusted" in last Friday's "Weekly News & Express". "Disgusted" seems to be quite out of date. He forgets we are living in the twentieth century and not in the sixteenth, and that there is a much larger world around him than what exists in his own limited brain. Those who want to read Band of Hope meetings, etc, have ample chance of doing so by taking a temperance magazine, of which there are plenty. The general public of today don't want such things crammed down their throats. After their long week's toll they want to read something interesting and amusing and I maintain that such reading helps to brighten their lives and causes them to forget some of their troubles; dispels the weariness and relieves the monotony of their lives. We in Willingham have long appreciated your Swavesey correspondent's contributions. In one thing "Disgusted" is quite right; we certainly do take your paper because there is generally something in that interests us personally.

A GOOD YIELD 10th Sept. 1909

Mr John Gilby of Church End has dug five bushels of potatoes - Scotch Dates from Over, - from one peck of seed.

Potatoes. - The venerable Mr Thomas Prior of Stanton View, Boxworth End, is proud of his potatoes this year. He has been digging "Epicures" with excellent results, as many as 24 sound and good sized potatoes turning up at a root.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 10th Sept. 1909

Some improvements in regard to the lighting and ventilation of the National School are to be carried out during the harvest holidays, and the school piano, a venerable instrument, which has seen many years of service, and has, to quote the Vicar's word "run down its health and become thin and wheezy in tone since the loss of its leg last year" has been sent to Mr G.H. Skeeles of St. Ives, "to undergo a course of steel and general treatment".

ANECDOTES. 10th Sept. 1909

A boy in charge of sheep was accompanied by a dog that no one could to "work". The youngster declared that he could make the animal do his duty, and this is how he did it. He carried the dog under his arm, and following the sheep barked vigorously - the boy we mean, not the dog.

One night recently a Church End resident had a mouse hunt during the silly hours. He had as a bedfellow a little boy, who took some bread and butter upstairs with him. When the older man was comfortably settled between the sheets, a mouse, evidently attracted by the food, ran over his arm. He knocked the marauding rodent to the floor, went downstairs for a trap, and for hours was engaged in mouse hunting. He caught five before he returned to bed. His sleep was then peaceful, his dreams angelic, but his hours of rest were few.

PARISH COUNCIL 10th September 1909

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, at which the following Councillors were present. The Rev A.C. Vidler, (chairman), Messrs J.T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J.S. Goad, G. Metcalfe, W.T. Thorp. E.J. Warboys, H. Wilderspin, and R. Mitham, (clerk). After the minutes of the last meeting had been passed various matters arising there from were discussed. Mr W.T. Thorp called attention to the condition of the stile in Longstanton Road, at the end of the footpath from Cow Fen. and instructions were given for the stile to be at once replaced. Mr Chairman brought up the question of lighting the streets of the village during the coming winter, and the clerk was directed to issue notices calling for tenders for the work of attending to the lamps, and supply of oil, etc, Tenders are to be forwarded not

later than Monday, 20th instant, on which day the Council will meet and appoint a lamplighter. The Chairmen then read a letter he had received from the District Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed at their last meeting to the effect that if the Parish Council had no alternative scheme to propose, the District Council would proceed with their negotiations with East Hunts Water Company in regard to a supply of water to the village of Swavesey. An animated, and at times acrimonious, discussion ensued. – Mr H. Wilderspin maintained that the present supply of water was satisfactory in quality and quantity, and strongly objected to the East Hunts Company being employed, and suggested that if water had to be brought in from outside it should be obtained from the New River Company. Mr Thorp was doubtful whether the East Hunts Company would be able to maintain an ample supply. Mr Daintree though there was grave objection to the proposal that the parish should own and lay the pipes from Conington Bridge to the village. Mr Goad suggested that the Parish Council should have fresh borings made. Eventually, on the proposal of Mr Metcalfe, seconded by Mr Thorp, it was agreed that. “the chairman should inform the sanitary authority that the Parish Council are quite satisfied with the present water supply, and protest against the proposed new water supply being forced on the parish”.

A NOTABLE HEN. 17th September 1909.

Mr William Twist, Church End, possesses a White Orpington hen which is not only an exceptionally good layer, but always produces a double-yoked egg.

TREES IN CHIMNEY POTS. 17th September 1909

On the top of Mr Charles Garner’s house, Church End, are five chimney pots, three being effective and two dummies. Out of each of the latter a tree is growing.

SPORT 17th September 1909

A Swavesey reader writes: I see from last week’s paper that Mr M.H. Ivatt of Cottenham, secured ten brace of partridges with 21 shots. I congratulate him heartily. But another tale can be told of a Swavesey sportsman who recently fired 10 or 12 shots at a hare and only succeeded in wounding it. His dog killed it.

STREET LAMPS. 17th September 1909

A correspondent suggest that the Swavesey Parish Council would be wise at their meeting on Monday night next to take into consideration the shakey

condition of some of the standards of the street lamps. He says for instance, that the lamp at Cow Fen end of Market Stree was lighted for only a part of last winter owing to the fact that the wooden post would not bear the weight of a ladder against it, and that the post is now held up by a hedge stake. He also asks when th lamps, post, etc last received a coat of paint.

OBITUARY. 17th September 1909

A well-known character in Swavesey, and for miles around, has passed away. Mr Fred Sanderson, who died in Addenbrooke's hospital about midnight on Sunday last. The deceased, who was 49years of age, was a native of Cottenham, but had lived in Swavesey for some years. He had been in bad health for nearly a year, was an out-patient at the hospital for some months, and was admitted as an in-patient three weeks before his death. The funeral took place yesterday(Thursday) afternoon in Swavesey churchyard.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES. 17th September 1909

On Monday, a correspondent writes: The county inspector is testing the weights and measures of Swavesey & Lolworth today. Such examination, are I suppose necessary and useful, but could not the convenience of people affected be considered? Butchers, of whom there are several in Swavesey, have to go to St Ives market on Mondays and farmers are working early and late getting in the harvest. today is wet, I admit, but that this would be the case could hardly have been known when the day was decided upon. Again the notice given was very short, the bills announcing the inspection were only distributed on Friday last.

THUNDERSTORM 24th September 1909

A heavy thunderstorm passed over Swavesey on Thursday morning about 5 o'clock. The rain fell in torrents, the lighting being very vivid, and the thunder heavy and continuous.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL, 24th September 1909

The harvest festive was held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Wednesday. The afternoon service was conducted by the Rev. E. Short, pastor, and a sermon preached by Mr Booth of Bradford. At 5 o'clock there was a public tea, which was well attended. During the evening a second service was held which attracted a good congregation and Mr Booth preached again.

HEAR THE OTHER SIDE. 24th September 1909

The story respecting a Swavesey sportsman who was alleged fired ten or twelve shots at a hare, and then failed to do more than wound it is hardly accurate. Instead of one “gun” there were four in the party, three of whom fired at the hare, which unexpectedly got up when the sportsmen were leaving the field, and were therefore unprepared. Three fired more or less simultaneously, but there were certainly not as many as ten to twelve shots. One of the sportsmen had not used a gun for ten years.

CYCLE ACCIDENT. 24th September 1909

On Thursday, 16th instant, a young lady cycling from Over to Swavesey, at 9.30am came to grief near the Swan Pond. Instead of following the main road, she took the narrow road between the pond and the raised causeway. One foot slipped from the pedal, and losing control of the machine, she ran into the causeway, with the result that she was thrown to the ground, narrowly escaping a fall into the pond. Mrs W. Twist ran to her assistance, and Mr W. King also rendered help. The young lady, who was in a state of collapse, was conveyed into Mr Twist’s house, where she soon recovered and proceeded on her journey on foot. In addition to shock she sustained sundry bruises.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th September 1909

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants School on Monday evening at which were present : Rev. A.C. Vidler, chairman, Messrs W.H. Key, vice chairman, G. Metcalfe, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells, H. Wilderspin, and Robinson Mitham, clerk. Various questions arising out of the minutes were discussed, the payment of certain bills was authorised. Three tenders for lighting, etc of the street lamps during the ensuing winter had been received. It was decided to accept the tender , £21 10s, of Mr Alfred Eason. The Chairman called attention to the shaky condition of the lamp post at Cow Fen End of Market Street, reported in the “Weekly News”. On the proposal of Mr Warboys, seconded by Mr Wilderspin, it was ordered that the post should be repaired immediately, but the question of re-painting was postponed until next spring. Mr Metcalfe said that expenses were increasing by leaps and bounds, and they would have to be curtailed. In his opinion, the first economy would be found in the abolition of the street lights. The Council decided that the lamps should be lighted for the first time on Friday, 1st , and the contractor should commence to extinguish the lamps a 10 o’clock each night.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 24th September 1909

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday and Monday last week. On Sunday afternoon members of the Over

society gave solos and recitations. Mr G|. Green, of St Ives, presided. and Rev L. Kemish, the circuit minister, delivered an interesting address. The collections for the day amounted to 5s 11d and were devoted to the chapel fund. On Monday evening a tea was kindly provided by Mr Chapman and others Longstanton friends. Subsequently there was a Christian Endeavour Rally and thanksgiving service, friends from Oakington, St Ives, and Over societies rendering valuable assistance. Mr Richardson of Over presided. Afterwards the St Ives contingent rendered musical items, Mrs Kemish, gave a reading and Miss Smith and Miss Jude sang. Finally the Over society sang, Miss Whybrow recited, and short addresses were given by Mr J. Chapman and Mr J. Norris. The attendance was good. and the collections realised £1 15s 10d.

A MISCELLANEOUS TEAM. 24th Sept. 1909

At the end of last week a Swavesey tradesman stacked his wheat in a yard in the High Street. On Monday he proceeded to thresh it. At this time of the year a man has to take, in the way of labour, what he can get, and often finds in such circumstances a strange, not to say motley, crowd of workers, few of whom can with accuracy be called agricultural labourers. The tradesman's team on Monday was composed of representatives of many trades and occupations. A gardener stacked the straw, whilst on the wheat stack were a harness maker, a blacksmith. a basket maker, a carting contractor, and a leather-washer cutter. A signalman performed the duties of band cutter, a District Council roadman was the feeder, and a butcher carried the chaff away. a brewer was a sort of general superintendent.

THE WATER SUPPLY. 24th Sept. 1909.

A special parish meeting was held in the Infants School on Thursday evening of last week to elect two representatives to serve on the committee which is dealing with the question of the Swavesey water supply. The committee has hitherto consisted of the chairman and vice chairman of the Swavesey Rural District Council, the two Swavesey representatives on the Council, Messrs. W.C. Cole and A. Day, and the chairman of Swavesey Parish Council, Rev. A.C. Vidler, and Mr W.H. Key. In view of the strong opposition to the scheme suggested by the committee, it was felt that it was desirable the parishioners should have the opportunity, if they saw fit, to elect other representatives than Mr Vidler and Mr Key, who had been nominated by the District Council.

The meeting was poorly attended, and was marked by an entire absence of the excitement and acrimony which had been conspicuous at the previous Parish Council, and parish meetings. Mr Vidler, who presided, explained why the meeting had been called, and then explained the circumstances which had led to the appointment of the committee. The water had, he said, been condemned, and the District Council were compelled to find a fresh source of supply. No practical suggestion had been made as to a method of obtaining a supply of pure water in the parish, the meeting that had been held having been of protest only. He went into the financial aspect of the matter, and gave various illustrations. He announced that he and Mr Key had decided to resign their membership of the committee, as they had not been appointed by the parish, and so that the parishioners could elect two other representatives.

A long discussion followed, in which Messrs H. Wilderspin, W. Twist, W. Parish, G. Metcalfe, R. Mitham, G. Clarke, H. Beaumont, S.W. Crisp, Jethro Linford, W.H. Key, and others took part. The absence of the District Councillors was commented upon. Eventually it was proposed that George Metcalfe and William Thorp should be the representatives, Mr Metcalfe declined to act as he was quite satisfied with the present water supply, was bitterly opposed to the new scheme, and declined to serve on any committee charged with the duty of carrying it out. Mr William Thorp was absent. Mr Twist then proposed, second by Mr Beaumont, that the Chairman and Mr Key should continue to represent the parish. Mr Metcalfe proposed an amendment, seconded by Mr W. Parish, "that no one should be appointed to represent the parish at present." Mr Jethro Linford observed that he understood that if no one was appointed the two old representatives would remain in office. The Chairman concurred. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost, and the resolution was carried.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Sept. 1909.

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After various questions arising out of the minutes of the last meeting had been discussed, the payment of certain bills was authorised. The Chairman then announced that three tenders for lighting, etc. of the street lamps during the ensuing winter had been received. It was decided to accept the tender, £21 10s. of Mr Alfred Eason. The Chairman stated that attention had been called in a local newspaper, ("Weekly News and Express") to the shaky condition of the lamp post at Cow Fen end of Market Street, and a question had been asked as to when the posts were last painted. On the proposal of Mr Warboys, seconded by Mr Wilderspin, it was ordered that the post should be repaired immediately, but the question was postponed until next spring. Mr Metcalfe said that expenses were increasing by leaps and bounds, and that they should be curtailed. In his opinion the first economy would be found in the abolition of the street lamps. The Council decided that the lamps should be lighted for the first time this season on Friday, 1st and that the contractor should commence to extinguish the lamps at 10 o'clock each night. The Parish Meeting to authorise the expenditure on the lamps will be held on Thursday 30th instant.

LARGE MUSHROOM 1st October 1909

A mushroom measuring 33 inches in circumference has been gathered in Swavesey this week.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 1st October 1909

The harvest thanksgiving services at the Parish Church will be held on Thursday next, 7th inst. The preacher at Evensong will be the Rev Canon Nairne, Rector of Baldock, Herts.

NOVEL ROLLER 1st October 1909

A baker and a butcher on Tuesday were filling in a trench they had dug in order to clear a blocked drain, when they found the labour of ramming too arduous. It made their arms ache, they said. So they extemporised a roller. one sat in a wheelbarrow while the other trundled it backwards and forwards over the loose soil.

A PLUCKLY RESCUE. 1st October 1909

On Wednesday in last week, as the up Midland train due at Swavesey at 9.49 am., was approaching the station, an elderly lady was seen running across the line. A young porter, W. Carter, shouted to her to go back, but she seemed to lose her head, and ran in front of the engine. Carter pluckily rushed to her rescue, and just succeeded in dragging her on to the platform. A passenger who witnessed the occurrence described it as a very narrow escape, due entirely to the prompt action of the porter.

STREET LAMPS. 1st October 1909

The window frame, spouting, etc, of a row of cottages in High Street have just been repainted, Fixed against the wall of the cottage is the iron bracket of a public street lamp which is sadly in need of a coat of paint, and did not match with the spic-and-span window frames and spouting. His aesthetic sense being offended, Mr Sidney Beaumont, the painter, very kindly painted the bracket. it will be remembered that the Parish Council at their last meeting decided to postpone the question of repainting the street lamp-posts, etc, until next spring.

DEATH OF AGED INHABITANT. 1st October 1909

Another very aged inhabitant of Swavesey has passed away. on Friday morning last, after many years of great suffering, Mrs Rebecca Milton, wife of Mr Joseph Milton, died in her 80th year. There is much sympathy for Mr Milton, who has been unremitting in his care of his invalid wife during her prolonged illness. the funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev E Short, pastor, of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating. Mr Milton belongs to an old Lolworth family, but he has lived in Swavesey parish for some years.

A SPILL. 1st October 1909

Still more excitement at the Swan Pond, the scene of the famous Swavesey water baby's exploits. At 11.30 a.m. on Saturday last Mr W. Twist, of Church End, accompanied by Mr Isaac Parish, was driving slowly by the pond when the rope wanty slipped and the cart tipped up. Both men scrambled out uninjured, Mr Twist retaining hold of the reins and both ran to the horse's head. Mr Twist attempted to seize the animal, but it punched him violently on the left arm and side, and he fell heavily to the ground. The cart toppled over on to its side. Mr Twist speedily regained his feet, Nr Parish held the horse, and Messrs Jabez Parish and F. Williams, who were near by, righted the cart. No damage was done to the horse, harness, or the vehicle, but Mr Twist was so badly bruised and shaken as to necessitate medical treatment. he is going on well.

WEST CAMBS REVISION. 1st October 1909

The Revising Barrister (Mr A. R. Macklin) held a Revision Court at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Tuesday morning, when the lists for the parishes of Conington, Boxworth, Lolworth, Childerley, Dry Drayton, Madingley, Girton, Longstanton All Saints, Longstanton St Michaels, Oakington, Westwick, Over, Fen Drayton, Willingham, and Swavesey, were revised. Mr J. Guyatt and Mr A. C. Watson represented the Liberals, and Mr A. F. Edwards the Conservatives.

FOOTBALL, 9th October 1909

A football club, to be known as the Swavesey United Football Club, has been established in the Village, and the under mentioned officers have been appointed: President, Hon E.S. Montugu, M.P. Vice-presidents: Rev. A.C. Vidler, Rev. J.F. Cooksey, Dr Ellis, Mr R.E. Bartley, Mr J.B. Ellis, Mr R.E. Long, and Mr A.E. Saunders. Captain: Mr W. Hephher, vice-captain Mr T, Harris, secretary, Mr E.J. Mitham, treasurer, Mr C. Ellis, Committee, Messrs F. Beaumont, S.J. Froment, W. Goad, and A.J. Wilson. Messrs Norman Bros have kindly allowed the club the use of Manor Field, close to the railway station. and Mr Montagu and Capt Morrison-Bell have shown their interest by forwarding a subscription. The club's colours are navy & sky blue. The first match was played at Bluntisham, on Saturday last, when Swavesey was defeated by four goals to nil. Other matches have been arranged with clubs at Elsworth, Haddenham, Long Stanton, Oakington, St. Ives, Somersham, and Bluntisham, (return)

PERSONAL 9th October 1909

Mr & Mrs Arthur King, who will shortly take up residence in Swavesey, are leaving Felstead, where they have held the post of schoolmaster and mistress for sixteen years. Mr King (who is the eldest son of Mr Wm King of Over) has been very popular in Felstead. He is a member of the parish council, and secretary of the Cricket Club. Mrs King has taken an active part in church work. She belongs to several parochial associations, and her departure, like her husband is deeply regretted. Mr King has a bright and prosperous future before him in his new venture at Swavesey Brewery.

PUNCTUALITY REWARDED. 9th October 1909

At the close of morning school on Friday last, medals and bars awarded by the County education Committee were presented by the Vicar the Rev A.C. Vidler, who addressed the children on the importance of punctuality, and attributed the regularity of those to whom medals or bars were given to the

care of their parents. Mr H.S. Aldred, a manager, urged the children not to be content with anything short of excellence, and concluded with the lines "Good, better, best, Never let it rest, Till your good is better, And your better best." Medals: One year's good attendance: Reginald Seekings. Maud Stubbings, Maria Thorp. Joseph Ding. Two years bar: Richard Culpin. Three years bar: John Parish. Five years bar: Arthur Beaumont. Clara Thorp.

INTERESTING MARRIAGE. 9th October 1909

A wedding of considerable interest to the people of Swavesey and the neighbourhood took place on St Matthews's Day at the parish church of St Margaret, Durham, when Mr Anderson Wells, second son of Mr & Mrs James Wells of Swavesey, was married very quietly, owing to recent family bereavement, to Miss Mary Hawkes, eldest daughter of the late Mr Alfred Hawkes of Swavesey. The Rev Canon Roberson, Rector of St Margaret's officiated. The bride was charmingly attired in a violet gown, made in Empire style, with a large hat to match, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Wells and Miss Jessie Wells, sisters of the bridegroom. Presents were sent by a large number of friends and relations to the couple.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 9th October 1909

Two interesting lantern lectures were given in the Friends Meeting House on Monday evening by Mr J. T. Allen, of Wisbech. The first at 6 o'clock was for children, some fifty of whom attended, and the second, an hour later entitled "Scenes on the Railway" was intended for adults. Mr Briggs, of Wisbech, manipulated the lantern.

CHURCH CLOCK IN TROUBLE. 9th October 1909

The smaller of the two weights of the clock in the tower of the parish church fell with a crash at 1.5pm on Sunday, in consequence of the steel wire cable breaking close to its junction with the rod carrying the weight. Fortunately the bending of the rod was the only damage done, but had the heavier weight fallen there would probably have been another tale to tell. There was no one in the church at the time of the occurrence, but Mr J. Bridgeford, who was in the yard of the Manor on the opposite side of the high road, heard the crash. At 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the clock was again set going to the satisfaction of the dwellers in Church End and of persons hurrying to catch trains. The repairs were carried out by Mr E. Trench Smith, clockmaker, Huntingdon.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 9th October 1909

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Conservative Association was held in the National School on Wednesday evening, with Mr W.C. Cole, chairman, presiding. The Secretary, Mr A.E. Saunders, presented the annual report, which set forth the work done by the Committee during the past twelve months, and concluded with an appeal to members to work together, in view of the possibility of an early election. The years accounts, which showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands were passed. The officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Messrs J.T.Daintree, C. Dean and W.Spolton. The meeting was brought to a conclusion with a vote of thanks to officers for their services in the past.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION 15th Oct. 1909.

Mr John Gilby, Church End, has been appointed joint secretary with Mr A.E.Saunders, of the Swavesey Conservative Association.

PUBLIC HOUSE CLOSED. 15th Oct. 1909.

The "Green Man" an ancient beer-house, which was referred for compensation a few months ago, drew its last pint of beer on Monday. The property was recently sold by Messrs. Greene, King & Co to Mr W. Daisley, late of Cambridge, but now resident in Swavesey.

AN INTRUDER, 15th October 1909.

On Wednesday evening in last week, whilst the cleaners were tidying the parish church after the harvest festival decorators had finished their labours, a sheep entered by the vestry door, walked through the chancel, and perambulated around the aisles, inspecting the decoration on its way. When it reached the tower the startled cleaners took it in hand and turned it out.

OUTDOOR RELIEF INCREASED. 15th October 1909

Thursday, Oct 7th, was a red letter day for some of the aged poor of Swavesey. on that day increased payments were made to persons 70 years of age and upwards who were in receipt of outdoor relief, so as to put them more or less on a footing with old age pensioners. The old people were loud in their expression of gratitude to the guardians of the St Ives Union.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 15th October 1909

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the parish church, on Thursday, 7th inst. Notwithstanding a general shortage of outdoor grown flowers, owing to the recent inclement weather, the lady workers were more than usually successful in their efforts to decorate the large and beautiful old

church with flowers, autumn foliage and corn, whilst at the bases of the pillars at the western end of the nave were heaps of fruit, vegetables, and pots of honey. The festival opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 am. and festal evensong was sung at 7 p.m. The services were taken by the vicar, Rev. A.C. Vidler, the Rev J.F. Cooksey and the Rev, Canon Nairne, Rector of Baldock Herts, preached an excellent sermon. The choir acquitted themselves right well, though somewhat handicapped through illness of the bass soloist. On Sunday afternoon there was a festal service at St Peter's Mission Church, Boxworth End, at which the children presented flowers and fruit, which was sent to St Ives Infirmary. The little church was crowded. The fruit and vegetables offered at the parish church have been forwarded to Adenbrooke's Hospital.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE, 15th October 1909

The newly formed Swavesey branch of the Croxton Habitation of the Primrose League held its inaugural gathering on Monday evening when the three local sub-wardens Mrs Bartley, Mrs Cole, and Mrs A.E. Saunders entertained the members to a sumptuous tea at the Swavesey National School. About 80 ladies sat down, and the tables were presided of by Miss Kirke Smith, Warden, Swavesey branch, Mrs Cooksey, Miss Ruth Vidler, Miss Helen Vidler, and Miss Bartley, in addition to the three hostesses. It was primarily a ladies function, but their male relations, and friends were invited to join in the festivities after tea. (long report)

AN INQUIRY 22nd October 1909

"A Weary Ploughman" wants to know when the stile in Longstanton Road at the end of the footpath from Cow Fen will be repaired, He says he was told the Parish Council gave orders for it to be attended to some time ago.

A NOVELTY 22nd October 1909

Amongst the things contributed to the harvest festival at Bethel Chapel last week was miniature wheat stack, properly thatched, the worth of Messrs J. Norman and W. Stocker, of School Lane. It attracted considerable attention.

LATE JOHN MITHAM. 22nd October 1909

A massive old-style Iona cross, in silver grey Cornish granite, 6ft 3in. in height, and weighing about 4 cwts has this week been erected over the grave of the late Mr John Mitham, in Swavesey churchyard. The base bears the following inscription: In loving memory of John Mitham, Born December 13th

1863. Entered into rest. March 30th, 1909. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.

A CYCLIST AND AN UMBRELLA. 22nd Oct. 1909

A correspondent, under date of October 18th, writes; About a fortnight or three weeks ago a cyclist, who stated that he belonged to Willingham, was overtaken by a heavy shower of rain when on his way to Fen Stanton. He called at a cottage in School Lane, Swavesey, and asked for the loan of an umbrella as he was, he said, suffering from rheumatic and did not want to get wet. The occupant of the cottage was moved to pity, and, although the cyclist was unknown to her, very kindly lent her son's umbrella on a promise being given that it should be returned on the homeward journey. Nothing has, however, been since seen or heard of cyclist or umbrella, and yet,

The rain it raineth every day
Upon the just and unjust fellah
But mostly on the just because
The unjust's got the just's umbrella.

B. W.T.A. 22nd October 1909

On Monday evening the members of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association entertained their President, Mrs Watts White, to tea at the Friends Meeting House. After tea a committee meeting was held, at which arrangements were made for the winter's work. Subsequently the Secretary, Miss Gaunt, on behalf of the members, thanked Mrs White, who has recently left Swavesey for St Ives, from her past most highly valued services, and for her kind offer to continue to hold the office of president, an offer which has been gratefully accepted. Mrs White replied and said she was only too glad to do anything she could for a cause she had so much at heart. Miss May Godfrey sang a solo very sweetly, accompanied by Miss A Goad on the organ. Light refreshments having been handed round, the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 22nd October 1909

The harvest festival was held at the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 14th instant. At 5.45 about 80 members of the congregation and their friends sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom attached to the chapel, the trays for which were provided by Mrs Stevens Mrs A. Norman, Mrs James Williams, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Aldred, Mrs J. Hephher, Mr W.Carter, Miss Brand, Miss Starte, Miss Wimpres, Mrs W. Daisley, and Mrs Goad. At 6.30 p.m.

adjournment was made to the chapel, which had been most effectively decorated with flowers, wheat, hops, fruit and vegetables, contributed by members of the congregation and the Sunday School Children. A huge marrow, weighing 27lbs, grown and presented by Mr F. Dodson, was a noticeable feature. The service was particularly bright and hearty; Mr Stevens preached an earnest sermon. At the close of the service a collection was taken and the amount realised, rather more than £3, has been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd October 1909

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held in the National School on Thursday evening, the 14th inst. and was attended by the Rev A.C. Vidler, (chairman), Councillors, W.H. Key, (vice- chairman), J.T. Daintree, G. Metcalfe, E.J. Warboys, J. Wells, H. Wilderspin, and Robinson Mitham, (clerk) The Council met under somewhat depressing and disappointing circumstances. During last winter, complaints were numerous respecting the public lamps in the village streets. At their April meeting, the Council authorised the Lighting committee to have the lamps and fittings overhauled during the summer, when they were not in use, and put in proper order. Certain repairs were carried out, but unfortunately, when the new lighting contractor started operations on the 1st October, it was found that several of the burners would not act, that five of the oil reservoirs leaked badly, that some of the wooden posts were so shaky as to be unsafe, and that some of the lamp glasses were cracked. The clerk informed the meeting that he had received complaints from ratepayers that lamps near their residences had not been lighted. The contractor was present at the meeting, and after hearing his report, the Council decided that the posts should be repaired at once, that the cracked glasses should be replaced, that 12 new burners should be obtained, that a new oil container in place of that destroyed by fire last year should be purchased, and that five leaking reservoirs should be mended, also a lock should be placed on the door of the shed in which the lamps are stored when not in use. Mr Medcalfe proposed and Mr Key seconded, that tenders be invited for 12 burners, 12 glasses, and 1 oil container. The Lighting Committee to accept the tender they deemed most suitable, and to carry out the work with the least possible delay. The Chairman called attention to the condition of the river bank, near Fen Drayton Sluice, and said that if it was not repaired at once, a considerable area of Swavesey land was in danger of being flooded. It was agreed that he should write to the Clerk of the District Council on the matter. Orders were given for the repair of the stile at the end of School Green. The Clerk was instructed to write to the tenant of the parish property in High Street respecting the well of which he has the use.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th October 1909

An invitation whist drive will be held in the National School on Thursday evening next in aid of the funds of the Swavesey United Football Club.

HOUSES WANTED. 29th October 1909

Some inconvenience is being experienced owing to there being insufficient house accommodation in Swavesey. More than one person recently has been compelled to find a home elsewhere.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION. 29th October 1909

Dr Robinson, the Medical Officer of the County Education Committee, attended at the National School on Wednesday and examined the girls and boys of seven years of age and the boys of twelve and thirteen.

ACCIDENT. 29th October 1909

About midday on Wednesday, Dr Heardon, of St Ives, was driving from Fen Drayton to Swavesey, when his horse stepped on loose granite and fell injuring itself somewhat severely. It was taken to Swavesey and attended to by Mr Culpin, blacksmith and farrier, but its condition was such that it was deemed desirable to leave it in the village.

MESSAGE TO CANADA. 29th October 1909

Our Swavesey correspondent desires to thank his unknown friend in Canada for kindly sending him from Strathcona, Alberta, a copy of a lively and extremely up-to-date local journal. He agrees with his friend that many of the items in the Colonial paper would be an “eye opener” to, and would not “suit the party who objected to the Swavesey correspondent’s writings to the Cambridge paper”. It is highly gratifying to our correspondent to know that his contributions are of interest to Swavesey people thousands of miles away from home.

FLOODS 5th November 1909

A considerable amount of water is out on the low lying land near the river, and all stock has had to be removed.

MONTAGU’S MEETING. 5th November 1909

Swavesey Unionists attended Mr Montagu’s meeting at the National School on Monday evening in large numbers. (a full report of the meeting appears in another column.)

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. 5th November 1909

A sermon will be preached at the evening service at the parish church on Sunday on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society by the Rev. Dr Ayles, Rector of Barrow, Bury St Edmunds.

WOMENS LIBERAL ASSOC. 5th November 1909

The members of Swavesey Women's Liberal Association were entertained to tea on Monday evening at the Friend's Meeting House prior to Mr Montagu's meeting at the National School. Between 20 and 30 were present. Mrs Tillyard, of Cambridge, the president, who was unable to attend through ill-health, wrote expressing her regret.

MISAPPROPRIATION. 5th November 1909

Mr Wm. Prior has some celery in his allotment in the Hale, of which he is proud. On Friday last it was safe, but when he paid his next visit two or three days later, he found that about six heads had disappeared. His fork, which has been left on the land, had been used, and the celery had been carefully trimmed before being removed.

MISSIONARY REPORT. 5th November 1909

On Sunday next special sermons will be preached at Bethel Chapel on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society. The Rev W. Bampton Taylor will occupy the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev W.H. Stevens, (pastor) in the evening. On Tuesday, 9th inst., there will be a public missionary meeting in the chapel at 7 p.m., the speakers being the Rev W.L. Forfeitt, of the Congo, and the Pastor.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 5th November 1909

During the whole of last week a mission was held at the Methodist Chapel, the services and meetings being conducted by the Rev I. Kemish, of St Ives. Owing to the bad weather the attendance was not as good as it might have been. The mission concluded on Monday evening. 1st instant.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. 5th November 1909

The winter's work in connection with the Friends' Meeting House began on Thursday 28th ult., under the superintendence of Miss F. Gaunt. During the afternoon there was a gathering of members of the Mother's Meeting. After a friendly cup of tea, kindly provided by Mrs Watts White, a helpful address was given by Mrs White. There was a good attendance. Miss Arliss presided at the organ. In the evening, the Band of Hope met in goodly numbers, Miss Gaunt and Miss Brown conducting the proceedings.

MERE FEN. 12th November 1909

Swans and sea gulls are disporting themselves on Mere Fen, which is now completely flooded with water.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 12th November 1909

Swavesey United football team journey to Longstanton tomorrow,(Saturday) afternoon to play a return match with the local club.

COTTAGE GARDENING 12th November 1909

The ardent cottage gardener who not many months ago worked by moonlight, on Saturday evening, about 9 o'clock, was discovered planting cabbages, by the light of a lantern. The night, it will be remembered, was exceptionally dark.

WEDDING. 12th November 1909.

Miss Caroline Hodson, oldest daughter of Mr John Hodson. of Swavesey, was married to Mr Alfred Butterworth, of Neddington, second son of the late Mr James Butterworth, of Lancashire, at Swavesey parish church, on Monday morning. The Rev A.C. Vidler (vicar) officiated. The wedding was very quiet, owing to the recent death of a near relative.

BILLIARDS. 12th November 1909

A team of billiards players of the Fenstanton Conservative Club visited Swavesey Conservative Club on Tuesday evening, and played the following games: Fenstanton, W. Smith 100 – C. Ellis 49. Fenstanton, L.Hunt 100 – A. Slater 80. Fenstanton, C. Wilkinson 100 – H. Sanderson 80. Swavesey, Dr Ellis 100 – G.Holmes 27. Swavesey, A.J. Willson 100 – B. Martin 55. Fenstanton, T. Royston 100 – A.T. Scard 57.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 12th November 1909

The congregation of the Bethel Baptist Chapel were greatly disappointed on Sunday morning last. The Rev W. Bampton Taylor was to have preached on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society, but was unable to attend in consequence of illness. The Rev W.H. Stevens, pastor, therefore occupied the pulpit. The attendance at both services was excellent. The collections throughout the day were devoted to the Missionary Fund.

WHIST DRIVE. 12th November 1909

In aid of the funds of the Swavesey United Football Club a most successful whist drive was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, eighty ladies and gentlemen being present.

C.E.T.S. 12th November 1909

A sermon was preached at the parish church at evensong on Sunday in furtherance of the objects of the Church of England Temperance Society by the Rev Dr Ayles, Rector of Barrow, Bury St Edmunds. On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the Parish Room. The proceeding opened with a hymn and a prayer, after which the Vicar, who presided, briefly addressed the meeting. Dr Ayles then gave an instructive address, in which he urged the great importance of the Forward Movement by society, and maintained that abstention from alcoholic drinks was for the benefit of the community physically and morally. He concluded with a strong appeal to his hearers to do all they could to combat the evils of drunkenness in the county.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR. 12th November 1909

The winter session of the Swavesey Society was inaugurated on Thursday evening, 4th inst., by a tea, followed by a concert in the schoolroom attached to the Bethel Baptist Chapel. There was a crowded attendance, many persons being unable to gain admittance to the room. (copy of the concert programme is attached to the report).

MISSIONARY MEETING. 12th November 1909

On Tuesday evening a meeting was held at Bethel Chapel in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society. The Rev W. H. Stevens presided, and briefly introduced the Rev W. L. Forfeitt, a missionary on furlough. Mr Forfeitt gave a thrilling resume of his 20 years work in the Congo. When he and a friend arrived in the country, they were the first white missionaries to visit that district. They began by teaching the natives how to work, and in six years succeeded in building a house and a church. Today the church there consists of nearly 100 native members. The speaker referred in trenchant terms to the rubber question, and declared that one word from King Leopold would stop all the cruelties of which so much has of late been heard. At the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. The attendance was good, far better than at similar meetings in recent years, and interest in missionary work, which had been flagging, has considerably revived.

LATE RASPBERRIES. 19th November 1909

A few late ripe raspberries have been gathered within the last few days by Mr George Clarke in his garden at the back of the Little Rose.

FOOTBALL. 19th November 1909

The Swavesey United Football Club are at home to Oakington tomorrow Saturday afternoon in Manor Field, close to the Railway Station.

SNOW & CHIMNEY POTS. 19th November 1909

Snow fell during the early hours of Saturday, and again on Sunday. A chimney pot was blown down with a crash into the High Street about 4 p.m. on Sunday within a few yards of P.C. Plowman, who was passing by.

B.W.T.A. 19th November 1909

A public meeting in support of the British Womens' Temperance Association will be held on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Bethel Chapel. The Rev W.H. Stevens, pastor of the chapel, will preside, and an address illustrated with diagrams, etc., will be given by Mr T.P. Starke, of Norwich, district agent of the United Kingdom Alliance.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 19th November 1909

The daughter of a well-known inhabitant of Swavesey, whilst cycling along the High Street on Thursday afternoon in last week, had a narrow escape from a serious accident. A heavy sheep trough fell from a cart laden with miscellaneous farming appliances, and knocked her off her machine. Beyond a few bruises and a bent handle-bar, fortunately, no damage was done.

ACCIDENT AT THE RAILWAY STATION. 19th November 1909

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Charles Webster, of Over, goods porter, fell from the top of a truck laden with trusses of hay and fractured two ribs. He was covering the hay with a sheet, when one of the trusses slipped, causing him to fall heavily on to the hard ground in the station yard. The acting signalman, Mr Carter, who witnessed the accident from the signal box, and Mr W. Perry, the stationmaster's son promptly, rendered assistance, and Mr Webster was conveyed to his home in Mr Bloom's Cart, which fortunately was in the station.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 19th November 1909

On Sunday afternoon last, special sermons were preached at the Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel on behalf of the Home and Foreign, Mission of the Connexion, by the Rev L.Kemish, circuit minister, and in the evening by Mr F. Reeson, of St Ives. On Wednesday evening a public missionary meeting was held in the chapel under the chairmanship of Mr Alfred Watts, of Over. The Rev L. Kemish submitted the annual report, and gave an address on missionary work. The Rev. W.H. Stevens, of Bethel Baptist Chapel, also spoke of his missionary experiences in the East End of London. Collections were taken at the services and at the meeting for Mission Fund.

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL 19th November 1909

The first meeting of the season of Bethel Temperance Society, was held on Thursday, 11th inst., and took the form of a social evening in the schoolroom attached to the Bethel Chapel. The Rev. W. H. Stevens, (pastor), presided, and the following programme arranged and conducted by Miss Goad. During the evening, impromptu speeches were delivered, the subject each orator dealt with being drawn at random from a hat. Mr Steven speaking on "The Swavesey Water Scheme", Mr W. Papworth on "Mr Asquith", Mr W. Daisley on "The Hon. E.S. Montagu, M.P.," etc. Excellent light refreshments were served. The room was crowded, and a collection made on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital realised £1. 6s.

CONSERVTIVE MEETING. 26th November 1909

Captain E.W. Morrison-Bell will address a public meeting in the National School on Thursday evening, 2nd December. Mr F.B. Broadway, a well-known Tariff Reform advocate, will also speak. The chair is to be taken at 7 o'clock.

CRICKET CLUB. 26th November 1909

A meeting of members of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School last Saturday evening. The accounts for the year were submitted, and showed a balance in hand of £1. 2s. 5d. The past season has been a successful one, 11 matches having been played, 7 won, 3 lost, and 1 drawn. It is hoped that before the opening of next season considerable improvements will be carried out on the ground.

B. W. T. A. 26th November 1909

A public meeting on behalf of the British Women's Temperance Association was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday evening. and was fairly attended considering that there were other meetings, in the village at the same time. The Rev W. H. Stevens, (pastor) presided, and introduced Mr T.P. Starke, District Agent of the United Kingdom Temperance Alliance, who delivered a most interesting and instructive address. He dealt with the scientific aspect of the temperance question, as well as referring to other sides. He maintained, for instance, that it was a mistake to suppose that alcohol was an aid to digestion, and adduced evidence to show that it acted in a contrary direction. In thanking mr Starke for his address, the Chairman said he had only heard one other temperance lecture to equal it and he expressed the hope that Mr Starke would come again soon, during the evening there was special singing by the choir

which had recently formed in connection with the Swavesey branch of the Association.

LADY'S DEATH. 26th November 1909

Late on Wednesday evening the village of Swavesey was shocked to hear that an aged inhabitant had been found dead in bed. Mrs Ann Wilderspin, aged 78 years, widow of Mr John Wilderspin, who died two years ago, has lived alone in a cottage in Askew Row. During Tuesday afternoon she went into the next door cottage, tenanted by Mr S. Wright, and had a conversation with Mrs Wright. She was then in her usual health. Nothing having been seen or heard of her during Wednesday, Mrs Wright entered the cottage about 9.p.m. She noticed that the fire in the living room had not been alight during the day, so went upstairs and discovered the old lady lying in her night clothes , comfortably tucked up in bed, and apparently asleep. On approaching the bed she found that to her dismay that Mrs Wilderspin was dead, and there was every appearance of her having passed peacefully away in her sleep without a struggle. P.C. Plowman was once called in and Dr Ellis, who was summoned and quickly on the spot, expressed the opinion that death had occurred at least 12 hours previously, rigor mortis being strongly pronounced. Mrs Wilderspin has been known to suffered from cardiac weakness for some years, she was greatly respected, and was well known as Nurse Wilderspin, have assisted at the birth of many people in the district.

A SMASH. 26th Nov. 1909.

About eight o'clock on Tuesday morning two horses attached to an empty tumbrel cart belonging to Mr Robinson Mitham bolted from Cow Fen end of Market Street, and in turning the sharp corner by the White Horse came into collision with a cart laden with gravel proceeding towards Boxworth End. The wheel of one cart got firmly wedged in the wheel of the other, and though plenty of willing helpers were quickly on the spot, about an hour elapsed before the two vehicles could be separated. Even then it was necessary to take the wheel off the tumbrel. The horses were not damaged.

B.W.T.A. 26th Nov. 1909.

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for about an hour and a quarter, and dealt with the scientific aspect of the temperance question, as well as referring to other sides. He maintained, for instance, that it was a mistake to suppose that alcohol was an aid to digestion, and he adduced evidence to show that it acted in a contrary direction. In thanking Mr Starke for his address, the Chairman said he had only heard one other temperance lecture to equal it, and he expressed the hope that Mr Starke would come again soon. During the evening there was a special singing by the choir which had recently formed in connection with the Swavesey branch of the Association.

A NOVEL FISH CART 3rd December 1909

A Cambridge fishmonger was seen hawking fish in the streets at Swavesey on Friday last from an elegant four-wheel pony carriage.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE 3rd December 1909

An ordinary meeting of the Swavesey Branch of the Croxton Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. Mrs W. C. Cole presided and was supported by Miss Kirke Smith, (warden) Mrs A. King, and Mrs Cooksey. Miss Smith gave an interesting address, basing her remarks on the primrose and its significance. There was a good attendance .

FUNERAL 3rd December 1909

The funeral of Mrs Ann Wilderspin , whose sudden death was announced last week, took place on Saturday afternoon in the Cemetery. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, who officiated, delivered an appreciative address on the life of the deceased, and urged his hearers to follow the example set by the unselfish life of the deceased. (A list of the mourners present follows.) The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr Walter Thorp.

TARIFF REFORM MEETING. 3rd December 1909.

Capt E. Morrison-Bell, the Conservative & Unionist candidate for West Cambs, addressed a meeting at Swavesey last Thursday night. The weather was, of course, very unpleasant and the schoolroom did not contain a very big audience. The made by the candidate and Mr E.B. Broadway, of the Tariff Reform League were received with enthusiasm. The opposition was small. The candidate answered several questions put to him. A resolution in favour was carried with only one dissident.

FOOTBALL. 10th December 1909

The Swavesey footballers visited St Ives on the 2nd inst., and succeeded in defeating the St Ives Dragons by three goals to nil, owing to the heavy rain the time had to be curtailed, and only one hour's play was possible. Swavesey scored about five minutes after the kick-off, and increased their lead by two more goal before time was called.

ACCIDENT. 10th December 1909

Early on Monday morning Mr Sidney Beaumont, whilst assisting Mr Prime Godfrey, Carting contractor, to release a horse which was dragging a heavily laden cart, and had fallen on the ice in School-lane, slipped and seriously injured his knee. It has been necessary to call in the doctor, who ordered Mr Beaumont to bed, where he remains.

THE GALE. 10th December 1909

The heavy rain on Thursday in last week was followed by a severe gale. During the night and on Friday morning the wind blew with great violence, but no very serious damage was done. a cart shed and straw stack at Boxworth End, and a tree or two at the Manor were blown down. Baskets were carried on to the line, at the railway station, and about 9 a.m. one of the large doors of the goods shed was smashed. During the night the driver of a train informed the signalman that basket were scattered over the line at Longstanton. On Friday morning a lad had a large bundle of newspapers blown from under his arm, and the people of high street appeared to be amused at his frantic endeavours to chase and recover the papers.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 17th December 1909

A special service , with hymns and carols, the latter sung by children, will be held in Bethel Chapel at 10 30 a.m. On Christmas Day. The Rev W.H. Stevens will give an address.

LANTERN LECTURE 17th December 1909

On Monday evening Mr T.J. Allen, the well-known lecturer, of Wisbech, gave two lantern lectures in Bethel Chapel. The first, for children, was entitled a "Bit of Blue". The second lecture, for adults, was at a quarter- past seven. It was called "Her Benny." and was the story of a waif. Hymns thrown on a sheet were song with heartiness by a considerable assemblage. After the second lecture, a vote of thanks to the lecturer, moved by Mr Stevens, was carried unanimously. Mr Allen's services being gratuitous, the collection was devoted to the chapel funds.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 17th December 1909

A well-attended meeting under the presidency of the Vicar was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, with the view of establishing a Voluntary Aid Detachment for Swavesey and neighbourhood in connection with the Territorial Association. Mr A. E. Hoare, of Milton Hall, County Director of the Red Cross Society, gave a lucid explanation of the proposal, and at the end of the meeting about 30 women and 20 men intimated that they wished to attend the classes for instruction in first aid and nursing, which are to be held this winter under the auspices of the St John's Ambulance Association. Mr Hoare expressed his gratitude to Dr Ellis, who has kindly volunteered to act as instructor.

A RIDDLE 17th December 1909

A correspondent writes:- A peripatetic vendor of muffins one afternoon this week asked a burly native at Boxworth End the distance to Longstanton, and was told "about two miles" On reaching the corner of Ramper, or Longstanton Road, about a couple of hundred yard's walk, he discovered that the sign post recorded the distance as three miles, and he not unnaturally gave voluble expression of his opinion of native veracity. Now, sir, we Swavesey people have always been under the impression that the distance between the two villages is two miles, and the sign post, unless my memory is greatly at fault, declared the same fact until it was re-painted not long ago. Why was the distance altered? The mistake, if it be one, led to sad results. The weary and disgusted purveyor of the tasty but indigestible edible said he did not mind two miles, but he'd be sugared if he tramped three; and so our Longstanton neighbours had no muffins for tea.

BAND OF HOPE. 17th December 1909

On Thursday, 9th instant, an entertainment was given in the schoolroom attached to the Bethel Baptist Chapel by the children of the Band of Hope. The room was crowded, many persons being unable to gain admittance. The following children took part:- Grace Holmes. Marshall Strapp. Elsie Savage. Gladys Holmes. Florrie Daintree. Alice Norman. Ruth Coulson. Alber Holmes. Lily Kester. Nellie Prior. Amy Dunthorne. Lily Goad. Henry Holmes. Sarah Savage. Carrie Crisp. Tom Daintree. Ethel Daintree. The Rev, W.H. Stevens (pastor) presided. A collection was made in aid of the Band of Hope.

SEASONABLE GIFT. 24th December 1909

Mrs George Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, has this week made her usual distribution of coal, the seasonable gift has been greatly appreciated.

THE WEATHER. 24th December 1909

A few ardent skaters ventured on the ice near Hog Pasture, and on Twenty Acres. on Tuesday afternoon, but during the night and early on Wednesday morning the rain fell heavily.

LATE T. W. CARTER. 24th December 1909

A handsome tombstone has been erected over the grave of the late Mr T.W. Carter in Swavesey Cemetery. It is a massive square column of white marble, carved at the top and surmounted by a draped urn, and it bears the following inscription, “ In loving memory of Thomas Watso Carter, the beloved husband of Harriet Carter, born June 6 1824, died April 9 1909. having filled the office of decon, superintendent and treasurer of Bethel Baptist Chapel for over 50years.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 24th December 1909

On Monday evening the members of the George & Dragon Share-Out Club. met at the Little rose for the annual distribution of funds. The “share-out” amounted to £1 2s 8d. per member. This includes the cost of the supper, and £6 8s has been paid for sickness during the year of 51 weeks. On the following evening the annual supper was held at the Little Rose. An excellent meal was provided in their well-known style by the host & hostess Mr & Mrs George Clarke, and was done full justice to by all present. The rest of the evening was spent in conviviality, and numerous songs were song.

LONGEVITY. 31st Dec. 1909 3rd

A correspondent writes - A short time ago an account appeared in the “Weekly News and Express” of a large number of persons then living in the parish of Over who were 70 years of age and upwards, and several London newspapers kindly copied the information. Some of your readers may be interested to know how many persons over 70 years of age passed to their rest during the years 1908 and 1909 respectively. During the former year 11 persons over 71 died, one of whom was 92, two 89, one 87, one 86, and another 81 years. The average age of the 11 persons was 81 years. During 1909, nine persons over 70 have died, one of whom was 89, and one 82, the average for the nine being 77 years. It may also be of interest to mention that the average number of deaths in the parish during the last 14 years has been 17 per annum.

TABLE TALK.

Once upon a time in old Verona lovesick, Juliet, reproved amorous Romeo for swearing by the moon, the inconstant moon.

A Swavesey cottager recently called the luminary of the night another name. Tired with his day's labour - his daylight hours are mainly spent assisting a farmer with the cultivation of his land - he retired to rest. The sky was then overcast, but no sooner had the horny-handed son of toil closed his weary eyes in sleep than the inconsistent moon emerged from her nebulous hiding place, and flooded the homely bedchamber with light. The cottager awoke, rubbed his eyes and thinking that day had come, though the night seemed to have been unusually short, rose from his bed, donned his clothes and went down stairs, As he entered the living room the cuckoo clock hanging on the wall announced the witching hour of midnight, and - well the moon was apostrophized in terms Shakespearean in their vigour. Did the cottager return to bed? Not he. Why should he, he socialize, give himself the trouble of again undressing, only to dress once more, No, he lighted his fire, boiled his kettle, brewed himself a cup of the beverage that cheers, but does not intoxicate, and thus fortified he sat down in his armchair and patiently waited for dawn. At 4 a.m. he proceeded to dig his garden. Two nights later he had a kind of revenge on the moon for he worked all night in his garden by its brilliant rays. The neighbours thought burglars were about.

NOT A THERMOMETER.

The chances of success of a youthful aspirant to the teaching profession were being discussed the other day, when a friend of the family happened to speak of the young lady as a pupil teacher. Her small brother promptly corrected the speaker, "She's not a pupil teacher" said he, "she's only a thermometer". The family friend gazed in wonder at the human recorder of temperature, and was much disappointed afterwards to discover that the small boy meant a monitor.

A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.

The following incident is said to have occurred some years ago in a village on the borders of Cambs. and Hunts :- A man, who had been spending the evening in a public house, on his way home had to pass through a churchyard. His steps were uncertain, and by the side of the path was an open grave into which, in the darkness, he fell. Unable to get out the man made himself as comfortable as possible for the night. About 4 o'clock the following morning a horse keeper on his way to work passed along the church path, and anxious to know the time threw the light of the lantern he was carrying towards the clock on the church tower. Addressing himself he remarked aloud, "I wonder if its four yet" "Yes" came a voice from the grave, "the clock's just struck four". The horse keeper bolted, but is alive to this day to tell the tale.

WELCOME GIFT. 14th Jan. 1910

Captain J. D. Daintree, R.N., has sent his usual gift of money for distribution amongst his poorer tenants, and certain other needy persons.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 14th Jan. 1910

Captain Morrison-Bell paid a visit to the new room of the Swavesey District Conservative Association at the Top Leys' Cottage on Monday evening. A largely attended committee meeting was being held at the time, and Captain Bell was given an enthusiastic reception.

RUNAWAY PONY. 14th Jan. 1910

A pony belonging to Mr. Benjamin Prior, Boxworth End, caused a great commotion about noon on Saturday last. One of Mr. Prior's sons was about to take the animal out of a spring cart when a small child aged about six slipped the halter off. The pony bolted. Young Prior caught at its head, but could not hold it. Off went the pony and cart along the main road, down Fen Drayton road, then off to the left through Scotland Drove. On reaching the High Road, where a County Council roadman tried to stop the runaway, the pony turned towards Cambridge, and at the New Inn dashed round the corner homewards. It reached Mr. Prior's yard safely, but in negotiating the gate caught the post, and off came both wheels and axle trees. At an inner gateway still further damage was done to the cart, but the pony was not injured in any way, nor was the harness. Numerous attempts to stop the pony were made by men and women all along the long route.

A NONOGENARIAN. 21st Jan. 1910

Mrs. Mary Ding, of Church End, celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday last. For the last few weeks she has been bedridden, but her faculties are as clear as ever.

PREMATURE REJOICING. 21st Jan. 1910

Swavesey village was in a state of excitement on Saturday night over the Cambridge election. The first report was that Mr. Buckmaster was in with a majority of 234, and energetic Liberals traversed the long village bearing the glad tidings. After an interval another party, consisting of Unionists, followed, proclaiming with shouts and cheers that Mr. Paget was the victor.

The village did not settle down until about 1 a.m. on Sunday. The Liberal supporter who first received the false report retired to bed and slept the sleep of the just, and did not discover the mistake until next morning.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 28th Jan. 1910

In consequence of the large amount of illness amongst the children, the National School have been closed this week.

SKATING. 28th Jan. 1910

Mere Fen, close to Swavesey Railway Station, was opened to the public for a small charge for skating on Thursday morning. A few local skaters enjoyed themselves there the previous day. There are also good stretches of very fair ice in Middle Fen, Swavesey, and other places near the river.

FINGERS CRUSHED. 28th Jan. 1910

Charles Ding, aged 16 years, elder son of Mr. Peter Ding, Askew-row, Swavesey, whilst attending a threshing machine at Messrs. Norman Bros., Hill Farm, on Wednesday morning, had three fingers crushed. He at once received medical attention, and is doing as well as can be expected.

SLIPPERY ROADS. 28th Jan. 1910

Owing to the sharp frost last Saturday morning the roads through Swavesey were slippery and dangerous. In High-street a cart belonging to Mr. Thomas Prior, heavily laden with sacks of corn, on their way to the railway station, came to grief. The horse fell, and it was some time before it could be got up. Gravel was spread later on.

A NOISY DEMONSTRATION. 28th Jan. 1910

A large party of youths, women, girls, and boys from Willingham and Over, with a small contingent from Cottenham, visited Swavesey between 10 and 11 on Saturday night, and greatly disturbed people. They carried flags and a loaf of bread on a fork. They shouted, knocked, and rang at the doors of Conservatives, but in two instances visited wrong houses. They tried to pull down flags. At Boxworth End they took a farmyard gate from its hinges and threw it into a garden. The arrival of the aged farmer on the scene prevented further damage.

A RUNAWAY SPILLS MILK. 28th Jan. 1910

About 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, whilst Mr. Edward Warboys was delivering milk from a cart in High-street his horse bolted and collided with a

cart belonging to Mrs. John Mitham, of Lolworth. The wheels of the two carts were locked, and both horses raced along the village. At the corner of Market-street the milk cart struck Mr. Scard's house, doing some slight damage to the wall. The runaways were stopped. No one was injured, but both shafts of Mr. Warboys' cart were broken off, a wheel spoke fractured, the axle bent, and all the milk spilled.

DEATH OF MRS. J. HEPHER. 28th Jan. 1910

We regret to announce the death, on Friday afternoon, 21st inst., of Mrs. Harriet Hepher, wife of Mr. Jesse Hepher, tailor, and registrar of births and deaths for the Swavesey district. Mrs. Hepher, who was 70 years of age, had been in bad health for some considerable time. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends and neighbours. The Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Jesse Hepher (widower), Messrs. Albert Hepher, Walter Hepher, Thomas Hepher, and Wilfred Hepher (sons), Mrs. Tickner (sister), Mr. H. A. Aldred (son-in-law), Mrs. Walter Hepher (daughter-in-law), and Mr. W. Twist. Mr. Robinson Mitham, of Swavesey, was the undertaker.

SWAVESEY SCHOOL REOPENED. 4th Feb. 1910

On Monday last the National School, which had been closed on account of illness amongst the children, was re-opened.

SKATING. 4th Feb. 1910

The ice on Mere Fen attracted a large crowd of skaters on Thursday in last week, but next day a thaw set in. On Sunday and Monday there was again skating, but on the latter day the ice was covered with water, and there were several immersions.

A WHITE THRUSH. 4th Feb. 1910

On Monday last Mr. Herbert Wilderspin shot a thrush with two white wings and a partly white tail.

AN OCTOGENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY. 11th Feb. 1910

The oldest male inhabitant of Swavesey, the venerable Mr. Thomas Payne, was 88 years of age on Saturday, January 29th, and he celebrated the event by gifts of tea and sugar to his poorer tenants and certain needy widows and widowers. The presents were made through Mr. Alfred Williams, of High-street. A tenant and near neighbour of Mr. Payne's, Mrs. Mary Ding, attained

the age of 90 years a fortnight previously. She is the oldest woman in the parish.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 11th Feb. 1910

On Thursday, 3rd inst., the annual meeting in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel was held in the vestry. Tea was provided at 6 o'clock, at which about 60 members and friends sat down. The trays were presided over by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. Wimpres, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Williams, Miss Starte, and Miss Hayes. A business meeting followed. Rev. W. H. Stevens (pastor) occupied the chair, and the treasurer, Mr. Arthur Norman, presented the annual statement, which was regarded as highly satisfactory, though it showed a decreased balance in hand. Mr. H. Starte also gave a cheering financial report of the Sunday School fund, of which he is treasurer. Brief speeches were made by Messrs. J. Day (deacon), and B. Prior, and H. S. Aldred (superintendent of the Sunday School), and sympathetic reference was made to the enforced absence, through illness, of the Secretary, Mr. James Williams. Thanks were also accorded to the voluntary workers, whose untiring labours are greatly appreciated by all concerned.

FUNERAL. 11th Feb. 1910

Mrs. Caroline Mitham, a native of, and for many years a resident in, Swavesey, died at her residence in Manchester on Saturday, 29th January, aged 73 years, after a week's illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Edward Thorp, farmer, of Swavesey, and widow of Mr. James Webster Mitham, who prior to his migrating to Manchester 28 years ago was landlord of the New Inn at the corner of the Cambridge and Swavesey roads. The body, enclosed in a handsome panelled oak coffin, with heavy brass furniture, and accompanied by some of the chief mourners, was conveyed by railway from Manchester on Thursday, 3rd inst., for interment in the grave in Swavesey churchyard in which the late Mr. Mitham was laid to rest 11 years ago. The funeral took place immediately after the arrival at Swavesey station, the Rev. A C. Vidler, vicar, officiating. The mourners included the only son and two daughters of the deceased, two grandchildren, Mrs. A. Richman and Mrs. Barrett (sisters), and Mr. Edward Thorp (brother). There were numerous beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes. Mr. George Mitham, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, was responsible for the funeral arrangements.

A DEFECTIVE CAUSEWAY. 18th Feb. 1910

A correspondent asks what public body is responsible for keeping the raised causeway by the Swan Pond in repair. Stones are falling out in all directions,

and several people in the darkness have tripped over them and narrowly escaped serious falls. He understands that the attention of the Clerk of the Rural District Council has been called to the matter, but as nothing has been done he presumes some other authority is responsible. The causeway is of vital consequence in the event of a high flood, as it is the only path by which pedestrians can reach the parish church and the railway station.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 18th Feb. 1910

At a meeting of the committee of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, held at Top Leys' Cottage on Thursday evening in last week, a resolution was carried unanimously recording the hearty appreciation of the committee of Capt. E. W. Morrison-Bells' gallant, though unsuccessful, attempt to win back West Cambs. to the Conservative and Unionist cause.

TRIUMPHANT LIBERALS. 18th Feb. 1910

A united meeting of members and friends of the Swavesey Men's and Women's Liberal Associations was held on Monday evening in the Friends' Meeting House. About 110 persons sat down to tea at 6 o'clock, the following ladies presiding at the tables: Mrs. E. Parish, Mrs. Z. Parish, Mrs. Day, Mrs. W. Marriott (Secretary of the Women's Liberal Association), Mrs. Twist, Mrs. Wimpress, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Haynes, and Miss S. Parish. Mr. E. Parish presided at the public meeting which followed. The Chairman, referring to the recent election, said that it was a clean fight and a handsome victory. Mr. A. L. Parish (Hon. Sec. of the Swavesey Liberal Association) read a telegram from the Member. Mr. Montagu expressed regret at his absence, and thanked his Swavesey friends for their kind co-operation and support. After several addresses, thanks were accorded to the Chairman and speakers, as well as the ladies who had arranged the tea, and the meeting terminated with the singing of the Doxology and the National Anthem.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 25th Feb. 1910

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday morning at the St. Ives Union Workhouse. There were no members present at the Finance Committee on Monday to consider the estimate for the half-year ending Michaelmas, 1910, and the estimate was produced at the meeting and adopted. A letter from Mr. Charles Ellis, asking the Council to instruct him to let the Swavesey herbage, was dealt with. It was agreed to apply for the necessary loan for the Swavesey water supply and to get a report from the engineer.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Feb. 1910

The Rev. H. G. Hooton, Vicar of Oakington, preached at the special Lenten service at the parish church on Wednesday evening.

TREE FELLING. 25th Feb. 1910

Some amusement was caused in School-lane on Wednesday afternoon by a party of amateur tree fellers, who were lopping the large top branches of an old poplar tree. The amateurs, however, succeeded in their task, much to the disappointment of their critics, knocked down no chimneys and smashed no tiles, nor were any necks broken.

THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN. 25th Feb. 1910

Under the auspices of the Swavesey Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, a costume lecture will be given in Swavesey National School on Monday evening next by Miss Lucy Broad, her subject being "Life and work in Japan, the land of the Rising Sun." The Vicar of Swavesey will preside.

SERVICE OF SONG. 25th Feb. 1910

On Monday evening the members of St. Ives Christian Endeavour Society gave a service of song in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. There was a large attendance. Mr. Jude, of St. Ives, presided, and Miss Jude officiated at the harmonium. Solos were sung by Miss Jude, and Miss Smith, and the latter gave a recitation, as also did Mr. Hines, jun. A collection was made in aid of the chapel funds.

FOOTPATH UNDER WATER. 25th Feb. 1910

A correspondent writes: - I was glad to see that attention was called last week in your valuable paper to the decaying state of the important raised causeway at Church-end. May I direct the notice of the road authorities to the condition of the footpath by the side of the highway in Middle Watch and Boxworth End. In several places it is impassable in wet weather, such as we have been well favoured with of late, owing to defective drains.

FOOTBALL. 25th Feb. 1910

On Saturday afternoon, the Swavesey footballers were at home to a team from Bluntisham and district. A keenly-fought, level game was played, and the visitors won by two goals to nil. The homesters played up well, and the result was hardly a fair indication of the game. The first goal was kicked by S. Mitham, of Swavesey, who acted as substitute, and the second goal was gained just as the referee's call of time was sounded.

THE UNEMPLOYED. 25th Feb. 1910

Four stalwart men marching in couples in close order, and preceded by a collector armed with a cigar box in the lid of which was a slit for the coins of the benevolent, paraded the village of Swavesey on Saturday last. In stentorian tones they sang songs mainly as to what would happen to England if they did not get work, but it is to be feared neither the music nor the appeals of the collector to passers-by and at house doors had a satisfactory result. Affixed to the lid of the cigar box was a printed label, with the words "City of Sheffield Unemployed."

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th March 1910

Messrs. Ebenezer Prime and J. H. Starte have been appointed deacons of Bethel Baptist Chapel.

CRICKET CLUB. 11th March 1910

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club held recently at the National School, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, Mr. W. Goad; vice-captain, Mr. T. Harris; treasurer, Mr. A. J. Willson; secretary, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretary, Mr. Wilfred Hephner; committee, Messrs. T. Goad, F. Beaumont, C. Ellis, S. J. Froment, A. T. Scard, R. Mitham and S. E. Mitham. Mr. Ellis Long has kindly allowed the club once again to use his field in School-lane as the cricket ground.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 11th March 1910

On Tuesday evening a service of song, entitled "After the War," was given by the members of the Oakington Christian Endeavour Society. The connecting readings were rendered by Mr. J. Tibbitt of Dry Drayton, and Mr. Edward Papworth of Oakington was accompanist. Mr. J. Jillings of Longstanton, presided. The service was greatly appreciated by a crowded congregation, and a good collection was taken on behalf of the Chapel Sunday School.

MISS LUCY BROAD ON JAPAN. 11th March 1910

The large room of Swavesey National School was crowded with an appreciative audience on Monday week to hear that well-known lecturer and traveller, Miss Lucy Broad lecture on "Life and Work in Japan." The meeting was under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A. and was organised by Dr. And Mrs. Watts White, late of Swavesey, but now resident in St. Ives. The Vicar of Swavesey presided, and after the singing of a hymn, a short reading from the Holy Scriptures, and three prayers, he briefly

introduced Miss Broad and warmly welcomed her to Swavesey. Miss Broad was attired in a flowered blue Kimona, the Japanese national dress, and was accompanied by two small Swavesey children, a boy wearing a Rickshaw man's Kimona, with his license embroidered on the back of the garment, and a girl in the dress, also a Kimona, of a small Jap lassie, with a doll representing a baby strapped in a bundle on her back.

The lecturer began by stating that there were two sides to every question, a bright and a dark, and she was afraid that some travellers had painted a too rosy picture of Japan. She spoke of Japanese drinking habits (her work in Japan had been in connection with the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Association). She also spoke of the system under which girls entered houses of ill-fame and condemned the system of forced marriages. On the bright side she spoke of the beautiful country, great productfulness, and the cleanliness of the people. She gave several amusing incidents in her travels, and concluded with an earnest appeal for increased membership of the B.W.T.A. with which the World's Women's Christian Temperance Association was working in concert.

Dr. Watts White proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation, to the Chairman and Miss Broad, assuring the latter that he esteemed her visit as a joint favour. After singing another hymn, the Vicar said a prayer, and the crowded gathering dispersed.

(Long report)

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 18th March 1910

The Vicar (Rev. A. C. Vidler) presided, and with one exception an entirely new set of councillors was returned to office. Fifteen candidates were nominated for nine places. The successful candidates were as follows:- Messrs J. S. Goad, A. Norman, A. Day, R. Norman, Jethro Linford, W. Burton, W. Daisley, W. Twist and J. W. Parish. Mr. Goad was the only member of the old Council who was re-elected.

PENTECOSTAL LEAGUE. 18th March 1910

A meeting in connection with the Pentecostal League was held in the Friends' Meeting House on Monday evening. Miss Phillips, of London, conducted the proceedings.

FOOTBALL. 18th March 1910

The Swavesey Football Club were at home to a team from St. Ives comprised of players from the Town and other clubs. The home team had most of the play throughout, but were weak in front of goal, or St. Ives would have

sustained a heavier defeat. Swavesey obtained the first goal. Upon resuming after the interval St. Ives equalised, but after some hard play Swavesey scored again. As nothing further resulted the homesters won an uninteresting game by 2 goals to 1.

A RUNAWAY. 18th March 1910

Between 12 and 1 p.m. on Thursday in last week Mr. Starte's four-wheel covered van was left for a moment outside the railway station gates. Without warning the horse bolted towards the village. The lad in charge followed on foot as fast as his legs could carry him, and before the runaway reached the Swan pond Mr. John Gilby, a pensioned London detective, rushed into the road and seized the horse's head. No damage was done.

A LETTER FROM CANADA. 18th March 1910

As so many Swavesey people have friends and relatives in Canada, the following extracts from a letter Mrs. W. C. Cole, of The Farm, Swavesey, has received from her brother, Mr. Herbert King, may be of interest. Mr. King writes from Lloydminster, Alberta. "Every country in the world has made England the dumping ground of all rubbish that is grown and manufactured. Not a colony of the British Empire is shown any preference whatever. Canada in a few years will cast off the yoke of the British and be an independent country. The Canadian Government is giving the United States every preference to induce the Yankees to seek homesteads, and there is an enormous influx of Americans every year. Not only that there are wealthy companies buying up the mining properties, forests, coal, oil, &c. In fact the United States Government is buying the whole output of gold, which is many millions a year, and not one ounce does the Canadian buy? Why is that? Simply because she cannot get rid of the surplus stock of farm produce and manufactured articles on account of Free Trade in England. That is what Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has been agitating for years, but the House of Commons will not see it. From a tariff tax what an enormous revenue the Government would reap, and your other taxes would be greatly reduced. Just fancy what warships they could build to protect their merchant vessels! The Canadian Government are only buying sufficient silver for coinage. No gold coins are issued from the Mint – it is all paper issue."

THE NEW COUNCIL. 18th March 1910

Referring to the election of parish councillors on Monday, a correspondent writes: - "We have now got a thoroughly 'Progressive' Parish Council in Swavesey, formed entirely of Nonconformists, whereas the late Council,

which was supposed to be a 'Moderate' one, was composed of 5 Churchmen and four Nonconformists. But the result of last Monday's parish meeting must not be taken as a true index of the feeling of the whole of the parish. The Progressives were organised up to the hilt. The Moderates 'let things slide,' and trusted to luck. Had a poll been demanded there is every reason to believe that some of the happy nine would have to retire into obscurity for the next three year; but no poll was called for, as the unsuccessful party did not wish to put their parish to expense. It is interesting to note that one of the successful candidates was proposed by the Chairman of the Conservative Association, and was seconded by a member of the Conservative Committee, who also nominated another successful candidate. On the other hand, no Progressive proposed or seconded a Moderate candidate. Of the new councillors, six are owners, one a large tenant farmer, and only one a working man in the common acceptance of the term."

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 18th March 1910

The parents' tea and reunion of former scholars in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School was held on Thursday evening in last week, when about eighty persons sat down to an excellent repast. The tables were charmingly decorated with flowers, kindly arranged by Mrs. T. W. Carter, of The Poplars, and the trays were presided over by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. W. Coulson, Miss Wilderspin, Miss Prior, Miss Williams, and Miss Smith. After tea there was a public meeting under the presidency of the Pastor, the Rev. W. H. Stevens, whose address was followed by words of a cheering character from other speakers. Mr. H. S. Aldred (superintendent) also briefly addressed the gathering. During the meeting feeling reference was made to Mr. James Williams, who has been for very many years a deacon and active worker in the chapel, in his trying affliction, and a vote of sympathy with him was passed, the entire audience rising. The meeting closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

PAROCHIAL TEA. 25th March 1910

The annual parochial tea was held in the National School on Wednesday evening and was well attended. After tea the Rev. Norman W. Shelton, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Old Chesterton, gave an interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on home missionary work. The lantern was ably manipulated by Miss Vidler. A collection was made on behalf of the Additional Curates' Society (Church of England Home Missions). On the call of the Vicar, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

A CURIOUS FIND. 25th March 1910

A tennis ball was found in the paunch of a bullock slaughtered by a Swavesey butcher last week. It was quite black.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 25th March 1910

Preceded by a tea, which was well attended, the Friends' Adult School annual meeting was held on Monday evening. Mr. J. T. Allen, Wisbech, presided, and Mr. Muskins, Cambridge, gave an address on the work of adult schools. Mr. H. Burgess, St. Ives, and Mr. Toseland, Fenstanton, also spoke and sang solos, and Mr. J. Hines, Over, said a few words. Mrs. Rogers played the accompaniments.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th March 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday, 17th inst., at which there were present: The Rev. A. C. Vidler (chairman), Messrs. J. T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J. S. Goad, W. H. Key, W. T. Thorpe, e. J. Warboys, J. Wells, and Robinson Mitham (clerk). Certain accounts were submitted and payment authorised, and a precept was issued to the overseers to meet current expenses. Mr. H. Beaumont was appointed a trustee of Galon's Charity. There was no other business.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION. 25th March 1910

Mr. W. C. Cole, who has been for many years one of the guardians and district councillors for the parish of Swavesey, recently decided not to offer himself for re-election, and he nominated the Rev. J. F. Cooksey to serve in his stead. Subsequently Mr. Ebenezer Parish was also nominated, and thus Mr. A. Day, the other old guardian, who sought re-election, there were three candidates in the field. Mr. Cooksey on Tuesday withdrew from the contest, as he did not wish to put the parish to the trouble and expense of a poll.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. 25th March 1910

A musical service was given by the Swavesey Methodist Choir on Sunday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. G. Green, of St. Ives. Several solos and choruses were sung. The Chairman delivered a helpful, though brief, address, in which he congratulated the Choir on their singing. Mr. F. Reeson, of St. Ives, was also to have spoken, but owing to the length of the programme he was compelled to confine his remarks to a few words of encouragement. A satisfactory collection was taken on behalf of the chapel funds. At the evening service there was a large attendance, and special hymns were sung.

(Programme of music in report)

AN ALLOTMENT INCIDENT. 1st April 1910

Wayfarers in the Hale on Tuesday found amusement in watching a tall and massive man leading a small donkey which was dragging a harrow in one of the allotments. The donkey's master stood by and saw that his old favourite was not overworked.

LANTERN LECTURE. 1st April 1910

On Monday evening, Mr. Allen, of Wisbech, gave a lantern lecture at the Friends' Meeting House, dealing with various subjects, religious and secular. There was an excellent attendance, and the hymns with which the lecture was interspersed, were sung with heartiness. Mr. Briggs, also of Wisbech, successfully manipulated the lantern.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 1st April 1910

Mr. Douglas Newton, of Croxton Park, the prospective Conservative and Unionist candidate for West Cambs., has promised to be present at the annual supper and smoking concert of the Swavesey District Conservative Association to be held in the National School on Monday, 11th April. He will be accompanied by Major C. W. Stanley, President of the West Cambs. Conservative Association.

DROVE LETTING. 1st April 1910

By direction of the Rural District Council the herbage of the roadsides and droves in the parish of Swavesey was let by auction at the White Horse Inn. Mr. C. W. Underwood, of Willingham, was once again the auctioneer, he and his predecessors having performed the duty for many years. The sum of £27 2s 6d was realised, being £5 15s more than last year. The bidding was very brisk.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st April 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, Messrs. W. H. Key (in the chair), J. T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J. S. Goad, W. T. Thorp, E. J. Warboys, and Robinson Mitham (clerk) being present. Payment of the remainder of the year's accounts was authorised, and it was decided to invite tenders for the herbage of the Recreation Ground for the ensuing 12 months, the yearly tenancy expiring yesterday, 31st March.

VESTRY MEETING. 1st April 1910

At the Easter Vestry meeting held under the church tower on Monday, Mr. James Wells was re-elected people's warden. The Vicar has again nominated Mr. W. H. Key to act as his warden. Last year's sidesmen were re-appointed with the addition of Mr. J. Gilby. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided in the absence of the Vicar through illness. The church accounts will be presented to a meeting of the congregation at 7 o'clock on Monday 18th April.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 1st April 1920

On Wednesday, 23rd ulto., a service of song, entitled "Jessica's Prayer," was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Longstanton Wesleyan choir. Mr. J. Jellings, of Longstanton, presided, and Miss Chapman, of Over, gave the readings in excellent style. The Chairman thanked Miss Chapman and the choir for their services, which, he assured them, had been much appreciated by the crowded audience. Mr. T. Rogers, in seconding, added his testimony. A collection on behalf of the chapel funds realised 8s. 2d.

A CATASTROPHE. 1st April 1910

On Easter Monday morning a tall and burly resident was conveying manure to his allotment in a handcart, when in Taylor's-lane one of the wheels collapsed. A young lady very kindly assisted in lifting the laden vehicle to the side of the road, where it remained for some hours. Later in the day, the manure was tipped on to the roadside and the cart was ignominiously trundled home by its owner on one wheel. The cart is a striking example of inventive genius, the body being an old washing trough, while the wheels once belonged to a perambulator.

FOOTBALLERS. 1st April 1910

Swavesey footballers journeyed to Somersham on Easter Monday, and fought a hard game which resulted in a draw of one goal each. Visitors observed, with some truth, that there is room for improvement in the conduct of the Somersham spectators. With this match the Swavesey club concluded its list of fixtures. Considering that the club was only established in the autumn, and that many of the players were then practically ignorant of football, it must be admitted that the season has been a successful one.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 1st April 1910

On Good Friday afternoon there was a public tea in the Schoolroom attached to Bethel Chapel, at which about 120 persons sat down. After tea an adjournment was made to the chapel for a service of song entitled "Silver Lilies," which was capitally performed by the united choirs of the chapel and

the Swavesey Christian Endeavour Society, assisted by a few friends. The solos were well rendered by the Misses May and Alice Norman, Miss Alice Wilderspin, and Mr. J. W. Williams, and a duet was sung by the Misses M. Norman and Starte. The narrative was read by the Rev. W. H. Stevens (pastor), Mr. J. W. Williams conducted, and Miss Curtis presided at the organ. The chapel was full, many people being present who were not at the tea, and a liberal collection was made for the chapel expenses fund.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 1st April 1910

Good congregations attended the parish church on Good Friday. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, late Vicar of Upwood, Hunts., officiated at all the numerous services in the much-regretted absence of the Vicar through illness. The usual three hours' service had to be abandoned, and a short service from 12 noon to 1 p.m. held instead.

PARISH MEETING. 8th April 1910

The annual parish meeting was held at the National School on Thursday 31st ult., Mr. W. H. Key presiding. The attendance was very poor. The annual accounts of the parish and of Galon's Charity were submitted, and there was a short discussion, in which Mr. E. Parish and Mr. W. Daisley took part.

NARROW ESCAPE. 8th April 1910

Mr. Dick Wilderspin, cycle dealer, of Swavesey, and a friend have had a narrow escape from a very serious incident. Whilst proceeding along the Huntingdon-road in a small motor-car, to the back of which a bicycle was fastened, they turned to go down the road to Hemingford near the Ramping Lion. A taxi-cab, which was following at a fast rate behind, dashed into the back of the car, but fortunately only the cycle was damaged.

PARISH CHURCH. 8th April 1910

Festival services were continued at the parish church on Sunday last (Low Sunday). The Rev. E. Young, incumbent of Fen Drayton, was celebrant at the early service of Holy Communion, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated at the other services. It is satisfactory to record that the Vicar, who has been ill, is progressing satisfactorily.

HEARTS OF OAK. 8th April 1910

The annual meeting of the Swavesey District branch of the Hearts of Oak Medical Agency was held at the White Horse Inn on Saturday evening, Mr. W. Twist presiding. The year's accounts, which showed a substantial balance

in hand, were passed, and the following officers were elected:- Chairman, Mr. W. F. Gleaves; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Twist; committee, Messrs. J. Stockbridge, A. Girling, A. E. Daintree, B. Hodson, J. B. Parish, and F. Peppercorn; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Williams. The Agency was only established last year, and has now a considerable and increasing number of members.

“FIRST AID” EXAMINATION. 8th April 1910

The following candidates passed successfully in “First Aid” in the Red Cross examination held at Swavesey recently:- Women, A. Beckett, B. Barton, E. Cooksey, E. Church, K. Cole, E. Garner, R. Kester, P. Mitham, L. Mitham, G. Smith, K. Smith, R. Vidler, H. Vidler, F. Webster, E. Willson, E. Warboys, and I. Wilkinson; men, T. Goad, W. Goad, A. Girling, W. Hepher, T. Harris, R. Mitham, S. Mitham, E. Mitham, L. Parish, W. Pryor, A. Pryor, W. Thorpe, D. Williams, E. Warboys and L. Webster.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN INHABITANT. 8th April 1910

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. James Williams, wheelwright, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, who passed away at two o’clock on Wednesday afternoon, after a long and very painful illness. He was 72 years of age on Wednesday 30th ult., and was the youngest son of the late Mr. James Williams, a well-known butcher of Swavesey and Cambridge Market. For very many years Mr. Williams was the secretary and a deacon of Bethel Baptist Chapel, and the last business he transacted, only a week or so ago, was in connection with that chapel. Mr. Williams was universally respected, and much sympathy is felt for his widow and family in their bereavement.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 15th April 1910

A robin has nested in an old tea kettle in the garden of a cottage at Turn Bridge.

THE VICAR. 15th April 1910

The Rev. A. C. Vidler, having recovered from his illness, is taking a holiday. It is hoped that the well-earned rest will prove permanently beneficial.

RATS. 15th April 1910

Mr. Thomas Prior’s farm at Boxworth End was the scene of a great war on rats on Monday last. Out of a small wheat stack no less than 85 rats, all runners, were caught, and ten nests of young ones, averaging ten in a nest, were destroyed.

A CYCLIST'S TROUBLES. 15th April 1910

A young man cycled last week from Swavesey to a place near Windsor. When approaching his destination, the country being unknown to him, he had to climb the sign-posts in order to see which way he had to go. The night was very dark. A friend followed a few days later, and though his destination was only a few miles short of Windsor, he accomplished the journey in considerably less time, and he had to climb no sign-posts.

A TRUE STORY. 15th April 1910

A Swavesey tradesman the other evening, calling at a house in the village on business, left his bicycle outside. When he came out he saw two cyclists riding away, and thought one of them had appropriated his machine. He followed on foot as fast as he could run, and caught the cyclists somewhere near the middle of the village, only to discover that neither of them had his machine. On his return he found his cycle where he had left it. His friends are wondering how he made the mistake.

AN UPSET. 15th April 1910

Two boys on the 7th inst., with a pony and cart, were shovelling up mud that had been thrown out of a drain in a field near the Mission Church, when the pony slipped into the ditch and dragged the cart with it. The cart, which was overturned, pinned down the pony, but fortunately its head was out of the water. Willing helpers were at hand, and the cart with much difficulty was pulled out after the harness had been cut. The pony was rescued by means of a rope; it was uninjured.

FOOTBALL. 15th April 1910

Over visited Swavesey on Thursday evening, 7th April, and defeated the home club by 3 goals to 1. Scorers: Over – Papworth, Asplin and Adams; Swavesey – Harris.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th April 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday April 7th, at which were present: Messrs. W. T. Thorp (in the chair), J. T. Daintree, J. Gilby, J. S. Goad, E. J. Warboys, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The Council decided to accept the tender of Mr. John Williams – the only one sent in – for the herbage of the Recreation Ground for the year ending 31st March, 1911. Mr. Thorp proposed, and Mr. Goad seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: “That the Clerk be

instructed to convey to the Chairman, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, the Councillors' very high appreciation of his services during their term of office, and especially in regard to the considerate and impartial way in which he had always conducted the meetings." The first meeting of the new Council elected last month will be held on Monday.

THE LATE MR. JAMES WILLIAMS. 15th April 1910

Amidst many manifestations of sorrow and respect, the funeral of the late Mr. James Williams, whose death on the 6th inst. at the age of 71 years, after a long and painful illness, we announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. Preceded by the children attending Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School, who were accompanied by Mr. H. S. Aldred (superintendent), Mr. J. H. Starte (secretary), and Mr. Joseph Payne, and by the deacons and the pastor of the chapel, the body, enclosed in an unpolished oak coffin, was borne through the village streets. The mourners followed. A large number of sympathising friends were in the cemetery. The Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor, who officiated, delivered a brief address at the graveside, in which he spoke of the modest and retiring character of their departed friend, and of his invaluable services to the Baptist community in Swavesey as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, and secretary for over 40 years. Three hymns were sung. The chief mourners were: Mrs. James Williams (widow), Mr. Sydney Williams and Mr. J. W. Williams (sons), Miss P. Williams (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. George Day (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams (brothers and sisters-in-law).

SWAVESEY CONSERVATISM. 15th April 1910

Association Annual Supper.

A most successful function was the annual supper and smoking concert held in connection with the Swavesey District Conservative Association on Monday evening in the Schools, Swavesey. The prospective candidate for the division (Mr. G. Douglas Newton) and Mrs. Newton were among those present.

MANOR COURT. 22nd April 1910

A Manor Court of the three Swavesey Manors was held at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday. Mr. W. L. Raynes, of Cambridge, the Steward, presided over the proceedings.

A RESPECTFUL SUGGESTION. 22nd April 1910

A correspondent writes: - "I was present at the Primrose League entertainment in Swavesey School on Saturday night, and although I enjoyed myself, I should have been better pleased if I could have seen the performers on the platform. Others besides myself were in the same predicament. Our view was blocked by the hats of some of the ladies sitting in front of us. May I respectfully suggest that our lady friends should on such occasions exercise a little self-denial and leave their big hats at home?"

ACCIDENT. 22nd April 1910

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Charles Crisp, hay dealer, met with an accident. He had been cutting up a stack of hay in Cow Fen-road, and had loaded his cart with trusses and bound them with ropes. Whilst standing on a ladder placed against the load and covering the hay with a cloth the horse moved on, and Mr. Crisp fell heavily to the ground. He was taken home in Mr. John Hodson's trap and Dr. Ellis called in. His ankle was found to be injured and he was badly shaken.

OBITUARY. 22nd April 1910

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mrs Maria Eason, wife of Mr John Eason, died early on Sunday morning last at the age of 68 years. Three Sundays previously she had attended the evening service at the Particular Baptist Chapel, of which society she had been a prominent member for many years, and after her return home she was stricken down with sudden illness. She leaves a widower, two sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the first part of the service being held in the Particular Baptist Chapel, and the interment in Swavesey Cemetery.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 22nd April 1910

Twice last week the large room of Swavesey National School was the scene of a striking Conservative and Unionist demonstration. As reported in our last issue, the Conservative Association of the polling district held its annual supper on Monday, 11th inst. That was the men's function. Saturday evening the ladies turned up in overwhelming numbers for a meeting and entertainment under the auspices of the Swavesey, Over, Boxworth and Fen Drayton Ward of the Croxton Habitation of the Primrose League. Although many men were present, they were in the minority. Inside the room the audience was packed like herrings in a barrel, every bench was crowded, and every inch of standing room occupied. In the classroom were men unable to gain admission. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Newton were present, the latter as the

Ruling Councillor of the Habitation, and both received an enthusiastic reception. The programme began with songs and a play, followed by an address from Mr. Newton. Mrs. Newton made a charming little speech at the end of Part 1. She spoke of the success of the Croxton Habitation, which was only started in June last. Throughout the division, she said, the Habitation had done well, but nowhere better than in the Swavesey Ward. The fact that there were now 3,300 members in the Habitation showed that the ladies could work as keenly as the men. She proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kirke Smith (the warden) and to the sub-wardens, and congratulated them on the success of that night's gathering. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey proposed a vote of confidence in the prospective Conservative and Unionist candidate for West Cambs – Mr. Newton – and on being put to the meeting by the Chairman it was carried unanimously amidst loud applause. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to £8 8s 9d. and the expenses to £3 6s 9d. The balance of £5 2s has been handed over to the Croxton Habitation.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd April 1910

The first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council was held on Monday evening, and was attended by Messrs. W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist and Robinson Mitham (Clerk). In the absence of the old chairman, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, Mr. A. Day was voted to the chair temporarily. The Councillors having signed their declarations, the minutes of the last meeting were read, but a question arising as to the payment by the Council of a premium for insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the signing of the minutes was adjourned. The new committee was appointed. Mr. Ebenezer Parish was elected chairman; Mr. Twist was appointed vice-chairman, and Mr. Day vacated the chair in his favour. Messrs. Daisley and Burton were appointed overseers; Mr. J. M. Parker, manager of the Capital and Counties Bank, St. Ives, was re-appointed treasurer, and Mr. S. Wilderspin, sen., Pindar. It was decided that the Fire Engine and Street Lighting Committee should be composed of the whole of the Council, but Mr. Goad declined to serve on the former committee, and his name was therefore omitted. Messrs. A. Norman and Twist were authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council with the chairman. The Council adjourned until 7 p.m. on Monday, 2nd May. It is stated that in consequence of the Council postponing the question of paying the Compensation Insurance Premium, the policy has lapsed. For the sake of the ratepayers it is to be hoped that no accident will happen to any person for whom the Council is liable pending a settlement of the matter.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. J. EASON. 29th April 1910

For the first time in its history of many years the body of a deceased member of the society was taken into Swavesey Strict Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 21st inst. The occasion was the funeral of the late Mrs. Maria Eason, whose death, after a brief illness, at the age of 68 years, was recorded last week, and a departure from the ordinary procedure was decided upon in order to allow the bereaved husband, Mr. John Eason, to be present during part of the burial service. Mr. Eason was too unwell to attend at the graveside. The Rev. E. Short, pastor, officiated there and at the grave in the cemetery, and spoke in high terms of the deceased, and asked for the sympathy of those present for the widower in his sorrow and ill-health. The hymn "Jesu Lover of my soul," was sung in the chapel, and "Rock of Ages" at the service in the cemetery. The chief mourners at the cemetery were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eason (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. William Wright (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Eason (son and daughter-in-law), and Mrs. C. Foy and Mrs. M. Geary (daughters). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mr. George Mitham, of Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements.

ENTERTAINMENT. 29th April 1910

Under the management of Miss Vidler, an entertainment was given in the National School on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Church Sunday School and Choir Fund. The entertainment was a great success and encores were general. Upwards of £5 was realised. Mr. W. H. Key, churchwarden, who presided, apologised for the Vicar's absence, and stated that Mr. Vidler's health was restored, and that he would be at home before the end of the week – a statement that was received with great satisfaction. He proposed a vote of thanks to the singers and other helpers. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, seconding, referred to the lamented death that afternoon of their old friend, Mr. George Metcalfe, who for so long had been a sidesman and church worker. He added that he was asked to say that the entertainment would have been postponed had it been practicable to do so.

THE FEAST. 6th May 1910

The annual village feast opens on Sunday, and will continue until Wednesday next. As usual three cricket matches will be played – on Monday, the village club against Lolworth; on Tuesday, against Histon; and on Wednesday, against Fenstanton.

DEATH OF AN AGED INHABITANT. 6th May 1910

Mrs. Ann Plumb, wife of Mr. Charles Plumb, of Boxworth End, died on Friday, 29th ult., having attained the advanced age of 78 years. She had been in ill-health for some considerable time. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon. It is interesting to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Plumb recently celebrated the 52nd anniversary of their wedding day.

OFF TO CANADA. 6th May 1910

Another stalwart young man has gone to Canada. Mr. Jack Wilderspin left Swavesey station on Wednesday by the 6.12 p.m. train, on his way to Liverpool, and he sailed yesterday for Quebec in the S.S. Tunisian. A large party of relatives and comrades gave him a hearty send off from the village. He will join another Swavesey venturer, Mr. Frank Day, who has a farm at Rockwood. Within the last few years at least a dozen young men from Swavesey have emigrated to Canada.

A HARE HUNT. 6th May 1910

Market-street was all agog last Friday afternoon, when a hare, wandering from the safe solitude of Cow Fen, was put up by a dog near the pond. Round and round the pond, up and down the street, went the hare, followed closely by the dog. All sorts and conditions of people joined in the chase. Housewives rushed from their cottages armed with domestic implements of various kinds. One lady, of sporting instincts, hurled a broom, but ladylike, missed her target. At length the dog caught and killed, and the excitement subsided.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th May 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council, adjourned from April 18th, was held in the National School on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. Ebenezer Parish, the newly-elected chairman. Councillors W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Robinson Mitham) were present. A discussion took place as to the Council's insurance under the Compensation Act, and Mr. Day proposed that the insurance should be discontinued for the present. The proposition was not seconded. Mr. Daisley, after recommending that the Clerk should communicate with other insurance offices, moved that the policy in force hitherto should be continued. Mr. Burton seconded, and the resolution was carried. The Recreation Ground, a burning question with a section of the Council, was then discussed. Mr. Daisley proposed that the chairman should ask the Charity Commissioners whether the money received from the letting of the herbage should be applied to purposes of recreation. Mr. Jethro Linford seconded. An amendment that the Council shall be at liberty to expend the

income from the ground in the parish for the best interests of the ratepayers was moved by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Goad. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost, and Mr. Daisley's proposition carried. Messrs. A. Norman, R. Norman and Twist were appointed to inspect the lamps and fittings, and to report. The Council agreed to meet again on Monday next, 9th inst.

FUNERAL AT SWAVESEY. 6th May 1910

The funeral of the late Mr. George Metcalfe, of Swavesey, whose death at the age of 58 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, amidst innumerable manifestations of sorrow and sympathy. All shops were closed as the funeral cortege passed along the streets to the churchyard, and the blinds of private houses were drawn. A large congregation of sympathising friends assembled in the church. The body and mourners were met at the churchyard gates by the choir and officiating clergy, the Vicar and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The greater part of the service was taken in the church, and was choral. The Vicar officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. William T. Thorp (brother-in-law and sister), and Miss C. Metcalfe (sister). The coffin was of polished elm, with heavy brass furniture. Mr. Walter Thorp, of Swavesey, was the undertaker. Sympathetic references were made to the late Mr. Metcalfe at the parish church on Sunday, at the morning service by the Vicar, and the evening by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey.

(Long report)

THE FEAST. 13th May 1910

Swavesey Feast, which opened on Sunday last, attracted a fair number of visitors. Market-street was well filled with stalls of various kinds. Thurston's flying horses and a smaller roundabout were well patronised on Tuesday evening, but business was somewhat slow on Monday owing to the wet night. Early on Wednesday morning Thurston's moved away, followed by nearly all the rest of the show people, leaving only four or five stalls, an unusually small number for the last day of the Feast. Three cricket matches were played during the afternoon, all of which were won by the village club.

PARISH COUNCIL. 13th May 1910

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday night, at which there were present: Messrs. E. Parish (chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). - After the minutes

of the meetings held on 18th April and 2nd May had been read and confirmed, the Chairman stated that he had written to the Charity Commissioners as directed at the last meeting respecting the uses to which the rental from the herbage of the Recreation Ground could be applied, but that he had not received a reply. Mr. Day asked that the letter should be read, but the Chairman replied that he had left the copy of the letter at home. After some discussion Mr. Day moved that the letter should be laid before the Council at its next meeting. – Mr. A. Norman seconded, and the motion was carried. The Special Committee appointed to inquire into the condition of the street lamps presented a report. A long discussion ensued, and after hearing a statement by the contractor, Mr. Twist proposed that seven glasses be charged to the contractor at 11½d. per glass (viz., 6s 8d in all). Mr. Day seconded, and the proposal was adopted. Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Day seconded that a cheque be drawn in favour of the contractor for £3 3s 4d, the balance due on his contract of £21 10s., for lighting the lamps during the past winter, but the Clerk explained that there was not quite sufficient money in the bank to meet the cheque. A lengthy discussion followed, and eventually it was agreed that a precept of £10 for general expenses should be served on the overseers. The Clerk was also instructed to collect at once all rents owing to the Council.

CRICKET CLUB. 20th May 1910

The Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., and Mr. G. Douglas Newton have each sent a subscription of a guinea to the funds of the Cricket Club.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 20th May 1910

A hedge sparrow's nest containing five eggs was found last week in an old salmon tin in the middle of a hedge in Mr. W. Twist's orchard in Hog Pasture.

THE DAY OF MOURNING. 20th May 1910

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Friday morning at the parish church at eight o'clock. The memorial service will be held at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

THE KING'S DEATH. 20th May 1910

The flag on the church tower has been flying at half-mast since the announcement of the death of King Edward. On Sunday morning next a memorial service for the children attending Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School will be held from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 20th May 1910

Special services in connection with the Sunday School anniversary will be held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday 29th May. On the following day there will be a public tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by a service of song in the chapel entitled "River Singers."

DEATH OF MR. J. EASON. 20th May 1910

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Eason, which occurred on Saturday morning last at the residence of his younger son, Mr. Alfred Eason, in Middle Watch, after a very painful illness of about a year's duration, borne with exemplary patience and resignation. Mr. Eason, who was 70 years of age, was highly respected by all who knew him. His wife died after a very brief illness on the 17th of last month. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

LIVED IN SIX REIGNS. 20th May 1910

Mrs. Mary Ding, of Church End, Swavesey, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Ding, died on Saturday last at the great age of 90 years. She had the rare distinction of having lived in the reigns of no less than six British Sovereigns. She was born on the 15th January, 1820, when George III was King, but he died a fortnight later on Sunday 29th January, 1820. George IV., William IV., Victoria and Edward VII. in turn succeeded to the Throne, and though sinking slowly she lived for eight days of the reign of George V.

A MISCALCULATION. 20th May 1910

A correspondent writes: "Tell it not in Gath! A pleasure party of two young men went boating on the River Ouse on Whitsun Monday. For a time all went well, but at length the boat ran aground on a mud bank and refused to budge. The two young men, thinking the water was shallow, jumped into the stream to push their craft off, but to their dismay found themselves in mud and water considerably deeper than they anticipated or desired, and they had to return to their mothers wet and muddy. One dripping youth was at home only for the day, and had no change of raiment, and whether he followed the example of a friend of mine in similar circumstances and used a 'Daily Telegraph' as a kilt whilst his nether garments were being dried, I do not know. The other youth was more fortunate, as he had a change of clothing handy. Cannot something be done to clear out our river? It gets worse year after year."

FIRST AID. 20th May 1910

At the National school on Friday evening last the certificates awarded to those who were successful in passing the examination following the classes held

under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society during the winter for instruction in "First Aid" were presented by Mrs. A. E. Hoare, of Milton Park. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided in the absence of the Vicar, who sent a letter apologising for his inability to attend, congratulating the medical instructors on the success of their efforts, and thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hoare for the interest they have taken in the classes. After the presentation Mr. A. E. Hoare (county organiser of the British Red Cross Society) spoke of the formation of Voluntary Aid Detachments, and announced that further lectures on First Aid would be given in September at Over. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr and Mrs Hoare and to the Chairman and Dr. R. Ellis for their services as instructors.

NORTH STOWE RURAL DEANERY.

CONFERENCE AT SWAVESEY. 20th May 1910

The annual conference of clergy, churchwardens, and the representative laity of the Rural Deanery of North Stowe was held at Swavesey on Thursday, May 12th. The Rural Dean (the Rev. A. C. Vidler, Vicar of Swavesey) presided, and the clergy and laity representing thirteen parishes of the Deanery were present.

A vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. George Metcalfe, of Swavesey, a member of the conference for many years, was moved by Mr. W. Webster, churchwarden, of Over, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Key, churchwarden, of Swavesey, and carried unanimously.

After the Conference the members present were entertained at tea by the Rural Dean.

(Long report)

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 27th May 1910

In consequence of the prevalence of measles, the National School was closed on Tuesday by order of Dr. Bushell Anningson, Medical Officer of Health. The children assembled as usual for morning school, and before being sent home were briefly addressed by their teachers on the subject of Empire Day, and then sang the Empire Song.

THE COMET. 27th May 1910

Village star-gazers, with the aid of the churchwarden's opera glass, have been craning their necks to catch a glimpse of Haley's Comet. On Sunday and Monday nights it was seen in the western sky, but to the disappointment of the gazers its tail was not visible. On the night of Wednesday, 18th inst., when the earth passed through the tail, an elderly person, strongly imbued with the idea

that the earth, or the people on it, would be destroyed, after retiring to rest instructed her husband to go downstairs and fetch a light, as she could not and would not die in the dark.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. EASON. 27th May 1910

On Wednesday afternoon, 18th inst., the mortal remains of the late Mr. John Eason, whose death was recorded last week, were laid to rest in Swavesey Cemetery, by the side of his wife, whose funeral took place just four weeks previously. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. During the service the hymn "When shall Thy ransomed people come?" was sung. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eason (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Eason (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. W. Wright and Mrs. M. Geary (daughters), and Mrs. William Eason and Mrs. Crouch (sisters-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. George Mitham, of Swavesey.

A COMPLAINT. 27th May 1910

A ratepayer writes: - "I was glad to see in last week's paper that attention was drawn to the bad condition of the River Ouse in this district. With your permission, I should like to give my experience of the approaches to the river from Swavesey. The other morning I had occasion to go to Overcote Ferry, and had the greatest difficulty in getting there. Thinking it better to run no needless risks, I determined to go to the bottom of Middle Fen, and on to the great bank, but my way was blocked by some 30 feet of sludge. I then tried the recognised footpath, but again at the stile my progress was stopped by water and mud. Not to be beaten, I went through gaps in the hedges, and almost reached the river bank. Once more I was checked – the footbridge had disappeared. I then worked back along the weather ditch nearly to River Drove where I found means of crossing, and I reached Overcote an hour behind time. On my return journey I made for River Drove, and for a time things were better, but ere long the drove was impassable, and I had to retrace my steps. Eventually I found a way across the fields. Considering the number of people, residents, visitors, and fishermen who want to go to the river, I think something ought to be done, and done at once, to remedy this unsatisfactory state of things. Cannot our new District Councillor interest himself in the matter? New brooms, they say, sweep clean."

BOY'S SUDDEN DEATH.

INQUEST AT SWAVESEY. 3rd June 1910

The circumstances of the sudden death of a Swavesey boy, named Herbert Bertie Sanderson, aged 9, were inquired into by the County Coroner (Mr. A. J. Lyon) on Tuesday evening.

Walter Sanderson, the father, gave evidence of identification, and went on to say that at 4.30 on Saturday afternoon the boy was with him in Mr. A. Day's field, leading a horse attached to a tumbril cart. The boy fell down, but the horse did not touch him. Witness went to him and asked him what was the matter, and he replied that he was all right. He got up by himself, but looked white and ill, and he went home in the cart. He died at 5.30. Dr. Ellis was sent for. Witness added that his son had occasionally complained of pains in the chest. The boy was employed by Mr. Day. The school was closed on that day owing to measles and on Saturday afternoons they had holidays.

Dr. Ellis, of Swavesey, stated that he had not attended the boy. He made a post mortem examination and found a rupture of a small vessel of the heart, which had caused death.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

OUR TERRITORIALS. 3rd June 1910

Several of the Northamptonshire Imperial Yeomanry, who have been encamped in Boughton Park, near Kettering, for their annual training, landed at Swavesey Station last Friday afternoon, and made a brave and martial show when riding through the village. They looked well, and a credit to the Territorial Force.

GONE TO THE FAR EAST. 3rd June 1910

On many occasions reference has been made in these columns to Swavesey young men in Australia and Canada. Now we have to record the departure of a Swaveseyite for the Far East. Mr. Edward Smith, son of Mr. James Smith, market gardener, Boxworth End, recently sailed for Singapore, Straits Settlements, where he has obtained a good berth.

SWAVESEY BOY'S SUDDEN DEATH. 3rd June 1910

The funeral of Baden Sanderson took place in Cottenham Cemetery on Wednesday, the Rev. C. T. Allen officiating. There were three wreaths, viz., from the children attending the Bethel Baptist Chapel, Sunday School, Swavesey, two little playmates, and from Mrs. Benton. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have received very many expressions of grief and sympathy, which have greatly sustained them in their trouble.

OLD BAPTIST CHAPEL. 3rd June 1910

The anniversary services were held at the Strict Baptist Chapel on Tuesday. There were services in the afternoon and evening, at both of which Mr. Fred Kirby, of Staplehurst, was the special preacher. The attendance was good, and collections were made in aid of the chapel funds. Between the services there was a public tea.

HOME AGAIN. 3rd June 1910

A native of Swavesey who 43 years ago left the village, when a boy, for America, has returned to this country for a holiday. Boyish recollections were so strong that on Sunday evening, accompanied by his wife, he re-visited the village, arriving by the 5.41 p.m. train, in order to see the old church once again, and he was present at the evening service. He says he notices but little alteration in the neighbourhood of the Swan pond. Much to his joy he found several old friends.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 3rd June 1910

On Sunday last anniversary services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, the Rev. Luther Kemish preaching in the morning, and again in the evening. During the afternoon, there was a service for the children, over which Mr. F. Reeson (St. Ives) presided. On Monday afternoon there were public teas for children and adults respectively. A service of song, entitled "River Singers", followed. Mr. G. Jude (St. Ives) was chairman, the readings were given by Miss Chapman, of Over, and the solos were sung by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester and Mr. Dunthorne. All the meetings were exceptionally well attended, and the anniversary was a financial success, upwards of £2 being realised after payment of expenses, from the proceeds of teas, collections, and donations.

SAD DEATH. 3rd June 1910

After a very brief illness Mr. Harry Prior, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prior, of High-street, Swavesey, died on Sunday, 22nd ulto., at Braceborough, Lincolnshire, at the early age of 27 years. He was married only as recently as Easter Monday last, and died when on a week-end visit to his wife's relatives. He was employed at the Chatteris Engineering Works. The funeral took place at Wilsthorpe, Lincs., on Wednesday, 25th ulto., the Rev. H. H. McNiece, of Chatteris, officiating.

CHORAL FESTIVAL. 4th June 1910

On the evening of Wednesday, 25th ult., a Choral Festival, under the auspices of the Ely Diocesan Council of church Music was held in the Parish Church of

St. Andrew, Swavesey, choirs from Willingham, Over and Swavesey attending.

The congregation was not as large as usual on these occasions.

(Long report)

EARLY STRAWBERRIES. 10th June 1910

A few ripe strawberries grown in the open have this week been gathered in a cottage garden in High-street. The plants have been protected from frost and birds by netting.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY. 10th June 1910

The jury at the inquest on the little boy Sanderson, who died suddenly on the 28th ult., gave a practical expression to their sympathy with the bereaved parents by handing their fees to them. The Coroner, Mr. A. J. Lyon, also contributed five shillings. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson thoroughly appreciated the kindness.

A MISHAP. 10th June 1910

On Friday evening, the 3rd inst., the horse attached to Mr. J. H. Starte's four-wheeled covered van fell when passing Mr. James Smith's house at Boxworth End, and somewhat badly cut its knees. Assistance was close at hand, Mrs. W. C. Cole, Mrs. J. Smith, and Mr. Walter Sanderson in particular rendered valuable aid. The wounds bled considerably, and bandages, towels, and lard were requisitioned with satisfactory results.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 10th June 1910

On Thursday, 2nd inst., successful anniversary services were held in Bethel Baptist Chapel, at both of which the special preachers was the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, a former pastor, now settled at Oakham. Tea followed the afternoon service, when about 120 sat down. Trays were presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. W. Daisley, Miss Starte, and Miss Brand. At the evening service there was a large congregation. The result of the proceedings was a net gain to the chapel funds of £11 14s., being an advance on last year.

AGRICULTURAL NOTE. 17th June 1910

Clover cutting began this week at Mr. J. B. Ellis' High Field Farm.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 17th June 1910

The epidemic of measles having abated, Swavesey National School was re-opened on Monday morning after having been closed for three weeks by direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

RESCUE OF A CALF. 17th June 1910

On Saturday afternoon there was some amusement in Middle Watch. Mr Leonard Parish was driving a cow and calf past Bethel Chapel, when the calf ran into the pond close by, and refused to come out, so Mr. Parish had to wade into the water up to his waist in order to rescue the animal.

A QUEER NESTING PLACE. 17th June 1910

In a garden in High-street, Swavesey, adjoining the one in which the early strawberries referred to in these columns last week were grown, a robin has built her nest in a queer place. The nest, which now contains six eggs, is on top of an old post about 3ft. in height, which holds up a slatted fence some feet higher, and is under a small piece of zinc placed in a sloping position many years ago, with the object of stopping cats from climbing the fence. The contrivance is ineffectual as dogs as well as cats continually jump upon the zinc and then get over the fence, yet in spite of these frequent disturbances the mother bird sits unconcernedly hatching her eggs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 17th June 1910

On Sunday last anniversary services were held in connection with Bethel Chapel Sunday School at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 and 6.30 p.m., the Rev. A. C. Ashpool of Willingham Baptist Tabernacle, being the special preacher. The special hymns for the occasion were very creditably sung by the scholars at all the services. An interesting feature of the anniversary was a flower service in the afternoon. Flowers were given in abundance, notwithstanding the earliness of the season, many of the scholars affixing to their bunches written texts of scripture as their message to the inmates of St. Ives Infirmary, where the flowers were afterwards sent. During the flower service recitations were given. After a brief address by Mr. Ashpool, framed certificates gained at the recent scripture examination were presented, the recipients being: First class, Helen Smith and Berry Dodson; second class, Louie Causer, Ellen Prior and Frank Prior. The evening service was well attended. Mr. Ashpool was assisted throughout the day by Mr. H. Easter, of Over. Collections were made at each service in aid of the Sunday School Fund.

AN INTRUSIVE REPTILE. 24th June 1910

About noon on Wednesday Mrs. Alfred Prime was startled to see a snake about a yard in length entering the open door of her house in Taylor's-lane. Mr. Joseph Froment, who was passing by, promptly killed the snake, which was of the harmless kind.

WEEDS IN THE RIVER. 24th June 1910

A public meeting is being arranged to take place next week, on Monday, at 8 p.m., if possible, to consider the question of cutting the weeds in the River Ouse from the Swavesey bathing place to Cole's Jumps. All interested are invited to attend.

NOVEL USE FOR A ROLLER. 24th June 1910

Losing their cricket ball in the grass of School Green, and unable to find it by ordinary methods, some Swavesey schoolboys borrowed a garden roller and rolled that part of the green where the ball was believed to be hidden. After a time the roller jumped an obstacle, and the ball was found.

AN ERRATIC TRICYCLE. 24th June 1910

A young man riding a borrowed tricycle, with the peculiarities of which he was not familiar, at the Railway Station the other day, ran off the platform and fell on to the permanent way. Both rider and machine escaped with little injury, a few spokes in the former being broken, while the rider's shins were bruised and abraded.

HORSE-BREAKING INCIDENT. 24th June 1910

A Swavesey butcher on Monday evening was breaking in a horse, and when turning from Over Hill to the New-road, the animal objected, and, although harnessed to a cart, jumped the hedge into Mr. Asplin's field. The cart, however, failed to negotiate the hedge, and remained in the ditch. No damage was done.

BROUGHT HOME. 24th June 1910

William Hepher, third son of the late Mr. William Hepher, at one time a well-known Swavesey butcher, died last week in St. Ives Infirmary, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 50. He had not lived in Swavesey for 28 years. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar officiating.

DEATH OF NURSE EDWARDS. 24th June 1910

After an illness of some eighteen months Mrs. Mary Edwards, widow of the late Mr. William Edwards, passed away on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 at the great age of 77 years. She suffered from cancer, and during the last twelve months of her life endured with great fortitude and resignation great pain. She was much respected, and for many years was in much request as a nurse, and assisted at the birth of innumerable babies in Swavesey and neighbouring villages. Her husband died nine years ago. She left two sons and five daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. E. Short, Pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John and William Edwards (sons), Mr. and Mrs. I Hills (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. T. Melbourne, Mrs. O. Pink and Mrs. A. J. Bond (daughters), Mr. S. Unwin (brother), Mrs. Carrier (sister) and Mrs. G. Unwin (sister-in-law). Mr. George Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

SAD DEATH. 24th June 1910

The village of Swavesey was greatly shocked on Thursday, 16th inst., to learn that Mrs. Jemima Smith, a well-known and highly respected inhabitant, had during the day passed away suddenly in Addenbrooke's Hospital. She had been suffering from heart trouble for the last three years, and recently becoming worse, she was admitted into Addenbrooke's on the 8th inst. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. Mrs. Smith, who was 46 years of age, was the daughter of the late Mr. James Prior of Swavesey, and widow of Mr. Samuel Andrew Smith, of Haslingfield who died in January, 1890, in which year she returned to Swavesey to assist her mother, who survives her, but is in her 80th year, and to take charge of the motherless children of her sister, the late Mrs. Arthur Froment, a duty she fulfilled with love, care and thoroughness. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon, and in addition to numerous mourners was attended by many friends. The Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Prior (brother), Mrs. J. Day (sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. S. Prior (brothers and sisters-in-law), and Mr. A. Froment and Mr. J. Day (brothers-in-law).

COLLAPSE OF A BRIDGE. 1st^{July} 1910

A portion of the culvert running under the School-lane near the Primitive Methodist Chapel collapsed on Wednesday afternoon.

RAIN. 1st July 1910

Heavy showers of rain during the week have somewhat seriously interfered with hay work and fruit picking.

MISCHIEF. 1st July 1910

Some mischievous person or persons between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning loosened the planks in a dam in the brook near the Vicarage, which is being cleaned out by the District Council. The result was that the water was released, and a length of brook flooded and about a day's work wasted.

CRICKET CLUB. 1st July 1910

The Swavesey Cricket Eleven journeyed to Parker's Piece last Saturday afternoon with the intention of playing, and, if fortune favoured them, defeating the Albert Institute. After waiting in the rain for some time it was found that play was impossible, so the visitors left, many of them catching the 4.6 train to Swavesey.

WEEDS IN THE RIVER: PROPOSED SWIMMING CLUB. 1st July 1910

A public meeting was held at the National School on Tuesday evening to consider the question of cutting the weeds in the river Ouse, from the Swavesey bathing place to Cole's Jump, and whether it would be possible to form a swimming club. There was a good attendance of men, chiefly young ones, interested in swimming. Mr. H. S. Aldred was voted to the chair, and after a few remarks called upon Mr. Reuben Parish, the convener of the meeting, to make a statement. Mr. Parish, who modestly protested against being regarded as the convener of the meeting, spoke of the urgent need for cutting the weeds if bathing was to be pleasant, or even safe. At present swimming was practically impossible. He suggested that the river from the bathing place to Cole's Jump should be cleared, and added that he and Mr. E.J. Mitham, with the St. Ives weed cutter, had made an inspection and had ascertained that the latter would do the work for £2. Mr. A. T. Scard raised the question of establishing a swimming club for the village. After some discussion Mr. A. J. Willson proposed, and Mr. E. J. Mitham seconded a resolution that a committee be appointed with the view of raising subscriptions to defray the cost of cutting the weeds, and to consider the question of forming a club. The proposition was carried unanimously and a committee was set up. It was understood that subscriptions to the weed cutting fund would probably entitle donors to membership of the swimming club. During the meeting it was announced that the Vicar of Swavesey and Mr. E. H. Thornhill, of

Boxworth, had promised their support, and the hope was expressed that anglers would contribute, as the cutting of the weeds would be to their benefit.

FOAL DROWNED. 8th July 1910

An excellent foal belonging to Mr. Alfred Day, which he was intending to send to the Cottenham Foal Show, was last Saturday evening found drowned in an open well at Mr. Day's farm at Boxworth End.

ENERGY. 8th July 1910

No horse being at hand and time being of consequence, a train having to be caught, two men the other day harnessed themselves to a cart laden with fruit, and dragged it from an orchard in the Hale to the railway station.

POTATOES. 8th July 1910

Although the season is not a particularly good one for early potatoes, Mr. W. Prior on Saturday dug in his allotment in the Hale his first root of "Epicures." Two potatoes weighed half a pound each, and there were 10 or 12 others of a fair size.

LARGE MUSHROOM AND A LUCKY POTATO. 8th July 1910

Mr. S. Wilderspin, of High-street, at the end of last week found a mushroom 12 inches in diameter. On Saturday he dug his first root of potatoes. There were nine decent-sized tubers and many small ones, and also a well-worn shilling, dated 1816.

VICAR'S HOLIDAY. 8th July 1910

The Vicar has this week gone away for his annual holiday. During his absence the charge of the parish will be undertaken by the Rev. W. E. Palmer-Bath, of St. Stephen's. Regent's Park, London, N.W., who won golden opinions when acting as locum tenens in July, 1907, not July, 1906, as stated in the Parish Magazine.

A SURPRISE. 8th July 1910

The wife of the landlord of the Red Lion Inn, Boxworth End, recently had a surprise. Whilst engaged in household work at the back of the house she thought she heard the entrance of a crowd of customers into the taproom. On hurrying thither she found the room full of sheep which had found their way in through the open front door.

DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKMEN ENTERTAINED. 8th July 1910

The men employed by the District Council in clearing out the large brook near the Vicarage were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Swavesey on Thursday, 30th ulto. His hospitality was greatly appreciated. Five men are engaged on the job and their ages amount in the aggregate to 301 years. The oldest is 68 years, two are 66, another 64, and the youngest 37.

WATER SUPPLY. 8th July 1910

Notice has been given that the Swavesey Rural District Council, having applied to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £1,680 for works of water supply for the parish of Swavesey (including the execution of works in the parish of Fen Drayton), and that Mr. W. O. E. Meade-King, M.Inst.C.E., has been appointed to hold an inquiry on behalf of the Local Government Board at Swavesey School on Tuesday next, 12th inst., at 11 a.m. Evidence of persons interested will be received at the inquiry.

SCHOOL TREAT. 8th July 1910

The Parish Church Sunday School treat, held on Thursday, 30th ult., was shorn of some of its attractions by the unsettled weather. The service in church had to be abandoned, and instead of tea on the Vicarage lawns beneath the umbrageous branches of lofty trees, the meal was eaten in the schoolroom. Here the children were entertained to an excellent repast, and with them sat down their parents and guardians, and also the Church workers and widows and widowers of the parish. The tables were presided over, and the comfort of the guests looked after by Mrs. Long, the Misses Vidler, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Herbert Williams, and Mrs. John Williams. The weather improving, an adjournment was made to the Vicarage grounds where the children played games, and the adults walked about and looked on until 8.30 p.m., when the children were regaled with cake, etc. The usual juvenile sports will be held in August, by which time it is hoped the weather will be better.

CRICKET. 15th July 1910

S.J. Froment, the Swavesey cricketer, playing for Hemingford Park v. St. Neots Town C. C., at St. Neots, on Wednesday, made 30 runs in the first innings and three runs in the second, and took five wickets for 21 runs.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 15th July 1910

The annual house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital in connection with the County Organisation Fund has recently been made in Swavesey and Fen Drayton by a band of ladies, under the superintendence of

Mrs. Long, of the Priory, and the sum of £11 3s., an increase on last year's collection, has been realised. Mrs. Long has forwarded this sum to Mrs. A. E. Hoare, of Milton Hall, the President; £1 4s. 4d. was contributed from Fen Drayton.

FLOWERS IN THE CEMETERY. 15th July 1910

Mr. Ebenezer Prime, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, writes as follows: - "Dear sir, - On the 8th of this month I visited the grave of my recently-deceased wife in Swavesey (Nonconformist) Cemetery. Her father was with me. Our object was to bring home a metal cross which had contained lovely white carnations, given and arranged by kind and sympathising friends. To my dismay and grievous sorrow, I found that the cross had been removed from the grave – by rude hands, I thought, but to my surprise a gentleman standing near by informed me that he had himself taken it away. He said he had power to do so by virtue of his office. Crosses, he told me, were not allowed. This was the first I heard of any such prohibition. If there is a rule forbidding crosses, why is it not published on a notice board for instance? We have tender hearts where our beloved dead are concerned, and it is not unreasonable to expect those in authority to treat sorrowing relations and friends with consideration. In my case, I think before the cross was ignominiously removed that I might have been told I was doing wrong. My experience may be a warning to other people, and may prevent other mourners' feelings being hurt as mine were.

SWAVESEY WATER SUPPLY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD INQUIRY.

"SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST". 15th July 1910

Considerable interest has been aroused in Swavesey by the question as to whether the present water supply is unfit for drinking purposes or not. The supply is obtained locally, and has been condemned by the Local Government Board. Application has, therefore been made by the Rural District Council to the Board for sanction to borrow £1,680 for works of water supply for the parish, including the execution of works in the parish of Fen Drayton, the idea being to obtain the water for the district from the East Hunts. Water Co. A Local Government Board inquiry into the subject-matter of the application was held in the County Council Schools, Swavesey, on Tuesday by Mr. W. O. E. Meade-King, M.J.C.E., the inspector appointed, when application was opposed by the Parish Council on the ground that the present supply was fit for consumption.

On the evening prior to the inquiry, Monday, a well-attended parish meeting was held in the National Schools to consider what steps should be taken in

regard to the inquiry. Mr. Ebenezer Parish presided. The Chairman explained the situation. Swavesey water had been condemned, he said, by the medical officer of health, although the parishioners were well satisfied with it. He believed that the charge the East Hunts. Water Company proposed to make for supplying the water was higher than that charged in other places in the county. He objected to the proposal that the pipes from Conington Bridge to Swavesey should be owned and paid for by the parish.

A long discussion ensued and the opinion was freely expressed that the present supply was both good in quality and ample in quantity, that the samples on which the water was condemned were not taken at the proper times or from proper places, and that every effort should be made to postpone the question for a time. Mr. Walter Thorp suggested the use of a filter. Eventually a resolution urging a postponement of the matter, and calling attention to the samples on which the condemnation was based was carried unanimously. The meeting lasted nearly two and a half hours.

TUESDAY'S INQUIRY

The report covers questions and answers whereby the suitability of the present water supply was questioned. It was suggested that the water was harmful to young people, that boiling water would not necessarily destroy the danger, that people could be acclimatised to anything, even drinking pure sewage.

Mr. Knights, representing the East Hunts Water Company gave evidence to the amount of water the Company could raise. The engineer produced the plans and specifications. The total cost was £1,538 10s 10d.

Mr. Parish then read the resolution passed at the parish meeting held the previous meeting, which asked that the matter, if possible, be postponed, and that a number of samples be obtained as soon as possible to ascertain if water could be procured which could be passed as satisfactory. Mr. Parish went on to say that the district was a poor one, and it was thought that the cost was exceedingly high. With reference to the samples taken from the parish well, the feeling was strong that that was not a fair place, because it had been disused for a number of years. They asked for a postponement of 12 months in order to see if they could not obtain a satisfactory water supply at less cost.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL

AN ANIMATED MEETING. 22nd July 1910

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, and was attended by Messrs. E. Parish (chairman), Messrs. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, and Robinson Mitham (clerk).

THE HERBAGE RENT QUESTION.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman read a copy of a letter he had written to the Charity Commissioners by direction of the Council, asking whether the income derived from the herbage of the Recreation Ground might, or should be, spent on the ground. He also read the following reply from the Commissioners, dated 18th May:-

“Sir, - Adverting to your letter of the 7th instant, I am to say that the income derived from letting the herbage is properly applicable in and towards the cost of fencing, draining or improving the Recreation Ground, or in the purchase of additional land for the purpose of extending the Recreation Ground, or improving Field Garden Allotments.”

Discussion ensued in which it was proposed to hold the money already received for the herbage fund in a separate account. The resolution was carried, but there was a complaint that those opposed had been prevented from voting against. The meeting became quite animated for a time until the matter was dropped.

(Long report)

HAY WORK AT NIGHT. 22nd July 1910

At half-past ten last Friday night villagers in their “beauty” sleep were disturbed by a heavily laden cart passing from end to end of the village. It was a load of hay – the last – being taken to the stack at Church End from a field in “Scotland,” near the Huntingdon-road.

BEST DRESS BURNED. 22nd July 1910

The other day the landlady of the Black Horse publichouse hung her best dress in front of the taproom fire to air. She then went about her household duties. On her return she found the gown in flames. A customer just entering extinguished the fire, but the garment was ruined. A claim on an Insurance Company has met with a favourable result, and while lamenting the loss of a beautiful dress the landlady has had her feelings soothed by the receipt of some monetary compensation.

VETERAN VICTORIOUS. 22nd July 1910

In a hayfield in Middle Fen on Monday evening two young men, the senior of whom has not yet attained his majority, challenged two older men – one nearly 60 and the other approaching the end of his fifth decade – to run a hundred yards, offering to give them a start of a chain. The challenge was promptly accepted. After going a few yards the older veteran retired, short of wind, but the other man ran on, and despite the frantic efforts of the boastful youths,

passed the winning post – a pitchfork stuck in the ground – first. The victor was the father of the younger challenger.

A WONDERFUL CAT. 29th July 1910

A tabby cat belonging to the landlady of the Bell Inn sits on the hearthrug, shells peas, and eats them. Unfortunately she cannot be induced to shell the peas for the use of the family.

CRICKET. 29th July 1910

S. J. Froment, playing at Hilton on Tuesday for the village club against Fenstanton, took ten wickets for fifteen runs (eight bowled and two caught). Including this match, Mr. Froment has this season captured eighty-nine wickets at the cost of 478 runs, an average of 5.37 runs per wicket.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 29th July 1910

A collecting box in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which has been placed in the tap-room of the Rising Sun Inn since the beginning of the year, was taken this week to the Hospital, and on being opened was found to contain £1 1s. 3d. this sum has been gratefully received by the Secretary-Superintendent.

RETIREMENT OF OLD RAILWAY SERVANT. 29th July 1910

Mr. Charles Webster, who had been goods porter at Swavesey Station for thirty-two years, has retired on a well-earned pension. He was last on duty on Saturday, 16th inst. During last winter he met with an accident by falling off a truck laden with hay and fractured his ribs. Notwithstanding his age, he made a wonderful recovery, and resumed work in a short time. His many friends wish him many years in which to enjoy his pension.

A PRACTICAL PROPOSAL. 29th July 1910

A suggestion has been made, and is meeting with approval, that allotment holders and cottage gardeners in Swavesey can substantially assist Addenbrooke's Hospital by each contributing a supply of potatoes – a quantity small individually, but considerable in the aggregate. Mr. Graves, of High-street, has kindly consented to receive the gifts, and he will deliver them at the Hospital free of charge if taken to him not later than Wednesday next.

SWIMMING CLUB. 29th July 1910

A meeting was called at the National School on Monday evening to elect officers for the newly-formed Swimming Club, but, owing to inadequate notice, was very poorly attended. The meeting was therefore adjourned to

7.30 p.m. on Thursday 4th August, when, in addition to appointing officers, it is hoped to arrange some races. As an outcome of the recent public meeting, the weeds in the river near the bathing place have been cut, the diving board repaired, and new steps provided. The organisers trust that there will be a large attendance of young men on the 4th August.

STREET LAMPS IN JEOPARDY. 29th July 1910

A ratepayer informs us that the other day he discovered the door of the shed on the parish property in High-street in which the street lamps are stored during the summer, was wide open and that the glass chimneys were standing on the floor, notwithstanding that there was plenty of room on the shelves provided for them. He says they were in danger of being smashed by mischievous small boys throwing stones, or by marauding cats and dogs. As the Street Lighting Committee is now formed of the whole of the Parish Council, he presumes it is a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth.

HOW AIRMEN FALL. 29th July 1910

Two brothers, visitors from London, on Monday evening gave an unintentional demonstration of one of the ways in which airmen and their aeroplanes can come to grief. For some weeks, whilst preparing for their summer holiday, they had been thinking out and constructing a large kite on the principle of an aeroplane, and on Monday evening accompanied by another brother and friends, they sent it up on its maiden trip in the fen near the river. It rose splendidly, and its ingenious inventors congratulated themselves on the achievement of a real success. Suddenly a current of air caught the machine; it shivered and swayed, then turned sideways, and came down with a crash. It lay on the ground an utter wreck, every stay smashed. On Sunday night these young men amused themselves and others by sending up a large kite with a lighted Chinese lantern attached. It sailed proudly, with its luminant tail, far above the church tower.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th July 1910

An ex-Parish Councillor writes: Many ratepayers of Swavesey, as well as myself, would much like to know whether the Parish Council intend to act upon the resolution to open a separate banking account for the Recreation Ground, for which three Councillors voted at the Council meeting last week, seeing that the name of four Councillors who, through a misunderstanding, did not record their votes against the proposal, are entered on the minutes as objecting. According to the bye-laws of the Council, the matter cannot be reopened for six months. – Another correspondent calls attention to what he

describes as the strange ruling of the Chairman that the copy of the letter respecting the herbage rent of the Recreation Ground, written by the Chairman by direction of the Council to the Charity Commissioners, was the private property of the Chairman, and he asks whether it was proper that Mr. Day, who at the previous meeting had moved for the production of the copy of the letter, should not have been allowed to see it. The writer expresses the opinion that the letter should be placed with other Parish Council records attached to the reply of the Charity Commissioners.

BANK HOLIDAY. 5th Aug. 1910

There were many visitors to Swavesey this last week-end.

A CURIOUS LETTUCE. 5th Aug. 1910

At Boxworth End a lettuce has grown through the hole in the top of a bicycle bell.

ACCIDENT. 5th Aug. 1910

Mrs. Jackson, of Taylor's-lane has broken some of her ribs by falling from a chair. She is going on well.

CRICKET. 5th Aug. 1910

S. J. Froment has now succeeded in capturing 111 wickets this season at a cost of 598 runs, an average of 5.38 runs per wicket.

THE VICAR. 12th Aug. 1910

The Vicar of Swavesey returned from his holiday last week, and officiated in all the services at the parish church on Sunday.

A FAMILY GATHERING. 12th Aug. 1910

During the holiday a family gathering took place at the house of Mr. Alfred Prime in Taylor's-lane. Forty-one persons were present, all of whom were related and represented two generations only.

DEATH. 12th Aug. 1910

At the great age of 78 years Mrs. Elizabeth Covell, widow of the late Mr. Henry Covell, of Swavesey, passed away on Friday last at her cottage in Wallman's-lane. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Vicar officiating.

SYMPATHY. 12th Aug. 1910

We have received a letter from Mr. F. Parish, of 10, Langley Court, Covent-garden, London, sympathising with "my old friend, Mr. E. Prime, with regard to the removal of the cross from his wife's grave." Mr. Parish, who is a native of Swavesey, considers the occurrence extraordinary, and adds that if crosses are forbidden in the cemetery, the least the authorities can do is to make the fact plain to all and sundry, and so avoid such experiences as that of Mr. Prime's.

A SPILL. 12th Aug. 1910

Mr. Arthur Norman and his little boy were returning from Over last Friday evening in a light cart, and when approaching Swavesey Railway Station one of the linch-pins came out, and the cart dropped on its axle, the wheel spinning away into the ditch. Neither occupant was thrown out. Messrs. Wayman Bros., returning from work in a cart, rendered assistance, and the light cart was dragged to the roadside.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 12th Aug. 1910

About 3cwt. of excellent potatoes have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital from various allotment holders and cottagers of Swavesey, nearly all labouring men, each contributing a small quantity. The Secretary-Superintendent, in writing to Mr. H. G. Graves, who collected the potatoes, conveys the grateful thanks of the committee for the most acceptable and welcome gift, and adds that presents of fruit and vegetables not only materially assist the funds of the institution, but afford a pleasant change in the daily dietary of the patients.

WHO HAD THE MEAT? 12th Aug. 1910

A poor old widow woman at Boxworth End lost her weekly little bit of meat in a mysterious way last Friday. Some little distance from her cottage she met the butcher's lad, and told him to put the meat in an empty milk pan outside her back door, and cover it up with an inverted plate he would find there. So covered, it seemed impossible for any four-legged marauder to get at it. On her return she found no meat and the accompanying ticket had also disappeared: yet the butcher's boy says he placed the meat and ticket where and how directed, and there is no reason to doubt his statement. It is alleged that other articles of food, such as pieces of bacon, had previously been missed from the same receptacle.

A COMPLETE CURE. 12th Aug. 1910

A Swavesey farmer had a strange experience the other night. About 2.30 a.m. he was awakened by the noise of an evidently frightened hen in the yard below him. Thinking thieves of the two or four-legged variety were about, he promptly jumped out of bed. The noise got louder. He opened the window wide and looked out, but could see nothing. The hen demonstrated still more vigorously. Clothed only in his night-shirt and with slippers on wrong feet, he rushed down stairs into the yard. The first thing he saw was a white hen running from a coop. He examined the coop and detected a mysterious object in the corner which moved out. The farmer went in pursuit and to his surprise caught a hedgehog. The hen had been placed under the coop to cure it of a persistent disposition to sit; the fright given by the hedgehog effected a complete cure.

SWIMMING CLUB. 12th Aug. 1910

On Thursday evening, 4th inst., a meeting was held in the National schoolroom of those interested in the formation of a swimming club for Swavesey and district. Mr. H. S. Aldred presided. Rules were adopted and officers appointed. Mr. E. H. Thornhill, of Boxworth Manor, was elected President, and office he has accepted; Mr. Reuben Parish, secretary and treasurer; while Messrs. H. S. Aldred, R. Parish, C. Ellis, E. J. Mitham, R. Mitham, A. J. Willson and T. Harris form the committee. The club starts with 29 members and a good balance in hand after payment of expenses already incurred for cutting the weeds at the bathing place, repairing the diving board, etc. During the meeting it was suggested that volunteers should be asked for to assist, teach, and encourage young beginners, and it was decided to hold some races, the arrangements being left in the hands of the secretary. Notices posted in the village subsequently announced that the races would be brought off on Tuesday evening, but they fell through owing to lack of entries. It is hoped, however, that they will be arranged shortly, and that the young men and lads of the village will show a keener interest in swimming, a thorough knowledge of which should be acquired by everyone.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE GIFFORD. 12th Aug. 1910

Many people in Swavesey and district will remember Mr. George Gifford, who upwards of 30 years ago was for some years associated with Mr. W. H. Key, the well-known Swavesey baker, and will learn with sincere regret of his death under somewhat distressing circumstances at an hotel in Chicago.

CRICKET. 19th Aug. 1910

Last Saturday afternoon a cricket match was played at Swavesey between the second elevens of the Swavesey and Over clubs. The visitors were victorious.

GOOD TEMPLARS' EXCURSION. 19th Aug. 1910

Fifty-four persons left Swavesey Station for a day at Yarmouth by the Good Templars' excursion yesterday morning. They hailed from Swavesey, Over, and other villages. For a recent excursion, also to Yarmouth, no fewer than 78 persons were booked from Swavesey.

GOOD CHILDREN. 19th Aug. 1910

On Friday last, on the occasion of the breaking up for the harvest holidays, medals and bars, awarded by the County Education Committee for regular attendance, were presented to the undermentioned children attending Swavesey National School: Medals for one year's perfect attendance, Lawrence Poulter, Stanley Poulter, Ethel Culpin, and Mabel Taylor; bars for six years' full attendance, Arthur Beaumont and Clara Thorp; for three years, Ada Howlett; for two years, Richard Culpin and May Thorp.

A RUNAWAY. 19th Aug. 1910

At the conclusion of the sale of Miss Perry's household effects in Middle Watch, conducted by Mr. Cyril Watts, on Tuesday afternoon, a horse, belonging to Mr. Chas. Brown, of Elsworth, ran away, dragging a cart laden with furniture after it. The horse had been standing in the sale yard, and on its hempen halter being removed, got restive, reared, and bolted through several lots. Mrs. T. W. Carter's gateway was damaged, and several persons had very narrow escapes of being knocked down, but, fortunately, no one was injured. Mr. Joseph Stockbridge succeeded in stopping the runaway by turning it into the opening between Burnham Cottage and Mr. James Parsons' house in Boxworth End.

SCHOOL TREAT. 19th Aug. 1910

The annual treat to the children attending the Parish Church Sunday School was held on the 30th June, but owing to the inclement weather, the latter part of the entertainment had to be postponed. Thursday, 11th instant, fortunately a beautifully fine day, was chosen for the finish of the treat. The children assembled in the Vicarage grounds at 5 p.m., and played games on the lawns until half-past six, when an adjournment was made to the adjoining field. Here races of various kinds for boys and girls were run, and the youngsters enjoyed themselves in other ways. The Vicar, his daughters, Mr. W. H. Key, Mr. Beaumont, and, last but not least, Mr. John Gilby, did their utmost to

make everything go with a swing, and their efforts were attended with complete success, though some miniature balloons persistently refused to go heavenwards. Apples, kindly provided by Mr. Key, were scrambled for during the evening, and on leaving for home every child was made happy with a bag of sweets. Many parents and other parishioners and friends were present during the evening.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 19th Aug. 1910

The children attending Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday school were given their annual treat on Thursday 11th instant, in a meadow kindly lent by Mr. Jabez Day, one of the deacons. Fortunately the weather was ideal. Tea was provided for the scholars at 4.30 p.m. when about sixty youngsters did ample justice to the good things set before them. After the meal games were played. A tea followed at 5.30 p.m. for adults, 56 of whom were present. The excellent arrangements made for the amusement of children and adults during the evening were most thoroughly appreciated, and everything went off with zest. There were games of cricket, racing, swings, tugs-of-war, threadneedle race, needlework competition, egg and spoon race, and a skipping contest, which was keenly fought by the girls. At the close of the evening the scholars assembled outside the chapel schoolroom and sang two or three favourite hymns. Cheers were given for the many kind friends, to whom they were indebted for their entertainment. Packets of sweets were distributed, and then everyone went home. Much of the success of the evening was due to the untiring work of Mr. H. S. Aldred, the Sunday School Superintendent, who is always indefatigable where the interests of children are concerned.

PERSONAL. 26th Aug. 1910

On the 27th August, 1857, "Squire" John Dodson, a large Swavesey landowner, died. On the same day Mr. William Carter Cole, happily still alive, was born.

ILLNESS OF MR. A. WILLIAMS. 26th Aug. 1910

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mr. Alfred Williams, of High-street, Swavesey, is very seriously ill. He attended the Old Baptist Chapel as usual last Sunday morning, but early in the evening was stricken down with paralysis.

TRAIN IN HALVES. 26th Aug. 1910

As the excursion train from Hunstanton pulled up in Swavesey Station shortly after ten o'clock on Wednesday night, the coupling of one of the centre

coaches broke with a loud report. The coach was expeditiously shunted into a siding, and the train having been joined up the passengers transferred, proceeded on its homeward journey after a short delay.

“THE LADY WITH THE LAMP.” 26th Aug. 1910

The Vicar’s interesting sermon at the parish church on Sunday evening dealt entirely with the life and work of the late Miss Florence Nightingale, and of the lessons which may be learned from the example set by her. Two of Miss Nightingale’s favourite hymns were sung during the service.

OLD COTTAGE DEMOLISHED. 26th Aug. 1910

The ancient stud and plaster thatched cottage on the raised causeway at Church End, on the north side of the Swan Inn, is being pulled down. It is understood that an eight-roomed house will be erected in its place.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 26th Aug. 1910

The annual meeting of the members of the Swavesey United Football Club was held at the National School on Thursday evening, 18th instant, Mr. E. J. Mitham in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, officers were elected for the ensuing season, viz.: President, Hon. E. S. Montagu, M. P.; vice-presidents, Mr. G. Douglas Newton, Rev. A. C. Vidler, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. R. E. Bartley, J.B. Ellis (St. Ives), R. E. Long, A. Norman, R. Norman and Dr. Ellis. The above were appointed subject to their acceptance of the office. Captain, Mr. Harris, vice-captain, Mr. E. Clark; treasurer, Mr. C. Ellis; secretary, Mr. E. J. Mitham; committee, Messrs. P. Banyard, F. Beaumont, R. Mitham, jun., E. Prior and A. J. Willson.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 2nd Sept. 1910

Mr. G. D. Newton has sent a subscription of half a guinea to the funds of the Swavesey Football Club.

PERSONAL. 2nd Sept. 1910

According to the inscription on the Dodson vault in Swavesey Churchyard, Squire John Dodson died on the 11th August, 1857, aged 79 years, and not on the 27th of the same month, as stated last week. The memory of the ancient inhabitant played him false on this occasion.

NOT SO SERIOUS AS REPORTED. 2nd Sept. 1910

Mr. A. T. Scard, of Swavesey, when playing at Huntingdon on Wednesday week for the St. Ives Town Cricket Club against Huntingdon Town, had the

misfortune when bowling to have his thumb dislocated by a hard hit. Dr. R. Ellis, who was also playing, promptly attended to the injury, and Mr. Scard is going on well. An erroneous statement appeared in some local papers last week that the thumb was broken.

ACCIDENT. 2nd Sept. 1910

On Saturday morning last a serious accident happened to Christopher Day, youngest son on Mr. Alfred Day, farmer, which might have been attended by far more serious consequences. The lad was driving a horse drag in a field near Tippler's Drove, when the horse bolted and threw him from his seat. He fell against the teeth of the machine, and was dragged a short distance, when, providentially, the machine jolted and the teeth jumped, releasing him. The horse proceeded on its wild career, a wheel came off, and the shafts were smashed when the animal dashed through a gap in a hedge. It ran homewards, and was not stopped until it reached the gate of the farmyard. Young Day, when picked up, was in considerable pain. He was at once taken home, and Dr. Hearndon, of St. Ives, sent for. It is understood that in addition to shock and bruises, the lad's leg is injured.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED WILLIAMS. 2nd Sept. 1910

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alfred Williams, the well-known Swavesey grocer and draper, which occurred about 10 p.m. on Friday last, 26th ult. As announced last week, Mr. Williams attended his usual place of worship on the previous Sunday morning, but early on the evening of the same day was stricken down with paralysis. He was 73 years of age on the 14th ult. For the past two years he had been in failing health, but was able to attend to his business until the last few days of his life. Mr. Williams had been in business in Swavesey for half a century, first as a tailor, and subsequently as a grocer and draper. Twenty-eight years ago he took over the premises of Mr. Thomas Payne, and here he passed away. He was much respected and liked by friends and customers. A widow, three sons, and one daughter are left to mourn his loss. – The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, in Swavesey Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of sympathising friends and neighbours. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Strict Baptist Chapel, who officiated, in the course of an appreciative address spoke of the kindly character of their dead friend. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Williams (widow), Mr. G. D. Williams (son), Mrs. R. Sutton (daughter), Mr. H. H. Williams (son), Mr. R. Sutton (son-in-law); Mr. Herbert Williams (brother), Mrs. G. Day (sister), and Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. H. Williams, and Mrs. J. Parish, of Kettering (sisters-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried

out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, and the coffin was of unpolished oak.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 9th Sept. 1910

The Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., has sent a subscription of one sovereign to the Swavesey Football Club.

NEARLY A TRAGEDY. 9th Sept. 1910

A villager finding that birds were damaging the apples on a certain favourite tree tied the domestic cat to the bottom of the trunk. The line was so long that the freedom of pussy should be restricted as little as possible – too long, in fact, for she got up the tree and nearly hanged herself. She was, it is satisfactory to record, found, and cut down just in time to save her life. The apples now have to take their chance.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS. 9th Sept. 1910

“Pro Bono Publico,” writing from Swavesey, says: The Post Office authorities are to be heartily congratulated on their bold and comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the day mail service in this district, which came into effect on the 1st of this month. In any large change it is almost always inevitable that inconvenience may be caused to a few individuals, and this is the case in Swavesey. The earlier collection for the night mail despatch from the wall box in Middle Watch is possibly not appreciated by persons at that end of the village, but the inconvenience is surely more than compensated by the new collection from the box at 1.30 p.m. for the midday mail. By sending the midday mail to St. Ives by the 1.59 p.m. train instead of to Cambridge by the 12.21 train involves considerably later delivery in Cambridge and this is likely to lead to some inconvenience.

FIRE AT SWAVESEY. 16th Sept. 1910

On Wednesday afternoon, at about a quarter past two o'clock, Mr. E. J. Warboys, farmer and milk dealer, of Swavesey, and Mr. J. W. Wright, a visitor, were shooting on Mr. T Prior's land in Tippler's Drove, when they saw smoke rising from the direction of the Huntingdon-road. They at once proceeded to investigate. Their bicycles were close by, and on them they rode off towards Off Hand Farm, a lonely collection of buildings, etc., with no homestead, tenanted by Mr. Alfred Day.

On arriving they found smoke pouring out of the roof and sides of a building used as a stable, and on opening the door discovered a heap of straw and dry manure alight under the manger. They tried to trample out the fire, but their

efforts were unsuccessful. They then fetched armfuls of damp straw, which they further wetted in pools of water, and put them on the fire. They searched for buckets, but found nothing but a small trough, which they half filled with water from a large trough and threw on the burning heap, and in time they got the fire under. Mr. Wright then cycled off for Mr. Day, and soon returned with Mr. Day's son and a pail. More water was thrown on, and soon all danger was past.

An oak post supporting the manger was partly burned through, but beyond this no damage was done to the buildings. Had it not been that the fire was detected in its earliest stage, and for the promptitude and energy of Mr. Warboys and Mr. Wright, there is no doubt the buildings, with their contents, and a stack of straw from 30 acres would have been speedily burned to the ground. The buildings consisted of a stable, cart sheds, and barns, and formed three sides of a quadrangle, the stack occupying the fourth side. The origin of the fire is at present a matter of conjecture, but the police are making inquiries. A somewhat significant incident, which may or may not have some connection with the fire, occurred as Mr. Warboys and young Mr. Day were returning home. In a field a short distance away they came across two mushroom-pickers, believed to belong to Cambridge. When ordered off the land, the men were inclined to be obstructive and insolent, until Mr. Warboys made it plain that if necessary he would call the police.

COURT AT SWAVESEY. 16th Sept. 1910

On Tuesday Mr. Macklin continued his revision of the lists for West Cambridgeshire holding a court at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey.

DANGER FROM MUSHROOMERS. 23rd Sept. 1910

It is understood that the fire at Off Hand Farm, reported in our last issue, is held after inquiry not to have been due to incendiarism, but was in all probability caused by careless mushroomers, who had taken refuge in the stable from the rain. A heavy leaden pump was removed from the farm a few weeks ago.

SWIMMING CLUB. 23rd Sept. 1910

A correspondent asks whether the swimming club which was established in Swavesey early in August has already come to an untimely end. Swimming competitions were promised, he says, and even announced, but postponed at the last moment. He hopes Swavesey young men and lads are not afraid of cold water.

THE VILLAGE PHILOLOGIST. 23rd Sept. 1910

A Swavesey man, speaking the other day of the ignorance of certain people, told his audience of another man who had said, in reference to the bill of a forthcoming auction sale the date of which had not been fixed, that the word “preliminary” meant immediately. The superior man remarked that he had informed the ignoramus that he was mistaken and that the correct meaning of the word was “at any time.” He could, he added, show him the definition in a dictionary. A third party, who unknown had overheard the conversation, ventured to observe that both definitions were wrong, but he was promptly contradicted. A request for the production of the dictionary elicited the unwilling reply that the village philologist did not possess one.

PARISH MEETING. 23rd Sept. 1910

Under the presidency of Mr. Ebenezer Parish, Chairman of the Parish Council, a parish meeting was held at the National School on Wednesday evening. In connection with the minutes of the previous meeting in July, which was called specially to consider the desirability of opposing the scheme for a new system of water supply for the parish, the Chairman, who is also one of the Swavesey representatives on the Rural District Council, announced that the opposition to the scheme at the Local Government Board inquiry had been of no avail, and that the Board had granted the District Council the necessary powers for raising a loan to carry out the scheme. He added that he believed that notices inviting tenders for the work would be issued shortly. The only other business before the meeting on Wednesday was the question of authorising the necessary expenditure for lighting the street lamps during the coming winter, and on the proposal of Mr. A. Day, seconded by Mr. Jethro Linford, the Parish Council were granted the needed authority.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 23rd Sept. 1910

After the parish meeting a meeting of the Parish Council was held, at which were present Mr. E. Parish (chairman), Councillors W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). There were also several ratepayers in the room. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Clerk read an interesting and amusing correspondence between the Council and the Postmaster of Cambridge respecting the recent alterations in the postal service of the district, and the Councillors generally expressed their approval of the new and improved service. Mr. Daisley asked whether a separate banking account had been opened for the income derived from the Recreation Ground. The Clerk replied that it had not, and received instructions to attend to the

matter forthwith. The lamplighting question was then gone into, and the rest of a long and wearisome meeting enlivened now and again by scintillations of wit on the part of one or two Councillors, was spent discussing the terms of what the Chairman called the “specification” to be given to each would-be tenderer for the lighting contract. There was much difference of opinion as to the time at which the contractor should begin to light his lamps each evening, but it was eventually agreed that half the lamps should be alight at “lighting-up” time. Mr. A. Norman thought in regard to the proposal that the lighting and extinguishing should commence at Boxworth End one week and at Church End the next week, that it was desirable the lamps should not be put out near the station until after the arrival of the 10.14 p.m. train on Mondays and Saturdays. Mr. Day, on the other hand, thought that people entering the village from the other end ought also to be considered. He admitted that the station was nearer “the city”, but he reminded the Council that the “nobs” lived at Boxworth End. (Laughter) An animated discussion followed as to the meaning of the terms “lamp” and “cage” in the specification drawn up by the Clerk, and there was much difference of opinion, but at length that point was settled. Mr. Daisley insisted that the “specification should require the contractor to keep his lamp glasses clean, and Mr. Day pleaded that they should be sufficiently bright so that the Clerk should not have to write his letters in the dark – a subtle piece of wit which was much appreciated. At length the public notice inviting tenders and the specification were approved, and the Councillors proceeded to decide when they should meet again.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST INHABITANT. 23rd Sept. 1910

By the death on Saturday last at the great age of 90 years of Mrs. Mary Thorp, the oldest inhabitant of Swavesey has passed away. Mrs. Thorp was the widow of the late Mr. William Thorp, corn dealer and grocer, of Swavesey. He died 33 years ago. She was a native of the parish, and eldest sister of Mr. David Sutton, in whose house at Boxworth End she died after a long illness. On Tuesday afternoon she was laid to rest in the parish churchyard beside her husband and her only child, a daughter. The Vicar officiated. The following were the chief mourners: Mr. and Mrs. David Sutton (brother and sister-in-law), and Mrs. Ben Sutton (sister-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter Thorp, of Swavesey.

CART SMASHED AT SWAVESEY STATION DRIVER'S NARROW ESCAPE. 30th Sept. 1910

A man employed by Allen Brothers, Fenstanton, carting drain pipes, had a narrow escape about 8.30 on Saturday morning at Swavesey Station. He

appears, without knowledge of the railway officials, to have taken his horse and cart to the far side of the goods siding. He then found that his pipes were in another place, and returned between two lots of stationary trucks. At this moment an engine shunted some other trucks, which struck the stationary trucks, and the man was thrown out of the cart. Fortunately, the horse was already clear, and only the axle of the cart was broken. The man had a severe shaking, and hurt his hip. It is stated he was deaf; hence the mishap.

A COMPLAINT. 30th Sept. 1910

“A Swavesey Ratepayer” writes: “I think the people of Swavesey, especially those of us who have horses and cars on the roads, have reason to complain of the carelessness displayed by the men in charge of the traction engine and the three huge trucks which have recently been employed to convey granite from Swavesey Station for use on the County Council roads. On several occasions the main road through the village has been strewn with granite shaken from the trucks, and I have heard of at least one horse which has been injured thought stepping on a loose granite. Then again, the engine and its heavy train shakes our houses in an alarming way, and on occasion their speed through the centre of the village has appeared to have been greater than was consistent with safety. When they have come through late in the evening – once to my knowledge between 9.30 and 10 0p.m. – our babies and other early bed-goers have been roused from sleep and our domestic peace has been affected. People have been asking where is the advantage of steam over horse traction for such work.

A MISHAP. 30th Sept. 1910

Saturday last was a day of disaster to some of those working in connection with the new drainage. Early in the morning a man carting pipes from the railway station narrowly escaped death, or at least serious injury by being caught by trucks which were being shunted. At mid-day a horse and cart belonging to Mr. Prime Godfrey, laden with wood which had been used in the drainage operations, came to grief on Church Green. When approaching the gate the horse stumbled and fell, and in its endeavours to rise tumbled over into a ditch. The services of several men were needed to extricate it.

WEDDING. 30th Sept. 1910

A wedding of interest to Swavesey people was solemnised at the Church of St. Peter, Parkstone, Dorset, on Saturday last, when Miss Agnes Thorpe, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Thorp, of Swavesey, was married to Mr. Charles Gould, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gould, of “Cimella,” Pottery-road,

Parkstone. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. Gould, was charmingly attired in a dress of Saxe blue cashmere, trimmed with yoke and cream ticked net and lace insertions and silk to match. Her crinoline-brimmed hat of the same colour was lined with cream lace and trimmed with lace and silk to match the dress. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss R. Thorpe (sister) and Miss Gould (sister of the bridegroom), one of whom wore a dress of vieu rose and the other amethyst cashmere with insertion to match. Their hats were respectively of black crinoline, trimmed with vieu roses, tulle velvet, &c., and amethyst straw with silk trimming and flowers to match. The bride carried a spray bouquet of orchids, lilies, carnations, &c., and the bridesmaids wore sprays of pink and white sweet peas and carnations, the gifts of the bridegroom.

GARDEN FETE. 30th Sept. 1910

In aid of the Parish Church Expenses and Choir Funds a garden fete was held in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage on Thursday 22nd inst. Fortunately the weather was fine, and the fete, financially and otherwise, was a great success. The gross proceeds amounted to upward of £22, and after payment of all expenses a substantial sum will remain. The jumble stall, in the capable hands of Mrs. Gilby, Mrs. Cooksey and the Misses Vidler, did excellent business. Miss Cole, Miss Bartley and Miss Wilkinson's flower and lollipop stall was cleared out. The refreshment tent, superintended by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Wells, assisted by other ladies, was well patronised. Miss Grace Dodson looked after the bran tubs, while Mrs. W. Kester, Miss F. Daisley and Miss E. Garner annexed coppers innumerable by means of cake-guessing competitions. Mr. William Thorp had charge of the quoit ground, his patrons being mainly clerical, and Mr. Walter Thorp was kept busily engaged at a shooting gallery. Potato races proved a great attraction to visitors of both sexes and all ages. An open-air concert, under the management of Mr. G. H. Skeeles, the organist at the parish church, was a great attraction. As darkness descended the grounds were effectively illuminated with Chinese lanterns by Mr. James of St. Ives. During the evening there was dancing on the lawn. The success of the fete was largely due to the preliminary work of the ladies, and of Messrs. J. Gilby and William Thorpe. The weather, too, being exceptionally favourable, tempted many visitors to be present. Mr. Robinson Mitham, as usual, rendered yeomen service by erecting stalls, &c.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th Sept. 1910

On Monday evening the Parish Council met at the National School to make final arrangements for lighting the street lamps during the winter. There were

present: Messrs. E. Parish (chairman), W. Twist (vice-chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, A Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, J. W. Parish, and the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). After the minutes had been read, Mr. Daisley raised several questions thereon. The Chairman then proceeded to open the tenders for lighting the lamps. There were two tenders, both from the same applicant, Mr. George Clarke, viz.: No. 1, for £25, based strictly on the Council's specification, and No. 2 for £23 10s., on the basis that the contractor would be allowed to extinguish the lamps before the stated time (10 p.m.) when the moon was shining. Eventually on the proposal of Mr. Daisley, seconded by Mr. Twist, tender No. 1 for £25 was accepted nem. con. A suggestion from Mr. Linford that the lamps should not be lighted on the night of the full moon and on the seven nights previously was adopted in lieu of the old plan of six nights before and one after full moon. – Mr Twist reported as to the condition of the lamps and fittings. He had found 20 sound glasses or chimneys and 17 broken; 20 of the outer glass cases were in a fair condition, 18 were in a bad state, some practically beyond repair. He had not had time to inspect all the posts, but some of these he had seen needed attention. Mr. Twist remarked that he had intended to continue his tour of inspection on the previous (Sunday) afternoon, but that he had gone to Over Feast and Church instead. – Mr. Day's sense of propriety was shocked, and he suggested that Mr. Twist should be fined for even contemplating work on a Sunday. – in the result the Lighting Sub-Committee was given full powers to have all the necessary repairs, &c., attended to and worn-out articles replaced, and it was decided that as many lamps as were fit should be lighted on Sunday next, 2nd ult. – Mr. Day gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that gravel be placed in front of each of the village ponds.

STRAWBERRIES. 7th Oct. 1910

Mr. W. Burton, fruit-grower, of Swavesey, has within the last few days gathered strawberries in his gardens in the Hale.

GALE. 7th Oct. 1910

The front wall of an old cottage on the raised Causeway at Church End, which was in the process of demolition, was blown down during the gale early last Monday morning.

ROUGH ON RATS. 7th Oct. 1910

During threshing operations on Mr. James Wells' premises at Church End last week Mr. W. Thurbon's fox terrier killed about 50 rats in an hour and a half. Later in the day the animal disposed of another score from the same stack.

HEARTS OF OAK. 7th Oct. 1910

The half-yearly meeting of the Swavesey and District Hearts of Oak Medical Agency was held at the White Horse Inn on Thursday, 29th ult., Mr. W. F. Gleaves presiding. The accounts for the past six months were submitted by the secretary, and were found satisfactory.

ACCIDENT. 7th Oct. 1910

Mr. S. Voss, gardener at Swavesey Manor, when gathering apples on Wednesday afternoon, had the misfortune to fall from a considerable height. Mr. Thurbon and two assistants, who were in an orchard close by, heard the noise of breaking branches, and ran at once to the spot. Mr. Voss, an elderly man, was lying on the ground, and they conveyed him into the Manor House, of which he is temporarily in charge. Medical aid was subsequently called in. Fortunately no bones were broken, but Mr. Voss is suffering from shock, etc., and is confined to his bed.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 7th Oct. 1910

The harvest festival was held at Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday last, the Rev. H. Lancaster, the circuit minister, preaching at both services. On Monday evening there was a public tea in the chapel followed by a concert given by the St. Ives Primitive Methodist Choir. Mr. C. Richardson of Over, presided, and Mr. Lancaster gave an address. The chapel was full. After the concert the contributions of fruit and vegetables were sold, and realised, with the collections at the Sunday services and at the concert, the sum of £2 4s. 9d., a substantial addition to the chapel funds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 7th Oct. 1910

The parish church of St. Andrew was bright with flowers, corn, and greenery on Wednesday, on the occasion of the harvest festival. Fruit and vegetables, the finest products of the village gardens and allotments, were placed around the bases of the pillars at the western end of the church. The festival opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at an early hour, but the popular service was Evensong at 7 p.m., when a good congregation attended. The choir sang with vigour, and were well supported by the people. The Vicar said the service. The festival services will be continued on Sunday next at the parish church, and in the afternoon there will be a children's flower service at the Mission Church, Boxworth End. The children's offerings will be sent to St. Ives Infirmary, but the contributions of fruit, vegetables, etc., at the parish church will go to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

(Long report)

A CATASTROPHE. 14th Oct. 1910

Between seven and eight on Tuesday morning a horse being brought out of Mr. Z. Parish's yard in High-street came in collision with the iron fence in front of Mr. G. W. S. Hills' house just opposite. The animal's halter got entangled in the iron work, and half of the railings, the gate and some of the brickwork were pulled down, and the rest of the fence loosened.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 14th Oct. 1910

The annual meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association took place at the National School on Thursday, 6th inst., Mr. W. C. Cole presiding. The secretary read the annual report which detailed the work of the association during the past twelve months, and the treasurer submitted the year's accounts, which showed a substantial balance in hand. Mr. Cole was elected president in the room of Capt. E. W. Morrison-Bell. The other officers and committee remain practically the same as last year.

COMPLAINTS. 14th Oct. 1910

A correspondent writes under date of the 12th inst. There was much comment last evening amongst the audience at Mr. Douglas Newton's meeting in the school respecting the street lamps. It was a pitch dark, wet and stormy night, yet not one lamp was alight. I presume this was owing to the regulation that the lamps should not be lighted on the seven nights before full moon, but surely no rule is without exception, and last night ought to have been regarded as an exception.

When Mr. Montagu visits the village it is to be hoped the parish council will see that the streets are not in utter darkness. – Another correspondent calls attention to the hedge on the Huntingdon-road at the corner of Swavesey-road. It is, he says, so high that vehicles proceeding from Swavesey cannot see motor cars passing along the high road, and is therefore a serious source of danger.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 14th Oct. 1910

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were continued at the parish church on Sunday last. The Vicar preached both in the morning and evening. In the afternoon there was a children's flower service at the mission church, Boxworth End, and the youngsters' offerings of flowers, fruit &c., have been sent to St. Ives Infirmary. The fruit and vegetables at the parish church have, as usual, been forwarded to Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the

offertories on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, and on Sunday morning, amounting to upwards of £6, have been allotted.

STRAWBERRIES. 14th Oct.

Mrs. W. Prior, of High-street, on Saturday last gathered large ripe strawberries in her husband's allotment in the Hale.

STOCK CLUB. 14th Oct. 1910

The annual tea of the Swavesey Stock Club was held at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday, Oct. 5th. The landlord provided a substantial meal, to which full justice was done. A social evening followed, and Mr. Prime Godfrey's gramophone contributed not a little to the general enjoyment.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. 14th Oct. 1910

Notwithstanding the heavy rain and exceptionally dark and unpleasant night, the large room of Swavesey National School was well filled on Tuesday evening with an interested audience, which included many Liberals, on the occasion of a public meeting in support of Mr. Douglas Newton, the prospective Conservative and Unionist candidate for West. Cambs.

STREET LAMPS. 21st Oct. 1910

When the street lamps were first brought into use this season only 18 out of the 38 lamps could be lighted, the remaining 20 being out of repair. This week the contractor, Mr. George Clarke, has been able to put up and light 19 more.

A CURIOUS FIND. 21st Oct. 1910

In the decayed trunk of an old apple tree recently blown down in a close at the back of Mr. Walter Thorp's house at Boxworth End, a bird's nest with one egg was found. Surrounding the nest were tunnels containing the thimble-shaped cells of the leaf-cutting bee. The bird's entrance to the nest was a small hole in the trunk about four feet from the ground, while the bee entered by a much smaller hole somewhat lower down.

THE NEW SCHOOLMASTER. 21st Oct. 1910

At a meeting of School Managers, held on Monday last, five selected candidates for the head mastership of Swavesey National School were interviewed and we understand that Mr. Charles Wood, senior assistant master at Ripley School, Derbyshire, was unanimously chosen by the managers for recommendation to the County Education Committee. The vacancy in the

headmastership is caused by the retirement of Mr. Henry Beaumont, which takes place at Christmas, after a continued service of 42 years.

A FIRE. 21st Oct. 1910

When Mr. Sidney Carrier, a plate-layer, was proceeding to his work about six o'clock on Saturday morning he observed smoke arising from behind the stables at the back of the Vicarage. Thinking something was amiss, and hearing the sound of falling glass, he at once went to the spot and found a wood and corrugated iron building, used as a potting house, and containing two stoves for heating greenhouses, on fire. He immediately called Mr. James Bridgeford, who was near by, to his assistance, and roused the inmates of the Vicarage. The fire was quickly extinguished with pails of water, but not before the wooden framework, bench, shelves, cupboard and also tools belonging to the Vicar and his gardener, Mr. Charles Froment, had been destroyed. It is believed the fire was caused by the overheating of one of the stoves which Mr. Froment had lighted the previous night, and which had not been in use for four or five years. When Mr. Froment left the building between 8 and 9 p.m. on Friday all appeared to be safe.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 21st Oct. 1910

On Thursday evening, 13th inst., a harvest thanksgiving service was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel. In the afternoon there was a public tea in the chapel schoolroom, at which upwards of 60 sat down. The "trays" were given and presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. Arthur Norman, Mrs. Wimpres, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Miss Starte, and Miss Brand. Service followed in the spacious chapel, when the Rev. J. Parr, of Fenstanton, was the preacher. The chapel was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Arthur Norman, Mrs. W. Daisley and Mrs. W. Thurbon. The collection, which amounted to £4, was in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the contributions of fruit, vegetables, etc., have also been sent.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 21st Oct. 1910

It is with regret that we record the death of another aged inhabitant of Swavesey. On Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., Mrs. Rebecca Prior, widow of the late Mr. James Prior, passed away at the great age of eighty years. Mrs. Prior, who was greatly respected in the village, had been in feeble health for some time, but was not taken seriously ill until the 29th July last, her 80th birthday. She was a great reader, but notwithstanding her many years never wore glasses. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Prior (son),

Mrs. J. Day (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. S. Prior (sons and daughters-in-law) and Mr. A. Froment (son-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham of Swavesey. In his sermon on Sunday morning the Vicar made a sympathetic reference to the death of his aged parishioner. It may be of interest to mention that within the last twelve months there have been nine deaths in the Prior family.

FOOTBALL: SWAVESEY v. FENSTANTON. 28th Oct. 1910

An uninteresting game ended in a no score draw.

YOUNG HELPERS' LEAGUE. 28th Oct. 1910

An interesting lecture on the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes was given before a crowded audience at the National School on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Sharland, of Bedford. The lecture was admirably illustrated by lantern views showing the various buildings of the Homes, the inmates at work, etc. The Vicar of Swavesey presided. The lecture marked the inauguration of the Swavesey branch of the Young Helpers' League, and in course of the evening Mrs. Sharland congratulated the local secretary, Miss Bartley, on her success in enlisting such a large number of members. A collection was made on behalf of the Homes.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. 28th Oct. 1910

The annual meeting of the Temperance Society connected with Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on Thursday, 20th inst., under the presidency of the Rev. W. H. Stevens. The year's accounts were duly passed, the Temperance Society showing a balance in hand of 7s. 11½d., and the Band of Hope of £1 1s. 7½d. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. H. Stevens; treasurer, Mr. Alfred Day, jun.; secretary, Miss Miriam Norman. A "public social" is being arranged by the Society, to be held on Thursday next, 3rd November, in Bethel Schoolroom. Admission will be by ticket (one penny each), and a collection will be made during the evening on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the total proceeds of the entertainment, without any deduction for expenses, will be sent. Last year the Society forwarded, as the result of a similar effort, £1 6s. 6d.

SAD NEWS FROM AFRICA. 28th Oct. 1910

Last Saturday morning the Vicar of Swavesey received a cablegram from the Rector of Queenstown, Cape Colony, announcing the death of Mr. Alfred Thorp, and asking that the sad news might be broken to Mr. Thorp's aged mother. No particulars were given, and as no previous intimation of illness had

reached his relations, the news came as a great shock. Mr. Thorp, who was 32 years of age, and unmarried, was the youngest son of the late Mr. Ben Thorp, once well known as a cycle rider and skater. He left England for South Africa about nine years ago, and for three years worked for Messrs. Tiffin and Sons, general merchants, Queenstown, taking charge of their cycle and gun department. On the death of a member of the firm, Mr. Thorp acquired the cycle and gun business, and was very successful. In the spring of 1907 he came home on a visit of some months, and was contemplating a similar holiday next year. He was deservedly popular wherever he went. He was a Freemason. Great sympathy is felt for his sorrowing family, especially for his widowed mother, which is intensified by the fact that an older brother met his death in tragic circumstances by drowning some years ago.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS PAYNE. 28th Oct. 1910

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Thomas Payne, who passed peacefully and painlessly away on Monday afternoon, at the great age of 88 years, at his residence in Swavesey. Though in feeble health for some time, and practically confined to his room for the last two years, he had only been seriously ill for ten days. Mr. Payne was a native of Huntingdon. After serving his apprenticeship as a grocer with the firm of Messrs. Nix and Wasdell, St. Ives, and working in London, he opened upwards of sixty years ago a grocery and drapery business in High-street, Swavesey, occupying premises at the corner of Wallman's-lane on the site of the late Post Office. After some years of successful trading he bought some old cottages at the opposite corner of the lane, and erected a house and more commodious shop, and here he built up a good business from which he retired 34 years ago. The business is still in existence, the present proprietor being Mr. H. H. Williams. When in his prime, Mr. Payne took a keen interest in all parochial matters, was a Guardian of the Poor for several years, and held other offices. He married as a young man Miss Beresford, of Huntingdon, and was left a widower about a quarter of a century ago.

WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 28th Oct. 1910

A marriage of great interest in Swavesey was solemnised in the parish church of St. Andrew on Tuesday morning, when Mr. Herbert Hugh Berryman, son of the late Mr. W. F. Berryman, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, led to the altar Miss Clara Jane Williams, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Swavesey. The Vicar, Rev. A. C. Vidler, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of primrose Japanese silk, tastefully trimmed with embroidered silk net and trimming, and she wore a

tulle veil edged with pearl silk braid and orange blossoms. Accompanying her were three bridesmaids, Miss Agnes A. Williams (sister), Miss Madge Berryman (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Elsie Day (cousin of the bride). The two former wore dresses of vieux rose, trimmed with Pon's net, and black picture hats, and the latter a gown of cream nun's veiling, prettily trimmed with hat to match. Mr. Frank Williams, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman left Swavesey for Cambridge, en route for Plymouth. Her travelling dress was a tailor-made costume of grey tweed, with hat to match.
(full list of presents in newspaper)

NEW SCHOOLMASTER. 4th Nov. 1910

The appointment of Mr. Charles Wood, of Ripley, Derbyshire, to the headmastership of Swavesey National School has been confirmed by the County Education Committee.

A COLLISION. 4th Nov. 1910

A man selling bloaters, and a butcher's boy, the latter on a bicycle, came into collision last Thursday morning in High-street. Man, boy and cycle fell sprawling on the road, the bloaters went flying, and the fishmonger's trousers were torn.

A DANGEROUS SPOT. 4th Nov. 1910

A correspondent calls attention to a hole of some size near the public lamp in the middle of Market-street. It is, he says, dangerous, and he fears the parish lamplighter may have an awkward fall one of these dark nights. The writer wants to know why the hole could not have been filled up with some of the surplus soil from the new drain which has recently been removed from the street.

FUNERAL OF MR. THOMAS PAYNE. 4th Oct. 1910

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Payne, whose death at the great age of 88 years was announced last week, took place in the parish churchyard on Thursday afternoon, October 26th, and in addition to the mourners was attended by many friends. The Vicar of Swavesey (the Rev. A. C. Vidler) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. H. Clayton, of Huntingdon (nephew), Mrs. Stevens (niece) and Mr. J. F. Clayton (nephew). The coffin was of polished oak, with brass furniture. Mr. Robinson Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

DEATH OF A RETIRED SCHOOLMISTRESS. 4th Oct. 1910

After a painful illness of many years, borne with exemplary resignation, Miss Elizabeth Jane Martin passed away at the residence of her father, early on the morning of October 24th, at the age of 59 years. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. William Martin, once of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, but latterly residing in Swavesey. For twenty-eight years she was a certificated schoolmistress, and served in schools in different parts of the country. Ten years ago she had to give up work owing to acute rheumatism from which she suffered without intermission to the end of her life. She was buried last Friday afternoon in Swavesey churchyard, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. Martin (father), Mr. B. Martin, of Bromsgrove, and Mr. W. Martin, of Lincoln (brothers), Mrs. C. Smith and Miss C. Martin (sisters), Mr. C. Smith (brother-in-law), Mr. C. Martin (nephew) and Miss C. Smith (niece). Mr. Robinson Mitham was the undertaker.

WEIGHING A GOOSE. 11th Nov. 1910

A man, the other day, took a goose to be weighed, and weighed it was with all due pomp and circumstance. The weigher declared the result to be 10 lbs. all but two "taters," two cartridges and a shut-knife.

HELPING THE HOSPITAL. 11th Nov. 1910

On being opened at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday, the collecting box at the Rising Sun Inn, High-street, Swavesey, was found to contain £1 2s. 9d. This sum has been raised since the 21st July last, on which date a previous box realised £1 1s. 3d.

B.W.T.A. 11th Nov. 1910

A public meeting in connection with the Swavesey Branch of the British Women's Temperance Society was held in the Bethel Chapel on Monday evening, under the genial presidency of Dr. R. Watts White, of St. Ives. Miss Gautrey, of Chatteris, was the special speaker.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Nov. 1910

The preacher at evensong at the parish church on Sunday next will be the Rev. Anderson W. Wells, curate of Blaydon-on-Tyne. Mr. Wells, who was ordained deacon in September last by the Bishop of Durham, is a native of Swavesey, being a son of Mr. James Wells, one of the churchwardens.

A BEQUEST. 11th Nov. 1910

We are informed that the late Mr. Thomas Payne has bequeathed a field of about four acres situated near the Mow Fen Railway Crossing, for the benefit of Swavesey Parish Church, and for the continuance of his new year's gifts to needy widows and widowers in the village.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. 11th Nov. 1910

On the evening of Thursday, 3rd instant, a social evening, open to the public, was held, under the auspices of Bethel Temperance Society, in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Chapel. The Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor, presided. An interesting and varied programme of solos, choruses, recitations, impromptu speeches, etc., was arranged by the secretary, Miss Marion Norman, and was successfully carried out by the members of the society, assisted by friends. Notwithstanding the wet night, the attendance was good, about 100 persons being present. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The proceeds of the entertainment, which amounted to £1 5s. 3d., have been sent by the treasurer, Mr. Alfred Day, jun., to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Before the gathering separated hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the organisers and performers.

AN IMPROVEMENT. 18th Nov. 1910

The overhanging branches of the trees on the western side of the high road between the church and the railway station have been lopped by direction of the vicar, and a great improvement effected thereby.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 18th Nov. 1910

The Swavesey Men's and Women's Liberal Associations jointly held their annual tea on Monday evening at the Friends' Meeting House, under the presidency of Mr. Ebenezer Parish. After tea there was a meeting, at which Mr. Parish, Mr. J. Evison (Fen Drayton), the Rev. W. H. Stevens (pastor of Swavesey Bethel Chapel) and Mr. C. W. Hines (Over) spoke. Mr. Hines' address was interrupted by the news of a fire having broken out on the chairman's premises, and the meeting was brought to an abrupt conclusion.

THE LATE MR. ALFRED THORP. 18th Nov. 1910

From newspapers and letters received by the last Cape Mail which have been kindly placed at our disposal, we are able to furnish some particulars of the death and funeral of the late Mr. Alfred Thorp, at Queenstown, Cape Colony. The cause of death appears to have been blood poisoning, the result of an apparently slight injury to his leg. "The Queenstown Daily Representative" of the 21st October states: - "Mr. Alfred Thorp, cycle dealer, after a few weeks'

illness, passed away at the Frontier Hospital at 8.15 this morning at the age of 31. Mr. Thorp, who was unmarried, was one of Queenstown's most popular young men. He was a keen sportsman, and first became known to the Queenstown public as a fine cyclist, carrying off many prizes at our local sports meetings. He was an enthusiastic member of the Queenstown Amateur Athletic Union. Golf also claimed him as an ardent adherent. As a Mason, Mr. Thorp was perhaps best known. He belonged to the St. Andrew's Lodge, of which he was a Past Master. He was P.Z. of the Royal Arch of Queenstown, and held the highest offices Queenstown could bestow on him. He also belonged to the Society of Oddfellows. In the same journal's issue of Monday, 24th October, a report of the funeral on the previous day appears. "The funeral was of a most impressive character. Representatives of St. Andrew's Lodge, Star in the East Lodge and the Independent Order of Oddfellows, all in regalia, took position in front of the procession. The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. E. F. Amyas Hext, the rector." At the conclusion of the regular service the Masonic burial service was read, and the hymn "Abide with me" sung, and this was followed by a short service by the Oddfellows.

(Long report)

FIRE AT SWAVESEY.

THATCHED STOREHOUSE IN FLAMES.

ROASTED APPLES AND POTATOES. 18th Nov. 1910

The annual tea and meeting at the Friends' Meeting House of the Swavesey Men's and Women's Liberal Association on Monday night was brought to an abrupt conclusion long before the appointed time by the alarming intelligence that a fire had broken out in the village. At first the chairman, Mr. Ebenezer Parish, thought a hoax was being perpetrated, and begged the audience to keep their seats, but another messenger broke into the room with the news that the fire was on Mr. Parish's own premises in Middle Watch. The audience hurried away and soon found that the news was only too true.

About 8.15 p.m. Mr. Edward Clark, wheelwright, Middle Watch, observed smoke issuing from an old two-storeyed thatched stud and plaster building, with brick gable ends, used by Mr. Parish mainly as a store house. He hurried to the scene and was joined immediately by Mr. P. Walker, an assistant at Mr. Aldred's grocery and drapery establishment, just opposite, who had also noticed that something was wrong. On the southern side of the burning building was Mr. Parish's residence, "Ashlea," a new building, and glasshouses, used by his son, Mr. Reuben Parish, F.R.H.S. On the northern and eastern sides were other barns and buildings belonging to another farm.

Here was material for a very serious conflagration, but, fortunately, the night was still.

A lower room was full of smoke and flames. Mr. Clark set to work to remove milk cans and other contents, while Mr. Walker hastened to raise an alarm. Ashlea was tenantless, everyone having gone to the meeting. Police-constable Plowman, patrolling the village, was met by Mr. Walker some two or three hundred yards away, and he hastened up. He found the interior of the eastern half of the building on fire from floor to ridge pole, and the flames just struggling through the thatch. Villagers ran up from all sides and willing helpers were innumerable. Neighbours brought buckets, and water was thrown on, but with little or no effect. Fortunately, a pond full of water was close handy. Cattle, stock and poultry were removed to places of safety.

At 8.45 the parish fire engine, under the command of Mr. Stephen Challis, captain, arrived and with great promptitude got into action. Notwithstanding its great age – it is nearly 100 years old – it threw water with telling effect, but as fast as flames were subdued in one place they broke out in another. The thatch was smouldering from the inside. Seeing that water was of little avail, more drastic measures had to be resorted to. Fire hooks hauled down the thatch, and men, regardless of danger, climbed up ladders, and scaled the roof, and with forks and hands tore off the heated reed and straw. Everyone worked with a will. As midnight approached, the fire was well in hand, and at 1 a.m. was completely got under. The engine and ten men, however, remained in attendance all night in case of a fresh outbreak.

The origin of the fire cannot at present be explained. It started undoubtedly in the interior, but it is stated that there had been no fire alight in the building for some months, and that no one had had any occasion to use light there during Monday evening. In the upper rooms were stored between 20 and 30 bushels of apples, also potatoes, onions, etc., two bicycles and various other things. The apples, some more or less roasted, were found very acceptable about midnight by the weary and thirsty workers. A glasshouse adjoining was slightly damaged by fire and water. In addition to P.C. Plowman, Sergt. Day (Longstanton) and P.C. Richardson (Boxworth) were on duty. There was one slight accident. Mr. Ernest Prior, when pumping the engine, had the misfortune to smash a finger. The premises were insured with the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.

INSURE in the Northern Assurance Company, established 1836. Accumulated Funds £6,782,000. Head Office: 1, Moorgate-street, E.C. Local Agent: H. WILLIAMSON BROWN, Insurance Agent, 15, Lyndewode-road, Cambridge.

CRICKET CLUB. 2nd Dec. 1910

A meeting of the members of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Thursday in last week, Mr. T. Harris, captain, presiding. The annual accounts, which showed a small balance in hand, were submitted and passed.

FLAG ON CHURCH TOWER. 2nd Dec. 1910

The new St. George's flag, recently presented by some of the members of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, was hoisted for the first time on Wednesday, St. Andrew's Day, on the tower of the parish church. The flagstaff has been repainted and refixed at the expense of the same body of subscribers.

CONCERT. 2nd Dec. 1910

A very successful smoking concert was held by the Conservative Club, Swavesey, in the large club room of the White Horse Inn, on Tuesday evening. There was a good company, and Dr. Ellis was in the chair. In the course of a very pleasant evening a number of songs were given by members of the club, all of which were highly appreciated. Dr. Ellis gave an address on current political questions, and his arguments were listened to with deep attention. A gramophone was kindly lent by Mr. Slater, and the selections upon it were a most enjoyable feature of the evening. A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Ellis for his address, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save the King" and cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Newton.

FALL OF A CEILING. 9th Dec. 1910

After the crowded audience had left the National School at the conclusion of Mr. Douglas Newton's meeting on Monday night, a portion of the ceiling fell. There were several persons in the room at the time, but fortunately none was injured. Had the mishap occurred during the meeting, the consequences might have been serious, as the room was packed.

INCIDENTS OF THE FLOODS. 9th Dec. 1910

All the low-lying land around Swavesey is under water. On Saturday last the occupants of Freesland Farm had to move into the village, and on Sunday and Monday the tenants of cottages at Turn Bridge had to find other quarters. At the Swan Pond the roadway is completely submerged, and foot passengers have to use the raised causeway, the gate openings in which are spanned by temporary bridges. Water is across the high road from the Station to Over, near Mere Fen. On Tuesday a motor-car belonging to Mr. C. Kidd got stranded in this water, and had to be dragged out by Mr. Mailer's horses,

which happened to be in the Station yard. The railway line between Swavesey and St. Ives has been carefully watched by gangs of men armed with flags. – On Wednesday morning, Mr. J. Barnett, dealer, of Fenstanton, when crossing the water by the Swan Pond with a horse and cart, came to grief. One wheel sank deeply into the recently filled-in trench of the new drain, and remained embedded for some time, until Mr. Godfrey, with a horse and cart, and a number of men came to the rescue. Previously a cow had sunk in the soft soil near the same place, and was with great difficulty dragged out.

BRIDGE BROKEN. 16th Dec. 1910

Owing probably to heavy traffic the crown of Turn Bridge at the southern end of High-street fell in on Wednesday.

FLOODS. 16th Dec. 1910

The heavy rains have caused the flood waters, which were subsiding, to rise again, and disturbed householders who were hoping to be able to return to their own residences to have to remain in their temporary quarters.

FOOTBALL. 23rd Dec. 1910

Owing to the late arrival of visitors play in the football match between Swavesey United and Girton on Saturday had to be abandoned in consequence of failing light during the second half. The score then stood: Girton 1, Swavesey nil. The match will be replayed.

THE FLOODS. 23rd Dec. 1910

Writing on Thursday morning our Swavesey correspondent reports that the floods are subsiding very slowly, and that hundreds of acres are likely to remain under water for some time. The high road by the Swan pond is clear, but the other side is blocked. It has not been possible to repair the Turn Bridge in High-street, the crown of which fell in, and the place has had to be watched night and day.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 23rd Dec. 1910

The annual dinner of the White Horse Share-out Club took place on Thursday last week. Dr. Ellis presided over a large attendance of members. An excellent spread was provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slater, and was much appreciated. After the tables had been cleared the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. Songs were contributed by Miss Wilkinson, Messrs. H. Sanderson and L. Williams, and Mr. Slater gave

numerous gramophone selections. The meeting for sharing out was held on Wednesday, each member's share amounting to £1 5s. 5d. – The George and Dragon Share-out Club at the Little Rose Inn distributed its funds on Wednesday night, and each member received 24s 6d. The annual dinner was held last night (Thursday).

A NEGLECTED CAUSEWAY. 23rd Dec. 1910

A correspondent writes asking when the authorities are going to leave off talking and set to work to repair the raised causeway by the Swan Pond. Twice recently, he says, the flood waters have been lapping this causeway, and stones already loosened are fast falling out. That the causeway is of paramount importance the recent floods have shown for without it no pedestrian could have gone to church or to the railway station. Not long ago the cost of repairs would have been trifling, but now he fears a heavy bill will be incurred. The writer also calls attention to the absence of lights at the temporary bridges. Until the last year or so a watchman was on duty at night, and lanterns were hung on each bridge, the County Council being responsible for the cost. This year there have been no lights and no watchman, and there have been several narrow escapes from falling into the water.

CRICKET CLUB. 30th Dec. 1910

Mr. A. T. Scard has received the bat presented by the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., for the best batting average during last season. His average was 16, Mr. S. J. Froment running him close with an average of 15.85.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 30th Dec. 1910

The members of the George and Dragon Share-out Club held their annual supper at the Little Rose on Thursday evening, 22nd instant. There was a good attendance, and full justice was done to the excellent and ample repast provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke. After the tables had been cleared the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment. Songs innumerable were sung, and at "closing time" everyone went home thoroughly satisfied. The first meeting of the 1911 club will be held on Friday, January 6th.

CHRISTMAS TREE. 30th Dec. 1910

On Tuesday afternoon the children attending the Parish Church Sunday School were given a tea in the National School. About 70 youngsters sat down, their wants being attended to by the Vicar, his daughters, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Levell, the Misses Beaumont, A. Caine, F. Daisley, Dodson, L. and P.

Mitham, Messrs. H. Beaumont, J. Gilby, and G.H. Skeeles. After tea games were played, and then came the great event of the evening, the Christmas tree, splendidly decorated, brilliantly lighted, and heavily laden with gifts, one of which was handed to every child by Mr. Gilby, attired in the traditional flowing robes and snowy hair of Father Christmas. He also presented an orange and a bag of sweets to each child. The school was effectively decorated with flags and evergreens.

MR. BEAUMONT'S RETIREMENT. 30th Dec. 1910

After an unbroken service of 42 years as headmaster of Swavesey National School Mr. Henry Beaumont has retired on a well-earned pension, and on Thursday afternoon, 22nd instant, bade farewell to the scholars. The Vicar, who was present, spoke to the children in feeling and eulogistic terms of Mr. Beaumont's long and honourable career, his high character, and of the good example had had in so many ways set the village. On behalf of the present scholars, he asked Mr. Beaumont's acceptance of a brass inkstand and a bi-lateral letter balance as a remembrance. Mr. Beaumont suitably acknowledged the gift, and presented each child with a card and an orange. Amidst cheers and singing the school then broke up for the Christmas holiday, and will re-assemble under the new headmaster, Mr. Charles Wood, on Tuesday, 3rd January.

CHRISTMAS DAY. 30th Dec. 1910

Early on Christmas morning the new flag floated bravely from the church tower, the bells rang merrily, and the sacred building was bright with its festal decorations of flowers, holly and evergreens. Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m., the last service being rendered to Merbecke's music. Matins was at 10.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. This service was particularly bright and hearty. The collection was in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

SEASONAL GIFTS. 6th Jan. 1911

Captain J. D. Daintree, R. N., kindly presented £5 for distribution during the Christmas season amongst widows and needy persons on his Swavesey estate.

NEW SCHOOLMASTER. 6th Jan. 1911

On Tuesday morning the National School was reopened after the Christmas holidays, and the new headmaster, Mr. Charles Wood, was introduced by the Vicar. All the managers were present, as also was Mr. H. Beaumont, the late headmaster. The Vicar addressed the children, after which they gave three

cheers for the new master. Prayers followed, and the hymn, "Once in Royal David's City," was sung, and then the youngsters settled down to work.

WHIST DRIVE. 6th Jan. 1911

A whist drive in aid of the Swavesey Football Club was held in the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Sixty-eight players attended. Prizes were awarded as follows: - Ladies: First prize (china clock), Miss G. Dodson; second (butter dish), Miss E. Dodson; booby prize, Miss L. Beaumont. Gentlemen: First prize (letter rack), Mr. J. Burtenshaw; second (honey jar), Mr. R. Williamson; booby, Mr. F. Johnson.

RECENT MAIL CART ACCIDENT. 6th Jan. 1911

A correspondent writes: Your short notice of the accident which occurred at 3 o'clock on a recent Sunday morning to the Cambridge to St. Ives mail cart near the New Inn, on the Huntingdon-road, does not do justice to one man who is entitled to considerable credit. The horse dropped down about a quarter of a mile on the Fenstanton side of the inn, and when the driver found he was in need of assistance, he proceeded to call up the innkeeper, Mr. Poulter, who went at once to see the horse. Feeling assured that the animal was dying, he advised the driver to go to Fenstanton for another horse. The mail cart could not, however, be left on the high road, so Mr. Poulter and the driver pushed it back to the New Inn, where it was locked up in the coach-house. Mounted on a bicycle lent by Mr. Poulter, the driver rode to Fenstanton and borrowed a horse of Mr. Walter Burgess, who returned with the driver to the New Inn. The mails were then taken on to St. Ives.

A SWAVESEY CHARITY FOUNDED. 13th Jan. 1911

Probate of the will, dated November 1906, of Mr. Thomas Payne, of Beresford Villa, Swavesey, boot dealer, etc., and for some years a member of the Board of Guardians, who died on October 24th, has been granted to Mr. William Henry Clayton, of Huntingdon, saddler, and Mr. William Henry Key, of Swavesey, retired baker, the executors, who have sworn the value of the estate at £4,441 15s. 11d.

He gives to his housekeeper, Caroline Covell, £10 and 5s. per week for life if in his service; £10 to his servant Eliza Seekings; £1 per week to his sister, Martha Payne, and a legacy of £10. During the life of his sister the trustees are to continue to give on the anniversary of his birthday, the 29th January, half a pound of tea and one pound of sugar to each of the poor widows of Swavesey, the cost of which is not to exceed £3 per annum; and on the death of his sister a field at Swavesey, now in the occupation of Herbert Williams,

he leaves in trust for the endowment of Payne's Charity to continue the above-mentioned gift, the annual cost not to exceed £5, any surplus from which is to be used for Church purposes. A brass tablet is to be placed on the wall of the church near to the seats he used to occupy, in memory of his wife and himself. On the death of his sister he leaves £100 to his niece, Harriett Beresford, £100 to his nephew George Beresford, £100 to his nephew Frank Beresford, and £100 to daughters of nephew Henry James Beresford. A house in Ermine-street, Huntingdon, he leaves on trust for Mary Robinson. The residue is left to Wm. Henry Clayton and Thomas Clayton or their issue.

PAROCHIAL TEA. 13th Jan. 1911

The annual parochial tea was held at the National School on Thursday, 5th inst., and was well attended. During the evening an interesting lecture on mission work in Japan, illustrated by lantern views, was given. The Vicar presided.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 13th Jan. 1911

A correspondent who subscribes himself "Poor Old Joe," writes as follows: At the recent fire in the village on the premises of the Chairman of the Parish Council, one of the men working on the engine had the misfortune to have a finger crushed, and in consequence he had to call in a doctor and stay away from work for a fortnight. As compensation he has received the sum of 15s., the amount of the doctor's bill, but nothing whatsoever for loss of pay during incapacity. Is this justice or fair play; is the treatment this young man has received likely to encourage other men to help to put out fires in the village? Are the parish councillors who have charge of the engine prepared to work it themselves at future fires? If not, would it not be wise if they took steps to have the young man adequately compensated?

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 13th Jan. 1911

For some long time past the old vestry on the northern side of the chancel of the parish church has been found to be inadequate and inconvenient, but no improvement could be effected owing to want of funds. Now through the generosity of Mrs. Long, of the Priory, a new and commodious choir vestry has been formed at the western end of the north aisle. Solid oak screens which harmonise well with the other screens in the church have been erected in the archways leading respectively to the aisle and the belfry. The top panels of the screens are filled in with oak V jointed braced boarding with oak tracery at top of each panel, and the bottom panels with V jointed upright boarding. The screens are surmounted by a moulded cornice. The entrance, from the aisle, is

fitted with three-inch folding doors, filled in with V jointed braced boarding with oak tracery under the top moulding. The belfry screen has an oak seat on each side, viz., in the vestry and in the belfry. The walls have been lined with upright match boarding stained and fitted with brass surplice hooks. The work, which has been done entirely in Swavesey, and reflects great credit on all concerned, has been carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, carpenter and builder, of Swavesey, assisted by his son, Mr. E. J. Mitham, and Mr. Downs Robinson, jun. On Sunday last before evensong the new vestry was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation by the Archdeacon of Ely, who subsequently preached. Other improvements have recently been effected in connection with the church through the kindness and liberality of Mrs. Long. The dangerous open iron ladder leading to the tower has been cased in with wood, and a new building erected in the north-western side of the churchyard to accommodate the bier and other funeral accessories removed from the space now occupied by the new vestry.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DODSON. 13th Jan. 1911

Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death at the age of 72 years of Mr. Charles Dodson, which occurred on Friday last after a few days' illness. Mr. Dodson, who belonged to an old Swavesey family, was well known not only in the immediate neighbourhood of his native village, but for many miles round. By trade he was a bricklayer, having been apprenticed to the late Mr. James Dean, of Swavesey. For 35 years of his long life he was employed by Mr. John Saint of St. Ives. Amongst other work in the district he was employed in building the railway stations at St. Ives and Six-Mile-Bottom. As a workman he was a stickler for punctuality and thoroughness. He was noted for always arriving at his work well before time, and whenever practicable, no matter how bad the weather or how long the distance, walked to the scene of his labour. Though a big, heavy man he swung along the roads or across the fields at a surprisingly rapid pace. Never happy unless employed, he stuck to his work until the week before Christmas, when he was induced to retire and take his well-earned old age pension, the last payment of which he received on the day of his death. He was a keen skater, and some 40 years ago was champion from Mepal Bridge to Huntingdon Bridge for a period of thirteen years. Once he raced "Turkey" Smart on Mere Fen, but came in second. Mr. Dodson leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. C Dodson (widow), Mr. G. Dodson (son), Mrs. W. Brown (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson and Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Dodson (sons and daughters-in-law) and Mr.

and Mrs. P. Ding, Mr. and Mrs. D. Prime and Mr. and Mrs. S. Gray (sons-in-law and daughters). The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

GIFTS OF COAL. 20th Jan. 1911

During the past Christmas and New Year season, Mrs. Long, of the Priory, has presented coal to 114 persons in Swavesey. The welcome gifts have been greatly appreciated.

CURIOUS FIND. 20th Jan. 1911

Two pedestrians walking along the river bank last Saturday morning saw floating in the water an object that appeared to be an open book. It being near the edge, they fished it out, and found an octavo-sized Bible open at I. Chronicles xii. The covers had gone, and the leaves were frozen together, so it was impossible to ascertain to whom the book had belonged.

A STRANGER'S TROUBLES. 20th Jan. 1911

One moonless night recently a stranger calling at the back entrance of a cottage adjoining Turn Bridge, walked in the darkness into the large drain which runs alongside the yard. Fortunately, the water was not deep, the floods having subsided, and only the stranger's lower extremities got wet, but in attempting to climb the bank he clutched at a rotten branch of an overhanging tree. The branch gave way and the unlucky man fell back full length into the drain. If there was not much water there was plenty of mud. The noise aroused the cottagers, who ran out with lights, and the stranger was rescued, his clothing saturated with water and covered with mud.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 20th Jan. 1911

We have received the following letter:- "I read with great interest 'Poor Old Joe's' letter last week about our parish fire-engine and the recent fire on the premises of the Chairman of the Parish Council. I am a bit of a rambler, and mix up with all sorts and conditions of men, and I can assure you, sir, that our Parish Council would open their eyes if they heard half what is said about their ways of managing parish affairs. It is a common question to hear asked, 'When are we going to be paid for our work at the fire?' Until lately I thought things had been squared up, but I am told now that the insurance company decline to pay the workers, and neither the Parish Council nor their Chairman appear to be doing anything. Men are declaring that until they know they will be paid, the engine may be brought out at future fires, but they will not work it. Even the men who remained on the scene of the fire all night have received

no money, nor any allowance for refreshment. – Pro Bono Publico. Swavesey, 16th January, 1911”

HEDGE CUTTING EXTRAORDINARY. 27th Jan. 1911

Although the floods have to a great extent subsided, there is still water on the Fen lands. Last week, in Cow Fen, a man was seen precariously balancing himself on the top of a hedge that he was cutting. He explained that as he did not wish to wade through water, this was the only way in which he could do his work.

THE RECENT FIRE. 27th Jan. 1911

We have received the following letter: - “In reference to the payment of the men who so willingly helped to extinguish the recent fire on the premises of the Chairman of the Parish Council, why ‘Pro Bono Publico’ (whose letter appeared in yours of last week) should blame the Parish Council for the failure of the insurance companies concerned to meet the extinguishing expenses at an earlier date, I fail to see. I find upon inquiry that the whole of the extinguishing claim has been paid by the said companies, and the men will doubtless be remunerated as soon as possible. The Council have evidently acted upon lines similar to those taken by the Council existing at the time of the last previous fire. I believe that the insurance company on that occasion met the extinguishing expenses earlier. I am thankful to say I am not a Parish Councillor, and I welcome fair criticism of their doings, but at the same time I am one who likes to see, and who signs himself, - Fair Play.”

DEATH. 3rd Feb. 1911

Mr. George Robinson, of Church End, Swavesey, died in Addenbrooke’s Hospital on Monday, January 23rd, and was buried in Swavesey churchyard on Friday last. For many years he was a fly proprietor in Brighton.

THE QUEEN’S MARYS. 3rd Feb. 1911

Miss Mary Warboys of Boxworth End, Swavesey, is anxious to participate in the proposed gift to Queen Mary from the Marys of the country, but she does not know where to send her tiny contribution. She says she is too young and too small to talk to the Marys of Swavesey about the present. Perhaps some other Mary will help little Miss Warboys and undertake what she by reason of her tender age cannot do.

PAYNE’S CHARITY. 3rd Feb. 1911

The late Mr. Thomas Payne, of Swavesey, who died in October last, had been in the habit once during the winter for many years of presenting tea and sugar to poor widows and widowers in the parish, and in his will he directed that these gifts, with the addition of one hundredweight of coal to each recipient, should be continued. He left land for the purpose of providing the necessary income. The distribution, he directed, should be made on the anniversary of his birthday, January 29th. The first distribution under the bequest which is to be known as Payne's Charity, was on Saturday last, as the 29th January fell on a Sunday this year.

THE RECENT FIRE. 3rd Feb. 1911

A Ratepayer writes: The letter signed "Fair Play" in last week's issue really needs no reply, for your ingenuous correspondent answers himself. He begins by saying he fails to see why "Pro Bono Publico" should blame the Parish Council for the delay in paying the men who worked at the recent fire and throws the responsibility on the insurance companies, and he ends by admitting that at the time of writing the insurance companies concerned had paid over the money needed to met expenses, and that on the occasion of a previous fire a more expeditious settlement was effected, thus implying a certain amount of delay in this instance. He omits any reference to one important point, namely, the failure to compensate the young man who was injured for loss of wages during the time he was unable to work. Let me remind "Fair Play" that the fire took place on Monday, 14th November, and that the 79 workers – why such a huge crowd? – did not receive remuneration until last Friday, nearly eleven weeks later. Had a fire occurred during the latter part of this interval it is more than probable some difficulty would have been experienced in getting workers. It surely behoves the Parish Council if they have the interest of the parish at heart to make some arrangement whereby workers at future fires are paid more speedily, and that any who sustain injury to their bodies should not also suffer in their pockets.

PARISH COUNCIL. 3rd Feb. 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Friday last, Messrs. E. Parish (chairman), W. Twist, W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish and Robinson Mitham (clerk) being present. The chief business was to authorise the payment of men engaged in the recent fire on Mr. E. Parish's premises. The sum of £11 had been obtained for the purpose from the insurance offices concerned, the Liverpool, London and Globe, and the Royal Exchange, and the Council agreed to payment as follows: 12 men at 4s. each, 11 youths at 2s.

each, 56 men at 2s. 6d. each, and 10s, for the engine. The detailed arrangements appeared to have been made before the Council meeting by a small sub-committee. During the proceedings the question was raised of compensation to the young man whose finger was crushed by the fire engine. He had been unable to work for a fortnight, and had only been paid the amount of his doctor's bill- 15s. Mr. Daisley expressed the opinion that the man ought to be satisfied, as he had been well treated and had received a nice little present, viz., the 15s. Nothing, however, was done in the matter. Mr. Daisley subsequently made an explanatory statement concerning the re-assessment of the parish, which did not give satisfaction to all the Councillors, one of whom complained that his new assessment amounted to about double his rent. A reply was read from the County Council to the effect that no payment for killing sparrows could legally be made out of the rates.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS. 10th Feb. 1911

A motor caution post surmounted by a triangle has been erected this week in the yard of the National School at the corner of Carter's-lane.

DEATH. 10th Feb. 1911

After having been an invalid for many years Miss Emma Crouch, daughter of Mr. William Crouch, Boxworth End, died on Thursday, 2nd inst. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiating.

A DANGEROUS CORNER. 10th Feb. 1911

A correspondent writes: The high hedge at the corner of Swavesey and Huntingdon roads, opposite the New Inn, has not yet been cut down to the proper height. With so many motor cars and motor cycles about it is a source of serious danger. Attention was called to the hedge in the "Weekly News" some time ago.

SKATING. 10th Feb. 1911

There was some skating on Mere Fen on Thursday in last week. In the centre the ice was fairly good and safe, but at the sides it was weak. As, however, the water, except where weather ditches intersected the fen, was shallow, there was no danger, but many persons got their feet and legs wet. One prominent Swavesey man came to grief in a ditch, and had to go home thoroughly soaked. Three visitors, it is believed from Cambridge, afforded some amusement. Declining the services of the men with chairs, they sat down on the bank after carefully spreading out their handkerchiefs to protect their

clothing. They put on their skates and then asked the chairmen the safest way on to the ice. "This way gentlemen," was the prompt reply, and the leading visitor went boldly forward, and the thin ice giving way he dropped into about two feet of water. He endeavoured to return to the bank, but was urged to go forward with the assurance that the ice behind him covered a deep ditch. The chairmen and their friends laughed heartily and the visitors beat a hasty retreat.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN THORP. 10th Feb. 1911

We regret to announce the death on Friday last of Mrs. Lydia Layton Thorp, widow of the late Mr John Thorp, farmer, of Swavesey. Mrs. Thorp, who was the daughter of the late Mr. Edward Tebbit, of Conington and Papworth St. Agnes, had been a widow for 27 years. She was 69 years of age. For some time she had been in indifferent health. Her life of late years had been saddened by the loss of two of her sons. The oldest died in tragic circumstances some years ago, and the youngest, Alfred, died after a brief illness in the autumn in Cape Colony. The surviving son, Mr. Ben Thorp, was once well known as a racing cyclist and skater. The funeral was in Swavesey churchyard on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. A. C. Vidler (vicar) taking the service. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ben Thorp (son), Miss Alice Thorp (eldest daughter), Misses Ellena and Rebecca Thorp and Mrs. C. Gould (daughters), Mrs. Ben Thorp (daughter-in-law), Mr. C. Gould (son-in-law), and Miss Clara Thorp (niece).

DEATH OF MR. W. CAIN, JUN. 10th Feb. 1911

In his sermon last Sunday morning the Vicar spoke touching words respecting one who had been a regular member of the congregation, the keynote of whose life had been faithful service, and who had done much useful work in connection with the church so far as his health would permit. He referred to William Cain, who had passed away two days previously. For nine or ten years Mr. Cain had been gardener at the vicarage, only relinquishing his work when his strength failed him. He was 40 years of age, and the younger son of Mr. William Cain, sen., a pensioned member of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. Cain (father), Miss E. Cain (sister), Mr. and Mrs. H. Cain (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bass (brother-in-law and sister). Mrs. Cain (mother) being an invalid, was unable to be present. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

A RECORD. 17th Feb. 1911

Mr. Joseph Jillings, of Church End, has been a member of the Wheatsheaf Lodge of Shepherds for sixty-one years, having been enrolled in the year 1850. He is the oldest member of the Lodge, and is still hale and hearty, notwithstanding his 87 years.

LIBERAL TEA. 17th Feb. 1911

To celebrate the victory of the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., at the General Election, the Swavesey Men's and Women's Associations joined forces on Monday night and had a tea at the Friends' Meeting House. About 130 persons were present. After tea a meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. Ingle, F. Thoday, of Willingham, and amongst the speakers were the Rev. A. C. Ashpool (Willingham Tabernacle), Messrs. Evison and Baldwick, (Fen Drayton), C. W. Hines (Over) and Allen (Fenstanton).

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 17th Feb. 1911

On Thursday, 9th inst., the annual parents' tea and re-union of former scholars was held, upwards of 60 persons responding to the invitations sent out by the Superintendent, officers and teachers. Tea was served at six o'clock, the tables being prettily decorated for the occasion with flowers, kindly provided by Mrs. T. W. Carter. Trays were presided over by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Arthur Norman, Miss B. Prior, and Miss P. Williams. After the tables had been cleared, the annual gathering was held, being presided over by the Rev. W. H. Stevens (pastor).

PARISH MEETING. 17th Feb. 1911

On Thursday, 9th inst., a well-attended parish meeting was held in the Infants' School under the presidency of Mr. E. Parish, Chairman of the Parish Council. The parish accounts for the half-year ended September last were submitted and discussed. – Mr. Daisley subsequently explained why he had called the attention of the auditor to certain unpaid rates which had resulted in the late overseers being surcharged 12s., an amount which was afterwards allowed to be written off, on appeal to the Local Government Board. Some discussion followed respecting certain unoccupied property, and Mr. A. Day attempted to raise the question of the new valuation of the parish, but the Chairman ruled him out of order as the subject was not mentioned in the notice calling the meeting. Other ratepayers supported Mr. Day, but the Chairman adhered to his decision. Finally it was agreed to hold a parish meeting on Thursday next, 23rd inst., to consider the questions of the new valuation and of the unoccupied land.

PARISH COUNCIL. 17th Feb. 1911

After the parish meeting a meeting of the Parish Council was held at which were present: Mr. E. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Twist, W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, and Robinson Mitham (clerk). The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Mr Day brought up the question of the condition of the short piece of road between the raised causeway and the Swan pond, and the state of disrepair of the causeway, and he proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council in the matter, and to five members of the County Council whom he named, making certain suggestions. He mentioned that the road at the place in question was not of the width required by the award, and he thought that his proposals, if carried out, would be of great advantage in time of flood. The resolution was carried unanimously. – Mr. Daisley proposed that the herbage of the Recreation Ground, hitherto let by tender for twelve months, should in future be let by public auction in the same way as the Drovers, etc., are let, viz., for about nine months, ending 31st December, instead of for the whole year. This was adopted. – Mr. Day called attention to the new valuation of the parish, and gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would propose a resolution that the valuation be objected to. – At the conclusion of the Council business a sort of informal parish meeting was held, the ratepayers present joining in an animated and at times heated discussion on the new valuation during which the Overseers, Messrs Daisley and Burton, were severely criticised. It was suggested that the Overseers had received no instructions to reassess the parish, and again and again it was asked why Swavesey was being re-assessed while other parishes were not. It transpired that the new assessment is about £1,400 more than the present assessment; this is held by many ratepayers to be excessive.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 24th Feb. 1911

During the winter months fortnightly meetings of the Swavesey District Conservative Association are being held at the Infants' School. The room is open from 7 to 10 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays and games are provided. At eight o'clock there is a break for serious business. A member introduces some subject of political interest, and a debate follows. Increasing interest is being taken in the meetings, and the attendances throughout has been most encouraging to the organisers. The next meeting will be on Tuesday next, when the subject for discussion will be "House Rule," introduced by Mr. E. J. Warboys. Every member of the Association has the privilege of introducing a friend to the discussions, but not to the games.

WELL-MERITED TESTIMONIAL. 24th Feb. 1911

Upon the retirement last Christmas of Mr. Henry Beaumont from the headmastership of Swavesey National School, a post he had held with credit to himself and to the advantage of the parish for no less than 42 years, it was felt that the occasion could not be allowed to pass without some tangible expression of the appreciation of his many friends, neighbours and old scholars, and it was decided to invite subscriptions with a view of presenting him, and also Mrs. Beaumont, who for many years was associated with her husband in work at the school, with a testimonial. Miss L. Pook, infants' mistress, undertook the arduous duties of organiser and collector, and a very gratifying result has attended her efforts. Numerous persons contributed, and with the money subscribed a writing table and a silver salver have been obtained and handed to Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, with an illuminated and framed address, bearing the names of the contributors – who numbered 162. There has been no public presentation, but the gifts have been on view this week at Mr. Beaumont's residence.

MARRIAGE OF MR. H. G. KEY. 24th Feb. 1911

A wedding of great interest to Swavesey people took place on Tuesday at Swavesey parish church, when Mr. Henry George Key, only son of Mr. W. H. Key, churchwarden, was married, in the presence of a considerable congregation, to Miss Agnes Annie Williams, second daughter of Mr. John Williams, parish clerk of Swavesey, and coal merchant. The Rev. A. C. Vidler, Vicar, officiated. The bride was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss L. A. Gooch, and was given away by her father. Mr. W. F. Gleaves acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key departed by the 4.35 p.m. train for Little Addington, Northants, where the honeymoon is being spent. During the afternoon the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents in Market-street. The happy couple have received numerous wedding presents. Mr. Ben Thorp's motor-car was used to convey the bridal party to and from the church. An interesting incident may be mentioned. One of the ringers was Mr. Bert Hodson, who was himself married early in the day at Over.

ENTERTAINMENT. 24th Feb. 1911

On Tuesday evening the large room of the National School was packed with an appreciative and enthusiastic audience for an entertainment in aid of the Parish Church Choir and Sunday School Funds. The occasion was memorable as being the first appearance of the energetic new schoolmaster, Mr. Charles Wood, at a public function in Swavesey, and the success of the evening

showed that the parish has not only gained an excellent instructor of the rising generation, but an admirable organiser of other village affairs.
(Long report)

THE LATE MR GEORGE LONG. 10th March 1911

In accordance with the terms of a bequest of the late Mr. George Long, J.P., the bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and evening of Thursday 2nd inst., the anniversary of his birthday.

DEATH OF MRS JETHRO GARNER. 10th March 1911

We regret to record the death, after a long illness, of Mrs Rosetta Garner, widow of the late Mr Jethro Garner, farmer, of Swavesey, which occurred at her residence in Swavesey on Tuesday, 7th inst. Mrs Garner, who was 74 years of age, was the daughter of the late Mr Phillips, of Haddenham, and was left a widow in June, 1905. She leaves three daughters for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Saturday) in Swavesey churchyard.

BOYS AT DRILL. 10th March 1911

After school hours on Thursday last week about eighteen boys amused themselves and the village by drilling and marching along the streets in military array. Two of the lads, Frank Hepher and Harry Prime, acted as drill sergeants, and if their instructions were not up to Aldershot standard, their intentions were excellent. A correspondent suggests that advantage should be taken of this outbreak of military ardour to form a company of Boy Scouts in the village. He thinks it would help to keep the boys out of mischief, and be otherwise to the advantage of the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th March 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was called on Friday last to select a parish constable for the ensuing year, but owing to an informality no business was transacted.

SWAVESEY RE-ASSESSMENT.

LIVELY PARISH MEETING. 10th March 1911

The village of Swavesey is at the present time much perturbed over a re-valuation of the parish by the overseers. As far as can be gathered the following is the position of affairs: The Overseers, Messrs W. Daisley and W. Burton, have prepared a new valuation list in accordance, as they assert, with instructions from the Assessment Committee. The general body of ratepayers,

on the other hand maintain that no re-valuation of the parish, except in a few instances, is necessary; that the parish as a whole is already assessed to its full value; that the Overseers have not received the alleged instructions from the Assessment Committee; and that their new valuation is excessive. It is further contended that neither of the Overseers possesses sufficient knowledge to be able to re-value the parish without the assistance of a committee. If the meetings of the 9th and 23rd February are any indication of the sentiments of the parish the Overseers have the whole body of ratepayers arranged against them.

(Long report)

After much discussion – Mr Cole thought it was time to close the discussion. As no one, he said in the parish, except the two Overseers seemed satisfied with the new valuation, and as the parish had been re-assessed not long ago, he moved a resolution that the valuation be objected to except as regards a few cases where property needed revaluation.

Mr. H. Wilderspin seconded, and the resolution was carried practically unanimously, no ratepayer holding up his hand against it.

It was further agreed that the resolution be presented to the Assessment Committee by Messrs S. W. Crisp, A. Norman and H. Wilderspin as a deputation from the parish meeting. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr Scard, and seconded by Mr Cooksey, brought one of the most lively and unanimous parish meetings held in Swavesey to an end.

THE WEATHER. 17th March 1911

During the week snow has fallen on several occasions in Swavesey.

JACKDAWS. 17th March 1911

Two jackdaws entered a cottage in Market-street the other day, and startled the occupiers. Hearing a noise in the kitchen they went to see what was the matter, and to their surprise found the two birds sitting, facing each other, on separate clothes' lines stretched across the room.

NEW WATER SUPPLY. 17th March 1911

At a special meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, held on the 8th inst. at St. Ives Union, two tenders in connection with the new water supply for the parish of Swavesey were accepted, viz., No. 1 contract, the Stanton Iron Company, whose tender was £887 19s. 1d., and No. 2 contract, Messrs. Hopper, £519 8s. 4d. The work will be proceeded with immediately, and should be completed within three months. Tenders were received from 25 firms.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 17th March 1911

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association held on Tuesday evening a paper was read by the secretary on the Veto Bill. A discussion followed. A vote of sympathy with the vice-chairman (Mr William Thorp), who is suffering from the effects of an accident, was carried unanimously. On the 28th instant the subject for discussion will be "The increased expenditure on the Army and Navy."

THE LATE MRS. GARNER. 17th March 1911

The funeral of the late Mrs Jethro Garner, whose death at the age of 74 years, was announced last week, took place very quietly in Swavesey Churchyard last Saturday afternoon. The immediate mourners were: Miss F. M. Garner, Miss E. Garner (daughters), and Mr. and Mrs. C. Willson, of Hilton, Hunts. (son-in-law and daughter). The Vicar officiated. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, and Messrs Bryant and Bryant, St. Ives.

ACCIDENT. 17th March 1911

A kindly and neighbourly act on the part of Mr William T. Thorp, resulted in an unfortunate accident befalling him on Wednesday, 8th inst. He noticed that a load of hay belonging to his tenant, Mr Charles Crisp, of Whitehall, was not securely tied, so he proceeded to pull the ropes tighter. When dragging with his full weight, a rope broke, and Mr Thorp fell to the ground with his leg twisted beneath him. At first it was thought that his ankle was merely sprained, but as he continued in great pain he proceeded by motor car, the following evening, accompanied by his brother, Mr Walter Thorp, to Wisbech, to consult Mr Mason, who declared that the ankle was dislocated. Mr Mason reduced the dislocation, and Mr Thorp returned home. He is doing as well as can be expected though still in considerable pain.

PARISH COUNCIL. 17th March 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Infants' School on the 9th instant, at which were present: Mr. E. Parish (chairman), Councillors W. Twist (vice-chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). There was a good attendance of ratepayers, who displayed a lively interest in the proceedings. After the minutes had been read, Mr Day asked that the Clerk should read a copy of the letter he had sent to the County Council and to certain of its members relative to the roadway near the Swan pond, in

accordance with a resolution passed at the previous meeting. On the letter being read Mr. Day pointed out that it was not in agreement with the draft letter submitted by him and adopted by the Council in that it made no reference to the existing road not being the width required by the Award, nor to the suggested raising of the roadway running between the pond and the Causeway. On the proposal of Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. Day, the Clerk was instructed to write again to the Council and the Councillors named, strictly in accordance with the draft letter. The following ratepayers were selected for submission to the magistrates as suitable to hold the office of Parish Constable: Messrs. C. Burling, Prime Godfrey, J. S. Goad, and Jethro Linford. Mr. Day then, in accordance with notice given at the previous meeting, raised a discussion on the proposed new valuation of the parish. He said he was in some difficulty as the list had undergone alteration since the recent parish meeting, and he asked what difference had been made in the total valuation. The Clerk replied that the new valuation list now showed an increase on the present assessment of £1,050, instead of about £1,226. A long discussion ensued on various points, in which all the Councillors joined. The Overseers, Messrs. Burton and Daisley offered explanations. After sitting for about two hours a resolution was proposed by Mr. Day, and seconded by Mr. Linford, that the revaluation of the parish should be postponed until after the deputation appointed by the recent parish meeting had interviewed the Assessment Committee, which was carried without opposition.

(Long report)

SWAVESEY WATER SUPPLY.

LIST OF ACCEPTED TENDERS. 17th March 1911

The following tenders have been accepted by the East Hunts. Water Company and the Swavesey Rural District Council respectively for the supply and laying of water mains in connection with the water supply of Swavesey.

The supply and delivery of about 42 tons of 4-inch cast iron pipes and irregulars: the Swavesey Coal and Iron Co., £5 14s. per ton.

The receiving, carting, laying, and jointing of about 1,700 yards of 4-inch cast iron pipes, fixing meters, and fittings: F. Hopper, Bedford, £122 16s. 8d.

The supply and delivery of about 153 tons of cast iron pipes and irregulars of 4 and 3-inch diameters: the Stanton Ironworks Co., £5 14s.2d. and £5 16s. 8d. per ton.

The receiving, carting, laying and jointing of about 7,805 yards of 4-inch and 3-inch cast iron pipe and fittings: F. Hopper, Bedford, £519 8s. 4d.

The first and second were the East Hunts. Water Company's tenders, and the other tenders were to the Swavesey Rural District Council.

A VETO QUESTION. 24th March 1911

A Swavesey ratepayer is anxious to know whether any parochial officials have the power to veto a resolution passed at a parish meeting, and, if so, whether the right of veto should be exercised in public at the meeting, or privately without notice to the proposer of the resolution.

FOUND AFTER MANY DAYS. 24th March 1911

Eight weeks ago Mr. Sydney Wright lost his watch when cutting a quick near Scotland Drove. Seven weeks later Mr. George E. Hephher, sheltering from a snowstorm under a hedge, saw a watch hanging from a twig low down on the other side. The watch was Mr. Wright's. It is going well, notwithstanding its exposure to wind and weather for so many weeks.

VOTING AT PARISH MEETINGS. 24th March 1911

A correspondent writes: An impression appears to exist in Swavesey that any ratepayer can vote at a parish meeting, even if he is under 21 years of age, or if his name is not on the register of voters. I do not think I am mistaken in saying that only those men and women whose names are on the register can legally vote at a parish meeting. Parish meetings are governed by the Local Government Act, 1894. By Section 44 of that Act a "Parochial elector" is defined to be any person on the Local Government Register, or on the Parliamentary Register of electors. A parish meeting should consist only of "parochial electors," that is, of persons on the Parliamentary or parochial register of voters. If my interpretation of the Act is correct it is to be feared that unqualified persons have been allowed to vote at Swavesey parish meetings. The point is an important one, and should, I submit, be dealt with by the chairman at the annual parish meeting to be held shortly. In order that there may be no question as to who is entitled to vote, it is essential that a copy of the current register should be in the possession of the chairman or the clerk. It would be interesting to know if either of these officials holds a copy of the present register. The lists of voters exhibited every summer on the church and chapel doors are useless, for they are subject to alteration by the Revising Barrister, and are moreover not the register of electors.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th March 1911

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club, held recently officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P.; vice-presidents, Rev. A. C. Vidler, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. R. E. Bartley, J. B. Ellis (St. Ives), R. E. Long, C. Wilkinson, and Dr. J. W. Ellis; captain, Mr.

T. Harris; vice-captain, Mr. S. J. Froment; hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Beaumont; treasurer, Mr. A. J. Willson; committee, Messrs. T. Goad, R. Mitham, S. F. Mitham, A. T. Scard, and C. Wood. The club has joined the Milton and District Cricket League. The secretary has received a letter from Mr. Ezra Williams, of Sydney, New South Wales, a native of Swavesey, and at one time a prominent member of the cricket club, enclosing a donation of £1, and promising to present a "Victor Trumper" bat to the batsman and a ball of Australian make to the bowler with the best average for the whole of the coming season; also a cap, likewise of Australian manufacture, to every bowler who accomplishes the "hat trick." Mr. Williams expresses the hope that these gifts will be an incentive to members to work hard. He adds that if Swavesey comes up to his hopes and expectations this season, he will consider whether he will present a silver cup next year for competition in the district.

STATIONMASTER'S WEDDING. 24th March 1911

Mr. William Perry, who for 27 years has been stationmaster at Swavesey, was married quietly at St. Matthew's Church, Harlesden, near London, last Sunday morning, to Miss Louisa (Nina) Dalley, daughter of Mr. John Dalley, of Harlesden. The bride is well known in Swavesey, having lived for some years as nurse to the family of Mrs. Cox, Swavesey Manor. For the last four and a half years she has resided in Philadelphia, U.S.A. She returned home to be married, reaching Liverpool by the Campania on Wednesday, 22nd February, where she was met by her future husband. The Vicar of St. Matthew's officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. James Dalley, was tastefully attired in a dress of white crepe de chine, beautifully trimmed with hand embroidery. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss M.A. Dalley (sister of the bride) and Miss Constance Perry (daughter of the bridegroom), who were dressed in pale blue, with hats to match. Mr. Thomas Hope (Harlesden) acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have received a large number of valuable and useful presents, including several cheques. Many of the gifts came from America, where the bride had made numerous friends. The handsome wedding cake was made and presented by Mr. A. T. Scard, confectioner, High-street, Swavesey.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 31st March 1911

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, held on Tuesday evening, Mr W. C. Cole (president) initiated a debate on the

increased expenditure on the Army and Navy. There was an excellent attendance.

DEATH OF MISS CURTIS. 31st March 1911

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 64 years, of Miss Emma Curtis, youngest daughter of the late Mr John Curtis, farmer and dealer, of Swavesey, which occurred at the residence of her elder sister, Mrs T. W. Carter, shortly after six o'clock on Wednesday evening. Miss Curtis was a prominent member and active worker at Bethel Baptist Chapel, and played the organ there until laid up about six weeks ago.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 31st March 1911

It is understood that the Rev. W. H. Stevens may possibly sever his connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel in the near future. He has been at Swavesey since the 7th March, 1901, his recognition service at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Joseph, then of St. Andrew's-street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, being held on the 1st of the following month. Prior to going to Swavesey he had been for 13½ years pastor of Stratford Grove Baptist Church, London, E.

HEARTS OF OAK. 31st March 1911

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Hearts of Oak Medical Agency was held at the White Horse Inn on Thursday evening, 23rd inst., Mr. W. F. Gleaves (chairman) presiding. After a statement by the Secretary, Mr F. Williams, as to the past year's work, the election of officers and committee for the coming year was proceeded with. A meat tea preceded and a social evening followed the business meeting. Dr. R. Ellis spoke on behalf of his father, the medical attendant of the Agency. Votes of thanks to the entertainers, proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Wilkinson, and to the host and hostess, for the excellent repast they had provided, proposed by Mr Twist, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

THE SWAN WITH TWO NECKS. 31st March 1911

On Saturday last the licence of the ancient inn on the "stones," the Swan with two necks, was transferred from Mrs Jonas Thorp to Mr John Smith, a member of an old Boxworth family. Mrs Thorp's record is a notable one. With her husband, the late Mr Jonas Thorp, a well-known butcher of Swavesey and Cambridge market, she took possession on the 4th November 1873, and for 37 years held the licence without a single complaint. The previous tenant was Mr Jesse Warrington, who was licensee for about 21

years. Mrs Thorp was left a widow in June, 1895. The Swan is probably the oldest public-house, and indeed one of the oldest houses in the parish. It is well-known to fishermen and skaters, being the nearest inn to the river, Mere Fen and the railway station. For many years in days gone by it was the headquarters of the parish church bellringers – days when Swavesey was noted for its ringers – and many a lively night has been spent within its walls on the occasions of the yearly suppers. At feast times the spacious upper room was utilised for dancing. Upwards of a hundred years ago a Mr Samuel Thorp, an ancestor of Mr Jonas Thorp, was landlord, and amongst the few subsequent tenants may be mentioned, Mr Berry Dodson, and a Mr Newbolt, a somewhat original character, whose quaint sayings (“Newbolt’s Reckoning,” for example) are still remembered by old inhabitants. Mrs Thorp has retired from business owing to advancing years, and she takes with her the best wishes of her many old friends and customers.

FIRE ENGINE, 7th April 1911

That grand old parish relic, the fire engine, was taken out for practice last Saturday evening, and was found to be in good going order. The engine is nearly 100 years old.

A REMARKABLE EGG. 7th April 1911

When breaking a rather small hen’s egg on Sunday morning Mrs Walter Thorp found a smaller perfectly formed egg inside. There was no yolk in the outer shell but only white.

STRANGE NEST. 7th April 1911

While searching for eggs in a loft on Monday one of Mr Warboys’ men noticed a rat run out of an old kettle which appeared to be stuffed with rubbish. On examination he found that the rat had made a nest in the kettle with bits of binder string and straw.

THE CENSUS. 7th April 1911

The numbering of the people was duly carried out in the parishes comprised in the Swavesey Rural District Council area by Messrs. Robinson Mitham and A. J. Willson (Swavesey), E.J. Mitham (Conington and Fen Drayton), H.S. Aldred (Boxworth and Lolworth), D. Piggott and W. Kirby (Over).

A DANCE. 7th April 1911

Since Christmas a dancing class has been held on Thursday evenings in the National School. Mr. W. J. Wayman, of Over, has acted as instructor, and the

management has been in the hands of Messrs. L. Williams, B. Wilderspin and F. Wilderspin, who formed a committee, with Mr. James Prior as secretary. On the 30th ulto the class wound up with a "long night." Upwards of 60 members of the class and their friends, who came not only from Swavesey, but from the neighbouring villages and St. Ives, were present, and dancing was kept up with great zest until after midnight. The room was effectively decorated by Mr. J. Prior, and excellent refreshments were provided by Mr. A. T. Scard, confectioner, Swavesey. Mr. Wayman officiated as M.C., assisted by the committee. It is understood that another dance is being arranged to take place during Easter week.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. 7th April 1911

In connection with the First Aid classes held last spring, a course of home nursing lectures for women has just been delivered in Swavesey National School by Dr. Robert Ellis. The course was successfully arranged by Mrs. Long, Swavesey, and Mrs. R. Ellis Long, Lolworth, vice-president of the Swavesey district of the British Red Cross Society. The lectures were well attended by 42 members, including those from Boxworth, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth, of whom 29 presented themselves for examination on March 8th by Dr. Grove, St. Ives, physician of Huntingdon County Hospital. Twenty-four were successful. It is to be hoped that all those who are awarded certificates will join the Voluntary Aid Detachment, shortly to be formed, full information as to which will be given at a lecture to take place in Swavesey School on 8th May, when certificates will be presented to the successful candidates in the recent examination.

THE LATE MISS CURTIS. 7th April 1911

The funeral of the late Miss Emma Curtis, whose death at the age of 64 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Nonconformist Cemetery on Monday afternoon. After a brief service at the residence of Mrs. T. W. Carter, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery. The service at the grave was taken by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Oakham, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Ashpool of Willingham Tabernacle. The chief mourners were: Mrs. T. W. Carter (sister), Mr. J. S. Goad (cousin), Mrs. Goad, and Mrs. Diver (cousin). The coffin was of polished oak, with brass furniture. There were no flowers by special request. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CORONATION GIFT. 14th April 1911

Mr George Clarke, High-street, and Mr Wood, National School, have been appointed local collectors for the Coronation gift to the King from the Georges of Swavesey.

THE LATE MR. H. CAWCUTT. 14th April 1911

Swavesey has lost a well-known personality by the death on Saturday last of Mr Henry Cawcutt. He had been in failing health for some time, and had of late not been much seen in the village. On the 1st inst. he was stricken down with apoplexy, and never regained consciousness. Mr. Cawcutt, who was 77 years of age, was a native of the neighbouring village of Boxworth, in which parish he had a farm for many years. For the last 32 years he lived in Swavesey. The funeral took place on Wednesday, in Swavesey churchyard.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 14th April 1911

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. J.F. Cooksey presiding, Mr Walter Thorp read an interesting paper on "Female Suffrage." An animated discussion followed, in which Mr. Ephraim Stocker, who championed the cause of the ladies, somewhat severely criticised Mr Thorp. A vote of sympathy with Mr. Henry Beaumont, one of the vice-presidents, who is seriously ill, was carried unanimously. There was a good attendance of members.

DEATH. 14th April 1911

After a long illness, borne with great patience and resignation, Mrs Agnes Elizabeth Dunthorne passed away on the 1st inst., at the age of 34 years. She was the wife of Mr J. H. Dunthorne, of High-street, Swavesey, and eldest daughter of Mr Robert Walker of Wendling Norfolk. She leaves three young children, a boy and two girls. Mrs. Dunthorne had resided in Swavesey for only two years, but during that short time has made many friends and won general respect. As far as her health would allow she took a keen interest in work connected with the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The funeral took place on Thursday, 6th inst., the first part of the service being held in the Methodist Chapel, where the Rev. H. Lancaster of St. Ives, officiated, and delivered a short address. The burial was in the Cemetery. The following mourners attended: Mr. J. H. Dunthorne (widower), Miss Amy E. Dunthorne (elder daughter), Mr. Allen Walker, Mr. Alma Walker, Mr. Alfred Walker (brothers), Miss Ada Walker, Miss Alice Walker (sisters) and Mrs. Allen Walker (sister-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

SWAVESEY PARISH MEETING. 14th April 1911

The annual parish meeting was held in the National School, Swavesey, on Monday evening, Mr E. Parish presiding over a considerable attendance of ratepayers. The proceedings lasted upwards of three hours, and although not quite as heated as at the recent parish meeting it was at times not wanting in animation and plain speaking.

A great amount was said concerning the rates and how the Overseers dealt with it. (Long report in newspaper) Finally, peace having been restored the Overseers' accounts were passed.

In connection with the Parish Council accounts there was some discussion as to payments for work at the fire in the village during the autumn, and as to the liability of the parish for men employed at fires. The remuneration of the Fire Engine Captain was also referred to. The Recreation Ground and Charity Accounts were adopted without discussion.

The Chairman then asked the meeting to decide whether there should be any rejoicings in the village at the Coronation, and if so whether the cost should be borne by the rates or by public subscription. Mr. Warboys proposed that the event should be duly celebrated, and that the cost should be met by a public subscription. Mr. A Day seconded. Mr. H. Wilderspin thought it might be well to let the "new blood" on the Parish Council see what they could do in the matter. The resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman announced that he would call a meeting on Thursday next to make preliminary arrangements and appoint a committee. The meeting would be open to all parishioners.

From the beginning of the meeting the lamps had not been shining with their wonted brilliancy. At this point one lamp went out while the other was slowly getting dimmer and dimmer. One gentleman taking notes had a friend on either side who obligingly struck matches and once set alight to his paper. At length the Assistant Overseer found another lamp, and business was proceeded with, but still in a dim religious light.

WATER SUPPLY. 21st April 1911

The work of laying the pipes for the new water supply for the village began on Tuesday. Mr. Hopper, of Bedford, is the contractor.

GONE TO AUSTRALIA. 21st April 1911

Mr. Leonard Williams, third son of Mr. John Williams, coal merchant, Swavesey, sailed from Liverpool on Thursday, 13th instant, by the steamship Paketra, for Sydney, New South Wales, where he will join his brother, Mr. Ezra Williams, in business.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 21st April 1911

Preceded by a public tea in the Schoolroom, at which about 70 persons were present, a service of song, entitled "He careth for you," was rendered in the Bethel Chapel on Good Friday by the choir, assisted by members of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel. The connective readings were given by the Rev. W. H. Stevens, and Mrs. H. S. Aldred presided at the organ. The chapel was well filled with an appreciative audience.

DANCE. 21st April 1911

On Easter Monday evening, a dance under the management of Messrs James Prior, B. Wilderspin and F. Wilderspin was given in the National School, and was attended by about 80 persons, including visitors from Earith, Girton, Lolworth, Willingham, Over and Fenstanton. Mr. W. J. Wayman, of Over, acted as M.C. Refreshments were provided by Mr A. T. Scard, and the decoration of the room was carried out by Mr J. Prior. Dancing was kept up until well after midnight.

FUNERAL OF MR. CAWCUTT. 21st April 1911

The funeral of the late Mr. Henry Cawcutt, whose death at the age of 77 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday, 12th inst. The Vicar officiated. The coffin was of polished elm, with heavy brass furniture. Mr. Walter Thorp, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

EASTER VESTRY. 21st April 1911

On Easter Monday evening the Easter Vestry meeting was held under the tower in the parish church. The Rev. A. C. Vidler (Vicar), who presided, once again nominated Mr. W. H. Key as Vicar's warden for the ensuing year. There was a contest for the people's wardenship. Mr. Walter Thorp being proposed by Mr. C. Froment and seconded by Mr John Hodson, in opposition to Mr. James Wells, who has been warden for some years past. Mr. Wells was proposed by Mr. C. Wood, and seconded by Mr. Netherwood. On a show of hands being taken Mr Thorp received seven votes and Mr. Wells six votes. Messrs. W. Cain, J. Dodson, J. Gilby, William T. Thorp, H. G. Key, and John Hodson were elected sidesmen, the last two being new appointments. Mr. Wells was also proposed as a sidesman by the Vicar, but declined to serve. The Vestry consented to an application being made for a faculty to erect a tablet in the church in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Payne and his wife. Mr. Payne, who died last year, by his will founded a charity to be known as "Payne's Charity," and directed that a tablet recording the fact should be

placed in the church. Before the meeting concluded a vote of thanks to Mr Wells for his past services was carried.

PARISH CHURCH. 21st April 1911

The numerous services at the parish church on Good Friday were well attended. Early on Easter morning the bells rang merrily. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30, and 11.15 a.m., the communicants numbering 142, of whom 68 were at the six o'clock service. The mid-day service was choral. Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and a festal service for children at the Mission church at 3 p.m. At Evensong at the parish church there was a large congregation. The Rev. A. Peskett, rector of Longstanton, St. Michael, said the service, while the Vicar of Swavesey read the lessons and preached.

DROVE LETTING. 21st April 1911

By direction of the Rural District Council the annual letting of the droves, etc., was held at the White Horse Inn on Thursday, 13th instant, Mr. C. W. Underwood, of Willingham, being the auctioneer. The droves were put up in 22 separate lots, and realised £27 5s., being an advance of 2s. 6d. on last year's total. A new feature in this annual event was the letting of the herbage of the Recreation Ground until the 25th December next, by order of the Parish Council. Although the room was crowded, there was evidently no keen desire to bid for this lot. The Chairman of the Parish Council had to come to the rescue with a bid of £4, the sum at which the herbage was let last year by private tender, and the hammer fell.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY. 28th April 1911

On Sunday last St. George's flag was flown from the church tower in honour of St. George's Day.

A MAN ON FIRE. 28th April 1911

When cycling to work along Bucking Way early on Monday morning a young man discovered that his clothing was on fire. So badly were his coat and trousers burned that he had to return home for fresh garments. It is supposed that the accident was caused through smouldering tobacco falling from his pipe and lodging in his coat.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 28th April 1911

At the fortnightly meeting of the Conservative Association on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. Wood introduced the subject of arbitration. An interesting

discussion followed. The attendance was particularly good, and so great an interest is being taken in the meetings that a proposal to discontinue them until the autumn was negated by a large majority. The subject for discussion on the 9th prox. is "Socialism."

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. 28th April 1911

On Monday some colts driven through the village by a young man riding a bicycle startled a girl wheeling a perambulator containing a baby. In her endeavours to get out of the way of the scampering animals the perambulator was upset and the infant thrown out, but fortunately not injured. A correspondent, in calling attention to the modern practice of cycling when driving stock, expresses the opinion that it is one that should be discouraged.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 28th April 1911

The Band of Hope in conjunction with the Mothers' Meeting held at the Friends' Meeting House, under the superintendence of Miss F. Gaunt, brought a successful season to a close on Monday evening with a tea, at which about sixty mothers and children were present. An entertainment consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations etc., given by the Band of Hope, followed. Mrs. Watts White occupied the chair, Miss Arliss presided at the organ, and Miss Moulton, St. Ives, gave a short address. The room was crowded for the entertainment.

PRESENTATION. 28th April 1911

At the conclusion of the Parish Council meeting on Monday evening, Mr. J. S. Goad was presented with the sum of ten shillings and sixpence, the proceeds of a penny subscription throughout the village to compensate him for expenses incurred in connection with an incident in which he was concerned at a recent parish meeting.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 28th April 1911

An entertainment was held in the Schools, Swavesey, in connection with the Primrose League, on Saturday, April 22nd. It was a representative gathering of the villages which comprise the Boxworth Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Newton were present, and an excellent speech was made by Mr. Ouseley Rowley. Mrs. Newton also made a short and effective speech at the close of the entertainment. The rest of the programme consisted of songs by Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Levison, a charming dance by Miss Stanley and Miss Hodgson; also a dramatic performance "The Cantab." Between the speech and acting was an interval for refreshments, which were most ably

presided over by Mrs. Cole. The proceeds, which amounted to over £8 will, after deducting expenses, be devoted to helping the Primrose League in the villages in the Boxworth Ward.

THE CORONATION. 28th April 1911

A largely-attended meeting of parishioners was held in the National School on Thursday evening, 20th inst., to decide in what way the Coronation should be celebrated in Swavesey. Mr. Ebenezer Parish, Chairman of the Parish Council, who called the meeting, proposed that the Vicar should preside, and the proposition was carried unanimously. The Vicar then took the chair. After a feeling reference to the character and death of King Edward, he proceeded to speak of the approaching Coronation, and for the guidance of the meeting read extracts from the records of the Coronation festivities in Swavesey in 1902. Mr. Alfred Day proposed, and Mr. E. Parish seconded, a resolution that this year's celebration should follow the lines of the previous celebration. Mr. Warboys suggested a permanent memorial, such as a drinking fountain, or an iron fence to the Recreation Ground. Dr. Ellis supported the resolution, which was carried. On the proposal of Dr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Goad, the village was divided into six sections, and two collectors were appointed to each section. Mr. Walter Thorp again brought up the question of providing a drinking fountain, which he thought would be of great use to children attending school just opposite. It was agreed that the collectors, with the Chairman and the following gentlemen, should form the General Committee: Mr. C. Wood, Mr. E. Parish, Mr. W. C. Cole, Mr. R. E. Bartley, and Mr. A. Norman.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th April 1911

The annual meeting of Swavesey Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening, and was attended by the following councillors: Messrs. W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist, and the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. There were several ratepayers present, who took a keen interest in the proceedings.

CONSERVATISM AT SWAVESEY.

VIGOROUS SPEECHES.

CAN A SOCIALIST BE A CHRISTIAN? 5th May 1911

Over 200 – a record number – attended the annual tea and meeting of the Swavesey and District Conservative Associations, held in the schoolroom on Monday evening.

Several speeches were delivered, interspersed with some capital songs by Messrs. Morris, Moule, Papworth and Turner. Encores were numerous. Letters of apology regretting their absence were received from Mr. Wm. Thorpe (vice-chairman), Mr. J. B. Ellis and Mr. R. Cole.

Mr. Spark proposed "The Unionist Cause", giving a speech about it.
(Long report)

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO FARMER.

THUMB TORN OFF. 5th May 1911

Mr. Alfred Day, a greatly respected farmer of Swavesey, met with a serious accident yesterday (Thursday) morning. About 11 o'clock he, with two of his sons and a man, were breaking in a young horse in a farm cart on the main road through the village, and when near the chapel pond, in Middle Watch, the animal got restive and bolted. All hung on as long as possible, but at length all but Mr. Day let go. Mr. Day had the rein round his hand, and the sudden jerk pulled his thumb off. He fell between the horse and the cart wheel, and his face was badly cut, injured and his nose broken and covered with blood. Mr. Day struggled to his feet, and picked up his thumb, which he tried to fit on his hand. There were several men close handy, and he was taken to Dr. Ellis' house close by, but unfortunately the doctor was absent on his rounds. Mr. Day was helped home, and Dr. Ellis soon arrived, and Dr. Griffiths, of Cambridge summoned by telegraph, was quickly in attendance. Mr. Day is well known in the district, having been for some years past a member of the St. Ives Board of Guardians and the Swavesey Rural District Council. The news of his accident was received with universal regret, as Mr. Day has so often helped his fellow parishioners, especially the poorer ones, when in trouble or stricken with illness.

GOOD NEWS. 12th May 1911

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Alfred Day, who met with a serious accident last week, is progressing satisfactorily.

AN UNUSUAL VISITOR. 12th May 1911

The street door being open, a fat pig entered Swavesey Post-office on Monday evening, much to the astonishment of the Sub-postmaster and his wife. The animal was ejected before any mischief was done.

A CURIOUS NESTING PLACE. 12th May 1911

A mavis has built her nest on the upturned handle of an old door on the north side of the chancel of Swavesey Church, and has laid four eggs therein. The

nest is about four feet from the ground, and is firmly fixed between the handle and the stonework. The door, which leads directly from the churchyard into the chancel, has not been used for many years.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 12th May 1911

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, on Tuesday evening, the Chairman, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, gave an interesting address on Socialism. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. E. J. Mitham, C. Wood, Walter Thorp, E. J. Warboys, J. Gilbey, the Hon. Sec., and others took part. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season, the attendance was good.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM CARTER. 12th May 1911

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Carter, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon, at his residence in Swavesey. He was the elder son of the late Mr. Joseph Carter, of Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, and brother of the late Mr. Thomas W. Carter, who succeeded his father at the farm and died on Good Friday, 1909. Mr. W. Carter was born in March 1823, and was, it is understood, the oldest inhabitant of the parish. He never married. He was well known in his day as a farmer, was a fine horseman, and was the earliest proprietor of threshing machines, using a portable engine, in the district. For many years he held the offices of Overseer and Surveyor. The funeral will take place in Swavesey Churchyard on Saturday afternoon, at quarter-past three o'clock.

A SUGGESTION. 12th May 1911

A correspondent writes: "A chairman has not yet been found for the Swavesey Parish Council. This is a serious matter, especially in view of the Coronation now so close at hand. A suggestion has been made that the vacant post should be advertised in the local papers. To my mind the suggestion is a good one, and might with advantage be adopted. At the last Council meeting the idea of appointing a lady chairman was mooted but met with no support. Why not try a lady? Women, as we poor, weak men know, but don't like to admit except in our courting days, exercise a soothing influence over men. Thomas Otway, the poet, upwards of two hundred years ago, wrote:

'O woman! Lovely woman! Nature made thee

To temper man; we had been brutes without you.'

What was true then is true today. Our truculent and unruly councillors want soothing – and managing. Who could bring the discordant elements into

harmony, curb the petulant tempers, and restrain the naughty language of the councillors better than a woman? Therefore let us have a lady chairman.”

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 12th May 1911

A well-attended meeting in furtherance of the objects of the British Red Cross Society was held in Swavesey National School on Monday evening. The Vicar of Swavesey, (the Rev. A. C. Vidler, R.D.) presided. The audience included representatives from surrounding villages. – The Chairman briefly introduced Col. Magill (Organising Secretary), who gave a most interesting and lucid address on the British Red Cross Society and the Voluntary Aid Movement. He explained clearly the parts men and women respectively would take who joined the Voluntary Aid detachments to be formed in the Swavesey District. He was warmly applauded on resuming his seat. Mr. Hoare, who followed, dealt mainly with questions which affected the district and answered questions. He also spoke of the need of financial support, and he paid a well-merited tribute of appreciation of the work of Mrs. Ellis Long, the District Vice-President. Certificates were presented by Mr. Hoare to the ladies who have been successful in the recent examinations in Nursing and First Aid respectively.

SWAVESEY NATIONAL SCHOOL. 12th May 1911

The children of the National School kept Empire Day in loyal fashion. The Vicar, who was accompanied by Miss H. Vidler and Messrs. W. H. Key and H. S. Aldred (managers), attended at 11 o'clock, and gave a short address on the reasons for observing the day, concluding with some good advice. Some of the oldest children then presented “A Geographical Pageant of the British Empire,” a platform having been erected at the southern end of the large room. The song “The Flag of England,” in the chorus of which the whole of the school joined, closed the pageant. Mr. Aldred and Mr. Key briefly congratulated the children on their excellent performance, and thanked Mr. Wood and his assistants for their successful work of preparation. Mr. Walter spoke on behalf of the parents, a few of whom were present. After singing the National Anthem and giving three lusty cheers for the King the children were granted a half-holiday and dismissed. A word of praise must be given to the dresses, most of which were extemporised.
(Long report)

DEATH OF MR. HENRY BEAUMONT.

FUNERAL AT SWAVESEY. 19th May 1911

We very much regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry Beaumont, who passed away at his residence in Swavesey early last Saturday morning. He had been in bad health for some months, and latterly it was apparent that he was suffering from serious illness. On Friday last an operation performed by Dr. Griffiths, of Cambridge, revealed the sad truth that the end was close at hand. Mr. Beaumont was universally beloved and respected, and a proof of the affectionate regard in which the school children held him was shown on Friday last, when in obedience to a warning given them by their Headmaster they were seen walking on tip-toe and speaking with bated breath as they passed over the straw laid down in front of his house.

He was 63 years of age, and a native of Swavesey, being the eldest son on the late Mr. John Beaumont. He received his early instruction at Swavesey National School, becoming in time a pupil teacher there under Mr. Pirt. Deciding to adopt the teaching profession, he proceeded to St. Mark's Training College, Chelsea, London, and after his course of training was appointed Headmaster of the National School at Frankley, near Birkenhead. Here he had been but little more than a year when he received an urgent invitation from Canon Sharp, then Vicar of Swavesey, to undertake the Headmastership of Swavesey National School. He began his life's work in Swavesey on November 2nd 1868, and retired with a pension at Christmas last, having served as headmaster for rather more than 42 years.

In addition to the mastership, Mr. Beaumont held other public offices. In 1878 he was appointed tax collector, in succession to the late Mr. John Metcalf, and he held the office at the time of his death. He was organist at the parish church from 1868 until seven or eight years ago, when he became choirmaster, resigning that post about a year ago, but remaining in the choir. He was a feoffee of Galon's Charity.

In politics he was a consistent Conservative. He was one of the founders of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, its first honorary secretary, and, since he gave up that office, a vice-president. He was a loyal and devoted son of the Church of England, a most regular attendant at his parish church, especially at the early services. His recreations were his garden, his bees, and fishing. On the River Ouse he was one of the most enthusiastic and successful anglers; fond of talking of his experiences, but never boasting of his successes. Hanging on the walls of his house are several big fishes he had caught.

Mr. Beaumont married the elder daughter of the late Mr. John Mitham, of Swavesey, who survives him. He also leaves one daughter and five sons, the second of whom is hastening home from the far west of Canada. The greatest sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon was a striking demonstration. All blinds were drawn in the houses, and shops were closed or had their shutters up. A flag drooped at half-mast in the schoolyard. The church was crowded with a congregation estimated at upwards of 500, representing all classes. Churchmen and Nonconformists alike attended to pay their last tribute of respect. Preceding the hearse, which was covered with lovely flowers, walked Messrs. W. H. Key and H. S. Aldred, representing the school managers, three schoolmasters, viz., Messrs. W. R. Billing (Elsworth), Handley (Great Gransden), and Hicks (Fenstanton), and members of the committee of the Swavesey Conservative Association, led by Mr. W. C. Cole (president), the Rev. J. F. Cooksey (chairman), Mr. C. R. Vincent (hon. Sec.), and Mr. Thomas Johnson (chairman of the Fen Drayton branch). The pathway leading from the churchyard gates was lined by the older schoolchildren, who followed the mourners as they passed into the church. The Vicar of Swavesey (the Rev. A. C. Vidler, R.D.) officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The service was fully choral, the clergy and choir meeting the body at the entrance to the churchyard.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. H. Beaumont (widow), Mr. Percy J. Beaumont (eldest son), Miss Louie Beaumont (only daughter), Messrs. George, Frank, and Arthur Beaumont (sons), and Messrs. John and Sidney Beaumont (brothers).

GOLDEN WEDDING. 19th May 1911

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, High-street, Swavesey, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday, having been married on the 17th May, 1861. They received many congratulations, including a cable message from two sons in Canada.

A MISHAP. 19th May 1911

A Swavesey butcher on his way to Cambridge market early last Saturday morning met with an unfortunate mishap. When proceeding along Middle Watch the hind board of his cart fell down, and out tumbled a large number of eggs and a quantity of butter. The butter was not damaged, but most of the eggs were smashed.

THE LATE MR. W. CARTER. 19th May 1911

The funeral of the late Mr. William Carter, whose death on the 10th inst., at the age of 88 years, was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Robinson Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

WANTON MISCHIEF. 19th May 1911

A correspondent writes: We were much interested to read in the last issue of the "Weekly News" the paragraph respecting the bird's nest curiously built on the handle of a rarely used door leading into the chancel of Swavesey church, and some of us went without delay on Friday to see it, but to our intense disgust we found that some mischievous person had torn down the nest and smashed the eggs. The perpetrator of this wanton outrage is not proud of his work of destruction for careful enquiry has so far failed to discover his identity. When found out he may have an uncomfortable five minutes.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL.

THE SWAVESEY WATER WORKS. 19th May 1911

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. Present: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), the Rev. M. S. Kemmis, Messrs. Mailer, Parish, Baldwick, Day, Hemington, Dr. Anningson (Medical Officer), and Mr. G. D. Day (Clerk). The Rev. M. S. Kemmis, Messrs. A. Day and E. Parish were appointed as the Swavesey Water Committee to consider the question of fees, etc. The Clerk said they would have to keep a separate water account, and they would consider whether they would supply the water at a low rate in order to induce people to take the water or whether they would charge as higher rate to cover the cost of the water and other charges. Any deficiency in the account would have to be met from a special expenses rate. – Mr. Reynolds pointed out that a drain at Swavesey required cleaning out and asked if the Council would have it cleaned out by the Council's man. – The Chairman said that three cottages sent their sewage into a drain that ran across the road into an open ditch. They should dispose of their sewage on their own property. – Mr. Kirby said it was going into a ditch close to the Mission Room and was very offensive. – The Council agreed to do the work this time. – Dr. Ellis complained of a drain, and the Inspector made a recommendation which was agreed to.

The letting of the herbage on the Swavesey bye-ways showed a nett account of £25.

OFF TO CANADA. 26th May 1911

Mr. John Smith, son of Mr. James Smith, market gardener, Boxworth End, left Swavesey Station on Monday evening to join Mr. Frank Day, son of Mr. Alfred Day, in Canada. A considerable number of his friends saw him off.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 26th May 1911

Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, has been appointed representative for the parish of Swavesey on the committee of the Swavesey District Red Cross Society (Cambridgeshire Branch). Any information as to the Society or the Voluntary Aid Movement can be obtained from her.

HOME FROM CANADA. 26th May 1911

Mr. Harry Beaumont, second son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday morning. He started for home immediately on receiving news of his father's serious illness, but unfortunately did not reach home in time even to attend the funeral.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 26th May 1911

At the closing fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association on Tuesday evening, the Chairman (Rev. J. F. Cooksey) gave an interesting and instructive address on the Coronation of the King. The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to various persons who have contributed to the undoubted success of the meetings. They will resume in October next.

IS IT A HOAX? 26th May 1911

A correspondent writes: "A pint beer bottle, with a screw stopper, which is alleged was recently picked up in Swavesey Fens, has been on view during the last few days. Inside the bottle was a small piece of paper, on which the following message is written in pencil: 'This bottle was put in the flood in 1885. Anybody finding this bottle, please return to Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, Swavesey, Cambs. Signed by us (here follow names of two well-known Swavesey men, both happily alive, but not now resident in the village), Old Swavesey Pals'. 'The best-laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley,' wrote Robert Burns, and so has this pretty little hoax. The joker overlooked two facts, viz., that twenty-six years ago no bottled beer, of local brewers at any rate, was sold in the village inns, and that the firm of brewers whose name the bottle bears did not possess a house in Swavesey until some years after 1885. The india-rubber band round the stopper, also, is quite clean, and shows no sign of having been in water or mud. When our friend the joker next tries his hand at a hoax, let me advise him to put on his considering cap, and, above all, to use a term of the theatrical profession, 'make his flats fit.'"

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th May 1911

Anniversary services were held at Bethel Chapel on the 18th inst. At the afternoon service, the Rev. R. Foster Jeffrey, of Zion Chapel, Cambridge,

officiated, and preached. There was a good attendance. Mr. Jeffrey officiated and preached again at the evening service, being assisted by Rev. Easter (Over), who read a portion of Scripture and Rev. E. P. Groom (Caxton), who offered prayer. The sermon was based on the text, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift." At the end of the service Rev. Stevens thanked Mr. Jeffrey on behalf of the congregation for being present and giving such helpful addresses. Mrs. H. S. Aldred presided at the organ at the afternoon service, and Mr. J. H. Starte at the evening service. Between the services a public tea was held in the chapel at which upwards of 100 persons sat down. The tables were presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. A. Norman, Miss Starte, Mrs. Jabez Day, Mrs. Wimpress, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. W. Daisley, and Mrs. J. Smith. The collections and proceeds of the tea, which were in aid of the chapel funds, amounted to £9.

THE FEAST. 2nd June 1911

The annual feast, which opened on Sunday, has been celebrated in the usual way. On Sunday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock the church bells were rung, and excellent congregations attended the morning and evening services. Cricket matches were the main attraction on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the home club scoring victories against Lolworth and Needingworth, but being defeated by Haddenham on Tuesday in a Milton and District League fixture. Notwithstanding that from the holiday maker's point of view, the weather was perfect, the feast cannot be recorded as having been a success. On the contrary the attendance of visitors from neighbouring villages was unusually small, and there has been an absence of incidents of interest. One gentleman in his shirt sleeves drove a family party round the feast in a small donkey cart, and caused a little amusement as every few yards the donkey declined to budge, and had to be pushed, lifted or otherwise helped on its way by the kindly feast folk. On Monday evening a little child fell from its father's arms when riding on a roundabout in full career. In its fall the little one seems to have struck the revolving platform and then rolled on to the ground. On being picked up a small scratch on its leg was found to be the only injury.

HAY HARVEST. 9th June 1911

Farmers have begun to cut clover in Swavesey parish, and Mr. S. W. Crisp, of Brooklands, started hay work on Monday.

ACCIDENT. 9th June 1911

Roland Sanderson, aged five years, who lives with his parents at Boxworth End, fell from a tree on Monday and broke his arm.

PLANTS IN WILLOW TREES. 9th June 1911

In a pollard willow on the bank of the large drain which skirts Mere Fen are growing a gooseberry and a raspberry plant. Out of another willow lying across the drain asparagus is growing.

GIRLS AT PLAY. 9th June 1911

On Friday last the youngest daughter of Mr. J. S. Goad, when floating pieces of wood as boats in a pond 12ft. deep, fell headfirst into the water. She was fished out by a lad who works for Mr. Goad, and was none the worse for her ducking. Another small girl cycling along the main street was so much occupied in "making pace" that she ran into the hind-board of a solitary coal cart. The youngster escaped scatheless, but the rim of the front wheel of the cycle was damaged.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 9th June 1911

On Sunday last the anniversary services in connection with the Sunday School were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. H. Lancaster. In the afternoon recitations and special hymns were rendered by the choir and children, and solos were sung by Mr. Dunthorne and Mrs. Kester. The chair was taken by Mr. Reeson, St. Ives. At the evening service Mr. Lancaster again preached. Interesting dialogues were given by four young friends from Over, Mrs. Runham recited, Mr. Kester sang a solo, and Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Runham a duet. On Monday afternoon the circuit quarterly meeting was held. A public tea and meeting followed in which Mr. Chapman presided and several speakers spoke. Special hymns were sung during the meeting by the choir and children. The collections throughout the anniversary amounted to £3 7s. 9d.

CURIOUS NESTING PLACES. 16th June 1911

In the garden at the back of Mr. Netherwood's house in High-street a robin has built her nest in an old tin kettle hanging on a wall about 5ft. from the ground. In an adjoining outbuilding occupied by Mr. Jesse Hephher a robin's nest was recently discovered in the mouth of a sack full of rags. In this nest five young birds were successfully reared out of six hatched.

THE CORONATION. 16th June 1911

The prizes for the children's sports on Coronation Day were on view in the National School on Wednesday evening. The grant from the general Coronation Festivities Fund has been more than doubled by a generous donation from Mrs. Long, The Priory. A children's service will be held in Bethel Baptist Chapel Schoolroom at 9.30 a.m. on Coronation Day, the "Order of Worship" being that issued by the Sunday School Union for use in Sunday schools.

A SPILL. 16th June 1911

George E. Hepher, a youth who works for Mr. Warboys, had a spill in High-street, Fen Drayton, when on his way to milk on Wednesday morning. He was cycling in advance of Mr. Warboys, who was driving a cart and in the main street Mr. Warboys' retriever ran into the cycle and threw young Hepher off. The dog's paw was entangled in the wheel, two spokes of which were broken. The rider's hand, elbow, and knee were injured, and the dog had a claw torn off. Mrs. Warboys, who gained a certificate at the recent ambulance classes held in connection with the British Red Cross Society, rendered first aid.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 16th June 1911

About 9.30 p.m. last Friday a slight fire, detected in time to prevent serious consequences, occurred on the premises of Mr. E. J. Warboys, Boxworth End. Mrs. Warboys had been boiling milk in her wash-house, a detached brick and tile building, with loft overhead, and had left a candle alight. Mr. Walter Thorp, who was inside the house, noticed an unusual light in the building, and it was found that a roller towel blown by the wind into the candle flame, was well alight, and that the woodwork was catching fire. Mr. Warboys promptly pulled down the towel, burning his face slightly in doing so, while Mrs. Warboys dashed a pail of water on to the smouldering wood. Had the fire not been detected when it was, a serious conflagration might have resulted as the wash-house is closely surrounded by wooden farm buildings.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL

COLLECTION IN SWAVESEY DISTRICT. 23rd June 1911

The annual house-to-house collection on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently been made in connection with the county organisation fund in the villages of Willingham, Over, Longstanton, Conington, Fen Drayton and Swavesey, has resulted in £35 being raised for the deserving and beneficent institution. This amount has been forwarded by Mrs. Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, the president of the villages named, to the honorary secretary of the fund (Mrs. Hicks), who has gratefully acknowledged the

receipt of the contribution. The under-mentioned sums were collected in the different villages: - Willingham £10 15s., Swavesey £10 11s. 7d., Longstanton £6 13s. 11d, Over £5, Conington £1 3s. 6d, Fen Drayton 16s.

DEATH OF OLDEST INHABITANT. 23rd June 1911

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Garner, which occurred on Monday night at his residence in Middle Watch. Mr. Garner, who was 88 years of age, had the distinction for the short period of between five and six weeks of being the oldest inhabitant of Swavesey. He was a farmer and commission corn merchant, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Holmes Garner, farmer, of Middle Watch. Although he had been in feeble health for some time, the end came somewhat suddenly. Mr. Garner, who was unmarried, is survived by a brother and two sisters.

A MEMENTO OF THE CORONATION. 23rd June 1911

Last Friday afternoon portraits of King George V. and Queen Mary, presented by the County Education Committee, were unveiled at the National School. In addition to the children and the teaching staff, the Vicar, and Messrs. W. H. Key, J. Wells, R. Mitham, and H. S. Aldred, managers, were present. The Vicar and Mr. Aldred addressed the children. The portrait of the King was unveiled by the two senior boys, Arthur Beaumont and H. Prime, and that of the Queen by the two senior girls, C. Crisp and A. Norman. In the Infants' Department a smaller portrait of the King or Queen was given to each child. These portraits were the kindly gift of a donor who wishes to remain unknown. The school has been closed this week for the Coronation holiday.

CORONATION. 30th June 1911

From 7 until 8 on the morning of Coronation Day the bells of the parish church were rung. At 8 o'clock there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. At 2 p.m. the children assembled at the National School and each having been given a Union Jack, marched to church for the special service at 2.30 p.m. There was a good congregation, which included many Nonconformists. The lengthy service included evensong, with special psalms, collects, responses, etc., taken from the form of service sanctioned by the Bishop of Ely. On leaving church the children, carrying their flags, marched to the Cricket Ground, kindly lent by Mr. Ellis Long, and there they were presented with Coronation mugs and had a meat and cake tea. A substantial meat tea for adults was provided in the School and in Mr. Robert Norman's large barn. During the evening adult sports were held on the Recreation Ground, and so lengthy was the programme that the last event did not come

off until after 10 o'clock. Soon after their tea the children's sports were started on the Cricket Ground, and racing, skipping, tugs-of-war, etc., were on the go until after dark, when it was decided to postpone the egg and spoon races until the following evening. A display of fireworks followed, and then the prizes were given away by the Vicar in front of the School. Numerous flags were displayed in the village, and the St. George's ensign was flown from the church tower. Between 1 and 2 p.m. anvil salutes were fired in Market-street. At 9.30 a.m. a well-attended special service for children was held in the Schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Chapel. Mr. H. S. Aldred presided, and was assisted by the Rev. W. H. Stevens, Messrs. B. Prior, J. H. Starte, J. Prior, J. Payne, and C. Wood.

ACCIDENT. 30th June 1911

On Wednesday at about 12.30 p.m. a young man named John Loades, who was engaged with other men in excavating the trench for the new water pipes, was struck in the back by the pickaxe of the man working behind him. His mates rendered immediate aid, and Mrs. W. C. Cole, opposite whose house the accident happened, also helped and supplied brandy. Mr. Loades was conveyed to his home in High-street in Mr. Cole's buggy, and Dr. Ellis summoned.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL. 30th June 1911

On Sunday evening last, the Rev. W. H. Stevens (pastor) preached his farewell sermon at Bethel Baptist Chapel where he had been pastor for rather more than two years. At the close of an earnest and practical sermon, Mr. Stevens tendered the thanks of Mrs. Stevens and himself to their friends in the Sunday school for the kind present of a silver teapot which had been obtained from a collection made by the young people. He stated that he had also been asked to accept an illuminated address from some 45 friends, and that it would be ready in ten days, and it was hoped that the Revs. A. C. Ashpool (Willingham) and W. Easter (Over) would be amongst the speakers at the presentation. The service closed by the singing of "God be with you till we meet again." There was a large congregation.

SERIOUS SMASH. 30th June 1911

When delivering milk shortly before half-past eight o'clock on Tuesday morning Mr. E. J. Warboys met with a serious accident. A few yards short of the Turn Bridge the belly-band broke, and the horse bolted dragging the cart with shafts in the air after it. Opposite Mr. Starte's shop the milk cans, Mr. Warboys and his little daughter fell out. Mr. Warboys struggled to his feet and

tried to seize the horse's head, but could only get hold of the reins. The frightened animal kicked violently, and turned round, narrowly escaping collision with Mr. Z. Parish's butcher's cart and pony standing in the road. The pony, fortunately, was tied to the gate post. The horse ran off homewards still dragging the cart, and Mr. Warboys hung on to the reins, but in passing a telegraph post he fell, and was kicked on the head, the cart wheel passing over an arm. He was dragged as far as the bridge before he let go. The horse ran on as far as the Recreation Ground, where it fell, and lay helpless, giving time for Messrs. W. J. Hephher and Isaac Parish to run up and secure it before further damage was done. Several persons rushed to Mr. Warboy's assistance, and it was found that he was bleeding profusely, his head and nose being badly hurt, probably by a kick. He was taken to Mr. Z. Parish's house, by Mr. Parish and his eldest son, and George E. Hephher cycled to the station and called Dr. Robert Ellis out of a train on the point of starting. Having received medical attention, Mr. Warboys was conveyed home in Mr. Graves' trap, and put to bed, and though badly cut and bruised is reported to be doing well. The little girl, who was picked up by G. E. Hephher, escaped injury, the cart was not much damaged, but the harness had to be cut to release the horse.

LADIES PLAY CRICKET. 30th June 1911

On Friday evening after the children's races, postponed from the previous night, had been run, an impromptu cricket match was arranged between teams of ladies and gentlemen, most of the latter not being in the first blush of youth. While preliminaries were being settled the rain came on, but so determined were the ladies to show what they could do that the men were compelled to turn out and field. Under the captaincy of Mrs. Wood, the fair batsmen knocked up a respectable score, and then soaked to the skin the men were allowed to go home, and it was decided to play the game afresh on Tuesday evening, under more stringent conditions, so far as the men were concerned. A notice, posted outside the school summoned the villagers to an important cricket match between the Ladies of Swavesey and "The Crocks, a team of males, nearly all aged, blind or infirm." The villagers obeyed the summons in large numbers, the crowd being the largest on record. As the ladies would naturally claim the right to bat first, whether they won the toss or not, the ceremony of spinning the coin was omitted, and led by their captain, Mr. C. Wood, the twelve crocks took the field. Each man wore a high hat, one hat resembling a stove pipe measured 14 inches in height, and its brim was wide. Another hat had been borrowed from Mr Jillings' scarecrows. The men were further handicapped by having to bat (sticks being used), bowl, and field left-handed. Miss S. Williams and Miss B Prior batted first, and Messrs Wood and

J. S. Goad bowled, but space does not allow of a detailed description of the interesting and exciting game. Suffice it to say that the crowd cheered and laughed, and had an evening's entertainment. The crocks won by three runs, thanks to Mr. Wood, for it must be admitted that the Crocks, pure and simple would have cut a poor figure but for his bowling, batting and fielding.

RETURNED TO CANADA. 7th July 1911

Mr. Harry Beaumont, second son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for many years headmaster of Swavesey National School, left Swavesey by the 6.12 p.m. train on Wednesday on his return to British Columbia, Western Canada. He sails to-day (Friday) from Liverpool by S.S. Lake Manitoba, of the Canadian Pacific Line. Mr. Beaumont hurried home on receipt of the news of his father's serious illness, and reached Swavesey on Saturday, 20th May, three days after his father's funeral.

CORONATION COMMITTEE. 7th July 1911

The winding-up meeting of the committee which organised the festivities in Swavesey in connection with the coronation was held in the National School on Tuesday night, the Vicar presiding. Only a few members attended. It was announced that the receipts, which included a balance of £1 16s. 6d. from the Coronation of King Edward, amounted to £39 2s. 8d., and the expenditure to £35 13s. 10½d., leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of £3 8s. 9½d. There was some discussion as to the disposal of the balance, the rival claims of levelling the Recreation Ground and the erection of a drinking fountain being urged, but no decision was arrived at.

CRICKET. 14th July 1911

Mr. S. J. Froment, vice-captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club, has down to Saturday last taken 110 wickets this season at an expenditure of 453 runs, an average of 4.1 runs per wicket. Last year he captured 116 wickets for 622 runs, and in 1909 118 wickets for 420 runs.

WATER SUPPLY. 14th July 1911

The work of laying the main pipes for the new water supply is rapidly approaching completion, and notices have this week been served on householders as to connecting with the mains. The impression that was abroad that the present public pumps would be replaced by stand pipes would appear to be erroneous.

PARISH CHURCH. 21st July 1911

The services on Sunday next at the parish church will, in the absence of the Vicar on his holiday, be taken by Dr. Cunningham, Archdeacon of Ely.

NEWS OF A TRAVELLER. 21st July 1911

The steamship Lake Manitoba, on which Mr. Harry Beaumont returned to Canada, arrived at Quebec last Monday. Mr. Beaumont would then have a week's railway journey to his quarters in British Columbia.

FOOD FOR PIGS. 21st July 1911

One day last week William Hephher, a youth employed by Mr. Thomas Prior, farmer, when engaged stacking hay in the farm yard, hung up his coat and waistcoat on a wurtzel cutter standing near by. When he went to put on his garments, the waistcoat was missing. Two half-grown pigs had dragged it down and had torn it to pieces. Young Hephher missed his watch and chain which he had left in a pocket. For about ten minutes search was made in all directions, and at length a piece of chain was seen hanging from the mouth of one of the pigs, and on opening the mouth the watch was found inside. The watch was still going, but the case was marked with impressions of the animal's teeth.

SCHOOL TREATS. 21st July 1911

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School had their annual treat on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week. Assembling at the National School, the youngsters marched to church, where a service was held, and an address given by the Vicar, in which he referred to the loss the children and the parish had sustained by the greatly lamented death of the late schoolmaster, Mr. H. Beaumont. So touching were his remarks that many children and several adults wept. An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage garden for tea and games, the latter being carried out with great zest, under the energetic and resourceful supervision of the present schoolmaster, Mr. C. Wood. At five o'clock parents and other adult members of the congregation sat down to tea. Assisting Mr. Wood were the Vicar and churchwardens, Messrs. W. H. Key and Walter Thorp, the latter armed with a large bell, which he used with vigour when starting races. Not content with amusing the young ones, Mr. Wood organised races, games and tugs of war amongst the grown-up people. Married women pulled single women, large teams of the frailer sex contested their strength against much smaller teams of men and so on. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and everyone left declaring that it had been the most lively treat for many years. Sweets, presented by Mr. Key and Mr. J. Wells, who notwithstanding his defeat at last

Easter's Vestry, continued his gift of lollipops, were scrambled for. – On the same day Bethel Baptist Sunday School treat took place. After tea the usual games, racing etc. were held.

HUMAN REMAINS FOUND. 21st July 1911

When excavating in connection with the new water supply in the main road between the churchyard wall and the fence of the Manor House, several skulls and other human bones were dug up. By direction of the Vicar they were re-buried in the churchyard. Prior to the making of the present road the churchyard, protected by a wooden fence, extended to within a few yards of the Manor fence, and a footpath to Over ran between. The old road to Over meandered from Hog Pasture across the fen to the western side of Mill Pits. The roadway from this point to Over is still in existence. Mr. J. Jillings, Swavesey's oldest inhabitant, a hale and hearty veteran not far short of 90, well remembers the old footpath. A sister and two brothers who died young were buried in that part of the churchyard over which the present main road runs. The main road was made some 70 years ago, about the time of the enclosure. Mr. Jillings has a clear recollection of those days. For some years he worked at the Manor Farm, then tenanted by Mr. Francis, for whom his father was foreman.

THE SCHOOL. 28th July 1911

The National School will be closed after today (Friday) for the harvest holiday.

THE DROUGHT. 28th July 1911

On Sunday evening and again on Wednesday morning a little rain fell in Swavesey, but barely enough to lay the dust.

WATER SUPPLY. 28th July 1911

The work of laying the main pipes for the new water supply was completed on Monday. It has been noted with some surprise that no pipes have been laid in Gibraltar-lane or Ramper-road (village end), in both of which are cottages.

CRICKET. 28th July 1911

A weak eleven of the Swavesey Cricket Club visited Needingworth on Tuesday, and thanks to F. Johnson and C. Wood, who hit up 76 runs between them out of a total of 95, succeeded in defeating the home eleven.

ACCIDENT. 28th July 1911

Last Friday evening little John Culpin, a younger son of Mr. Charles Culpin, blacksmith, fell from a coal van near the railway station and sustained injuries necessitating the calling in of Dr. R. Ellis, of St. Ives. The boy appears to have clambered on to the seat of the van, when a passing motor car caused the horse to swerve, and the boy fell off. He was picked up in a semi-conscious state and was taken home, and Dr. R. Ellis sent for. No bones were broken, but the boy was badly bruised and shaken, and his face was cut. He is progressing favourably.

TELEPHONE SERVICE. 28th July 1911

A Swavesey ratepayer writes: - I read with great interest a report in your last issue of a parish meeting at Willingham. It was gratifying to learn that the leading men of a village in this district are agitating in favour of a public telephone service, and I sincerely hope that their efforts will be crowned with success in the near future. We business men in Swavesey also stand in need of a telephone service, and it is a question our Parish Council might with advantage take up. Since they lost their chairman they seem to have gone to sleep, but when they wake up I would suggest that they should combine with their brother councillors at Willingham and with the Parish Councils of Over, Longstanton, and Fen Drayton in approaching the Postmaster-General with a request for adequate telephonic facilities for the whole district.

TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING PASTOR. 28th July 1911

A public meeting was held at the Friends' Meeting House on Thursday, 20th instant, for the purpose of presenting to the Rev. W. H. Stevens, late pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, a beautifully-designed illuminated address, enclosed in a massive gilt frame. The chair was taken by Mr. J. T. Allen, of Wisbech. Letters were read from the Revs. E. Groom, of Caxton, and Easter, of Over, expressing regret at their unavoidable absence, and conveying their sympathy and good wishes for Mr. Stevens' future welfare. The Chairman spoke in very high terms of Mr. Stevens' worth, and described him as a true and good man, a statement which elicited hearty approval from the large and appreciative audience, which included several friends from Over. Mr. Toseland, of Fenstanton, also spoke. The address was presented to Mr. Stevens by Mr. Benjamin Prior, a member of Bethel Chapel and a Sunday School worker. Mr. Stevens, in a very touching and suitable manner, replied, thanking his friends for the hearty and practical way in which they had shown their sympathy towards him. He hoped he would soon have the pleasure of seeing his friends again in Swavesey and also in Yarmouth, in which town he is shortly to take

up his new duties as pastor of the Baptist Church. To Messrs. James and Arthur Prior is mainly due the credit of organising the testimonial.

MISHAP. 11th Aug. 1911

On Wednesday morning Mrs. Bert Hodson had the misfortune to dislocate her jaw. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where she was promptly attended to, and she returned home but little the worse for the painful mishap.

LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT.

HORSE KILLED AND CART SMASHED.

FARMER'S NARROW ESCAPE. 11th Aug. 1911

On Monday afternoon a horse was killed, a cart smashed, and a man riding in the latter narrowly escaped death or serious injury at Mow Fen Crossing, near Swavesey Station, on the Great Eastern Railway. The horse and cart belonged to Mr. Alfred Day, farmer, of Swavesey, and were in charge of Mr. Samuel King and a youth named Thomas Howlett. On reaching the line from Swavesey, Howlett got out to open the gates. Mr. King drove through, and as his horse was crossing the down line an empty down train dashed into it. The engine whistled, but too late for the horse to be pulled back.

The horse was killed instantaneously, and was carried nearly 100 yards. The cart was thrown some yards and smashed against the gate-keeper's pig sty. Mr. King was thrown out and landed on a lavender tree. He fortunately escaped with injuries to his knee and arm, but is confined to his house, and in the hands of the doctor. His coat, with pieces of harness, were found subsequently some distance beyond the spot where the horse was thrown. The collision caused the wire of the up distant signal to snap in the signal box at the station.

It may be mentioned that a valuable bull belonging to Mr. Day was killed near the same crossing on July 30th, 1906. The animal broke loose when crossing the line, and after careering wildly about the line for a quarter of an hour, despite the efforts of the man in charge of it, and of the permanent way officials, ended by charging the engine of an up passenger train. The bull was carried upwards of 200 yards, and considerable difficulty was experienced in clearing the mangled remains from the engine, a cylinder of which was broken. Mr. King was concerned in this incident.

ACCIDENT. 11th Aug. 1911

Early on Tuesday morning, when sharpening reaping machine knives with an emery wheel, a knife broke and flew cutting Mr. Harry D. Froment's arm somewhat severely. Dr. Ellis was called in and put stitches in the wounds.

AID FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 11th Aug. 1911

A collection of vegetables to be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital is being made in Swavesey and district this week. The collector, Mrs. Graves, High-street, will be glad to receive vegetables of any kind, and they can be sent to her as late as Monday morning. A collection of potatoes for the hospital last year was most successful.

A HOT WEATHER STORY. 11th Aug. 1911

A correspondent writes: The following little fable may be suitable this torrid weather. I overheard it during a spell of heat a few years ago. A labourer remarked, "I say, master, don't the world go round?" "Yes, so they say," replied the master. "I thought so," continued the man, "but it seems to have got off its axle and stopped in India."

THE RECENT RAILWAY SMASH. 18th Aug. 1911

Mr. Samuel King, who was injured when a horse was killed and a cart smashed recently at Mow Fen crossing on the Great Eastern Railway, has been able to return to work this week.

LADIES AT CRICKET. 18th Aug. 1911

A cricket match – Ladies v. Gentlemen – which was played the other day did not attract the large attendance or evoke the enthusiasm of a similar game played shortly after the Coronation. The teams were different and the conditions were somewhat altered. The 15 ladies scored 83, and the 11 men 94. The top scorers were Miss Wilkinson (18) and Mr. George Beaumont (38).

HORSE IN DANGER. 18th Aug. 1911

Early on Monday morning a black horse belonging to Mr. Prime Godfrey was found sunk in the mud in Navigation Drain, only its head appearing. Several men with ropes and horses endeavoured in vain to extricate the animal, which was at last got out with ropes and pulleys. More than one rope was broken.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 18th Aug. 1911

A camp meeting in connection with Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel will be held on the Recreation Ground at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday next. If a brass band will be in attendance, as is expected will be the case, a start will be made at the Swan Pond at 2 o'clock. A second meeting will be held in the evening.

ALL NIGHT WORK. 25th Aug. 1911

During the recent tropical weather a Swavesey farmer was engaged all one night cutting clover.

BATHING PLACE. 25th Aug. 1911

The Swavesey Swimming Club have placed a new ladder by the diving board at the bathing place in the river. The old ladder is believed to have been broken by boating parties who are in the habit of using the diving board as a landing stage. Early this season the club cut the weeds in the neighbourhood of the bathing place, and it is intended next year to replace the present short diving board with a longer one.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 25th Aug. 1911

At a meeting of the Swavesey United Football Club the following officers were elected for the coming season:- Captain, Mr. T. Harris, vice-captain, Mr. C. Wood; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; committee, Messrs. F. Beaumont, F. Johnson, R. Mitham, E. Prior, B. Scotney, and A. J. Willson. A donation of £1 has been received from the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., who has accepted the office of president of the club.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 25th Aug. 1911

The Swavesey and District Voluntary Aid Detachment has held its first meeting at the Manor House, Swavesey, on the kind invitation of Mrs. Cooksey. Both Swavesey and Over were represented, the Over detachment being under the direction of Mrs. Beckett, and that of Swavesey under the superintendence of Mrs. Cooksey. Twenty-two members attended. Miss Whitworth acted as lady superintendent. Eight boys were placed in various parts of the orchard, each having in his possession a card descriptive of the injury he was supposed to have sustained. Some of the members rendered first aid, whilst others conveyed the patients to the hospital. Here all was in readiness, and an excellent staff of nurses attended to wounded arms, broken bones, and cases of collapse, etc. The demonstration lasted two hours, and undoubtedly contributed to the experience and efficiency of the detachment. The stretcher bearers were kindly assisted by friends who were spending their holiday in Swavesey.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 25th Aug. 1911

A "Swavesey Resident" writes:- If it were not for the fact that for the last year or two I have lived in Swavesey, and therefore have learned that a long and wide trench, filled with mud and weeds, with crumbling and fast disappearing walls of earth, which runs from the Hog Pasture Railway Gate House to the

river, is sometimes called Navigation Drain, I should have thought that your local correspondent was “poking fun” at us when he reported in last week’s paper that a horse was nearly drowned in Navigation Drain. All the large drains so necessary for carrying off flood water in this parish are in a terribly neglected state. The District Council do a bit of tinkering at them now and again, in or near the village, but they never attempt to clear the ends near the river. At Church Bridge, where the new and much-wanted sewer empties itself when the water is low enough to allow of this being done, the drain is kept clear, but except in times of flood only a little of the water can get away, owing to mud nearer the river. As regards Navigation Drain, I would suggest that the District Council should find it a new name. It used, in years gone by, so I am told, to be navigable, and barges laden with coal, etc., were able to come along, and unload, but now not even a child’s toy boat could navigate its mud.

STUNG BY A WASP. 1st Sept. 1911

Last Friday night, when eating bread and jam at supper, Mr. Bert Hodson, of Market-street, was stung by a wasp in his mouth and throat. His condition became so serious that it was necessary to call in Dr. Ellis.

THE DRAINS. 1st Sept. 1911

A “Swavesey resident” writes: In my letter which you were good enough to publish last week there is a slight printer’s error. I did not describe the new sewer which empties itself into the usually stagnant drain by Church Bridge as much wanted, but as much vaunted. Kindly allow me to make this correction, as the general opinion of the villages is that the sewer as constructed is not wanted, and in that opinion I concur. Until its outlet, which is now close to the high road, is moved it can only be a nuisance and a possible source of danger to the public health. Now that I am on the subject of smells, may I suggest that the weekly method of clearing the gully traps – are they traps? – in the streets is capable of improvement. The Council official clears the solid stuff away with a scoop, but leaves the stinking liquid behind. Would it not be better to take the evil-smelling liquid away as well and flush each gully with clean water? Now that the new water supply has been laid on there should be no difficulty in doing this. The smells from the street drains have lately been awful. The sanitary authorities insist on all drains on private premises being trapped, but, unless I am greatly mistaken, only a few of their own are trapped.

LARGE POTATO. 8th Sept. 1911

Mr. C. W. Thurbon, of Market-street, on Wednesday dug a potato (Table Talk) in his allotment in the Hale which weighed 1lb. 10½ozs.

TOO BAD. 8th Sept. 1911

A notice displayed outside a house in Swavesey a few days ago contained the astounding intelligence, "Damsels 2d. a pound." Subsequently the word damsons was substituted for damsels.

DEATH OF AN AGED INHABITANT. 8th Sept. 1911

After a few days' illness Mr. David Sutton passed away on Monday at his residence at Boxworth End. He was 73 years of age. Mr. Sutton, who was greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact, leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 15th Sept. 1911

On Monday last the National School re-opened after the harvest holidays. During the time the school was closed important improvements have been effected, particularly in the infants' department. In the larger infants' room the gallery has been removed, the floor has been partly relaid, and a new cloak room erected. The walls throughout the school have been recoloured, and the drainage and other sanitary arrangements remodelled. Water has been laid on and proper washing accommodation supplied in all departments. The work has been carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

THE DROUGHT. 15th Sept. 1911

The want of water is being seriously felt in Swavesey. All the ponds are practically dry, and private pumps are running short. Several farmers have had the new water supply laid on to their yards and fields, and have derived great benefit thereby. The public pumps of the old water supply, hitherto only allowed to be drawn upon for domestic purposes, have been used for farm purposes, and have doubtless enabled many farmers to obtain water for stock which otherwise would have to have been fetched from the river.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 15th Sept. 1911

Another cow had a narrow escape last Friday from an untimely end in the mud in Navigation Drain. The animal, which belonged to Mr. C. Wilkinson, was found deeply sunk in the mud near where the drain joins Covell's Brook, not much more than its head being visible. Assistance was summoned but ordinary means were of no avail. At length Mr. C. Culpin, the resourceful Swavesey blacksmith, appeared on the scene with ropes and pulleys, and after

much labour and trouble the cow was hauled out, greatly exhausted. During the operations Mr. J. B. Senter, who was helping, fell head over heels into Covell's Brook, and was gallantly rescued by Mr. J. Daisley.

FUNERAL. 15th Sept. 1911

On Friday, 8th inst., the funeral of the late Mr. David Sutton, whose death at the age of 73 years was announced in our last issue, took place in Swavesey Nonconformist Cemetery in the presence of a considerable assembly of friends and villagers. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated, and hymns were sung at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Sutton (widow), Messrs. Robert and David Sutton (sons), Mrs. Pontefract, Misses Kate and Alice Sutton (daughters), Mrs. Jabez Parish and Miss Kate Neal (nieces) and Mrs. R. Sutton and Mrs. D. Sutton (daughters-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. Walter Thorp, Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements.

GARDEN FETE. 15th Sept 1911

As apart from the Coronation festivities, no public entertainment had been held in Swavesey during the summer, the Vicar decided to organise an evening fete in the Vicarage grounds, and so provide a little recreation for the people, tired and weary after their arduous labours in the harvest fields and fruit gardens. The Vicar's decision was unexpected, and he had little time, barely a week, in which to make arrangements, but notwithstanding these drawbacks he succeeded in giving his visitors a very enjoyable evening on Thursday, 7th inst. The St. Ives Town Band was in attendance and discoursed sweet music. After dark the grounds were prettily illuminated by Mr. James, of St. Ives. On the lawn dancing was indulged in, under the superintendence of Mr. W. Wayman, of Over, who acted as M.C. Among the side-shows were a well-patronised shooting gallery, where Mr. Walter Thorp was kept busily engaged; tug of war, in charge of Messrs. R. Mitham, jun., and T. Harris (a team of six ladies pulled over four men); cake guessing, in the hands of the Misses P. Mitham and V. Dean; and guessing the name of the doll, presided over by Misses Beaumont and E. Dodson. The name chosen for the doll was "Lucy," and was too simple for anyone to think of. Aunt Sally, looked after by Messrs. S. F. Mitham and G. H. Skeeles, did good business. Messrs. J. Gilby, P. J. Beaumont, and J. Hodson acted as gate-keepers and general stewards. It is satisfactory to note that the receipts exceeded the expenses, notwithstanding the fact that the latter were heavy. Refreshments were supplied by Mr. A. T. Scard, High-st., Swavesey.

LONELY COTTAGE RANSACKED.

FOOD AND CLOTHES STOLEN.

PRISONERS SENT FOR TRIAL. 15th Sept. 1911

There was a sequel to the raid on a lonely cottage near Swavesey at the County Police Court on Saturday morning, when Alfred George Grimes and Fred Chilvers, tramps, of no fixed abode, were charged with breaking and entering the dwelling house of Hubert Taylor, at Swavesey, on Wednesday, and stealing one cloth jacket, one pair of cloth trousers, three pounds of cooked meat, one loaf of bread, a bottle of pickled onions, and a quantity of tea, sugar and cocoa, value 23s. 7d., the property of Hubert Taylor.

The magistrates who heard the case were Dr. Liveing (presiding), Canon Pemberton, Mr. J. H. S. MacArthur, and Mr. J. O. Vintner.

Winifred Taylor, wife of Hubert Taylor, labourer, living at Swavesey, said she lived in one of two cottages standing alone at the side of the Huntingdon-road. On Wednesday morning she left her house at 7.30 in the morning. All the doors and windows were securely fastened. From what she was told she returned home at about 10 o'clock the same morning. She found the kitchen window was broken near the catch, and was wide open. The back door had been unbolted. Witness went upstairs to the back bedroom, and found that two drawers had been pulled quite out and that one had been drawn out and shut up again. The contents of the drawers had been disarranged. A tin clothes box had also been opened. Witness went downstairs again and went to the pantry, where she found a loaf of bread and about 3lbs of cooked beef were missing. Then she missed a bottle of pickled onions (produced) and some tea and cocoa from a shelf in the kitchen. Some sugar was missing from the kitchen table. On going upstairs once more witness found that a jacket and a pair of trousers (produced) belonging to her husband were missing. Witness valued all the articles at £1 3s. 7d.

Hubert Taylor, labourer, Swavesey, said that between 10 and 11 o'clock on Wednesday, in consequence of what he was told, he cycled along the Huntingdon-road and overtook prisoners near the Five Bells. They went into a plantation at the corner of the road leading to Girton, and stayed there about 15 or 20 minutes. They came out at the other corner of the plantation and walked on to Cambridge, witness following them. At the bottom of Girton College hill witness met Supt. Webb and P.C. Allen, and the prisoners were taken into custody. Grimes was wearing witness's suit of clothes.

Supt. Webb said Mr. Taylor had acted exceedingly well in this case.

Frederick Peppercorn, labourer, Lolworth, said that on Wednesday morning he was trimming a hedge near Taylor's house, when he saw prisoners and another man come along the road from the direction of Huntingdon. Grimes fetched

some water from the pump behind Taylor's cottage, and all three drank some. When witness next looked round he only saw the third man on the road. Later on he saw one of the prisoners under an apple tree in the next door cottage, and shortly afterwards he saw both prisoners come from Taylor's cottage. Chilvers was carrying a tin in his hand, and Grimes had got something under the corner of his coat. The prisoners went on towards Cambridge, and the third man, who was lying on the grass, remained behind. Witness then went out on the road and prisoners walked on faster. Witness looked round Taylor's house, and saw that the kitchen window was open, and that one pane was broken. He afterwards gave a description of prisoners to Taylor.

P. C. Richardson, stationed at Boxworth, said that on Wednesday he accompanied Taylor to the corner of the Girton-road, and found a bottle of pickles in the plantation. Between Taylor's house and the plantation he found an old pair of trousers, which were very ragged.

This piece of evidence amused prisoners, who made no attempt to conceal their smiles.

Supt. Webb said that at 11.38 on Wednesday he received a message of a house having been broken into at Swavesey. He cycled up there, and met the two prisoners at the bottom of the Girton College hill, the witness Taylor following them. He apprehended them. In reply to the charge Grimes said, "I am guilty of taking the jacket and trousers. That's all I had." Chilvers said, "I am guilty of taking the bread and meat, but not the clothes." Witness afterwards examined the house of Mr. Taylor and found it as described by Mrs. Taylor.

The prisoners were committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

HOW TO CARRY PIGS. 22nd Sept. 1911

A correspondent writes: Coming along Bucking Way the other day, I met a farmer riding a bicycle. He had a sack over his shoulder which seemed to contain something heavy and alive. On inquiry I found that the sack contained two live pigs, one of which hung in front and the other behind.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 22nd Sept. 1911

Bethel Baptist Church's Hospital effort was held on Wednesday last. A public tea was provided at 5.45 in the schoolroom. The tea-makers were Mrs. A Norman, Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. Godfrey, and Miss Starte. At 6.45 a service was held in the chapel, when the Rev. R. Smith, of Histon, preached, basing his discourse upon the words, "God giveth the increase." The chapel was most tastefully decorated with corn, fruit, flowers and vegetables. The workers, whose handiwork was much admired, were Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. Thurbon, Mrs. Plowman, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Starte, Miss Smith and others.

The offertory, which amounted to £1 11s. 6d., and the fruit, vegetables, &c., were sent as usual to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

HORSE IN DANGER. 22nd Sept. 1911

Swavesey men are becoming experts in the art of rescuing horses and other animals from muddy deaths. For some weeks past animals have had to be dragged with difficulty from the drains filled with mud instead of water. On Wednesday afternoon the scene changed and a rescue which caused some stir was effected from the school pond, in the heart of the village. The man in charge of a horse and empty cart belonging to Mr. Prime Godfrey went to the pond to water the horse. The pond is nearly empty, there being only a little water on the side farthest from the road. The horse got into the mud, and in its struggles became embedded deeper and deeper in the thick mire, and the cart seemed in such a position as to hold it down. Fortunately plenty of assistance was at hand, and Mr. Robert Norman, Mr. T. Mackness and others set to work with a will. After the horse had been loosed from its harness by Mr. Norman, and the cart was dragged away, ropes were attached to the horse, and eight or nine men hauled for all they were worth. The animal was much exhausted when got out.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 29th Sept. 1911

On Tuesday afternoon and evening harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Particular Baptist Chapel, the sermons being preached by the Rev. H. T. Stonelake, of Nottingham. Between the services there was a public tea.

MEETINGS. 29th Sept. 1911

A parish meeting will be held at the National School on Monday evening, the chief business being the authorisation of the necessary expenditure for lighting the street lamps during the winter months. – The Parish Council will meet in the same building later in the evening, and it is presumed will make a further effort to find a chairman. The Council has not met since the 24th April.

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES WILLSON. 29th Sept. 1911

We much regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ann Augusta Willson, wife of Mr. Charles Willson, which occurred at her residence in Market-street, Swavesey, on Sunday evening. Mrs. Willson, who was 63 years of age, having been born on the 8th March, 1848, had been in failing health for some time. She went to reside in Swavesey from Huntingdonshire with her husband and younger daughter some years ago, and though of a naturally retiring disposition, her kindliness of heart and equable temperament soon won her

friends, and endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Stephen Whiteman, of Coppingford, Hunts. In addition to her husband she leaves a son, Mr. Charles Willson, jun., of Hilton Hunts., and two daughters. The funeral took place very quietly in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The following chief mourners attended: Mr. Willson (widower), Miss Willson (daughter), Mr. C. Willson, jun. (son), Mrs. Rayner and Mrs. Brawn (sisters), Mr. J. Ringrow (son-in-law), and Mrs. C. Willson (daughter-in-law). By special request there were no flowers. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

HEARTS OF OAK. 6th Oct. 1911

The half-yearly meeting of the Swavesey District Hearts of Oak Medical Agency was held at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, Mr. W. F. Gleaves presiding.

SUFFOCATED IN MUD. 6th Oct. 1911

On Monday morning a horse was discovered deeply sunk in the mud of a drain in Top Leys. After the expenditure of much time and labour, willingly rendered, the animal was dragged out, but was then dead.

THE GALE. 6th Oct. 1911

During the gale on Saturday morning a poplar tree near Mr. A. Day's farm in Middle Watch was blown down and fell across the high road. Several persons were close by, including a County Council roadman, but no one was injured.

STOCK CLUB. 6th Oct. 1911

The members of the Swavesey Stock Club met on Tuesday evening at their headquarters, the White Horse Inn, on the occasion of their annual meat tea. An excellent meal was provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Slater. A social evening followed under the genial chairmanship of Mr. S. W. Crisp. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. T. Scard, W. J. Hephher, and Bert Hodson, and Mrs. Slater gave gramophone selections. A friend from Cambridge presided at the piano. The club's annual business meeting was held on the previous evening.

PARISH MEETING. 6th Oct. 1911

An exceptionally well-attended parish meeting was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. Jethro Linford (vice-chairman of the Parish Council). – On the proposal of Mr. W. H. Key,

seconded by Mr. R. Norman, the Parish Council were authorised to incur an expenditure not exceeding £30 for the purpose of lighting the public lamps in the village during the winter months. Mr. A. Day inquired as to the disposal of the balance left unspent of the Coronation Festivities Fund. Mr. Key, treasurer of the fund, replied. – the question of the postal arrangements in the village, and especially the inconvenience caused by the alteration in the mid-day dispatch of letters, so far as Cambridge is concerned, was then discussed. It was stated that business people labour under considerable disadvantages in consequence of the alteration which has deprived them for all practical purposes of the benefit of a second delivery in Cambridge. Prior to the new arrangement correspondence was sent to Cambridge by the 12.21 p.m. train, and was delivered there early in the afternoon during business hours. Since the alteration the day mail has been forwarded to St. Ives by the 1.59 p.m. train, and correspondence for Cambridge has fallen into the last delivery, about 8 p.m., too late for business purposes. A privilege enjoyed for years has been taken away, and great inconvenience has been caused. Another point urged was the establishment of a third delivery later in the afternoon, as the present day mail, which arrives in Swavesey by the train leaving Cambridge at 10.16 a.m. can, with few exceptions, only include correspondence posted the previous day. It was also stated that until recently correspondence for Over posted after the departure of the mail cart at night was sent on to Over by the mail cart on the following morning, and was included in the first delivery. This privilege had been withdrawn. On the motion of Mr. W. Twist, seconded by Mr. A. Day (District Councillor and Guardian), it was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the Postmaster-General, calling his attention to the inconvenience as regards correspondence for Cambridge resulting from the alteration in the day mail despatch, and asking for a third delivery and for the restoration of the early morning connection with Over. The meeting then terminated.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th Oct. 1911

A meeting of the Parish council was held on Monday evening in the Infants' School and was attended by Messrs. Jethro Linford (vice-chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist, and Robinson Mitham (clerk). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, some questions respecting them were raised by Mr. Daisley and Mr. Day. The latter pointed out that no notice had been given to the proposal to raise the Clerk's salary from 50s. to three guineas which had been carried at the last meeting in April. He thought that such action was irregular and contrary to standing orders, and should therefore be brought up again. Mr.

Daisley was of the same opinion. After much further discussion Mr. Twist proposed that the question of raising the Clerk's salary should be placed on the agenda of the next meeting, and Mr. Daisley seconding, the resolution was carried and the minutes signed. The consideration of the tenders for lighting the street lamps was the next business, and the Council determined to deal with this matter in private. The resolution excluding the public was moved by Mr. Daisley, and was seconded by Mr. Twist.

(Long report)

A FIND OF WASPS. 13th Oct. 1911

In the wooden frame of a workshop window in Wallman's-lane seventeen queen wasps were found last week. All were destroyed.

NOVEL WAY OF GATHERING APPLES. 13th Oct. 1911

Some amusement was caused the other day by an unusual method of gathering apples in a Swavesey garden. At the top of a tree was a lad sawing off branches laden with fruit, which were passed down to two ladies standing on the ground.

GREAT FALL OF MEAT. 13th Oct. 1911

Whilst a butcher's cart, the shafts of which were resting on a trestle, was being loaded with meat on Friday last in High-street, the cart tipped up, and all the joints of meat fell into the road. A prowling dog annexed one piece of meat, and ran away with it.

OFF TO GREATER BRITAIN. 13th Oct. 1911

Another Swavesey young man has left his native village to try his fortune beyond the seas. Last Saturday evening Fred Wilderspin, youngest son of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, farmer, departed from Swavesey station for London, receiving a hearty send-off from his friends. He is to sail to-morrow (Saturday) from the Albert Docks, London, to Queensland, in S.S. Perthshire. Brought up a farmer, it is his intention to learn Australian methods and then go in for sugar and banana growing. Young Mr. Wilderspin will be much missed in Swavesey, where he was very popular, especially with the younger people. He was one of the founders of the dancing classes, and their success last year was largely due to his efforts.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 13th Oct. 1911

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held in the parish church on Thursday, 5th inst. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m., Matins was

said at 10.30 a.m., and choral evensong at 7 p.m. A large congregation was present at the last service. The Rev. R. M. Linton, Rector of Girton, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. The church was nicely decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., but it was noticed that they were not as plentiful as usual. On Sunday the services were continued, and a numerous congregation attended in the evening, when the Rev. J. F. Cooksey preached. The collections on the festival and on Sunday morning were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and it is understood, amounted to within a few pence of the sum collected last year. The fruit, vegetables and flowers were also sent to the hospital. On Sunday afternoon there was a children's flower service at the Mission Church, Boxworth End. The youngsters' contributions have, in accordance with the usual practice, been sent to St. Ives Infirmary.

REVISION COURT AT SWAVESEY.

BARRISTER AND OVERSEERS.

PRAISE AND BLAME. 13th Oct. 1911

The Revising Barrister (Mr. A. Romer Macklin) sat at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Friday to revise the voters' lists for the West Cambs. parishes of Boxworth, Conington, Lolworth, Longstanton St. Michael, Westwick, Oakington, Childerley, Madingley, Longstanton All Saints', Dry Drayton, Girton, Fen Drayton, Over, Willingham, and Swavesey. There was little of public interest throughout the sitting, which lasted about 3½ hours.

Mr. James Guyatt appeared in the Liberal interests, and Mr. W. de L. Devereux watched those of the Conservatives.

OVERSEERS' ERRORS.

When the lists for Swavesey had been gone through, the Barrister said the Assistant Overseer had not done his work satisfactorily, and he would be compelled to deduct £2 from his expenses.

COMPLIMENTS.

Mr. Devereux said the week in which the voters' lists were revised was one he looked forward to with pleasure. He hoped they would have another pleasant time next year.

Replying, Mr. Macklin said he did not know that he had ever conducted Revision Courts which he had enjoyed so much as those in West Cambs. The little difficulties which had occasionally arisen had been easily disposed of and there had been no waste of time. The work of the Overseers in this Division was more unequal than in any other Division he knew. The bulk of the work of the Overseers was very well done, but at Royston, Cambridge, and there that day there had been some very bad work by Overseers. He felt it right in one instance to take off a small amount from the total which he would

otherwise have allowed had the work been fairly well done. To those Overseers who done their work creditably he expressed his thanks.
(Long report)

LANTERN LECTURE. 20th Oct. 1911

Under the auspices of the Cambridge Church Defence League, a lecture on the Church in Wales was given in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening by the Rev A. J. C. Allen, vicar of St. Mary-the-Less, Cambridge. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. The Vicar of Swavesey presided.

A COMPLAINT. 20th Oct. 1911

A motor cyclist complains of the bad condition of the road through the village of Swavesey, due, he says, to the numerous openings that have been made across the road for the purpose of connecting houses with the new water supply pipes. The surface of the road is so uneven that there is great danger of motor cycles being damaged, and their riders hurt.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT. 20th Oct. 1911

At the meeting of the Standing Joint Committee, held in Cambridge on Saturday last, it was announced that P.C. Plowman, who has been stationed at Swavesey for the last two years, has been recommended to the Home Secretary, for one of the four King's Coronation Medals allotted to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Mr. Plowman can show thirty years' continuous service in the force, and prior to his transfer to Swavesey was stationed for 16½ years at Histon.

LIBERAL MEETING. 20th Oct. 1911

The Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., visited Swavesey on Thursday evening in last week, and briefly addressed a public meeting in the schoolroom. Mr. George Clarke presided, in the absences through illness of Mr. E. Parish, President of the Swavesey Liberal Association. Mr. Montagu unfortunately had to leave early as he had an engagement in Norwich. At the beginning of his speech he referred to the dissatisfaction which he understood existed as to certain postal arrangements in the village, and he promised to represent the matter to the Postmaster-General. He proceeded to speak very briefly on the questions of Home Rule and the payment of members of Parliament. A few questions having been asked and answered, Mr. Montagu left for Cambridge. Mr. Cornforth then addressed the meeting at some length on the Insurance Bill.

A GRIEVANCE. 20th Oct. 1911

Mr. Thomas Prior, when returning from chapel about eight o'clock last Sunday evening, met with an accident. He is 80 years of age, and though hale and hearty in most respects, has to use a stick when walking. In his right hand on Sunday night he held his stick, and in his left was a furled umbrella. The night was very dark, and in negotiating the turning to his house he came into collision with a fence. The back of his hand was badly lacerated, and the wound bled profusely. Mr. Prior attributes the mishap to the fact that a public lamp close by was not alight. The lamp-post was knocked down by a cart a month or so ago, and was not re-erected until last week. On Sunday night the lamp had not been replaced. Mr. Prior thinks the Parish Council are deserving of censure for not paying greater attention to the lighting of the streets. A lamp-post without a lamp is in his opinion, worse than useless; it is a source of danger.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 27th Oct. 1911

The Swavesey United Football Club, having lodged a protest as to a recent match with Over, the committee of the Histon and District League have ordered that the game shall be replayed next month.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA. 27th Oct. 1911

Mr. Archibald Prior, youngest son of Mr. Benjamin Prior, of Boxworth End, left Swavesey on Tuesday. He is sailing for Australia in a few days' time. Mr. Prior is the second Swavesey young man who has gone to Australia within the last two or three weeks.

EVENING CLASSES. 27th Oct. 1911

The proposal to hold continuation classes under the superintendence of Mr. C. Wood, the Headmaster of Swavesey School, has been warmly taken up, and a number of lads and young men have notified their intention to attend. The first class will be held on Tuesday next, 31st inst.

PUNCTUALITY REWARDED. 27th Oct. 1911

Medals and bars awarded by the County Education authority for perfect attendance during the past year were presented on Tuesday to the following children attending Swavesey National School: Medals to Ada Ansted, Grace Ansted and Joseph Culpin; Third year bar to May Thorp; Second year bar to Stanley Poulter and Mabel Taylor.

PARISH CHURCH. 3rd Nov. 1911

The festival of All Saints' was duly observed at the parish church on Wednesday. Evensong at 7 p.m. was fully choral and was well attended. The Rev. Evelyn Young, Fen Drayton, preached.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 3rd Nov. 1911

The Swavesey United F. C. having to move from Manor Close (near the Railway Station), their playing ground, since the club was formed, have been fortunate enough to find fresh quarters without loss of time. Dr. Ellis has kindly lent a field in Middle Watch at the back of his house, and the match with Longstanton in the Histon and District League will be played there tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Nov. 1911

On Saturday evening, about seven o'clock, Mr. George Wells, and his son, Mr. Wm. Wells, when driving in a pony and cart from Church End to their home at Boxworth End met with an accident near the Mission Church by coming into collision, it is presumed, with Mr. F. Williams' carrier's cart, which was on its return journey from Cambridge. How the accident happened is not very clear, but it resulted in both shafts of the pony cart being broken off, and both Mr. Wells, who is 84 years of age, and his son being thrown in the road. Mr. Walter Thorpe, who lives close by, hearing the noise of the smash and cries for help, hastened to the scene. The night was very dark, and the mishap occurred half-way between two street lamps. Mr. Thorp found the men lying on the road, Mr. Wells, sen., being unable to rise owing to the pony standing on one hand. They were taken home in Mr. Williams' cart.

MISSIONARY LECTURE. 10th Nov. 1911

On Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., an excellent and much appreciated lecture, illustrated with admirable lantern slides, was given in the National School by the Rev. A. S. Matthew, of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, explanatory of the work of the Mission. The Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar, presided, and the attendance was good.

DEATH OF MRS. J. WELLS. 10th Nov. 1911

We regret to announce the death on Tuesday evening, after a prolonged illness, borne with great resignation, of Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, wife of Mr. James Wells, coal merchant and late churchwarden of Swavesey. Mrs. Wells, who was 74 years of age, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Garrett, of Leamington, Warwickshire, and was married 49 years ago on Christmas Eve. She leaves a widower and three sons and three daughters, for

whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place this (Friday) afternoon in Swavesey churchyard.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 10th Nov. 1911

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Polling District Conservative Association was held at the National School on Monday evening, and the attendance was considerably larger than in previous years. The annual report of the year's accounts were submitted and showed that the Association is in a satisfactory condition. Officers and committee were elected for service during the next 12 months, and arrangements were made for taking over rooms at Ryder's Farm, kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by Mr. J. B. Ellis, of St. Ives, vice-president. The rooms will be open every Wednesday throughout the winter months, and on alternate Wednesdays a discussion will be held on some matter of political interest. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Ellis.

SAD DEATH. 10th Nov. 1911

Quite a gloom has been cast over the village by the death of little Miss Hilda Parsons, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parsons, of Boxworth End. The little girl – she was only eight years old – was a universal favourite. Her ride to and from the railway station every day on her bicycle was a sort of triumphal progress. Old and young looked out for her, and for all she had a cheery word, and they for her. On Tuesday, 31st ult., she went to school, Slepe Hall, St. Ives, as usual, but was taken ill whilst there. She was, however, able to get home, but unfortunately, the rain fell heavily before she could reach shelter. Acute inflammation set in, and despite the devoted nursing of her parents and the attention of Dr. Ellis and his son (Dr. R. Ellis), she passed peacefully away in her sleep on Friday night. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery in the presence of a large assemblage of friends from Swavesey, Over and elsewhere. The Rev. Short officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. James Parsons (parents), Miss Muriel Parsons (sister), Mrs. Anderson Wells (aunt) and Mr. T. Parsons (uncle). The coffin was of unpolished oak with brass furniture. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 17th Nov. 1911

A meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. E. Parish's room on Monday evening.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 17th Nov. 1911

The new rooms at Ryder's Farm, kindly lent to the Swavesey District Conservative Association by Mr. J. B. Ellis, were opened on Wednesday evening. There was no formal ceremony, but in the course of the evening the chairman (Rev. J. F. Cooksey) made a few remarks and called upon the secretary to read letters commending and congratulating the Association which had been received from Mr. G. D. Newton, Mr. C. W. Stanley, Mr. Devereux (Conservative agent), Mr. H. H. Tebbutt, and Mr. A. E. Saunders (late hon. Secretary of the Association). The secretary also mentioned the names of several members and friends, ladies as well as men, to whom he and the Association were deeply indebted for work in connection with the preparation and furnishing of the rooms, and he singled out Mr. E. J. Mitham as worthy of special thanks. Mr. W. H. Key complained that one important name had been omitted, namely, that of the secretary himself, and he assured the members that they were very much indebted to Mr. Vincent. (Applause). The first fortnightly "discussion" will be held on Wednesday next, when the subject to be talked about will be the Insurance Bill. The attendance on Wednesday night was excellent, and about a dozen new members were elected.

THE LATE MRS. JAMES WELLS. 17th Nov. 1911

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, wife of Mr. James Wells, whose death at the age of 74 years was announced last week, took place in the churchyard of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Friday, 10th inst., and was numerously attended. The Rev. A. C. Vidler (vicar) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wells (widower), Mrs. J. Mitham, the Rev. W. Wells, Miss Wells, Mr. Horace F. Wells, and Miss J. Wells (sons and daughters), Mrs. A. Wells and Mrs. H. F. Wells (daughters-in-law). The coffin was plain unpolished oak, with brass cross and breastplate on the lid.
(Long report)

NEW PASTOR AT BETHEL. 24th Nov. 1911

It has been officially announced that the Rev. H. J. Watts, of Carpenter-road Baptist Church, Stratford, London E., has accepted the call to Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey. He hopes to commence his pastorate on Sunday, 24th December.

THE CHURCH IN WALES. 24th Nov. 1911

A meeting will be held in Swavesey school room on Monday, November 27th, 1911, at eight o'clock, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Williams, B.D., rector of Jeffreyston, South Wales, on the proposed

Disestablishment of the Church in Wales. The chair will be taken by the Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar of Swavesey, supported by the Archdeacon of Ely and others.

IN DAYS OF OLD. 24th Nov. 1911

Mr. Thomas Prior, a Swavesey octogenarian, has favoured our correspondent with two doggerel rhymes he used to hear some 70 years ago. They were the days when beer “messes” were in vogue – i.e., bread or harvest cakes soaked in beer. A Mrs. Ann Parish used to give the toast: -

O ale, thou art my darling,
I thee doth love, both night and marning,
Although you’ve cause a many a friend to be my foe,
I give you a tip and down you shall go.

- A Mr. Robert Crisp was responsible for the following:-
If you have a friend keep him so;
Don’t let him your secrets know;
For if that friend become your foe,
All the world your secrets know.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 24th Nov. 1911

The members of the Swavesey (Polling) District Conservative Association held their first fortnightly discussion for this winter on Wednesday evening at their new and comfortable headquarters at Ryder’s Farm. The subject chosen, the National Insurance Bill now before Parliament, was ably and, as far as time would permit, exhaustively introduced by Mr. W. J. Wing, of Cambridge. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided.

THE PUBLIC DRAINS. 24th Nov. 1911

The methods adopted this autumn by the Swavesey Rural District Council in clearing out the large and vitally important drains in the parish of Swavesey are being much criticised. Notwithstanding a resolution, which, it is understood, was passed by the Council, that the work of clearance should be begun at the river end of a main drain, where practically nothing has been done for years, a start was made in the region of Cow Fen. When the more or less blocked river end was attacked, the heavy rains fell, the water rose, and work had to be stopped. It is alleged that the parishes of Swavesey and Fen Drayton, into which flood water from the surrounding district pours, do not receive fair treatment at the hands of the majority of the Council.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 24th Nov. 1911

The annual tea of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held on Monday evening in the Friends' Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, and was attended by about 120 persons. After the tables had been cleared there was a meeting, at which Mr. E. Parish, chairman of the Association, presided. Rev. A. C. Ashpool (Willingham Tabernacle), Mr. Parkin (late of Willingham), Mr. Brown (Cambridge), Mr. Evison (Fen Drayton), and others spoke, and a letter apologising for his absence was read from the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P. The proceedings concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 24th Nov. 1911

The Sunday school-room attached to Bethel Baptist Church has for some time been in urgent need of repairs, and these have been carried out as a recognition and appreciation of services rendered by Miss Starte to the Sunday school and chapel. Miss Starte, who is now on her way to India, declined to receive a testimonial on her leaving the village, and it is believed suggested that the money subscribed should be applied to the restoration of the schoolroom. The work has been satisfactorily carried out at a cost of about £30 by Mr. Robinson Mitham, and the building, it is satisfactory to record, has been re-opened free of debt. The re-opening was celebrated on Thursday last week by a public tea, at which about 90 sat down. The tables were presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. J. S. Goad, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. Wimpres and Miss Hayes. A public meeting followed under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Norman, deacon and treasurer, who vacated the chair later in the evening in favour of the Rev. G. Houghton, of Crayford. The Treasurer presented his financial report, which was deemed highly satisfactory, and he warmly eulogised Miss Starte and her work. A long programme followed.

(Long report)

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st Dec. 1911

A meeting of the Parish Council was held last evening (Thursday) in the National School.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 1st Dec. 1911

The Christian Endeavour Society will re-open on Monday evening for the winter session in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Chapel. There will be a tea for members at 5.45 p.m., during which a tea table talk will take place, and at 7 o'clock a meeting open to the public will be held. It is hoped that the Rev. H. Watts, who will shortly take up the pastorate at Swavesey, will be present.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 1st Dec. 1911

An entertainment, consisting of songs, choruses, recitations, etc., was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening. Mr. A. Watts, of Over, who presided, and the Rev. L. Lancaster, the circuit minister, delivered addresses during the evening, the former making reference to a debt of £55 on the chapel which the connexion was anxious to liquidate.

BAPTIST MISSIONS. 1st Dec. 1911

On Sunday last special sermons were preached in Bethel Chapel on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society, in the morning by the Rev. R. Spurgeon, of India, and in the evening by the Rev. A. C. Ashpool of Willingham. In the afternoon Mr. Ashpool addressed the young people of the congregation on the subject of missions. On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the chapel, at which an address was delivered by the Rev. W. B. Frame, who has laboured for many years on the Congo. He made special mention of the great progress made by missions in that district.

INSURANCE BILL. 1st Dec. 1911

A correspondent writes under date of Wednesday: - A Swavesey housewife to-day, in my presence, asked whether she would have to contribute towards the insurance of her washerwoman, whom she employed for one day at a time. She was told that she would have to do so, and was shown Mr. Lloyd George's reply to a similar question asked by a member of a deputation which had interviewed him on Tuesday. She then emphatically declared that in future she would do her own washing and not employ a woman!

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 1st Dec. 1911

The members of the Swavesey branch of the Primrose League mustered in strong force at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. At six o'clock there was an excellent tea for associates only, and about 100 attended. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Long, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Gilby, Mrs. Scard, Mrs. Warboys, Miss Coote, the Misses Garner, and Miss S. Mitham. For the meeting and entertainment non-members were admitted, and the attendance, it is estimated, rose to nearly 200. The Rev. A. C. Vidler presided, and was supported by Lieutenant Boughey, R. N., the recently appointed Provincial Secretary of the Primrose League, and by Mr. W. C. Cole, President of the Swavesey Conservative Association. After songs had been sung, the Chairman called upon Lieut. Boughey to address the meeting. The gallant sailor spoke first of the aims and objects of the League, and urged the necessity for further work and increased energy. He briefly referred to

many matters of interest, notably the Insurance Bill, Home Rule, the Navy and Army, the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales. An allusion to the fact that ladies have as yet no votes for Parliament provoked an indignant male elector to exclaim, "They ought not to have one." His interruption was received with great laughter. A mention of Mr. Bonar Law evoked loud applause. The speaker resumed his seat amidst loud applause, but to the great regret of all present, who regarded his speech as far too short. The musical entertainment was then resumed. After the votes of thanks the singing of the National Anthem brought a most pleasant and successful evening to a close.

(Long report)

DISESTABLISHMENT. 1st Dec. 1911

On Monday evening the large room of Swavesey National School was the scene of a memorable demonstration against the proposed Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales. The audience was large, representative and enthusiastic, and consisted of as many men as women. The Vicar of Swavesey (the Rev. A. C. Vidler, R.D.) presided, and with him on the platform were the Rev. Canon Williams, Rector of Jeffreyston and Canon Residentiary of St. David's, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. Working men and working women were largely represented.

(Long report)

BETHEL CHAPEL. 8th Dec. 1911

The Rev. H. Watts, who has recently accepted the call to the pastorate of the chapel, preached at the morning and evening services last Sunday at Bethel Baptist Chapel.

ILLNESS OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. 8th Dec. 1911

Many of our readers will regret to learn that Mr. Jesse Hepher, Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Swavesey Sub-District, is lying seriously ill at his residence in High-street. He had not been well for some days, and on Tuesday morning was stricken with sudden illness, at once losing consciousness.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR. 8th Dec. 1911

The open meeting of the winter session of the Bethel Baptist Christian Endeavour Society was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening. The proceedings commenced with a tea and tea-table talk for members, the "talk" being opened by the Rev. H. Watts, and being a new feature, was much enjoyed. A crowded public meeting followed, at which addresses were

delivered by the Rev. H. Watts, who presided, and Messrs Norris, Conquest, Skinner, sen., and Skinner, jun. (of the Over Society), Gent, Surgeoner (St. Ives). Solos were rendered by Mrs. Green (St. Ives), Miss Alice Norman and Mr. E. Dodson (Swavesey), and Miss H. Causer gave a recitation. At the conclusion the Chairman thanked all those who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, which had been a very happy gathering.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 8th Dec, 1911

The usual fortnightly discussion was held on Wednesday evening at the Rooms of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, when the Rev. A. C. Vidler introduced the subject of the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales. Although handicapped by following the Revs. A. J. C. Allen and Canon Williams, both of whom had quite recently addressed public meetings in the village on the subject, Mr. Vidler succeeded in finding fresh points of interest and thoroughly capturing his audience. His replies to questions raised in the subsequent discussion were terse, and in every respect excellent. The speaker was greatly assisted by a capital map drawn specially for the occasion by Mr. C. Wood. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Vidler, on the proposal of the Chairman (Rev. J. F. Cooksey), seconded by Mr. W. H. Key. The attendance was good, notwithstanding a counter-attraction in the neighbourhood.

A FORTHCOMING MEETING. 8th Dec. 1911

Next Monday, at 7 p.m., a meeting of the Parish Council is to be held, which is likely to be interesting. The meeting is called for the special purpose of electing a chairman (the Council has been without that necessary official since last Spring, when Mr. E. Parish declined to continue in office), and of discussing the neglect of the main public drains by the District Council. It is understood that Mr. J. Linford, who was elected vice-chairman at the annual meeting of the Council, maintains that he became chairman by automatic process, as no other gentleman was appointed to the office, and that therefore the Council cannot eject him or appoint another chairman. Some people suggest that the proceedings of the Council have been illegal in the absence of a properly-elected chairman, and the Clerk at last week's meeting laid it down that Mr. Key, who, although not a councillor, was co-opted to the chair, but declined to act, is compelled to serve unless relieved by the Local Government Board. The situation is complicated, and the parishioners are awaiting the result of next Monday's meeting with interest.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th Dec. 1911

An interesting and important meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Mr. Jethro Linford (vice-chairman) presided, the other councillors present being Messrs. W. Burton, W. Daisley, A. Day, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). After the minutes of the last meeting had been signed, it was resolved that a precept for £25 for the lighting rate be issued, and a special committee, consisting of the Vice-Chairman, the two overseers (both members of the Council) and Mr. A. Norman, was appointed to inquire into the present and future liabilities of the Council. A letter from the Lord of the Manor respecting the enfranchisement of certain copyhold land owned by the Council was then considered, and it was decided that the Council was not prepared to proceed with the matter at present. The question of raising the Clerk's salary from £2 10s. was the next item on the agenda. At the annual meeting an increase to £3 3s. was voted, but at the next meeting Mr. Day objected that no reference to the proposed alteration in pay had appeared in the agenda, so the question had to be brought forward again. Mr. Twist now proposed that the salary be raised to £3, the Vice-Chairman seconded, and some discussion ensued, during which the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham) announced that he would think over the matter and let the Council know whether he would accept their proposal. He maintained that the clerks of neighbouring councils were paid at a higher rate. The proposal was, however, carried, four voting in favour, and four abstaining from voting. The Clerk then offered to resign his office, and so as not to put the Council to inconvenience, undertook to perform the duties for three months at his present rate of pay.

THE GALE. 15th Dec. 1911

During the gale on Sunday a large and old weeping willow tree in the grounds in front of Ryder's Farm, the new headquarters of the Swavesey District Conservative Association, was blown down.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 15th Dec. 1911

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. E. Parish's room on Monday evening, when Mr. J. Kellock, who is working under the auspices of the West Cambs. Liberal Association, went fully into the provisions of the National Insurance Bill. A good many questions were asked, which Mr. Kellock answered.

DEATHS. 15th Dec. 1911

Last Friday was a day of sorrow in Swavesey. Within twelve hours no fewer than three well-known Swavesey men passed to their rest, viz., Mr. Jesse

Hepher, Registrar of Births and Deaths, at 12.45 a.m.; Mr. John Williams, parish clerk and sexton, at 4.30 a.m.; and Mr. William Wright about 11 a.m. Mr. Williams and Mr. Wright died in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WILLIAMS. 15th Dec. 1911

After a long and distressing illness, borne with great patience, Mr. J. Williams, coal merchant and parish clerk and sexton of Swavesey for many years, died at half-past four last Friday morning, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of which institution he had been an in-patient for nearly four months. Mr. Williams was universally respected, and the news of his death, though not unexpected was received with general regret. He was sixty-six years of age, and leaves a widow, five sons (two of whom are in Australia) and two daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon in Swavesey Churchyard.

A VACANT OFFICE. 15th Dec. 1911

There is a general consensus of opinion in the neighbourhood that the new Registrar of Birth and Deaths for the Swavesey district should be resident in the district, and that the post should not be given to anyone living outside the county, as was the case two or three years ago, when a gentleman who resides in Huntingdon was appointed assistant overseer of Lolworth. It is felt that if the new registrar lives at a distance a hardship would be inflicted on persons having business with him who reside in outlying parts, as, for instance, the occupants of cottages in that portion of the parish of Boxworth which borders on the St. Neots-road. The registrarship has been held by Swavesey men for many years past, and Swavesey, being about the centre of the district, appears to be the most convenient place in which the new official should live. Mrs. H. S. Aldred, of Swavesey, daughter and deputy of the late Registrar, is acting as interim Registrar.

MR. WM. WRIGHT. 15th Dec. 1911

To the regret of his many friends, Mr. William Wright, of Askew-row, Swavesey, died last Friday, after an illness of thirteen weeks. An operation being deemed necessary, he was removed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where, after a stay of a month, he passed peacefully away. Mr. Wright, who was 74 years of age, was the son of the late Mr. James Wright, of Swavesey, and in that village spent the whole of his long life. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon in Swavesey Nonconformist Cemetery, the service being taken by the Rev. H. Lancaster, assisted by Mr. G Green, of St. Ives. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Wright

(widow), Messrs. Samuel, William and Alfred Wright (sons), Mrs. Honeybone, Mrs. Ablett and Miss Wright (daughters), Mr. W. Ablett (son-in-law), Mrs. S. Wright (daughter-in-law), Messrs. W. Ablett and Horace Wright (grandsons), Mrs. Kidman (sister) and Mrs. James Wright (sister-in-law). There were no flowers, by special request. The late Mr. Wright was a prominent member of the Primitive Methodist community in Swavesey.

DEATH OF MR. J. HEPHER. 15th Dec.

We regret to record the death, from an abscess in the region of the brain, of Mr. Jesse Hepher, which occurred at his residence in High-street, Swavesey, early last Friday morning, after an illness of three days. Mr. Hepher was the son of the late Mr. William Hepher, of Swavesey, and had lived in the village all his life, with the exception of about ten years spent at Upwood and Attleborough, Norfolk. He carried out a successful tailoring business and had customers in Cambridge, to and from which town, notwithstanding his advanced age, he frequently cycled laden with parcels. He was also Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Swavesey District, succeeding Mr. J. Rogers 14 years ago. Mr. Hepher, who was 71 years of age, and a widower, leaves six sons (one of whom is in the Far West of Canada, and has lost both father and mother during his 4½ years' absence) and a daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the greater part of the service being held in the house. The Rev. J. Easter, pastor of Over Baptist Chapel, officiated. At the Cemetery many old friends and sympathising villagers assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. The chief mourners were: Mrs. H. S. Aldred (only daughter), Messrs. Frank Hepher, Albert Hepher (Datchet), Walter Hepher (Ealing), Thomas Hepher (Bristol), Wilfred Hepher (Gerrards Cross) (sons), Mr. Fred Hepher, of London (brother), and Mr. H. S. Aldred (son-in-law).

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 22nd Dec. 1911

Instead of a political discussion at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association on Wednesday evening a lantern lecture on the British Navy was given by Mr. W. de L. Devereux. The subject was treated from an historical and strictly non-party point of view.

OBITUARY. 22nd Dec. 1911

Another aged inhabitant has passed away, the fourth within a week. On Thursday night, 14th, Miss Anna Garner died, aged 77 years. She was the sister of the late Mr. Jabez Garner and Mr. Thomas Garner, both of whom

lived to a good old age. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in Swavesey churchyard.

YOUTHFUL ARTISTS. 22nd Dec. 1911

Two scholars attending Swavesey National School, Arthur Beaumont, and Joseph Ding, have just distinguished themselves by executing some very creditable "brush work." Each without assistance has made a calendar decorated with a water-colour painting, young Ding's picture being a seascape, and Beaumont's a full-length portrait of a Dutch boy. The pictures were greatly enlarged from newspaper cuttings, and the colouring is entirely the youngsters' own idea. The calendar blocks are quite accurate, leap year notwithstanding.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 22nd Dec. 1911

The members of the White Horse Slate Club held their annual dinner at the White Horse Inn on Thursday, 14th inst., when an excellent and bounteous spread, provided for 40 persons, was thoroughly enjoyed. Dr. Ellis presided, and the vice-chair was taken by Mr. C. Wilkinson. After the tables had been cleared there was a social evening. A meeting for the share-out was held on Wednesday, 20th inst.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE PARISH CLERK. 22nd Dec. 1911

Amidst general manifestations of sympathy and respect the remains of the late Mr. John Williams, for 27 years Parish Clerk of Swavesey, whose death was announced last week, were laid to rest on Thursday afternoon, 14th December, under the shadow of the tower in which hung the bells he loved so well. A large congregation attended. As was appropriate, the bells he had helped to ring for half a century were fully muffled, and the full peal took the place of the usual knell of a single bell. The service was choral. The choir and clergy met the body and mourners at the churchyard gate, and as the sad procession passed slowly towards the porch the Vicar, Rev. A. C. Vidler, R.D., said the opening sentences of the Burial Service. On entering the church the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was sung, and the 90th Psalm was chanted. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey read the lesson, and then followed Toplady's hymn, "Rock of Ages". As the body was borne down the church to the grave the bells again were heard, this time half open. The Vicar said the prayers of committal, and after one last look the mourners passed silently homewards, the bells ringing unmuffled. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Williams (widow), Messrs. Frank, Denis and Edward Williams (sons), Mrs. H. H. Berryman and Mrs. H. G. Key (daughters), Messrs. Jonas, Edward and David Williams (brothers), and Mrs.

J. Turner, Mrs. R. Prime and Mrs. C. Brett (sisters). It is interesting to record that the office of parish clerk and sexton at Swavesey had been held by a member of the late Mr. Williams' family for the last 97 years, viz., by Mr. William Hephher (his grandfather) for 54 years, by Mr. Edward Williams (his father) for 16 years, and by the deceased for 27 years.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 29th Dec. 1911

The Rev. H. Watts, the newly-appointed pastor at Bethel Baptist Chapel, commenced his duties on Sunday last, and preached at the morning and evening services.

CHRISTMAS SINGING. 29th Dec. 1911

Starting at about 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the Middle Watch choir, under the leadership of Mr. William Prior, perambulated the village from end to end and sang.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1911

The parish church was effectively decorated with flowers and evergreens for the Christmas festival. On Christmas Day Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m., the last service being sung to music by Hall. Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong, with sermon by the Vicar, at 3 p.m. All the services were well-attended.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 29th Dec. 1911

The members of the George and Dragon Mutual Benefit Club held their annual supper at their headquarters, the Little Rose, on Thursday, 21st inst., and full justice was done to the excellent and substantial meal provided in their well-known style by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke. There was a full attendance of members, and after supper the rest of the evening was spent in singing songs etc. The share-out amounted to 17s. 10d. per member clear, £15 6s. 8d. having been distributed in sick benefit during the year, and a levy of 6d. per member was made for the secretary's honorarium. The club's year consisted of 50 weeks. On the 20th inst. the share-out meeting of the White Horse slate club took place, and each member received the sum of 18s. The annual dinner of this club was held on Thursday, 14th inst.

HOME FROM AMERICA. 29th Dec. 1911

Mrs. George Gifford arrived in Swavesey from Memphis, U.S.A., on Saturday last, on a visit to her mother, Mrs. John Covell. Mrs. Gifford, who had the

misfortune to lose her husband, a well-known Swavesey man, a year or so ago, went to the States many years back, and eight years have elapsed since she last re-visited the village. On the same evening Mr. Martin Surrey Caine, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, of High-street, was welcomed home after an absence in Canada of nearly 14 years; he left Swavesey on the 17th March 1898. About ten years ago he was joined by his younger brother, Mr. Harry L. Caine, and it is most pleasing to relate that the brothers, working together, have fared prosperously during their sojourn in the Far west. Mr. Martin S. Caine landed in Liverpool from the s.s. Teutonic last Thursday, and spent Friday and Saturday in London. Just before the end of his long journey across Canada the train in which he was travelling collided with another train, but fortunately, neither he nor any other passenger sustained injury beyond being shaken and bruised, but the locomotives of both trains were badly damaged. Mr. Caine proposes to remain in England about four months.

WASPS. 5th Jan. 1912

On Friday last, in Swavesey station yard, a number of live queen wasps were found in some heaps of granite. They were promptly destroyed.

PUBLICHOUSE CLOSED. 5th Jan. 1912

The Black Horse Inn closed its doors as a publichouse for the last time on Friday night, having been closed under the Compensation Act. No less than eight licensed houses have been shut up within the last few years.

THE PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR. 5th Jan. 1912

The old year was tolled out and the New Year rung in by the bells of the parish church. At the evening service on Sunday the Vicar preached an appropriate sermon, making special reference to the loss the church and parish had sustained by the deaths during the year of Mr. H. Beaumont and Mr. John Williams, who had for many years held the offices of schoolmaster and organist and clerk and sexton respectively.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 5th Jan. 1912

Mr. G. Douglas Newton was present at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey Polling District Conservative and Unionist Association on Wednesday evening, and delivered an address on current politics. There was a very large attendance of members, who gave Mr. Newton an enthusiastic reception. The subject for discussion at the next meeting on the 17th instant is Home Rule, when the chief speaker will be a representative of the Irish Unionist Association.

IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICE. 5th Jan. 1912

It is understood that the representations from a Swavesey parish meeting in the autumn, backed up by the Member of Parliament for West Cambs., asking for an improved postal service, has been successful, and that in the near future letters, etc., from Swavesey which now fall into last delivery in Cambridge, will be included in the delivery which begins at 4.45 p.m., and also that a third delivery of letters in Swavesey in the evening will be established. The village of Over will participate in the improved service.

PERSONAL. 12th Jan. 1912

On Monday Mrs. Long, of the Priory, left Swavesey for Egypt, where she proposes to stay for a few weeks.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 12th Jan. 1912

On Wednesday evening Mr. Percy Prior gave an excellent gramophone entertainment at the rooms of the Swavesey District Conservative Association.

A LOCAL WILL. 12th Jan. 1912

Mr. John Williams, of Swavesey, whose death occurred on December 8th last, has left estate valued at £397 10s. His widow, Mrs. Jane Williams, of Swavesey, is the sole executrix.

LECTURE ON CANADA. 12th Jan. 1912

On Monday evening Mr. F. O. Chapman, an agent of the Canadian Government, gave his interesting and instructive lecture on Canada, illustrated by limelight views, in the National School. Considering the very wet night, the attendance was good.

NEW REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, ETC. 12th Jan. 1912

Mr. H. S. Aldred, of London House, Swavesey, was at Wednesday's meeting of the St. Ives Board of Guardians selected out of five candidates for appointment as Registrar of Births and Deaths in the Swavesey district, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 12th Jan. 1912

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. Parish's Room on Monday evening. Mr. J. Kellock, the chief speaker, after answering questions respecting the Insurance Act, delivered an address on

Home Rule. There was a fair attendance of members, although the weather was bad.

CHOIR SUPPER. 12th Jan. 1912

The adult members of the choir and ringers of the parish church, with the churchwardens and sidesmen, were entertained at supper at the National School on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Long, of the Priory. After supper, the Vicar, who presided, proposed the toast of the health of Mrs. Long, coupled with a vote of thanks for her hospitality. The toast was drunk with great heartiness. A social evening followed, during which songs were sung by members of the choir, and Mr. Skeeles, the organist, gave gramophone selections.

FIRST AID. 12th Jan. 1912

During the autumn a course of lectures on First Aid was given in Swavesey National School, and at its close an examination was held, at which most of the candidates were successful. Certificates have been awarded to the following: The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. Cyril and Christopher Day, Misses Frances Parish, Marguerite Parish and Rachel Day. Most of the successful candidates already belong to the Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment, and it is hoped that further recruits will speedily join. Full information can be obtained from Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor.

HOME MISSIONS. 12th Jan. 1912

The annual missionary tea, a Christmas fixture of many years' standing, was held in the schoolroom on Thursday evening, 4th inst. After tea an excellent lecture on the work of the Additional Curates' Society in South Wales was given by the Rev. T. G. Spurgin, A.C.S., District Organising Secretary. The lecture, which was illustrated with limelight views, covered the whole of the period during which the society has been at work. Many of the slides showed villages and towns as they were when the society began its work and as those villages and towns are at the present time.

ANNUS MIRABILIS. 12th Jan 1912

The year 1911 was notable in more than one respect so far as Swavesey was concerned. The census taken in April showed an increase in the population of about four – small, it is true, but still an increase, and gratifying seeing that in 1901 and in 1891 each census disclosed a drop in the population of the parish of about 150. During the year the new water supply was peacefully laid on in spite of indignation meetings held previously, and threats of angry opposition.

The water appears to give satisfaction to its users, but the cost of it does not. Farmers found the new supply of invaluable service for their stock when ponds were empty in the prolonged summer drought. As in other places, festivities in celebration of the Coronation were held in June. Bethel Baptist Chapel was for a lengthy period pastorless, the Rev. W. H. Stevens leaving in June for a wider sphere of work and usefulness in Yarmouth, while his successor, Rev. H. J. Watts, did not take up duty until December. From April until late in the year the Parish Council also was without a leader, the arduous duties of chairman being cheerfully and ably performed during the interregnum by the vice-chairman, Mr. Jethro Linford, until at length Mr. A. Day was appointed chairman.

(Long report)

SNOWSTORM. 19th Jan. 1912

During Tuesday and Wednesday nights snow fell heavily in Swavesey, and on Thursday morning the roads were covered to the depth of five or six inches.

A PUBLIC DANGER. 19th Jan. 1912

A correspondent calls attention to the dangerous condition of a stopcock box of the new water supply opposite the Rev. E. Short's house at Boxworth End. He says that the box projects considerably above the level of the footpath, and being insecurely fixed wobbles in such a way as to be likely to throw a person down in the dark.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 19th Jan. 1912

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association on Wednesday night Mr. Robert Fitzgerald Kilpatrick, of the Irish Unionist Associations, gave an interesting and able address on the Home Rule question. Notwithstanding the cold and stormy night there was a large attendance of members.

IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICE. 19th Jan. 1912

A second day mail delivery at Swavesey and Over has been authorised, and will commence on Monday, the 22nd inst. Letters, etc., will be delivered through both villages, the delivery commencing at Swavesey at 6.45 p.m., and Over about 7.10 p.m. Correspondence for Cambridge (town) posted in time for the existing midday despatch (viz., 1.30 p.m. at Over and 1.35 p.m. at Swavesey) should, on and after Monday, connect with the delivery in Cambridge at 4.45, instead of falling into the last delivery, as at present.

AN EARLY NEST AND A MUSHROOM. 26th Jan. 1912

On Monday, 15th inst., when cutting hay in a field near Swavesey Church, Mr. Jethro Linford discovered a robin's nest containing four newly-laid eggs. A few days earlier a mushroom measuring three inches in diameter was gathered in an open field near the station.

PARISH CHURCH. 26th Jan. 1912

Last Sunday evening the Rev. F. C. P. Clarke, organising secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the dioceses of Ely and St. Albans, and lately of Burmah, preached at the parish church. He dealt mainly with Buddhism. At the afternoon service he gave an interesting address to the children.

THE FLOODS. 26th Jan. 1912

Most of the low land around Swavesey is flooded, and the water is still steadily rising. There appears to be every prospect of a big flood. People living in cottages liable to be flooded are inquiring for fresh quarters to move into in case of need, but are experiencing great difficulty in finding them, owing to the absence of empty houses.

CONCERT. 26th Jan. 1912

The Magpies' Concert Party of Cambridge made their first bow to a Swavesey audience on Monday evening, when they provided the whole of the programme of an evening concert organised by the hon. secretary of the Swavesey District Conservative Association. The concert was a great success, though there is no doubt that the National schoolroom would have been more crowded if the weather had not conspired to keep people, especially those living at a distance, at home. From the beginning to the end every item of the interesting and varied programme was loudly applauded, serious songs receiving their quota equally with the humorous, quartettes and ditties. The general consensus of opinion in the village is that the concert was the best ever given in Swavesey, and the general wish is that the Magpies should pay another visit as soon as possible. The concert was under the patronage of Mr. and Mrs. G. Douglas Newton and Major Stanley, but, unfortunately, owing to the prior claims of a Primrose League function at Cottenham, none of them was able to be present.

(Full programme in newspaper)

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Jan. 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. Day (chairman) presided, and the following Councillors were present: Messrs. W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, W. Burton, J. Linford, W. Twist, R. Norman and J. W. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). - After the minutes had been signed a discussion ensued as to the deputation appointed at the last meeting to wait upon the Rural District Council as to the condition of the large public drains. - Mr. Burton then called attention to the Recreation Ground, and proposed that the money in hand, about £20, from rents and herbage letting, be forthwith spent in levelling the ground, and that if any money remained trees should be planted. - Mr. Twist seconded. - A long discussion followed, in which several suggestions were made for erecting seats, cleaning out of ditches, and draining. - Mr. Goad strongly recommended the provision of a cricket pitch with movable protecting fence. - Mr. Twist advocated levelling first, and then considering the other questions. - Mr. R. Norman proposed as an amendment that the work be confined to levelling and draining. - The Chairman seconded, but on being put to the vote three voted for the amendment and four for Mr. Burton's resolution, which was carried. - A small committee was appointed to supervise the work. - A letter from the Postmaster of Cambridge was read, asking whether the Council had any objection to the village sub-post office being closed at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. - The question was keenly debated, and in the end Mr. Daisley moved that the Postmaster be informed that the inconvenience to the public would be too great for the Council to agree to the closing of the office as suggested. - Mr. R. Norman seconded. Mr. Goad proposed an amendment that suggested early closing be approved provided that the 6.45 p.m. delivery be not interfered with. - Mr. Linford seconded. The Council then voted with the following result: For the amendment 3, for the resolution 2. - The Chairman proposed and Mr. Twist seconded, a resolution that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Postmaster-General, thanking him for granting the improved postal service, which came into force last Monday, and that Mr. Vincent be also thanked for his efforts in bringing about this much-desired improvement. The resolution was carried unanimously.

RECREATION GROUND. 2nd Feb. 1912

In consequence of the frost, the work of levelling the Recreation Ground, which should have been begun on Tuesday, has had to be postponed.

SKATING. 2nd Feb. 1912

There has been a good deal of skating around Swavesey during the week, and the ice has been in splendid condition. It has, however, been found impracticable to use Mere Fen owing to the water falling.

ACCIDENT. 2nd Feb. 1912

On Monday evening, whilst sliding on the ice on Church Green, John Parish, the small son of Mr. Z. Parish, butcher, of High-street, fell and struck his head severely. He was conveyed home in a semi-conscious state, and Dr. Ellis, who was summoned, found that he had sustained concussion of the brain. The boy is doing well.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 2nd Feb. 1912

Mr. J. Harvey Brain, the well-known speaker and Conservative agent for North Hunts., gave an eloquent address at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative Association on Wednesday night. He took as his subject "A review of the present political situation." There was a large attendance of members.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 2nd Feb. 1912

The Swavesey District Voluntary Aid Detachment met at the National School last Saturday evening, and received instruction from Sergt. Caseley, of Cambridge. The first part of his time was chiefly devoted to showing the use of bandages, and the latter to teaching the men stretcher drill. He will attend again on Saturday 10th inst.

DANCE. 2nd Feb. 1912

On Thursday evening, 27th ulto., a dance, organised by a committee consisting of Messrs. James Prior, W. J. Hephher, and P. Walker, was held in the National School. The room was prettily decorated, and a pleasant evening was spent, dancing being kept up until a late hour. Mr. W. J. Wayman, of Over, acted as M.C., and the Misses Wayman and Miss Bavin presided in turns at the piano. Refreshments were provided by Mr. A. T. Scard.

THE NEW REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS &C. 2nd Feb. 1912

The Registrar has sanctioned the appointment of Mr. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, as Registrar of Births and Deaths in the Swavesey district in place of the late Mr. Jesse Hephher.

RECOGNITION SERVICES. 2nd Feb. 1912

The recognition services in connection with the installation of the Rev. Herbert J. Watts, the newly-appointed pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Monday last were the occasion of a notable gathering of ministers of the connexion and other leading men. At the afternoon service the chapel was fairly well filled. The Rev. A. T. Greenwood, secretary of the London Baptist Association, officiated, assisted by the new pastor. Mr. Greenwood also preached an able and forcible sermon. A public tea followed, at which 150 persons sat down. Owing to the number of gentlemen who were anxious to speed the new pastor on his way in his work being so great, it was found necessary to have speeches during tea time, and, therefore, the Revs. J. Easter (Over), W. E. Lusty (Chatteris), H. T. N. Ussher (Oakham), and Mr. A. S. Sims (deacon of Carpenter's-road Chapel, Stratford), who were briefly introduced by the senior deacon, Mr. Arthur Norman, briefly delivered short addresses. – At the evening meeting Mr. J. Chivers, J.P., presided over a large audience.

(Long report)

SKATING. 9th Feb. 1912

Notwithstanding the snow and the thaw, the ice on Mere Fen on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was in very good condition, but the number of visitors has not been up to the average of previous years. On Sunday there was a large audience.

LANTERN LECTURE. 9th Feb. 1912

Last Friday evening an interesting and instructive lecture, entitled "How India was lost and won," was given in the National School by Mr. C. Wood, the schoolmaster, to members of the evening continuation classes and their friends. The lecture was illustrated by excellent lantern slides, obtained from Benson's Advertisement Department, London. At the close the Vicar warmly thanked Mr. Wood.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 16th Feb. 1912

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held on Monday evening at Mr. E. Parish's Rooms, Middle Watch.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 16th Feb. 1912

The members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, Swavesey district, held their second practice in the National School last Saturday evening, under the superintendence of Sergt. Caseley, of Cambridge. The ladies attended in force, but there is still an unfortunate shortage of men.

RECREATION GROUND. 16th Feb. 1912

The work of levelling the recreation ground, recently authorised by the Parish Council, was commenced on Monday morning, under the superintendence of Mr. George Clarke. The system adopted by the committee has, however, met with considerable criticism.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 16th Feb. 1912

The first yearly distribution of tea and sugar under the bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Payne has been made on the anniversary of his birth. Thirty-seven needy widows and widowers participated. The trustees of the charity are the Vicar and Churchwardens of Swavesey for the time being.

BAD CONDITION OF CHURCH GREEN. 16th Feb. 1912

A Swavesey ratepayer complains that nothing has yet been done to repair the public footpath across Church Green, which for some time past has been in a disgraceful condition. He says that at the last meeting of the Parish Council the Clerk was instructed to interview the District Council Surveyor on the subject.

RARE BIRD FOUND. 16th Feb. 1912

A bird, said to be a little auk, was picked up in a ditch in Ramper-road during the recent flood. It was alive, and was taken care of by Mr. W. Crouch, who did all in his power to keep it alive. After two days he sent it to Cambridge, to ascertain what manner of bird it was, but it died before it got out of Swavesey parish. It has since been stuffed, and is in the possession of Mr. Warboys, Boxworth End, Swavesey.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 16th Feb. 1912

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey Polling District Conservative and Unionist Association on Wednesday evening, Mr. W. S. Spark gave an address on the Insurance Act. There was a large attendance of members. Every member of the association can introduce a friend to these meetings, and visitors so introduced are welcomed, no matter what their political opinions may be.

WHIST DRIVE. 16th Feb. 1912

A successful whist drive was held on Thursday evening, 8th inst., at the Rooms of the Swavesey Conservative Association, Ryder's Farm. Prizes were won as follows: Ladies, 1 Miss Mustill, 2 Mrs. J. Hawkes, booby prize, Miss May

Wilkinson; Gentlemen, 1 Mr. A. T. Scard, 2 Mr. Walter Thorp, booby prize Mr. H. G. Key. The prizes, which were given away at the close of the evening by Mrs. W. C. Cole, were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mr. C. Willson, Mr. H. G. Graves and Mr. Warboys.

CYCLIST KNOCKED DOWN BY HORSEMAN. 16th Feb. 1912

When cycling home from Cambridge last Saturday afternoon Mr. E. J. Warboys, a Swavesey farmer, was knocked down by a passing horseman about half-a-mile on the Huntingdon side of Girton College.

ASH WEDNESDAY. 23rd Feb. 1912

The special preacher at the evening service at the Parish Church on Ash Wednesday was the Rev. T. G. Spurgin, District Organising Secretary of the Additional Curates' society.

EARLY CLOSING OF POST OFFICE. 23rd Feb. 1912

On and after tomorrow (Saturday) Swavesey post office will be closed on Saturdays at 2 p.m., thus affording the sub-postmaster a much-needed and well-earned rest. The third delivery of letters at 6.45 p.m. and the night mail despatch at 7.40 p.m. will be made as on other week days. The nearest telegraph office is at Over.

LANTERN LECTURE. 23rd Feb. 1912

Last Friday evening Mr. C. Wood, schoolmaster, gave a most interesting lantern lecture in the National School to members of the Evening Continuation Classes and a considerable number of villagers, on the Coronation of King George V. His lecture was greatly appreciated. The slides were lent by Messrs. J. and J. Colman, of Norwich.

INSURANCE ACT. 23rd Feb. 1912

Under the auspices of the National Deposit Friendly Society, Mr. Harold Phillips, Divisional Secretary, gave an interesting address on Tuesday evening in the Infants' School on the National Insurance Act and how it affects Friendly Societies. The Rev. A. C. Vidler, vicar of Swavesey, presided. About fifty men attended, but no ladies, although they were specially invited. Many questions were asked and answered, and after the meeting Mr. Phillips, and Mr. E. J. Mitham, the local secretary, were engaged for some time replying to enquiries put privately.

ENTERTAINMENT. 23rd Feb. 1912

The large room of the National School was crowded with an enthusiastic audience of some 200 persons on Thursday evening, 15th inst., for an entertainment organised in aid of the Parish Church Sunday School and Choir Funds. The first part of the entertainment was of songs and duologues. The second part consisted of a fairy tale performance entitled, Beauty and the Beast.

(Long report)

THE CAUSEWAY. 1st March 1912

The raised causeway by the Swan pond, which has been falling to pieces for some time, has been repaired this week by the Rural District Council.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 1st March 1912

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held at Ryder's Farm on Wednesday evening, Mr. W. de L. Devereux gave an instructive address on the Navy. He treated the subject from an entirely non-party point of view. There was a large attendance of members. During the evening the Chairman (Rev. J. F. Cooksey) read a letter from Major C. W. Stanley, President of the West Cambs. Conservative and Unionist Association, congratulating the Swavesey Association on its work and on the splendid attendances at the fortnightly meetings.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 8th March 1912

A whist match between the Swavesey and Willingham Conservative Associations was played on Wednesday evening in the rooms of the former association, Ryder's Farm. Sixteen played on each side. The result was: Swavesey 1,737 points, Willingham 1,598 points. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

THE STORM. 8th March 1912

During Monday afternoon and night storms of considerable violence visited Swavesey. Early on Tuesday morning about a dozen yards of the high brick wall on the north side of Mr. W. C. Cole's garden, Boxworth End, was blown down, and about the same time some farm buildings, belonging to Mr. Ebenezer Prime, on the opposite side of the road, were razed to the ground.

THE PUBLIC PUMPS. 8th March 1912

A correspondent writes: May I ask under whose control are the pumps belonging to the old water supply? One pump in Middle Watch has been out of order, and has been repaired by a ratepayer. Who is to pay the bill? The

pumps are very useful, and it seems a pity to let them fall to pieces. It was understood the Parish Council were going to move in the matter, but they appear to have done nothing.

BELL-RINGING. 8th March 1912

In accordance with the terms of the bequest of the late Mr. George Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, the bells of the parish church were rung on Saturday, 2nd inst., the anniversary of his birthday. In the afternoon 720 changes were rung by the following team: Messrs. E. Prior (treble), Bert Hodson (2nd), D. Prime (3rd), Rivers (4th), H. D. Froment (5th) and W. Perry (tenor). During the evening the bells were rung again. Mr. Rivers acted as conductor.

CRICKET CLUB. 8th March 1912

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Thursday, 29th ult., Mr. T. Harris presiding. The following officers were elected for the coming season: Captain, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. T. Harris; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretary, Mr. E. J. Beaumont; committee, Messrs. C. Ding, W. F. Gleaves, R. Mitham, jun., S. F. Mitham and A. T. Scard. – A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ellis Long for once again allowing the club the free use of a field last year was adopted with acclamation.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th March 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held last Friday evening, but as no notice thereof was allowed to reach the public we are unable to furnish any report of the proceedings which, it is understood, lasted for three hours or longer.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 8th March 1912

Under the auspices of the local branch of the Primrose League, a public meeting was held in the National School-room on Monday evening. Mrs. W. C. Cole, sub-warden, presided, and addresses on the National Insurance Act were given by Mrs. Smith, of Cambridge, and Mr. A. R. Fisher, of Peterhouse College, Cambridge. The attendance was excellent considering the stormy evening. Mr. Fisher spoke forcibly on the Post Office contributors, making special references to consumptives and persons ineligible for friendly society benefit. – Mrs. Smith, in her lengthy speech, dealt with the Act as applying to women generally, explaining in particular the maternity benefits. – On the proposal of Mrs. Cooksey, a vote of thanks to the speakers and to Mrs. Cole for presiding, was adopted unanimously. – Mrs. Long (dame) and Miss Kirke

Smith (warden) were unable to be present, the former owing to a previous engagement, and the latter to the stormy night.

DEATH FROM CANCER. 8th March 1912

Shortly after five o'clock last Saturday evening John Prime, third son of Mr. Alfred Prime, Taylor's-lane, passed away at the early age of 17 years, after a distressing and painful illness, borne with heroic patience. Six weeks ago he was admitted into Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from cancer on his forehead. An operation was attempted, but it was found that nothing could be done, and at the end of a week he returned home. He rapidly got worse. His sufferings were intense, but he never uttered a murmur. Universal sympathy is felt for his bereaved family, especially as his mother, who has long been an invalid, is lying seriously ill. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of many sympathising friends. The Rev. A. C. Vidler (Vicar) officiated. Among the mourners the following attended: Mr. A. Prime (father), Messrs. A. Prime, J. Prime, H. Prime and B. Prime (brothers), the Misses E. Prime, May Prime, F. Prime, M. Prime and Ethel Prime (sisters).

CLERICAL CHANGES.

FROM SWAVESEY TO TEWIN. 8th March 1912

In a letter, dated the 3rd instant, which has been circulated throughout the parish of Swavesey, the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Vidler) announces that having accepted a living in Hertfordshire on the presentation of Jesus College, Cambridge, he will be leaving Swavesey shortly after Easter. He speaks of seventeen very happy years he has spent in the parish, in which he will leave behind so much that will always be dear to him.

The news has been received with great universal regret, by many with feelings close to consternation, for Mr. Vidler has always identified himself most closely with the life of the village, its joys and its sorrows. A devoted parish priest, he has ever been ready in times of grief and distress with help and sympathy. He has taken a keen and, until recently, active interest in cricket and other games. Chairman of the Parish Council from 1896 to 1910, of the school managers, and of Galon's Charity, he has done yeoman service.

Mr. Vidler was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he was a scholar, taking his degree in mathematical honours in 1875. He was ordained in the diocese of London, where he worked for eighteen years. He was Headmaster of St John at Hackney Grammar School for some years, which appointment he held in conjunction with the curacies of St. James, Clapton, and the parish church of St. John at Hackney. Mr. Vidler was appointed to the Vicarage of

Swavesey in 1895, which living is in the presentation of his college, and in 1908 he was selected by the Bishop of Ely to succeed the late Rev. C. R. Crump as Rural Dean of North Stowe. He has held many diocesan offices. It is understood that the living to which Mr. Vidler has been appointed is that of Tewin, a village about four miles from Hertford.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 15th March 1912

In consequence of illness amongst the children, the National School has been closed for a fortnight, by direction of Dr. Anningson, Medical Officer of Health.

A REPREHENSIBLE ACT. 15th March 1912

Stout iron nails, with large flat heads, standing point upwards, were found on the main roadway of the village between Bethel Chapel and the school last Friday morning. It is suggested that they were intended to damage cycle and motor tyres.

B.W.T.A. 15th March 1912

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Swavesey Branch of the National British Women's Temperance Association, was held in Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday evening. Rev. H. G. Watts, pastor, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Lynch, of Cambridge, gave an address. Solos were sung by Mrs. Wheeler, of St. Ives, and Mrs. H. S. Aldred presided at the organ. Before the meeting Mrs. R. Watts White (president of the branch) entertained the members to tea in the chapel schoolroom.

RECREATION GROUND. 15th March 1912

Four horse chestnut trees were planted along the main road side of the Recreation Ground on Monday afternoon by the committee of the Parish Council recently appointed to superintend the levelling of the ground. The trees, which are protected by iron guards, are immediately opposite the school, and it is suggested that in selecting chestnut trees the committee desired to furnish amusement for the school boys of future generations in their leisure time. A parishioner suggests that apple, or, if they could be induced to grow, orange trees might give still greater pleasure to the youngsters.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 15th March 1912

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm on Wednesday evening, Mr. C. H. Wilkinson, of Cambridge, gave a striking address on Tariff Reform. So interested was the

crowded audience in the subject that the meeting did not close until ten o'clock. A cordial vote of thanks to the speaker, proposed by Mr. S. W. Crisp, seconded by Mr. Warboys, was carried unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd March 1912

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Thursday evening, 14th inst., and was attended by Councillors A. Day (chairman), Jethro Linford (vice-chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, J.W. Parish, W. Twist and Mr. Robinson Mitham (Clerk). – There were several parishioners present. – After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Mr. Burton presented the accounts of expenditure incurred in levelling the Recreation Ground and planting trees thereon, from which it appeared that the total cost of the work and trees with their guards was £19 17s 4d., leaving a balance of one penny in the Recreation Ground special banking account. Mr. Goad and the Chairman expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have spent more on the levelling. – The election of a Parish Council representative to serve on the board of feoffees of Galon's Charity was then proceeded with. Eventually after much discussion and voting Mr. S. Wright was elected.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Swavesey representative of the "Weekly News" asking that arrangements might be made whereby local representatives of the Press might be given notice of meetings of the Council. A resolution was carried that the Clerk should send such notices. The Clerk announced that he would not undertake any extra work as his pay was inadequate, and he emphatically declined to send the necessary notices.

(Long report)

AN INVOLUNTARY BATH. 29th March 1912

On Saturday afternoon a man took a horse and empty farm cart into the school pond. As the animal was going in too far the man scrambled on to its back, and when reaching for the reins the horse jumped on, and threw him head over heels into the water.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 29th March 1912

At the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm, on Wednesday evening, Mr. E. Percival Smith, of the New Carlton Club, gave an able address on the new suffrage proposals, the Constitutional question, and the coal strike.

PARISH MEETING. 29th March 1912

The annual parish meeting was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. Alfred Day (Chairman of the Parish Council). There was a fair attendance of ratepayers. – After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, and confirmed, the year's accounts of Galon's Charity, the Parish Council and the Overseers were submitted and discussed at considerable length. During the discussion which followed the reading of the accounts, several ratepayers called attention to long-standing arrears, and there were strong expressions of dissatisfaction as to the system under which certain ratepayers, who were not the least able to pay, invariably paid their rates after they were in arrears. A proposal that a resolution on the subject should be passed was met by a suggestion from the Chairman that the object in view might be attained if the strongly-expressed opinion of the meeting were reported in the local Press. – The suggestion was adopted. The Chairman dealt with a criticism of the Recreation Ground accounts in a very happy way. "We can't say," said he, "that the men did not work hard, for they actually broke a fork." – An item of 2s. for a broken fork appeared in the accounts. – The Rev. J. F. Cooksey called attention to the bad condition of certain footpaths, specially mentioning the path across Church Green. – The Chairman explained that the Rural District Council had control of the paths, and that gravel had already been ordered for their repair.
(Long report)

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th March 1912

The Parish Council met on Thursday, 21st inst., in the Infants' School. The minutes of the previous meeting having been signed, the Chairman raised the question of the Clerk's refusal to send notice of intended meetings to local Press representatives. After some discussion he withdrew his objection.
(Long report)

DOG KILLED. 5th April 1912

On Tuesday a dog belonging to Mr. Alfred Spolton, the keeper of Mow Fen Railway Gate, was killed by a passing train on the G.E. R.

STRANGE NURSING MOTHER. 5th April 1912

A resident of Middle Watch recently found a nest of four or five tiny wild rabbits. He took them home and his cat is rearing them.

MISHAPS. 5th April 1912

Whilst chopping wood on Saturday at the Hill Farm a lad named Tom Froment severely cut his knee. He was taken home and a doctor summoned. He is doing well. – On the same day a man engaged in repairing the banks near the river fell off a plank into a large brook taking his wheelbarrow with him. He was covered with mud, and had to return home to change his clothing.

DROVE LETTING. 5th April 1912

By direction of the Rural District Council the annual letting of the droves, etc., in Swavesey parish was held at the White Horse Inn, Mr. C. W. Underwood, of Willingham, being the auctioneer. There was a good attendance, and at times the bidding was brisk. The droves were put up in separate lots, and realised £24 5s., £2 less than last year. By order of the Parish Council the herbage of the Recreation Ground for the year ending 31st March next year was also put up, and was knocked down to Mr. Alfred Day for £3, the sum realised last year.

PARISH CONSTABLE. 12th April 1912

Mr. Charles Burling has been re-appointed parish constable.

VESTRY MEETING. 12th April 1912

At the Easter Vestry meeting, held in the parish church on Monday evening, Messrs. W. H. Key and Walter Thorp were re-elected churchwardens for the ensuing year.

OBITUARY. 12th April 1912

We regret to announce that Mrs. Richardson, mother of Mrs. R. E. Bartley, Burnham Cottage, Swavesey, died on Thursday afternoon, 4th inst., at Bognor. Mrs. Richardson had been a frequent visitor to Swavesey.

CORRECTION. 12th April 1912

Through a printer's error the amounts realised by the letting of the herbage of the droveways and recreation ground were not correctly stated last week. The droveways realised £24 5s., being £3 less than last year, and the recreation ground £4, the same sum as in 1911.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. 12th April 1912

A Swavesey housewife the other day sent to a village shop for some "Bright eye," and told the messenger to ask for variegated colours. Thinking that perhaps he might not understand the long word, she explained that she wanted

all colours. On his return the lady opened the parcel, and instead of a skein of crewel work silk she found a small box labelled "Rub Well." When questioned as to what he had asked for, the messenger replied "Something for the missus's eye – all colours." Like the navvy in the well-known story who observed with sorrow "There ain't no word for it," the lady then realised that our beautiful English language has its limitations.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 12th April 1912

A public tea was held in the Bethel Baptist Chapel schoolroom on Good Friday afternoon, at which about 90 persons were present. The tables were presided over by Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. M. Payne, Mrs. W. Savage, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Day, Miss Hayes, Miss C. Parish, Miss Wimpres, and Miss H. Smith. At 6.45 p.m. a service of song, entitled "The Cabin Boy's Bible," was successfully given in the chapel by an augmented choir of 38 voices, in the presence of a large and appreciative congregation. The connective readings were given by Mrs. J. H. Watts, Mr. J. Williams presided at the organ, and the solos were rendered by Miss M. Norman, Hill Farm. Rev. J. H. Watts, pastor, conducted. A collection was taken on behalf of the chapel funds.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 12th April 1912

The services during Holy Week and on Good Friday were well attended. The three hours' service was not held this year, but addresses on the seven last words from the Cross were given by the Vicar on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and at the three services on Good Friday. On Easter Day the church was nicely decorated. Good congregations were present, and the services were bright and hearty. The Vicar preached at Evensong.

THE ECLIPSE. 19th April 1912

Keen interest was taken in the village in the solar eclipse on Wednesday. For three hours groups of interested spectators were to be seen in the streets, gardens, fields, and other open spaces, gazing skywards through pieces of smoked glass and cards pricked with pinholes. The school children were taken by their teachers to the Recreation Ground and there given an object lesson of unusual interest.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th April 1912

At a meeting of the congregation of the parish church, held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, the church accounts for the year ending Easter were submitted and approved.

SWAVESEY CONSERVATIVES.
ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL TEA.

MR. NEWTON ON HOME RULE. 19th April 1912

A most successful and enjoyable function was held in the Schoolroom, Swavesey, on Monday evening, in the annual meat tea and smoking concert of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Newton attended. After the tea, Mr. Newton, responding to a toast, dealt with Home Rule, Disestablishment, and other phases of current politics. There were several other speakers, and the musical part of the proceedings was most ably provided by the Magpies (Cambridge). There was a very large attendance.

(Long report)

EARLIER CLOSING. 26th April 1912

Under the provisions of the Shops Act which comes into force on May 1st, the grocers' and drapers' shops in Swavesey will in future be closed at 1 p.m. on Thursdays.

WALLMAN'S-LANE. 26th April 1912

A six-inch pipe drain is being put in this week in place of the open sewer in Wallman's-lane. The work is being done by Mr. Edmund Furniss, of Fen Drayton, under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Reynold, Sanitary Inspector of the Swavesey Rural District Council.

THE BROOKS. 26th April 1912

The work of clearing out the mud from Sandholes Drain was commenced on Monday last. Some dissatisfaction was caused by more Over men being employed on the job than Swavesey men, but it is understood that an explanation of what on the face of it appears undue preference is forthcoming.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 26th April 1912

The last of the fortnightly meetings organised by the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association during the winter season was held at Ryder's Farm on Wednesday evening. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Chairman of the Association, presided, and Mr. C. W. Stanley, Unionist Leader in West Cambs., gave an earnest and instructive address on general politics. He also warmly congratulated the officers and members of the Association on their successful gatherings, and referred in terms of gratitude to Mrs. Long and Mrs.

J. B. Ellis, who had made the meetings possible by placing Ryder's Farmhouse at the disposal of the Committee.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 26th April 1912

The closing tea of the members of the Friends' Band of Hope and Mothers' Meeting respectively was held in the Friends' Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, on Monday evening. There was a good attendance. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Plowman, Mrs. G. Hawkes, and the ladies from Wisbech, who were assiduous in their care for their guests. During the meal Mrs. Near, of Wisbech, gave an interesting tea table talk. A public entertainment and meeting followed under the presidency of Dr. Watts White, of St. Ives, who took the place of Mrs. Watts White, regrettably absent. The entertainment, which consisted of action songs, recitations, drill, dialogues, etc., was given by the youthful members of the Band of Hope, who gave great satisfaction. During the proceedings Mrs. Near delivered a prayer, Mrs. Cope, of Wisbech, gave an address, and Dr. White also spoke. The general management was in the capable hands of Miss F. Gaunt, who is the mainstay of all work at the Friends' Meeting House. Mrs. Runham acted as accompanist.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th April 1912

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Thursday 18th April and was attended by Messrs. A. Day (chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, Jethro Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, J. W. Parish, W. Twist, and R. Mitham (clerk). The attendance of the public was larger than usual. The first business was to elect a chairman for the ensuing year, during which Mr. Linford presided temporarily. Mr. Twist proposed, and Mr. A. Norman seconded, a resolution that Mr. A. Day be again chairman. The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. Day took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were then read, and after some discussion signed, and the following appointments were made: - Overseers, Messrs. Leonard A. Parish and H. H. Williams; pinder, Mr. S. Wilderspin, sen.; vice-chairman of Council, Mr. Jethro Linford. The Fire Engine and Street Lighting Committees were reappointed. The next item on the agenda was the question whether the Parish Council should take over the old and condemned water supply and the public pumps from the District Council. Mr. A. Norman asked if the District Council were prepared to hand over the control of the old supply. The Chairman replied in the affirmative, and read the following letter from the Clerk of the District Council, Mr. G. D. Day: "The Council at their meeting to-day decided to hand over to your Council the control, repair and user of the

public pumps in your parish, provided that you should see that there was clearly painted on each pump and kept legibly painted the following words or words to the like effect: 'This water is not to be used for drinking purposes, under penalty.' If it is found that the water from the public pumps is used for drinking purposes, it will be the duty of the District Council to take proceedings, and it might, of course, become necessary for the wells to be permanently closed." The reading of the letter caused some surprise and consternation, for there are many premises in the village not yet connected with the new public water supply, and many householders who depend on the old pumps for drinking purposes.

CRICKET CLUB. 3rd May 1912

Mr. James Parsons has handed a donation of £1 to the secretary of the Cricket Club.

ENTERTAINMENT. 3rd May 1912

On Thursday evening in last week a highly-successful dramatic entertainment, in which all performers belonged to Swavesey, was given at the National School in aid of the Cricket Club. The large room was crowded with a thoroughly appreciative audience, and the net financial result was £6. The entertainment was organised by Mr. C. Wood, captain of the club, who acted as coach and stage manager, and he is to be congratulated on the result of his work. The programme was a musical farce, "Seaside Lodgings". At the conclusion of the evening Dr. R. Ellis moved a vote of thanks to all the performers, and wished the Cricket Club all success in the coming season. The Vicar seconded, and the resolution having been carried by acclamation, Mr. Wood briefly replied.

(Full programme in newspaper)

WAR ON WASPS. 17th May 1912

It is suggested that efforts should be made to deal with the wasp pest this year by offering a reward for every queen killed. It is understood that Mr. H. S. Aldred will act as receiver of wasps, if other persons interested will assist by raising the necessary funds.

THE FEAST. 17th May 1912

The annual feast opens on Sunday. Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in the village, the District and Parish Councils are warning visitors as to the risks they run in attending, so it is to be feared that many regular attendants will be absent this year.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th May 1912

The Swavesey Cricket Club scored their second victory in the Milton and District League last Saturday by defeating Histon Institute. Tomorrow they play a League fixture at home against Willingham. Three matches have been arranged for the feast week, viz.: against Lolworth on Monday (half-day), against Hilton on Tuesday (whole day), and against Fenstanton on Wednesday (half-day).

PARISH COUNCIL AND THE FEVER EPIDEMIC. 17th May 1912

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Monday evening to consider whether any, and if so what, steps could be taken to postpone the village Feast, in view of the outbreak of scarlet fever in the parish, and to prevent the spread of the disease to other places. There were present: Messrs. A Day (chairman), Jethro Linford (vice-chairman), W. Burton, A. Norman, R. Norman, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman announced that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Swavesey, writing on behalf of the school managers, urging a postponement of the Feast, or, if that were not practicable, the issue of warning notices to the inhabitants of the parish and to visitors; and adding that he had written to a like effect to the Clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council. – The Chairman said that he fully realised the seriousness of the situation and that it was the duty of the Council to do all in its power to prevent the spread of the disease by visitors to the Feast and the show-people carrying infection away with them. They must think of their neighbours. He was afraid that not sufficient care had been taken at the beginning of the outbreak. One great thing would be to postpone the Feast, which, in accordance with ancient custom, was due to open next Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Norman said that he was in full sympathy with the Vicar's letter. It was their duty, and the duty of everyone to take all possible precautions. But what could be done? Time was short.

Mr. Twist remarked on the shortness of time; a month ago effective measures could have been adopted.

Mr. Burton suggested that Messrs. Thurston, who were advertised as intending to be at the Feast, should be written to, and asked to postpone their visit. There had been, he remarked, several cases of fever in Market-street, where the Feast was held.

The Clerk thought that Messrs. Thurston might be asked to sprinkle the platforms of their roundabouts with disinfectants, and also disinfect the money

received by them. Mr. Burton remarked, "The money wants disinfecting before Messrs. Thurston take it to be of any use."

The Chairman then submitted two suggestions: (1) A letter to the Local Government Board asking whether steps could be taken to postpone the Feast; (2) whether the Council could prevent the entry of caravans into the village during Feast Sunday. The arrival of caravans at all hours caused much commotion, and interfered with church and chapel services.

Mr. A. Norman proposed that an advertisement should be inserted in the local papers calling attention to the epidemic, and that warning notices should be posted in the village. (Printed notices have been issued by the District Council warning visitors and urging parents not to allow their children to attend the Feast.)

After a long discussion, a resolution, moved by Mr. A. Norman, seconded by Mr. Linford, was carried unanimously, that letters be written to the Local Government Board and to the District Council on the lines suggested by the Chairman, and that advertisements be inserted in the "Weekly News" and "Independent Press." – Mr. Burton proposed, and Mr. Twist seconded, a further resolution that Messrs. Thurston should be asked to postpone their visit. This was carried, *nem. con.* – After some routine business, the Council separated, having sat for about two hours. – It is understood the question of the epidemic will be discussed at today's meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council. Much comment has been made on the fact that when it was desired to remove cases to the isolation hospital at Oakington, no beds were available, and that when, after an appreciable interval, a bed was vacant, a convalescent patient was removed in preference to a more urgent case. It is also contended that much might have been done to check the spread of the illness, if isolation hospital accommodation had been available.

HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. 24th May 1912

Mr. James Dean, eldest son of Mrs. Dean, of Carter's-lane, arrived in Swavesey from Australia last Saturday evening, and received a hearty welcome from his friends.

A MISHAP. 24th May 1912

On Monday about noon a large truck, heavily laden with granite and drawn by a small traction engine, came to grief when passing the Swan Pond. The wheels of the truck sank up to the hubs when the new water supply pipes had been laid. Three jacks had to be requisitioned, and the timber borrowed from Mr. R. Mitham before the truck could be hoisted out, and the hole filled in. The incident attracted a small crowd.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th May 1912

The bat and ball which Ezra Williams, a native of Swavesey, now in business in Sydney, New South Wales, promised to present to the batsman and the bowler who had the best averages last season, have arrived in the village, having been brought from Australia by Mr. James Dean. The bat has been handed to Mr. T. Harris, and the ball to Mr. S. J. Froment. Both bat and ball were of English make, and therefore travelled some 26,000 miles before reaching the recipients. Mr. Williams has also sent a donation of £1 to the club.

OBITUARY. 24th May 1912

We regret to record the death of Clarence Prior, youngest son of the late Mr. Garner Prior, of this district, who passed away at the early age of seventeen years, on April 25th, at Gateshead. Great sympathy is felt for his mother at the loss of her brilliant son.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 24th May 1912

The members of the Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment spent a very interesting and instructive time in "Field training" on Saturday under the able directorship of Staff-Sergt.-Instructor Caseley, Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps. A portion of the cricket field of the Swavesey Cricket Club had been placed at the service of the Commandant of the Detachment (Mrs. R. Ellis Long), who was supported by the Quartermaster (Mrs. Cooksey) and Section Leader (Rev. E. Young). Field trench kitchens, incinerator, and sanitary services were prepared, the Detachment doing the work in an exceedingly brilliant manner. In the case of the field trench kitchen section, who worked under their section commander, Mr. Young, a fire was made to test the efficacy of their work, which gave satisfactory results. The various points and uses of the incinerator and sanitary services were fully explained to the Detachment by Staff-Sergt.-Instructor Casely, after which the buildings were levelled to the ground, the earth and sods replaced, the Detachment being well pleased with the result of their work and the knowledge they had gained in practical field training. – The annual inspection of the Detachment will take place to-day (Friday) at 5.30 p.m., in the garden of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Cooksey, the inspecting officer being Major Begbie, R.A.M.C., of the Eastern Command, Colchester. On Saturday, 1st June, the Detachment will undergo training in conversion of wagons and improvisation of stretchers for use in the field with ambulance units.

THE FEAST. 24th May 1912

The warnings issued by the District and Parish Councils to intending visitors and the show people had the effect of keeping both visitors and show people away from the village, and the feast can hardly be said to have taken place at all. Instead of crowds of visitors and animated streets on Sunday the village was quieter than on an ordinary Sunday. On Monday three stalls and a cocoanut shy were erected. An enterprising tradesman from Cambridge also put in an appearance, but after a few hours he packed up and disappeared. With the exception of a religious meeting in Market-street on Sunday night, cricket matches, at which the attendance of the public was small, were the only gatherings of interest. On Monday a team, composed mainly of juveniles, was handsomely defeated by Lolworth. On Tuesday Hilton, who arrived four men short – they deemed discretion is the better part of valour, so it is reported, in view of the prevalence of scarlet fever – put up a good game. The places of the absent four were taken by Swavesey men. The home eleven, who played well, scored a well-merited victory. Fenstanton should have played on Wednesday, but scratched on account of the epidemic, and a Married v. Single match was played instead. Last evening a team of married ladies arranged to play an eleven composed of their husbands, weather permitting. While undoubtedly the District and Parish Councils acted wisely in warning people from attending the feast, it is much to be regretted that sensational scaremongers did not ascertain the true state of affairs before alarming the neighbourhood with lying reports.

SCHOOLS RE-OPENED. 31st May 1912

Having been closed on account of illness amongst the children, the National Schools were re-opened on Tuesday morning.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 31st May 1912

A blue cap's nest, containing eleven eggs, has been found by Mr. W. J. Hepher on the top of the barrel of a pump on the Parish Council property in High-street. The pump, which is cased with wood, is in daily use.

INSPECTION. 31st May 1912

Last Friday afternoon, in the garden of Swavesey Manor, the Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment had to stand the ordeal of inspection, the first since the formation of the detachment. The Inspecting Officer was Major Begbie, R.A.M.C., Eastern Command, Colchester, and his inspection was most searching and thorough. He was not content with seeing things done; he

wanted to know reasons for the doing. There was a good muster of both men's and women's sections. The work included stretcher drill, bandaging and cooking, the loading of a wagon (a table was used), a hospital containing three beds was rigged up in the coachhouse. After the inspection the detachment, drawn up in line, was addressed by Major Begbie. He expressed satisfaction with the way in which the work had been done. He had inspected many similar detachments, and he could say that the Swavesey detachment had acquitted themselves quite as well as any he had seen. He was specially pleased to find a men's section, as it was only in few places that he had met with one. The officers of the detachment present were: Mrs. R. Ellis Long (commandant), Mrs. T. E. Beckett (Lady Superintendent), the Revs. J. F. Cooksey and E. Young (section leaders) and Dr. Robert Ellis (medical officer).

"HUSBANDS VERSUS WIVES." 31st May 1912

The title of this paragraph does not mean that the husbands of Swavesey have been at variance with their better halves. On the contrary, there is nothing but domestic bliss in the village, and this paragraph is merely the record of two famous cricket matches. Originally it was intended that a team of married ladies should play an eleven of their own husbands, but this could not be arranged, and the elevens were composed of married men and married women. The first match was played on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and was won by the better halves. The men played left-handed, batted with cudgels and wore top hats, which caused some of them much inconvenience. Mr. Warboys' hat was as wide as his bowling. There were many spectators, who laughed heartily at the numerous amusing incidents, the funniest being when Mr. Cole, tall and bulky, and Mr. Warboys, neither tall nor bulky, came into collision when both were trying to catch a ball. The bowling of Mrs. Wood was too good for the men, Mr. Goad alone excepted. On Whitsun Monday the return game was played, which was won by the men. The men came determined to win, and had massive sticks specially prepared by Mr. Walter Thorp, the handles of which had been bound, and one had even been varnished. The ladies not unnaturally protested, and some of the most pronounced cudgels were disallowed.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 7th June 1912

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, special sermons being preached in the afternoon and evening by Mr. Calcott of Coventry. The services were well attended, especially that in the evening, many friends from the neighbouring villages and St. Ives being present.

Between the services there was a public tea, at which the tables were presided over by Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. J. Linford, Mrs. W. Linford, Mrs. E. Parish, Mrs. W. Parish, Mrs. Z. Parish, and Mrs. A. Williams.

FETE AND SALE OF WORK. 7th June 1912

The Vicar will be leaving the parish shortly for Tewin, Herts., to which living he has been appointed by the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, but before he goes he is making an effort to pay off the deficit on the church expenses account. With the concurrence and assistance of the Churchwardens and church workers, he has decided to hold a garden fete and sale of work in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday, 18th July, and a meeting to make preliminary arrangements was held in the National School on Monday evening last.

EARLY BIRDS. 14th June 1912

Last Saturday Mr. E. J. Warboys discovered a covey of young partridges, English birds, on his land in Swavesey.

CRICKET CLUB. 14th June 1912

Mr. G. Douglas Newton, prospective Unionist candidate for West. Cambs. has sent a donation of ten shillings to the Swavesey Cricket Club.

ACCIDENT. 14th June 1912

On Monday a horse drawing a cart ran away in Swavesey Railway Station Yard, and a young man named Lambert, of Fen Drayton, in stopping the runaway, received injury. On his way back to Fen Drayton he was examined by Dr. Ellis, who was able to assure him that he was not seriously hurt.

POSTAL INFORMATION. 14th June 1912

Another facility has been afforded by the Post Office Authorities. Letters, etc., addressed to the persons in Swavesey which have been posted during the morning at Lolworth, Boxworth, Elsworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Papworth Everard, and Papworth St. Agnes can now be obtained on application after 2 p.m. at Swavesey Post Office.

CRICKET. 14th June 1912

S.J. Froment, an old and most useful member of the Swavesey Cricket Club has been doing yeoman service for the Spaldwick, Hunts., Club, of which he is captain this year. Playing against Leighton a week ago he collared six wickets

in an innings. Froment during this season has taken 39 wickets for 160 runs, an average of 4.1 per wicket.

A PROTEST. 14th June 1912

We have received a communication from Mr. W. Thorp, of Swavesey, complaining that the recent ladies and gentlemen's cricket match was not fought out with that keen spirit of rivalry which is supposed to actuate the players of our national game. Husbands, he declares, occasionally managed to misjudge a ball when driven from the bat of their better half, and mulled the easiest of catches. He also criticises the objections that were raised to some of the sticks used as bats by the Benedicts, and hopes that if another game of the kind is played it will be fought on stricter lines. – We regret we are unable to give the whole of Mr. Thorp's letter, but it is too personal for publication in full.

THE TEMPEST. 14th June 1912

On Sunday evening, about 7 o'clock, a storm of rain and hail fell in Swavesey, the heaviest downpour, so say old inhabitants, for many a long year. Roads were flooded in places, and the Swan pond, which had been emptied by Mr. R. Mitham to enable him to build a retaining wall in connection with the widening of the County Council of the high road, was speedily filled up and mud washed into the trench dug for the foundation. The evening service at the parish church was interfered with. The vicar's voice was inaudible even to those near him, and even the organ could hardly be heard. Between 10 and 11 p.m. there was another tremendous downfall of rain and hail. As a result of the recent heavy rains Mere Fen is partially flooded.

SPINSTERS VERSUS BACHELORS. 14th June 1912

An interesting ladies' and gentlemen's cricket match was played on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., resulting in a win for the gentlemen by 8 runs on the first innings. The teams on this occasion were composed of single ladies and gentlemen. The latter were restricted to the use of their left hands only, and were attired in top hats of various sizes, which caused them some little discomfort, and the spectators some amusement. Owing to the bad light it was not possible to complete two innings, and this spoiled an interesting finish. One gentleman who ventured too close in had his hat gracefully removed by a lady with a hard drive.

CARRIER'S BUSINESS. 21st June 1912

Edward Williams, Market-street, Swavesey, begs to inform the public of Swavesey, Fen Drayton, and district that he has taken over the Carrier's Business recently carried on by his brother, Frank Williams. He will still put up at the Marquis of Granby, Cambridge, and the Crown Yard, St. Ives.

THE KENSITITES. 21st June 1912

Two Wycliff Preachers held a meeting outside the shop of Mr. Williamson, butcher, Church End, on Tuesday evening, but attracted little attention.

EARLIER BIRDS. 21st June 1912

Mr. W. Twist discovered a covey of partridges in Swavesey a fortnight earlier than Mr. Warboys whose find was reported last week.

WEDDING. 21st June 1912

Mr. Charles William Savage, eldest son of Mr. John Savage, of Swavesey, was married in London last Sunday to Miss Maggie Carter, granddaughter of Mr. Benjamin Carter, of Middle Watch.

RINGING. 21st June 1912

A party of bell ringers from Fen Ditton, making a tour of the churches in the neighbourhood possessing bells, visited Swavesey on Thursday evening in last week and rang 720 changes in excellent style.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st June 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council should have been held last Friday evening, but as the necessary five members to form a quorum did not attend, had to be abandoned, much to the disgust of the four councillors, Messrs. A. Day (chairman), W. Burton, A. Norman, and W. Twist, who did put in an appearance. Mr. Norman, who lives at the extreme end of the parish, had a useless journey of three miles. The agenda contained items of some local interest. A proposal to alter the day of opening Swavesey Feast, the provision of stiles on the bank of the Navigation Drain, and the clearing of mud from the Swan Pond were the chief matters for the consideration of the village parliament. The feast question is of no immediate urgency, seeing that the next feast will not be held until six weeks after next Easter Day, but an early decision was desirable concerning the stiles, as they are much needed during summer time, and it would be a saving of money, time and trouble if the pond was cleaned out during the early stages of the work now in progress there in connection with the widening of the high road by the County Council.

BOYS' CRICKET. 21st June 1912

Stimulated by having watched cricket matches between the husbands and wives and the bachelors and spinsters of Swavesey, the boys of Boxworth End challenged the boys of Church End, or vice versa, to a game of cricket. The match was brought off on the Recreation Ground on Thursday in last week and resulted in a win for the Church Enders by an innings and 15 runs.

VIOLENT STORM. 21st June 1912

Between 11 and 12 on last Sunday morning a storm of exceptional violence broke over Swavesey. Preceded by a tremendous downpour of rain and hail and a few comparatively feeble flashes of lightning and claps of thunder, there came a terrific flash, followed immediately by an ear-splitting crash of thunder which seemed to shake houses and make their contents rattle. In a close opposite "The Farm," the residence of Mr. W. C. Cole at Boxworth End, a poplar tree 80 or 90 feet in height was struck. The tree was the sole survivor of a long row of poplars, and now its days are numbered. About ten feet of the top of the trunk was smashed off, and fell into a plane tree in Mr. Ebenezer Prime's garden underneath. The electric current then appeared to have missed the trunk and branches for rather more than half the length of the tree, but from about thirty feet from the ground wrought serious havoc. From that point to the earth on the southern side not only was the back torn off, but some inches deep of the solid wood. Branches were torn off and thrown some distance, and the torn fragments of the trunk were scattered on all sides, even as far distant as 53 yards. The top rail of a fence at the tree bottom was smashed; a substantial batten supporting another fence running at right angles, and securely nailed to fence and poplar was torn away and thrown some five or six yards. The wife and daughter of Mr. James Smith, market gardener, who were in their house, about fifty yards distant, appeared also to be slightly struck, and though not injured, Mrs. Smith was rendered very unwell. Mr. Joseph Owen, looking after stock in Mr. Warboys' field in the same district, was knocked to the ground, but not hurt. In Market-street, in the centre of the village, a small willow tree three yards from Mr. W. Carrier's house was struck, its head was split, and its branches torn off. Miss Carrier, who was coming out of the back door, had a narrow escape.

IMPROVED HIGH ROAD. 28th June 1912

The work of spraying the high road through the village with tar has begun, and sections at Boxworth End and Church End have already been completed.

HIS SUNDAY DINNER. 28th June 1912

Amongst the dinners baked last Sunday by a Swavesey baker was a joint of meat and a Yorkshire pudding which had been conveyed by bicycle from Fen Drayton by a cottager who had not adequate baking accommodation at home. When cooked the dinner was safely taken back to Fen Drayton, also by cycle.

THE VICAR'S FAREWELL. 28th June 1912

On Sunday last the Rev. A. C. Vidler took the Sunday services at the parish church for the last time as vicar. He made short references to his approaching departure in his morning and evening services. Mr. Vidler will be instituted and inducted into his new living at Tewin, Herts., next month. His successor at Swavesey, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, is expected to go into residence in August.

HEARTS OF OAK. 28th June 1912

On Thursday evening in last week, Mr. G. H. Barnsdale, the well-known official of the Hearts of Oak Friendly Society, attended a largely-attended meeting at the National School to explain the Insurance Act in its relation to friendly societies, and to the Hearts of Oak in particular. Mr. C. Wood presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. Barnsdale, Mr. C. G. Kidd, of Willingham, and Mr. C. Wilkinson, of Swavesey. The audience quite filled the large room. Ladies were specially invited to be present, but only three young ladies attended. Mr. Barnsdale gave a lucid and most interesting address. He would, he said, treat his subject entirely from a non-political point of view, and he proceeded to give an explanation of the Act. He made more than one reference to the difficulty with the doctors, which he hoped would be adjusted before long. He strongly urged everyone to belong to an approved society, pointing out the various benefits to be obtained through the Hearts of Oak, and he expressed the hope that as time went on his society would be able by careful and economical management of its funds either to reduce the contributions of members or give them increased benefits. He warned his hearers against joining "mushroom" societies, which were in reality insurance offices. The benefits accruing to women members were explained. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Barnsdale invited questions. Mr. Vidler inquired about domestic servants, and further questions were asked by others. Some of the questions bore a political bias, whilst others were evidently in the interest of a rival society. At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barnsdale, proposed by Mr. Wilkinson, and seconded by Mr. C. G. Kid, was carried amidst applause. Mr. Barnsdale, in replying, moved a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE LATE VICAR OF SWAVESEY.

PRESENTATION FROM CONGREGATION. 5th July 1912

Last Friday evening the members of the congregation attending Swavesey Parish Church, and other friends, presented the Rev. A. C. Vidler with an appreciation of their sense of his worth and work on his leaving the parish after having held the living for the past 17 years. Mr. Vidler has been appointed Rector of Tewin, Hertfordshire, by the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge. There was a large attendance of subscribers in the National School. Mr. W. H. Key, the senior churchwarden, who presided and made the presentation, was supported by Mr. Walter Thorp (churchwarden), Mrs. Long, the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Cooksey.

Mr. Key remarked that they had assembled that evening to perform a very pleasant duty, and yet one with which sadness was intermingled. They were about to lose their vicar, who had been with them for 17 years – a long time to look forward to, but to him (the speaker) a very short time to look back upon. During the 17 years great improvements had been effected in their beautiful old church, and anyone who had left Swavesey 17 years ago, and had returned that day must notice a great difference. These improvements were mainly due to the vicar's initiative. He was an excellent organiser of the various ways of raising funds, such as garden fetes, sales of work, etc., and though naturally anxious as to the financial success of such functions, their Vicar had always aimed at making his entertainments a real pleasure to his people.

The improvements to the church had not been confined to the inside of the building, and he instanced the new vane on the tower and the iron churchyard gates.

Not only had they reason for gratitude to their vicar for work in connection with the church; the parish generally had benefited by his efforts in secular matters. He was appointed Vicar just after the Parish Council came into existence, and he (the speaker) had proposed that the Vicar should be chairman, but the majority of the Council objected to having a parson as chairman. Soon afterwards the Council changed its mind, and until two years ago Mr. Vidler had been unanimously re-elected chairman year after year.

Mr. Key read the illuminated address:-

To the Reverend A. C. Vidler, M.A., Vicar of Swavesey, and Rural Dean of North Stowe.

Reverend sir, - We beg to tender you our grateful thanks for the conscientious way in which you have discharged the duties of your office during the 17 years you have held the living of Swavesey. We are truly sorry that your connection with the parish will soon terminate. As a slight token of our esteem we ask your acceptance of this address and of the accompanying present of

plate; and we trust that God's blessing may rest on your work and home at Tewin. – We are, reverend sir, yours faithfully,

Here follow the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Key then handed to Mr. Vidler the address, which was enclosed in an oak frame, and a massive silver candelabrum, expressing the hope of all subscribers that Mr. Vidler would live long, and enjoy good health and be happy in his new parish.

Mr. Walter Thorp added a few words, cordially endorsing all that had been said by his colleague.

Mr. Vidler, who spoke with emotion, thanked Mr. Key for what he had said about him, and expressed his warm appreciation of and gratitude for the address and accompanying gift.

(Long report)

THE LATE VICAR. 12th July 1912

The Rev. A. C. Vidler, lately Vicar of Swavesey and Rural Dean of North Stowe, was yesterday (Thursday) instituted to the Rectory of Tewin, Herts., by the Bishop of St. Albans. The churchwardens of Swavesey, Messrs. W. H. Key and Walter Thorp, were present at the interesting ceremony. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, late Vicar of Upwood, Hunts., is in charge of the parish of Swavesey pending the arrival of the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 12th July 1912

Under the presidency of Mrs. Long, The Priory, Swavesey, the yearly house-to-house collection in connection with the Cambridge Division (Swavesey District), Addenbrooke's Hospital County Organisation Fund, has recently been made, and Mrs. Long has been able to forward the sum of £27 9s. 10d. to Mrs. Hicks, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Fund. Of this total, £4 15s. was collected in Over by Mrs. Beckett, £7 in Longstanton by Mr. Townsend, £1 5s. 6d in Conington by Miss Scambler, £3 13s. 6d. in Fen Drayton by Miss Downham, and £10 16s. 10d. in Swavesey by Mrs. Long. No collection was made this year in Willingham in consequence of an epidemic of fever and diphtheria.

A CRICKETING QUESTION. 12th July 1912

The question "What is a professional?" is agitating the cricketing mind in Swavesey just now, writes a correspondent. In a recent match in the Milton and District league an opposing club played a man whom Swavesey protested against, alleging that he had been employed for payment on a ground in

Cambridge, and that therefore he was ineligible to play in the Milton League under the rule which declares "that no professionals will be eligible." The protest came before the League Committee last Monday, and the Swavesey Club lost the day and was mulcted in costs. It is stated that the fact that the player in question had been employed for money as alleged was not disputed, so not unnaturally Swavesey cricketers are asking what there is to prevent Hayward or Hobbs from playing in the League if qualified by birth or residence. A strong feeling exists in the village that such a question should not have been decided by a committee consisting solely of First Division representatives, but should at least have been submitted to a committee of both divisions. Several clubs were not represented at last Monday's meeting, but representatives were present from clubs which would have suffered had Swavesey won the protest and been awarded the two points allowed under the rule. While there is no desire on the part of the Swaveseyites to cast any reflection on the bona fides of the gentlemen who attended the meeting, they cannot overlook the fact that even Milton League Committeemen are human.

IMPRESSIONS OF A SCARLET FEVER VICTIM 12th July 1912

To those who have not had the misfortune to fall a victim to that now fashionable epidemic, scarlet fever, it may be of interest to read a few impressions which remain stamped on the memory of one victim: - My first is a bit of a sore throat, nothing more than that which often precedes a slight cold. A doctor was called in, and after the usual process of opening the mouth, etc., the verdict, "A scarlet fever throat," was passed, and I felt like a suffragette in the dock hearing the sentence of "Six weeks." I passed into an atmosphere of disinfectants, and my spirits fell below zero. Then followed a few days in bed and a diet of "slops," which I was not very keen on, especially as I was really feeling perfectly fit. I awaited the rash, which gradually appeared, and wanted well looking for. Then began the interesting stage called "peeling," and then I was allowed to get up and view the world from the upper windows. My next impressions were the kind jeers and sympathy of the family from below, and remarks from friends visiting the back door, "Oh! You look just the same," and "I can't understand you scarlet fever patients looking so well." Then you suddenly feel guilty in not appearing thin and haggard, and at least ten years older, and are sorry to have caused such keen disappointment. The view from your prison suddenly strikes you as "truly rural." A glimpse of a village pond, a background of farm buildings, cattle and horses grazing in the fields beyond, and other delightful glimpses of country life. It may sound alluring to townsfolk, but in two days one is heartily sick of it. The last three weeks is spent in quiet seclusion in the

garden, with a certain amount of coolness existing between the victim and the members of the family. At last comes the order for release, and the whole house (including the recent invalid) reeks with the aroma of disinfectants. You are told you are free from infection, and can once more mix with the world. Your last impression is a sense of freedom never felt before as you open your garden gate and walk once again down the familiar village street and rake up a few old friends, who, by the way, are not extra pleased to see you, and hold rather aloof at first, as if they think you might still possess at least one of those deadly germs of scarlet fever.

THE SCHOOLS. 19th July 1912

The National Schools broke up on Friday last for the summer holidays, some weeks earlier than usual owing to the poor attendance due to illness in the village.

CRICKET. 19th July 1912

The Milton and District League match between Swavesey and Haddenham, which should have been played at Swavesey last Saturday afternoon, was scratched at the request of the visiting club.

EXCITING CHASE. 19th July 1912

Shortly before one o'clock on Wednesday a horse got on the Great Eastern Railway line at Fenstanton crossing and raced towards Swavesey, with a man in pursuit. Following the man was a passenger train. The horse was secured at Swavesey station.

DEATH. 19th July 1912

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 50 years, of Mrs. Annie Prime, wife of Mr. Alfred Prime, which occurred shortly before midnight on Wednesday. For nearly three years Mrs. Prime had suffered from cancer, and at times had endured intense pain. Upwards of two years ago she underwent an operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Her end was peaceful, as she passed calmly away in her sleep. She leaves a husband and ten children, for whom much sympathy is felt. Her third son, a promising youth, also succumbed to cancer after a short illness on 6th March last.

FAILURE OF WATER SUPPLY. 19th July 1912

From Friday evening until mid-day on Monday the new water supply failed owing to a serious leakage at a hydrant in Carter's-lane, near the Priory. Serious inconvenience was caused, and people were compelled to use water

from the old supply, which had been condemned as contaminated. On Tuesday a further leakage was observed at the last hydrant at Boxworth End. Ratepayers are not unnaturally complaining of the inconvenience and of the expense the parish is put to by large quantities of water being allowed to run away. It is also thought that the work of repairing the pipes should in the special circumstances have been continued on Sunday.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 26th July 1912

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment, under the command of Mrs. Cooksey, Quartermaster, went by brake to Croxton Park for a field day, in conjunction with other detachments.

LADIES AT CRICKET. 26th July 1912

Owing to the heavy rain last Friday, the projected cricket match between teams of Spinsters and Bachelors did not take place, and was postponed until Monday evening. Unfortunately, that evening also was wet, and the game has now been postponed indefinitely.

INSURANCE ACT. 26th July 1912

Almost the sole topic of conversation in the village during the week has been the Insurance Act. Employers and employed are in doubt as to the sums to be contributed by them respectively, and it is to be feared there are numerous instances in which either the master or the worker, or both, have not contributed the proper amounts. More than one correspondent has suggested that an expert Government official might be usefully employed in instructing both parties.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 26th July 1912

On Sunday last anniversary services in connection with the Sunday School were held in Bethel Chapel. The Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor, preached at the morning and evening services, and in his addresses dealt with various aspects of Sunday School work. In the afternoon there was a special service, at which the Rev. F. J. Parr, of Fenstanton, gave an address based on the words "Lost and found," in which he laid stress on the rewards of diligence. Selected hymns were sung by the children at all services, and in the evening two solos were rendered by Miss Alice Norman. At this service framed certificates gained at the recent Sunday School Scripture Examination were presented to Louisa Causer, Fanny Causer, Nellie Prior and Frank Prior. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the Sunday School Fund and showed a slight increase on the amount contributed last year.

GARDEN FETE. 26th July 1912

A garden fete, including a sale of work and a jumble sale, was held in the grounds of the Vicarage on Thursday, 18th inst., and in spite of the cold and threatening weather, and other drawbacks, was a great success financially. The primary motive for the fete was to raise money to wipe off a deficit of nearly £20 on the general expenses account of the parish church, caused mainly by necessary repairs to the fabric during the year ended Easter last. With gate money, the new work and jumble stalls, the well-patronised refreshment tent, and the takings of the side shows, the sum of £27, after payment of all expenses, was realised, and the churchwardens can now meet the new Vicar not only free from debt, but with a balance in hand of over £7. During the evening there was dancing on the lawn to the strains of the St. Ives Town Band, the cost of which was most generously borne by Mrs. Long. Before the company separated, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, the late vicar, now rector of Tewin, Herts., warmly thanked all who had assisted in making the fete such an undoubted success.

FUNERAL. 26th July 1912

In the presence of an unusually large assemblage of friends and neighbours from Swavesey and Lolworth, the funeral of the late Mrs. Alfred Prime, whose death on the 17th instant was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated and among the mourners the following attended: Mr. Alfred Prime (husband), Messrs. A., J., H., and B. Prime (sons), the Misses E., May, F., Minnie, and Ethel Prime (daughters), Mrs. A. Prime (daughter-in-law) and Mr. G. Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hepher, Mrs. S. Kester and Mr and Mrs. D. Prime (brothers and sisters-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

LONG SERVICE REWARDED. 2nd Aug. 1912

P.C. Plowman, stationed at Swavesey, was presented with the King's Coronation medal at the Shire Hall last Saturday.

A BICYCLE SPILL. 2nd Aug. 1912

On Monday morning Mr. Robinson Mitham was cycling along Mow Fen Drove when a two-tined fork which he was carrying on his handlebar caught in the hedge and Mr. Mitham was thrown violently to the ground injuring his face and hands. He proceeded to Mow Fen Railway Gatehouse, where Mrs. Spolton washed his wounds and otherwise rendered first aid.

LADIES' CRICKET MATCH. 2nd Aug. 1912

The return match between the single ladies and gentlemen was played on Tuesday evening, under the same conditions as the previous match. The weather was cold and fewer spectators were present. The ladies' innings closed for 110. The gentlemen openers proceeded to attack the ladies' bowling, but they met with little success, their batting being no better than their fielding and they were all dismissed for 42. The gentlemen were requested to follow on, and scored 46 for six wickets in their second venture, time alone saving them from an innings' defeat.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STATION. 9th Aug. 1912

The work raising and otherwise improving the platforms at the railway station was begun on Tuesday.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 9th Aug. 1912

The Rev. John Selwyn Sharp, the newly-appointed vicar, took all the services at the parish church on Sunday last.

A SPILL. 9th Aug. 1912

On Tuesday evening when cycling near the station, Mr. George Seekings had a collision with a cow. Several cows were being driven towards Over, when one animal suddenly shied round. Mr. Seekings was thrown heavily to the ground, injuring his arm. The front wheel of the cycle was buckled and the brake broken.

ANGLING NOTE. 9th Aug. 1912

Two London anglers, Messrs. Clark and Baines, who have been staying with Mr. W. Twist, at Church End, have had a most successful week's fishing in the Ouse at Swavesey, catching 1¼cwt. of good fish. The largest were given to villagers with families of hungry children, and the smaller were returned to the river.

CRICKET. 9th Aug. 1912

Whilst playing for Elsworth on Saturday in a Milton and District League fixture, S. J. Froment took his 100th wicket this season. Most of Mr. Froment's matches this year have been for Spaldwick, Hunts., of which club he is captain, and which has succeeded in winning the Coote Cup for clubs in Hunts. villages not exceeding 400 inhabitants.

WEDDING. 16th Aug. 1912

On Tuesday, 13th instant, Mr. Harry Williams, grocer and draper, High-street, youngest son of the late Mr. Alfred Williams, was married very quietly at St. Ives by licence to Miss Elsie Parish, second daughter of Mr. David Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey. A family gathering was held afterwards at the residence of the bride's parents.

A FALL IN BREAD. 16th Aug. 1912

On Saturday afternoon Mr. William Gifford, baker, Fenstanton, was driving sharply along Boxworth End in a cart laden with loaves, bags of flour, fruit, etc. When passing Mr. Burling's blacksmith's forge the belly band broke and the cart tipped up, hurling Mr. Gifford, bread, flour, etc., into the road. The horse was a restive animal and a kicker, but fortunately Mr. Gifford was able to retain hold of the reins, and regaining his feet, with the assistance of Mr. H. G. Key, a Swavesey baker, was able to seize the horse before it bolted or any further damage was done. Mr. Gifford was not injured.

A SUFFRAGIST MEETING. 16th Aug. 1912

Last Friday evening an open-air meeting was held on the high road opposite Mill Farm, Middle Watch, in the interests of the cause of Women's Suffrage. The gathering should have been in a field nearby, but in consequence of the cold and damp evening and the long grass, it was deemed wiser to use the King's highway. The platform was a chair placed against a gate opposite the farmhouse, and the audience stood on either side of the road. Between 60 and 70 persons were present, young ladies being largely in evidence. Miss Hutchinson, of Newnham, presided, and briefly apologised for the absence of Mrs. Bowes, who was announced to speak, but was indisposed. She introduced Mrs. Rackham, who in a lengthy address put forward the claims and aims of the non-militant and non-party section of the votes for women movement. Her speech was eloquent, lucid and moderate in tone, but it evoked no enthusiasm and no openly-expressed opposition. There were no interruptions, and at the close, though urgently asked for, no questions. She appealed for new members to her society, and a few joined, whilst others gave their names as "friends of women suffrage." Leaflets and other literature were distributed during and after the meeting.

ACCIDENT TO A SWAVESEY MAN.

THROWN FROM A CART. 23rd Aug. 1912

On Wednesday evening in last week a serious accident befell a Swavesey man named James Coulson, who now lies in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from a fractured skull and other injuries.

No one except the two men immediately concerned witnessed the accident, but the facts, as elicited from Mr. Walter Spolton, appears to be as follows: Mr. Spolton, a butcher, of Swavesey and Histon, left his shop in Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon, in his cart, which is of the usual butcher's type, with a lid. He was accompanied by Coulson to look after the horse – a young animal – whilst he was calling at houses for orders. They proceeded via the Cambridge and Huntingdon road to Dry Drayton, and about 3 o'clock they passed an empty motor-car, which was standing unattended on the wrong side of the road near the second field on the road from the Five Bells Inn to Dry Drayton. The animal took no notice of the car. Mr. Spolton proceeded to do his business in Dry Drayton, Coton, and Madingley, and returned along the Dry Drayton to Five Bells road about 6 p.m. The empty car was still on the road-side, but this time the horse had to face the front of the car. Coulson was driving and the pace was smart.

All went well until level with the car, and then came disaster. The horse stopped stunt, and both men were thrown out. Mr. Spolton fell near the horse's head. Coulson came to the ground near the wheel on the opposite side of the cart.

THE HARVEST. 23rd Aug. 1912

The continuing thunderstorms and heavy rains are interfering very seriously with the harvest, and the outlook is far from promising.

TWELVE AT BIRTH. 23rd Aug. 1912

A retriever bitch belonging to the Vicar of Swavesey had twelve pups on Friday last, all being born alive, and fine, strong animals.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 30th Aug. 1912

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Football Club was held last Friday evening at the National School, under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp. Officers for the season were elected, viz.: President, the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P.; vice-presidents, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. R. E. Bartley, H. Capper, and J. B. Ellis (St. Ives); captain, Mr. T. Harris; vice-captain, Mr. G. S. Winters; hon. Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; committee, Messrs. W. Carter, Fred Johnson, R. Mitham, jun., E. Prior, V. Rimmer, A. T. Scard, and C. Wood. It was decided to play on the Recreation Ground, and to enter again for the Histon and District Football League. The Chairman brought up the question of forming a lads' football club, and a discussion ensued, but no decision was arrived at.

A GIANT MARROW. 30th Aug. 1912

A vegetable marrow grown in the small plot of garden in front of Mr. William Ding's cottage at Church End has just been cut. It measures 29½ ins. in length and its girth is 20½ ins. at the smaller end and 24½ ins. at the thick end.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th Aug. 1912

On Sunday afternoon a special service for the people was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel, at which Mr. Ingle F. Thoday, of Willingham, presided, and solos, duets, and quartettes were rendered by members of Willingham Tabernacle choir. Mr. Thoday gave a brief address. In the evening there was an evangelistic service, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. J. Watts. Mrs. Watts sang two solos. Fair congregations attended both services.

TRACTION ENGINE NUISANCE. 30th Aug. 1912

A householder writes: Cannot some restriction be placed on the pace at which traction engines, especially those drawing heavily laden trucks, pass through this village? Not only are our houses shaken, but they are damaged. In one house a piece of a ceiling recently renewed and a cupboard have been brought down; in another house part of the ceiling has fallen, and in several others ornaments and crockery have been shaken down. It is no doubt to the contractors' benefit to get his work done as quickly as possible, but surely we poor ratepayers who have to find the money to pay their bills are worthy of some consideration.

SCHOOL RE-OPENED. 6th Sept. 1912

The National School re-opened after the harvest holiday last Monday. So anxious were the authorities to secure a full attendance, that the attendance officer was on duty in the village as early as 9 a.m.

FLOODS. 6th Sept. 1912

During the week the floods at Swavesey have been slowly but steadily going, but there is still a great deal of land under water. All roads are clear. A large amount of corn has sprouted and several stacks have had to be pulled to pieces.

COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE. 6th Sept. 1912

A portion of the bridge or tunnel under the high road, through which the superfluous water of the Swan Pond passes to Church Brook, collapsed on Monday morning. The roadway being flooded, Mr. S. Hopher, one of the

local carriers, who drove past, unfortunately was unaware of the hole, and his horse fell into it, injuring its leg.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ITEMS. 6th Sept. 1912

A William pear tree in Mr. W. H. Key's garden at Top Leys Cottage has this year borne three crops. The first has been gathered; the second is still hanging on the tree; and the blossom of the third has recently fallen. Runner beans in the same garden are upwards of 14 feet in height, and are still growing through the branches of an apple tree. A ladder has to be used to gather the beans.

TRACTION ENGINE NUISANCE. 6th Sept. 1912

A ratepayer writes: I was very pleased to see in last Friday's "Weekly News" that someone had at last called attention to the nuisance caused by traction engines passing through Swavesey. The foundations of our houses, owing to the nature of the soil, are not built to stand the tremendous shaking these heavy engines dragging huge trucks of granite, etc., give them. I do not suppose the pace they travel is beyond the speed limit laid down by law, but it is too great for the safety and comfort of people inhabiting our houses, especially those in the more thickly-populated part of the village.

AIDING ADDENBROOKE'S. 6th Sept. 1912

A special appeal is being made this week to the residents of Swavesey for gifts of fruit, vegetables, potatoes, honey, poultry, eggs, butter, etc., for the use of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The Secretary-Superintendent states that such gifts are at all times most acceptable, and not only afford a welcome change in the daily dietary, but materially assist the hospital funds. Mr. Coles adds that the stock of potatoes, onions, carrots, etc., received last autumn has just come to an end. Mr. Graves, of the "Rising Sun" Inn, who as in previous years is collecting the gifts, will, if desired, fetch them from the givers' houses. The smallest contributions will be most thankfully received not later than Monday morning.

STATISTICS FROM SWAVESEY. 6th Sept. 1912

In connection with the serious floods at Swavesey, the following information, kindly supplied by Mr. E. H. Thornhill, of Boxworth, respecting the rainfall in that village, which borders on the flooded district will be of interest to many of our readers. (statistics in report). Heavy rainfall was shown on the 21st (1.27 inches) and 26th of August. (2.45 inches). Rain fell on 25 out of 31 days in that month.

Mr. Thornhill adds some interesting details which will enable the non-scientific reader to understand the method of measuring rain. .01 inch of rain is equal to a ton of water per acres (about); 1.00 inch equals 100 tons per acre; 1 gallon of water equals 10 lbs; .18 inch of rain equals 45 paraffin tubs of 40 gallons each to an acre. Thus the rainfall per acre during the year 1912, speaking approximately, has amounted to upwards of 12,000 tubs of 40 gallons each.

DEVASTATION AT SWAVESEY. 6th Sept. 1912

The scene at Friesland Farm last Friday was a remarkable one. In all some 28 acres of corn, most of it in shocks, have been flooded, and on Thursday and Friday the work of rescuing the sheaves was in progress. An extemporised raft made of a door nailed across two railway sleepers was used, and the rescuer, armed with a pitchfork and a punt pole, collected a few sheaves and then pushed them across the watery waste towards a dry road running through the farm. Here the sheaves were put into carts and taken to higher land, where they were set up to dry. Unfortunately as soon as the drying process begins the corn shales. Much of this submerged corn is already sprouting. Shocks of wheat on dry ground which have not been in flood water are green with sprouting, and the sheaves are so firmly matted together that three and sometimes four strong men have been needed to pull them apart. When the flood rose rapidly on Monday and Tuesday every shock was washed by the rush of water afloat, and drifted with the wind and current against hedges and clumps of trees, where they piled up. Then the wind changed, and the huge and lengthy heaps were swept across the flood and stranded on the opposite sides in shallow water tightly packed like sardines in a box, presenting a scene resembling seaweed washed up on a beach after a gale. The produce of at least fifteen acres of wheat was thus collected in one place. The one-storey cottage in the midst of the farm had every room under water. When inspected on Friday the front rooms – a sitting room and a bedroom – were free from water, but the fire grate in the former room bore indications of having had at least a foot of water in it. The larger furniture – a bedstead, for instance – were raised on bricks and small articles were stacked on top. The kitchen was still covered with nine or ten inches of water. Mr. E. Stocker, the occupant, had to find quarters in the village when the water attacked his home. This was the tenth time in seventeen years he has been evicted by flood. As regards the rest of the farm, much of the land is submerged, grass, uncut beans, barley, oats, etc., all in water. To realise fully the heartbreaking state of affairs the scene should be visited. Even elderly Swavesey people accustomed to floods declare that never have they witnessed such a scene.

A LARGE MUSHROOM. 13th Sept. 1912

On Thursday in last week Mr. C. Plumb, of Boxworth End, gathered a mushroom which measured 41½ inches in circumference and 13 inches in diameter.

FARMERS' DILEMMA. 13th Sept. 1912

Married women and girls are being employed as drivers of harvest carts in consequence of the school having been re-opened after the summer holidays, and the boys who usually act as drivers being compelled to attend.

A CAREFUL MAN. 13th Sept. 1912

During the visit of a Swavesey resident to a friend in another part of the village last Sunday evening, it came on to rain. He had no umbrella and no overcoat, but was supplied with both by his host. Still he was not satisfied. He feared his Sunday trousers might get wet, so he manufactured a pair of leggings out of a newspaper, and thus protected reached his home dry and comfortable.

A HINT FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL. 13th Sept. 1912

A correspondent writes: "I read in my daily paper last Saturday that 'a section of a street at Rocky Ford, in Colorado, U.S.A., has been successfully paved with beet sugar syrup, which is stated to produce a dust-proof surface.' May I suggest that the Cambridgeshire County Council should give the plan a trial in High-street, Swavesey, where householders and shopkeepers suffer great annoyance from the clouds of dust. If found successful the use of beet syrup would encourage the growing of beetroot and thus help our farmers and, through them, their men."

AID FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 13th Sept. 1912

Last week's collection of vegetables, fruit, etc., in Swavesey for use at Addenbrooke's Hospital was unfortunately far from being as successful as similar collections in previous years. The disappointing result is due to the wet season and to many of the gardens and allotments having been flooded. Some villagers have lost the bulk of their garden produce, whilst most have cause to complain of a very poor crop and an undue proportion of bad potatoes owing to the prolonged wet weather; and not having sufficient for their own families through the winter they regretfully feel they cannot justly contribute towards even so beneficent an institution as Addenbrooke's Hospital.

THE RAINFALL. 13th Sept. 1912

In the notice of the rainfall in the Swavesey district published last week there were, Mr. E. H. Thornhill, who kindly supplied the information, points out, two mistakes, for neither of which was he responsible. One inch of rain is 101 tons per acre, not 100 tons as stated, and 45 paraffin tubs of 40 gallons each of rain to the acre is the result of eight tons, that is .08 inch of rain, not .18 as printed. One gallon of water weighs 10lbs.; one ton equals 2,240lbs.; so one ton equals 224 gallons. A tub of 40 gallons divided into this goes $5 \frac{3}{5}$ times, that is, $5 \frac{3}{5}$ tubs to every hundredth of an inch, or .01 inch. Eight hundreds, or .08 inches thus produce nearly 45 tubs, or, to be exact, $4 \frac{4}{5}$, or eight gallons short of 45 tubs; .05 inches of rain equals 28 tubs exactly.

THE VICAR OF SWAVESEY

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION. 27th Sept. 1912

On Monday afternoon the Rev. John Selwyn Sharp, who has recently been presented to the living of Swavesey by the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, the patrons, was publicly instituted and inducted in the parish church of St. Andrew, in the presence of a large and representative congregation, which included many leading local Nonconformists.

Great interest was taken in the ceremony, and several business establishments in the village were closed during the service. The flag of St. George of England floated proudly from the church tower.

(Long report)

ADVERT. 4th Oct. 1912

G. H. Skeeles, Pianoforte and Organ Tuner, East-street, St. Ives, Hunts., begs to announce that he has an entirely new Stock of Pianofortes, Music, Gramophones, and all the latest Records, &c. Also good Second-hand Pianoforte, £10; American Organ, 5 stops, £4 10s. All tuning orders receive prompt and personal attention.

PARISH CHURCH. 4th Oct. 1912

The newly-instituted vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, "read himself in" on Sunday last. So as not unduly to weary the people, he read half of the Thirty-Nine Articles at the morning service, and the remainder at night. At the evening service Mr. Sharp spoke in terms of severe disapprobation of the practice of disfiguring the walls and pillars of the church and the porch by writing or cutting names in the stone work.

LAST MONTH'S RAINFALL. 4th Oct. 1912

Mr. E. H. Thornhill, of Boxworth, has kindly supplied a record of the rainfall in this district during the month of September. In all 1.91 inches of rain fell. The total rainfall for the nine months ending September was 24.61 inches, and the number of wet days 134. Translated into homely language, roughly speaking, 1,064 forty-gallon casks of rain per acre fell during September, and 13,776 forty-gallon casks per acre during the nine months.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 4th Oct. 1912

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 26th ulto., when the Rev. A. R. Savage, of Woodford, preached able sermons in the afternoon and evening. At 6 p.m. there was a public tea in the chapel schoolroom, at which about 80 persons were present. The trays were presided over by Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Jabez Day, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. W. Savage, Miss Starte, and Miss Hayes. The chapel was most tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., all of which, as usual, have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, an institution which invariably meets with warm support at Bethel. At the close of the evening service the Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor, voiced the congregation's appreciation of the kind visit of Mr. Savage and of the efforts of all who had helped to make the festival so bright and successful.

PARISH MEETING. 4th Oct. 1912

On Thursday evening in last week a parish meeting was held in the National School, and although it was called to vote the money needed for lighting the street lamps during the winter, only three ratepayers attended, viz., the chairman (Mr. A. Day), the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), and the schoolmaster (Mr. C. Wood). The "Weekly News" representative formed the audience. The minutes of the annual parish meeting in the spring having been read, Mr. Wood proposed the usual resolution authorising the Parish Council to incur expenditure on the street lighting not exceeding £30. The Chairman seconded, and the three ratepayers voting "Aye," the resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman, in closing the meeting, remarked that it was satisfactory to note that no complaints had been received as to the street lighting last winter.

PARISH COUNCIL. 4th Oct. 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Friday last in the National School, at which were present: Messrs. A. Day (chairman), J. Linford (vice-chairman), W. Twist, R. Norman, W. Burton, J. W. Parish, and the clerk (R. Mitham). The minutes of the last meeting having been read, a lengthy discussion ensued respecting a proposal to alter the date of commencement of

the village feast, or rather to prevent the show folk from entering the village and occupying Market-street during Feast Sunday. After a discussion proposing to leave the decision to the new Council, the Chairman moved a resolution in favour of altering the opening day of the feast from Sunday to Monday. Mr. J. W. Parish seconded, and on being put to the vote, three Councillors voted for, and two against with one not voting. The Chairman then brought forward the question of erecting stiles along the footpath by Navigation Drain, and after an interesting discussion Mr. Twist moved a resolution that a two-stage stile should be put up at each of the five fences. The Chairman seconded and the resolution was carried nem. con. It was also agreed that a stile on the footpath from Swavesey to Fen Drayton should be repaired. Some conversation followed as to the bank by the Fen Drayton footpath, the neglected condition of which it was said was responsible for much Swavesey land being flooded during the recent inundation. The Chairman promised to bring the matter before the District Council. Repairs to the fire engine house were ordered and the Street Lighting Committee were empowered to see what arrangements could be made for storing spare water pipes belonging to the District Council on the parish property in High-street. The main business of the meeting, however, was to appoint a lamplighter for the ensuing winter. Only one tender was received, viz., from Mr. George Clarke.

PLUMS. 11th Oct. 1912

On Wednesday Mr. H. H. Williams gathered a second crop of usable plums from two Victoria plum trees in his garden in Wallman's-lane.

NIGHT SCHOOL. 11th Oct. 1912

The evening continuation classes which were so successful last winter were re-opened at the National School on Tuesday evening, under the superintendence of Mr. C. Wood, schoolmaster. They will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

CURE FOR A COLD. 11th Oct. 1912

A Swavesey tradesman, calling at a farmhouse in the district the other day complained that he had a horrid cold, and was told by the farmer how he avoided a cold. As the method was unusual, we give it here for the benefit of any of our readers who may care to try the plan. The farmer said he wore a stocking or sock on one foot and nothing but his boot on the other. One foot, he remarked, was warm and the other cold, and the tradesman felt both and

found the statement was correct. The farmer assured him that if he got a cold it went away immediately through the cold foot!

MOTOR COMES TO GRIEF. 11th Oct. 1912

In the process of raising the high road near the Swan Pond a thick layer of gaulty soil, taken from the trenches in which the new water supply pipes were laid, is being spread on the top of the original hard granite surface. About half-past nine on Saturday evening a motor-car, containing a lady and gentleman and the chauffeur, came to grief at the spot. After running some dozen yards on the soft surface, the wheels of the motor sank through the gault down to the hard road, and there remained immovable. Plenty of assistance was promptly forthcoming, and after half an hour's work the car, by digging and use of planks, was backed out uninjured, and was able to proceed on its way by the narrow road on the other side of the pond.

STOCK CLUB. 11th Oct. 1912

The members of the Stock Club had their annual social gathering on Tuesday evening, when 24 members sat down at an excellent meat tea at their headquarters, the White Horse Inn. A social evening followed and an enjoyable time was spent in listening to gramophone selections and songs by Messrs. S. W. Crisp, W. J. Hepher, A. T. Scard, and Bert Hodson. The last named fairly "brought down the house" by his inimitable rendering of "All over the shop." Much merriment was caused by an amusing incident. During the playing of a valse on the gramophone, the opening of a door disclosed a portly gentleman and an elderly lady dancing in an adjoining room. They were in no way disconcerted by the shrieks of laughter from the tea room.

LITTLE CHILD BURNED. 11th Oct. 1912

On Saturday a sad burning accident befell the five-year-old daughter of Mr. Charles Poulter, of the New Inn, a lonely wayside house at the junction of the Swavesey road with the main Cambridge to Huntingdon road. The child was suffering from measles, and though fully dressed, was confined in an upstairs room, in which there was a fire. Her mother had gone to Addenbrooke's Hospital with another child, but Mr. Poulter was at home. He had been with the child, and had hardly time to get downstairs when he heard her screaming loudly. He rushed back, and to his horror found the child's clothing ablaze. He picked her up, and carrying her in his arms, ran downstairs, where he was met in the passage by Mr. J. T. Daintree, of Swavesey, who was entering by the front door. Mr. Daintree grasped the situation at once. Calling to Mr. Poulter to put the child on the floor, he pulled off his coat and with it and a

sack lying close by extinguished the fire. On removing the clothing the poor little child's arms, face and neck were found to be badly burned. Such remedies as were at hand were quickly applied, and medical assistance summoned. It was most fortunate that Mr. Daintree appeared on the scene at the moment he did, and acted with such commendable promptitude and judgement, for had he not been there, the little one would no doubt have been injured far more seriously, if not fatally.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11th Oct. 1912

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the parish church on Thursday, 3rd instant. At 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated, and at 7 p.m. there was Choral Evensong, with a sermon by the Rev. C. Sharp, late vicar of Addlestone, Surrey. At this service a large congregation was present, larger than for years past. The decorations were effective, though there appeared to be far fewer flowers than in past years, and the screens were not as much adorned as usual. The font, however, was quite excellent. Contrary to expectations, the contributions of fruit and vegetables were in excess of those in recent years, a noteworthy fact seeing that so many gardens and allotments have recently been flooded. The festival services were continued on Sunday, the Rev. C. Sharp preaching in the morning, and the Vicar in the evening. A children's flower service was held on Sunday afternoon at the Mission Church, Boxworth End, the contributions of fruit and flowers being sent to St. Ives Union Infirmary.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 18th Oct. 1912

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to open the Association's rooms at Ryder's Farm on Thursdays during the winter from 7 to 10 p.m., and to hold a discussion meeting on the second Thursday in every month. The annual accounts were submitted and approved, and all last year's officers were re-elected, but a few alterations were made in the composition of the committee.

THE SWAN POND ROAD. 18th Oct. 1912

On Wednesday morning a light spring cart belonging to a Fen Drayton farmer, heavily laden with cake, got stuck in the gault which has been laid on the high road by Swan pond, and had to be unloaded. Some amusement was caused after the cart had been extricated and reloaded. The horse was fresh and awkward, and disinclined to work. At length it was induced to move, and proceeded as far as the Swan Inn by the road on the opposite side of the pond.

Here it stopped short and refused to budge. The driver, who is slightly lame, got down, and Mr. Smith, of the Swan, went to the rescue. Grasping the hempen halter and after a slight tussle, he led the horse forward; then it reared and then went forward again at a rattling pace. Mr. Smith hung on, and running alongside, soon had the horse under control, but meantime the loose cake went flying off the cart right and left. People were not unnaturally asking when the County Council propose to finish raising the high road. At present it is dangerous, and for certain classes of vehicle unusable. The stopping of motor cars, heavily laden carts, etc., through sinking into the gault which has been laid on the top of the original hard granite surface, is of frequent occurrence, and the roadway on the opposite side of the pond which wary drivers use, not being constructed for heavy traffic, is getting into a very bad condition. Should there be a high flood, and such a thing is quite possible, Swavesey and villages to the south would be entirely cut off from the railway station for vehicular traffic.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB. 25th Oct. 1912

The annual meeting was held in the Club Room at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening last. There were about 50 members present. The Club Room will be open every Tuesday evening, from 7.30 till 10 o'clock, until April.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 25th Oct. 1912

The collections at the parish church on Sunday last were in aid of a fund for providing a new stove. The heating apparatus has not given satisfaction, and was, moreover, costly to maintain, and complaints were general of the chilliness of the large building. A stove was placed some time ago at the eastern end of the south aisle, which, while warming that part of the church, was not sufficient for the whole building. It was therefore decided to place another stove towards the western end of the north aisle. On the previous Sunday the Vicar announced that between £12 and £13 was in hand, but that the cost of a stove and fixing it was estimated to amount to upwards of £18, and he appealed to the congregation to contribute the balance. It is satisfactory to record that this result was achieved last Sunday, for the collections totalled £5 7s 11d.

DEATH. 1st Nov. 1912

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ellen Mortlock, which occurred at her house at Church End, about 3 a.m. yesterday (Thursday). Mrs. Mortlock, who was 76 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr. John Mortlock, a well-known local preacher.

QUESTION OF THE HOUR. 1st Nov. 1912

Water is rising around Swavesey. Is the village to be visited by another flood this year, and if so, what will happen at the Swan Pond? The County Council is said to be satisfied with the state of the road there, but the villagers allege that in the event of a flood it will be impossible for carts, carriages, etc., to pass over the stretch of road which has been raised by means of a thick layer of gaulty soil on the top of the original hard granite surface, and that therefore the village will be cut off from the railway station for vehicular traffic.

EARLY CLOSING. 1st Nov. 1912

A correspondent writes: "The tradesmen of Swavesey, who are compelled by law to close their shops at 1 p.m. on Thursdays, are inquiring why traders from other places are allowed to hawk goods in the village during the time they are prohibited from doing business. For example, on Thursday afternoon in last week men with a large van, belonging, it is said, to a Cambridge tradesman, who presumably has to close his shop on Thursdays, went from end to end of the village selling oil, soap, candles and tin ware and other commodities, all of which Swavesey tradesmen supply. The question has been asked whether the men employed are shop assistants under the Act, and if so, why the inspectors, who, it is understood, have been appointed to see that the law is obeyed, have failed to do their duty. Whether such hawking is illegal or not may be open to question, but there can be no doubt that it is obviously unjust to our local tradesmen to compel them to close, and at the same time allow rivals from outside a free run. – [As we have frequently pointed out, it is in the power of the County Council to settle this question by fixing an early-closing day for the whole county, instead of leaving each parish to choose its own day. Hawking in the streets in any shape or form, by any trader, either from Cambridge or any other town, would then be illegal on the early-closing afternoon. The County Council have circularised every Parish Council in the County, we understand, asking for an expression of opinion, so that Swavesey will have an opportunity of stating their wishes in the matter. – Editor.]

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 1st Nov. 1912

In spite of a heavy and continuous downpour of rain the large room at Swavesey School was crowded on Wednesday evening, on the occasion of a gathering of members of the local ward of the Primrose League, which includes the parishes of Boxworth, Childerley, Fen Drayton, Over and Swavesey. At least 250 were present, all of the five parishes being well represented. Miss Smith, of Boxworth, the Warden, presided, and she was

ably assisted by the Swavesey sub-wardens, Mrs. W. Cole and Miss Beaumont, and by a bevy of young ladies chiefly drawn from Over and Swavesey. Mr. Orlebar gave a forcible address, dealing in tabloid form with numerous matters of present political interest. At the close of the address Mr. and Mrs. Newton entered the room and were accorded a hearty reception. (Long report – programme in newspaper)

A MOTOR TRAP. 8th Nov. 1912

Another motor-car came to grief at the end of last week in attempting to negotiate the new road by the Swan Pond. The car contained two ladies and a gentleman, who had to alight and assist the chauffeur to push the vehicle on to the solid road.

A POSTAL ITEM. 8th Nov. 1912

A notice in the window of the Swavesey Post Office states that the nearest place at which postage stamps can be obtained when the office is closed on Saturday afternoons is the Post Office at Over. This is not correct, for stamps can be purchased at London House, Swavesey, from Mr. H. S. Aldred, who has held a licence from the Postmaster-General to sell stamps for the past sixteen years.

PARISH CHURCH. 8th Nov. 1912

Beginning on Sunday last, a children's service is to be held at the parish church every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, instead of once a month as hitherto, and there will be an evening service on Thursday evenings at the Mission Church, Boxworth End, in place of the old Sunday afternoon service. Many villagers may have noticed that the tone of the bells has improved within the last week or two. This is due to the clappers, which after many years of constant use had become worn, having been turned. The work has been done locally by Mr. C. Culpin and Mr. E. J. Mitham.

FUNERAL. 8th Nov. 1912

On Monday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. John Mortlock, whose death was announced last week, at the age of 76, took place in Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. J. Easter, of Over, officiated. The mourners included: Messrs. E., G.B., J.W., J.H., and T Mortlock (sons), Mr. H. Thompson (brother), W., J.H., and T. Mortlock (daughters-in-law) and Mr. E. Golding (brother-in-law). The hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung at the graveside, the singing being led by the Rev. H. J. Watts, of Bethel Chapel, Swavesey.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 8th Nov. 1912

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. E. Parish's room, Middle Watch, on Tuesday evening. Mr. E. Parish presided. Officers and committee were appointed for the ensuing year, viz., president, the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P.; chairman, Mr. E. Parish; vice-chairman, Mr. Capper; hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Parish. Last year's committee was re-elected. A discussion followed on various political matters, including the Insurance Act, Home Rule, and Small Holdings. – On the same afternoon the Swavesey Women's Liberal Association had their annual meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. T. W. Carter, also in Mr. Parish's room, and appointed officers and committee, the former being: Mrs. T. W. Carter (chairman), Miss Rachel Day (treasurer), and Mrs. J. Marriott (hon. secretary).

BAND OF HOPE. 8th Nov. 1912

On Thursday evening in last week the opening meeting for the winter season of Bethel Chapel Band of Hope was held under the presidency of the Rev. J. H. Watts, pastor. There was an encouraging attendance, and an excellent programme of recitations, dialogues, solos and choruses was well carried out, though the time for preparation had been very short. Miss A. Wilderspin presided at the organ.

(Programme in newspaper)

ACCIDENTS. 8th Nov. 1912

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Benjamin Prior was thrown out of her trap, and sustained injuries to her head. It appears that when driving out of her yard on her way to meet the 4.34 down train, the reins caught in one of the shafts, causing the horse to swerve and bring the near wheel into sharp contact with the gatepost. Fortunately, the trap was not upset, but Mrs. Prior fell on to the path. The back of her head was badly cut, and she was generally shaken. – On the same afternoon a little boy between three and four years of age was run over at Boxworth End by a light cart containing two men, which was entering the village at a slow pace. Some children were playing in the road, all of whom, except for the little boy, ran out of the way, but not until the cart was close to them. The small urchin, however, instead of getting out of danger, sat down, and the wheel of the cart ran over him. He was not seriously hurt, but is being attended by a doctor.

SEA GULLS. 15th Nov. 1912

There are many sea gulls just now on the flooded land between the village of Swavesey and the River Ouse.

THE OLDEST INHABITANT. 15th Nov. 1912

On Thursday, 7th inst., Mr. Joseph Jillings, Swavesey's oldest parishioner, celebrated his 88th birthday. He lives in a cottage by himself, attends to his own domestic matters, keeps his garden in excellent order, and though not as nimble as he used to be, is still an active man and is in fairly good health.

FLOOD PREVENTION. 15th Nov. 1912

Many occupiers of low-lying land in Swavesey and Over will be glad to learn that an important step has been decided on by the Swavesey Rural District Council, which will, it is confidently believed, do much to lessen the damage and inconvenience caused by floods, and will also prevent the county high road from being inundated at the foot of Over hill, by Swan Pond, and at Turn Bridge in High-street. At their last meeting the Council approved of doors being erected at Over Bridge, with the view of stopping the Bedford water, in its passage towards the sea, from flowing on to the eastern side of the high road, that is into Cow Fen, etc. The six cottages at Turn Bridge, the occupants of which have to flit on the occasion of a high flood, will, it is thought, in future be in no danger of inundation.

COTTAGES CONDEMNED. 15th Nov. 1912

No fewer than five cottages, viz., four at Church End and one in Ramper-road, have been condemned as insanitary. Including these cottages, there is now not adequate housing accommodation in the village for poorer people, and the action of the sanitary authorities has therefore raised a very serious question. It is suggested that the cottages in question are in no worse condition than they were six months ago, and it is thought that such drastic measures should not have been adopted during the inclement winter season, nor until other houses were available for the families to be evicted. A correspondent asks whether in the probable event of any of the disturbed people being unable to find houses, the sanitary authorities propose to offer them the hospitality of the Workhouse, and if so, he would like to know what the already overburdened ratepayers have to say.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 15th Nov. 1912

Trinity College Farm, in the middle of the village, narrowly escaped a serious conflagration on Monday morning. Before daybreak the fire of Messrs. Parish Brothers' engine was set alight to drive the threshing machine. The engine had been covered with a cloth since work ceased on Saturday. All was well when the man went home to breakfast, but soon a boy employed on the farm

discovered that the cloth was on fire, and he rushed towards the farmhouse close by, calling loudly to Mr. Robert Norman, the farmer, "The engine's on fire." Mr. Norman hurried out, and being joined by other men, the flames, which rose well above the engine, were soon extinguished. The cloth was destroyed, and the "lagging" of the engine was damaged. As the engine was within four feet of a wheat stack, and there were several other stacks of corn, straw, and hay in close proximity, and a strong wind was blowing, it will be realised that if the fire had not been detected quickly a very serious disaster would have resulted.

LIBERAL TEA AND MEETING. 15th Nov. 1912

On Monday evening the annual meat tea of the Swavesey Liberal Association and of the Women's Liberal Association was held in the Friends' Meeting House, under the presidency of Mr. E. Parish, Chairman of the Men's Association. The following ladies acted as tray-holders: Mrs. W. Twist, Mrs. Capper, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. E. Parish, Mrs. T. Godfrey, Mrs. Aldred, Miss Rachel Day, Miss Emma Day, and Miss Maggie Parish. Upwards of a hundred sat down and the excellent meal was thoroughly appreciated. After the table had been cleared, a meeting followed. Mr. E. Parish presided, and was supported by Mr. Brown, of Cambridge, Mr. J. Evison, of Fen Drayton, and Mr. Capper, of Swavesey. The Chairman, in his opening remarks touched on various political questions, and then introduced Mr. Brown, who gave an able address on several matters of interest including the Insurance Act, the Welsh Church Bill, Home Rule, etc. He made special reference to the Licensing Bill of 1908, which was rejected by the House of Lords. Mr. Evison proposed, and Mr. Capper seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown and the lady tray-holders, and after a few valedictory words from the Chairman, the proceedings were brought to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 22nd Nov. 1912

The opening meeting of the winter session of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association was held at Ryder's Farm on the 14th inst., when Mr. E. Percival Smith, of the New Carlton Club, gave an interesting and instructive address on general politics. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, chairman of the Association, presided.

SHOPS' ACT. 22nd Nov. 1912

Convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Alfred Day, a meeting of Swavesey tradesmen was held on Thursday evening in last week to consider a communication from the Cambs. County Council concerning the Shops' Act.

Mr. Day presided, and asked the tradesmen for their recommendations in the matter, which he had no doubt the Parish Council would support. The different classes of traders deliberated separately, with the following result: - The grocers, drapers, boot and shoe sellers, and general stores, on the motion of Mr. H. S. Aldred, seconded by Mr. H. Starte, unanimously recommended that the County Council be asked for a compulsory closing order from 1 p.m. on Thursdays; the butchers, on the motion of Mr. Z. Parish, seconded by Mr. W. J. Hephher, and the bakers and confectioners, on the motion of Mr. A. T. Scard, seconded by Mr. C. Dean respectively, asked for exemption from the provisions of the Act. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Scard, seconded by Mr. H. G. Key.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Nov. 1912

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 14th instant, at the National School, at which were present: Messrs. A. Day (chairman), Jethro Linford (vice-chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, R. Norman, and W. Twist, with the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Council decided to reply to the letter from the Clerk of the County Council as to the application of the Shops' Act to the village in accordance with the recommendations of the local tradesmen who had met earlier in the evening. A considerable portion of the remainder of the meeting, which lasted for upwards of two hours, was occupied with an acrimonious and regrettable discussion respecting parish accounts, the Chairman and a majority of the Council being at variance with the Clerk. The Street Lighting Committee reported that the missing lamp in Market-street had been re-erected and was in use, and that the new lamps authorised for Gibraltar-lane and Top Leys-corner had been considered. The Chairman hoped the latter would be fixed without delay. The Lighting Committee also reported as to the suitability of the buildings on the parish property in High-street for storage purposes. Mr. R. Norman said the buildings, though in a dilapidated condition, could be rendered suitable for storing reserve water pipes, etc., but he thought it was desirable that the whole Council should inspect the property before anything was decided on. The Council eventually decided to make the proposed inspection. As regards the public pumps, Mr. Goad reported that something had been done at the pump at Boxworth End – the bucket had been taken out. It was agreed that the stand-pipe in connection with the new water supply which would be used in the event of a fire should be kept in the fire engine house and be in charge of the Captain of the engine, Mr. S. Challis.

GALON'S CHARITY. 29th Nov. 1912

At a meeting of the Feoffeees of Galon's Charity held at the National School on the 21st inst., the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, was appointed chairman in succession to the Rev. A. C. Vidler.

CORRECTION. 29th Nov. 1912

In the notice in last Friday's issue of a recent meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council, it was stated that in a discussion concerning parish accounts the Chairman and a majority of the Council were at serious variance with the Clerk. The sentence should have read as follows: "The Chairman and a minority of the Council, etc."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR. 29th Nov. 1912

The opening meeting of the winter session of the Christian Endeavour Society in connection with Bethel Chapel was held in the Chapel Schoolroom on Monday evening. Proceedings commenced with tea at 6 p.m., after which there was an entertainment, the programme of which was provided by members of the Swavesey and Over Societies. Songs, recitations, duets, quartets, etc., were well rendered, and there were some excellent speeches. The Rev. H. J. Watts presided, and there was a good attendance. Miss Izzard ably accompanied on the organ. The proceedings concluded with a supper.

NEW DRAIN. 6th Dec. 1912

By direction of the District Council the old drain at the northern end of Wallman's-lane has been re-laid with new pipes, and it is hoped that there will be no further cause for complaint of stoppage and disagreeable odours. The work has been done by Mr. Edmund Furniss, of Fen Drayton, under the superintendence of Mr. F. G. Reynolds, the sanitary inspector.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th Dec. 1912

An adjourned meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National School on Thursday, 28th ult., under the presidency of Mr. A. Day, chairman. The councillors having inspected the parish property in High-street, decided that the buildings thereon should be repaired, and that the plot of garden ground should be offered for hire. The remainder of the meeting, which lasted about three hours, was spent in discussing parish accounts, etc., and was of no public interest.

LIBERAL MEETING. 6th Dec. 1912

On Monday evening a meeting under the auspices of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in the National School. Mr. E. Parish, chairman of the Association, presided, and was supported by Lady Dorothy Howard, Mr. Kellock and Mr. Capper. The audience was not as large as usual, and included a considerable contingent of ladies, doubtless attracted by Lady Dorothy Howard, and many lads. Lady Dorothy spoke eloquently and answered most of the questions that were asked, and Mr. Kellock dealt with various questions of political interest.

HORSE NEARLY DROWNED. 6th Dec. 1912

Last Thursday afternoon two horses were grazing in the driveway near the Cemetery, when one of them slipped into Top Leys' Brook, and narrowly escaped drowning. Fortunately the animal was discovered in time by a lady and gentleman, the former of whom hastened to summon aid, whilst the latter, assisted by a man, succeeded in keeping the animal's head above water. Eventually the horse was dragged out with ropes, but not without disaster to four of the eight men who were pulling for all they were worth. A rope broke, and the unhappy quartet who were hanging on to it, fell with a crash on to the roadway. One of them, the senior churchwarden, was much bruised and shaken.

CONSERVATIVE SMOKING CONCERT. 6th Dec. 1912

A well-attended Conservative smoking concert was held at the White Horse Club Room on Tuesday evening, when Dr. Ellis presided. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, congratulated the club on its increasing membership, and remarked that with a good residential candidate like Mr. Newton, who, with his wife, was now doing some excellent work in the division, there was no reason why they should not win back the seat for the Unionist Party. (Applause.) The musical part of the programme was well sustained. During the interval an interesting and instructive address was given by Mr. Sam Long, who for about sixty minutes dealt with the Insurance Act, Home Rule, and Tariff Reform, coupled with Colonial Preference. The speaker dwelt on these questions from a working man's point of view, and on resuming his seat was warmly applauded. After votes of thanks were given, Dr. Ellis called for three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and "God save the King" wound up a happy evening.

(Long report)

A WARNING. 13th Dec. 1912

A correspondent writes: "Whilst congratulating our district councillors on the excellent job they have made of the footpath by the side of the brook from Market-street to Church-green, I should like to call their attention, and also the attention of the public, to the dangerous condition of one of the foot-bridges leading from Market-street to the path. The decayed railing is a delusion and a snare, and the planks are rotten and spring dangerously through a support having broken away by reason of old age. The brook just now is full of water, and I tremble when I think of what might happen if a plank gave way under the weight of a massive person – there are some in Swavesey. The bridge is used every winter night by the parish lamplighter, and we value this active official too highly to wish him to endanger his life in the public service, or even to get a ducking."

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 20th Dec. 1912

The yearly suppers of both of the village share-out clubs were held last (Thursday) night. The White Horse Club shared its funds on Wednesday evening, and the George and Dragon Club will pay out next Monday at the Little Rose publichouse.

FOOTBALL. 20th Dec. 1912

At the instigation of the Vicar, the lads attending the Bible Class held at the Vicarage on Sunday afternoons have formed a football club, and will practice on the Recreation Ground. Frank Hepher has been elected captain and Fred Prior secretary. The Vicar is treasurer.

GALON'S CHARITY. 20th Dec. 1912

At a meeting of the Feoffees of Galon's Charity, held on Monday evening, Mr. W. H. Key in the chair, it was decided that the first distribution of coal for the present winter should be made before Christmas. A few vacant plots in the Hale Allotments were granted to new applicants.

SWAN POND-ROAD. 20th Dec. 1912

A considerable quantity of large lumps of slag has been deposited by the Swan Pond for use on the stretch of road which has been widened and for some time in process of being raised by the County Council, but which is still practically impassable for heavy traffic to and from the railway station. The villagers hope that something will be done without delay to render the main road practicable, as the roadway on the other side of the pond is on a considerably lower level, and not being constructed for heavy vehicles, is in a deplorable

state; moreover, in the possible event of a flood no motor car, cart or other wheel conveyance could reach the station, a contingency no one can regard with complacency.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 20th Dec. 1912

On Thursday evening in last week a rousing address on the Home Rule question was given by Mr. John Dunlop, an Irish farmer, at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held at Ryder's Farm, the headquarters of the Association. Mr. Dunlop, who spoke for upwards of an hour, held his audience spellbound by his earnestness, in which he stated his case. He assured his hearers that the threatened active resistance of Ulstermen to the disruption of the union, and to a Parliament in Dublin was a deadly reality and not bluff. As a Wesleyan he appealed to English Nonconformists to support their brethren in Ireland, and not hand them over to the domination of the Church of Rome. Unconsciously in his vivid description of the condition of the country and people he furnished a striking reply to a speech recently delivered by Lady Dorothy Howard at a Liberal meeting in Swavesey. At the close of the address Mr. Walter Thorp spoke, and a few questions were answered, after which a hearty vote of thanks was carried amidst loud applause. There was a large attendance of members. (Long report)

THE NEW YEAR. 3rd Jan. 1913

In accordance with old custom the New Year was rung in by merry peals on the bells of the parish church.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 3rd Jan. 1913

Undisturbed by the National Insurance Act, the George and Dragon Mutual Benefit Club, which has been in existence for some years, commences operations afresh this (Friday) evening at the Little Rose.

FLOODED PATHS. 3rd Jan. 1913

On Boxing Day the footpath of the main road in Middle Watch was flooded for several yards, probably though a defective drain, and pedestrians in Gibraltar-lane had to walk through water from a like cause.

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS. 3rd Jan. 1913

Authorised by the Parish Council some time ago, two new street lamps have been erected at Top Leys corner and in Gibraltar-lane respectively. They were lighted for the first time on Boxing Night.

SWAN POND-ROAD. 3rd Jan. 1913

For at least six months work has been in progress to widen and raise the high road by the Swan Pond – a stretch of about 80 yards. Gault too soft for footpaths was first thickly laid on the hard granite surface. Then a lot of gravel, and on Monday and Tuesday a gang of men packed on the top lumps of iron slag. On Wednesday a steam roller appeared, but quickly got stuck, and time after time had to be dug out and hauled away by another engine. On Thursday morning the roller departed and the County Council roadmen set to work to dig out the gault. The question now being asked is how many more months must pass before the road - the main thoroughfare to the station – can be used, and how much more money is to be wasted on these experiments in road making.

FUNERAL. 3rd Jan. 1913

On Monday afternoon the funeral of the late Mr. Owen Walker, whose somewhat unexpected death on Christmas Eve, at the age of 69 years, was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard, the vicar officiating. Among the mourners were Mrs. Walker (widow), Mrs. J. Froment (only daughter), Messrs. George, Charles, Ernest, John, Fred and James Walker (sons), Mrs. W. Adams (sister), Mrs. C. Walker, Mrs. G. Walker (daughters-in-law) and Mr. J. Froment (son-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements. It is interesting to record that of the late Mr. Walker's six sons, all of whom were at the funeral, two are platelayers, one a railway engine driver, one a constable in the Metropolitan Police Force, and two motor engineers.

GOSPEL MISSIONS. 10th Jan. 1913

A united gospel mission, conducted by Mr. William Olney, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle and honorary president of Haddon Hall Mission, London, has been held in Swavesey during the week. The mission began with a public meeting in Bethel Chapel schoolroom on Saturday evening to welcome Mr. Olney and Miss Elsie Mitchell of London, who has acted as soloist, and services and meetings for adults, young people and children respectively, have been held every day since at Bethel Chapel, the Primitive Methodist Chapel and the Friends' Meeting House.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. 10th Jan. 1913

The annual missionary tea in connection with the parish church was held at the school on Monday, January 6th, at 6 p.m. Nine tables were provided, and were

presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Capper, Miss Wells, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Scard, Mrs. Gleaves, and Mrs. Beaumont. A large number partook of an excellent tea, there being fully a hundred persons present. After the tea a lecture was given by the Rev. C. E. Hewitt, from Ontario, Canada. The lecture was most interesting, and was obviously much appreciated. The amount collected for the S. P. G. was as follows: By payments for tea £2 2s. 9d., by subscriptions £1 0s. 6d., collection after lecture 19s. 2d.; total £4 2s 5d. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Gleaves were responsible for the organising of the tea, the arrangements for which were admirably carried out. The Rev. C. E. Hewitt preached at the evening service on Sunday last on mission work.

SWAN POND-ROAD. 10th Jan. 1913

The work of raising the main road by the Swan Pond is progressing very slowly. Last Friday a light steam roller, a heavy one having been found unsuitable, was brought into use. Within a few minutes of its getting to work it was in difficulties, having slipped on the large lumps of slag which rose and fell owing to the gault underneath, and became embedded at an angle of about 45 degrees in soft ground on the pond side of the road. A large traction engine which happened to be at the station was brought up and the roller dragged out. Soon afterwards the roller got stuck in another place, and the traction engine had to be sent for again. It is reported that similar mishaps occurred on the following day. During the week the roller has been steadily at work, and the soft gault which was used as the bottom layer for raising the road is being moved to the top. The roller gracefully rises and falls as it passes over the spongy surface, like a small boat at Yarmouth. More slag is being laid on the top of the gault and it is understood that the County road authorities do not despair of making a good road in course of time, but village critics, with an experience of Swavesey gault, think otherwise.

CHURCH WORKERS ENTERTAINED. 17th Jan. 1913

On Thursday evening, 9th inst., Mrs. Long kindly entertained at her residence, The Priory, the lady workers connected with the parish church. About 40 guests were present.

SWAN POND-ROAD. 17th Jan. 1913

The county road authorities are doggedly continuing their apparently herculean task of raising the main road by Swan Pond, and rendering it useable for wheeled traffic. More gault has been taken out, and drains of ordinary field draining tiles laid. The steam roller departed early on

Wednesday, and it is reported that further operations will be suspended for the present. The work has been in hand upwards of six months.

SNOWSTORM INCIDENT. 17th Jan. 1913

When the snowstorm was at its height last Saturday the Swavesey newsagent left his bicycle, laden with daily papers, outside the New Inn, on the Huntingdon-road, whilst he went into the house to deliver a paper. A boy was left in charge to look after the bicycle. On the newsagent's return he discovered that his machine had been blown down, and that the papers had been sent flying in all directions, some being carried about two hundred yards.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 17th Jan. 1913

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held at Ryder's Farm on Thursday, 9th inst., Mr. W. de L. Devereux, Unionist agent for West Cambs., gave an earnest, lucid and eloquent address on Tariff Reform, paying special attention to the question of food taxes. An announcement during the evening gave satisfaction to the members, namely, that Mr. John Dunlop, an Irish Nonconformist farmer, whose address on Home Rule at the December meeting of the Association made a great impression, would speak at a public meeting in the schoolroom on Tuesday, 28th January, at which Mr. G. D. Newton is also to speak.

MOTHERS' UNION. 24th Jan. 1913

Mrs. Cooksey most hospitably entertained the members of the Mothers' Union at Swavesey Manor on Thursday, 16th inst., to a sumptuous tea. After tea, games, competitions, and other amusements were indulged in, and before leaving the guests had supper. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

CHOIR AND RINGERS SUPPER. 24th Jan. 1913

On the generous invitation of Mrs. Long, of the Priory, the men of the choir, the ringers, and other officials connected with the parish church had their annual supper at the National School on Thursday, 16th inst. After an excellent repast, to which full justice was done, the guests settled down to spend a pleasant evening, under the presidency of the vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp. Songs were sung, and Mr. Skeeles, the organist, gave gramophone selections and some capital change ringing on handbells was done by Messrs. David Prime, Bert Hodson, and R. Mitham, jun.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 24th Jan. 1913

Another success has been scored by the Primrose League in Swavesey. On Monday evening the large room of the National School was crowded for a meat tea and entertainment, organised by Mr. Cole, assisted by the other local sub-wardens of the League. Mr. W. C. Cole presided. The programme contained duologues, songs, and violin solos. Mrs. Smith, in her address, which was limited to half an hour, touched discursively and effectively on many matters of political interest, including food taxes, Tariff Reform, the Insurance Act, Home Rule, Old Age Pensions, Welsh Disestablishment, etc. The address should have been delivered by Mrs. Devereux, but to the great regret of the audience she was unable to be present in consequence of family bereavement.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Jan. 1913

A beautiful sanctuary carpet has been presented to the parish church.

WEDDING. 31st Jan. 1913

Mr. James William Williams, youngest son of the late Mr. James Williams, wheelwright, was married quietly at the parish church to Miss Harriet Causer on Monday morning.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 31st Jan. 1913

Thirty-seven widows and widowers have this week received gifts of tea, sugar, and coal from the Trustees of Payne's Charity. The balance of last year's income of the charity, which has to be devoted to the Parish Church Repairs Fund, is, unfortunately, very small. The trustees of the charity are the Vicar and churchwardens for the time being.

PARISH COUNCIL. 31st Jan. 1913

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd inst. The main business was a discussion on the system of keeping the Council accounts, and the proposed abolition of the petty cash account, to which some of the Council objected. It was decided that the petty cash account should be discontinued.

WHIST DRIVE. 31st Jan. 1913

A most successful whist drive was held on Thursday, 23rd instant, at the headquarters of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, Ryder's Farm. Prizes were awarded to: - Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key (1st prize), Mrs. E. J. Warboys (2nd), Mrs. W. F. Gleaves (booby); gentlemen, Mr. S. F. Mitham (1st), Mr. A. G. Rivers (2nd), Mr. F. Doggett (booby).

SWAN POND-ROAD. 31st Jan. 1913

The main road by the Swan Pond, which has been closed for some time, was re-opened last Friday morning. It is understood that in course of time granite will be laid on top of the slag, but all that has been done now has been to spread a layer of gravel in places. The soft gault continues to come to the top through slag and gravel. A gentleman on Friday drove over the new road, and finding the gault still squeezing through, expressed his surprise that any community of business men should have made such a "dog's hind leg sort of a road," and spent so large a sum of money on such ineffective work.

DEATH. 31st Jan. 1913

We regret to record the death, at the age of sixty-nine years, of Mr. William Carrier, which occurred on Sunday morning. Mr. Carrier, who was a native of Swavesey, had been ill for about a fortnight, but he had been in failing health for some time. For upwards of thirty years he was employed as a platelayer on the Great Eastern Railway, and retired with a pension about two years ago. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating. The mourners included Mr. William Carrier (son), Mrs. Fryatt (daughter), Mr. Josiah Carrier (son), Miss Lucy Carrier (daughter), Mr. George Carrier (son), Mr. Sidney Carrier (son), and Mrs. J. Carrier and Mrs. F. Carrier (daughters-in-law). The deceased left a widow, an invalid, and five sons and five daughters.

PARISH CHURCH. 7th^{Feb}. 1913

Special services are being held at the parish church on the first six Wednesday evenings in Lent. The preacher on Ash Wednesday was the Rev. H. E. Wynn, Chaplain of Jesus College, Cambridge, who will also preach on the 12th, 19th, and 26th inst. The Rev. Evelyn Young, of Fen Drayton, will occupy the pulpit on March 5th and 12th.

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH TOWER. 7th Feb. 1913

An expert examination of the tower of the parish church has shown that extensive repairs are urgently needed. A fund has been opened and some subscriptions have been received or promised, but a considerable sum will be required. Collecting boxes have also been issued. The church, which was restored in 1867, is a fine old building in the Early English and perpendicular styles, and the chancel arch is a good example of the 13th century work.

FOOTBALL. 14th Feb. 1913

On Saturday last the recently-established Swavesey Boys' Church Bible Class Football Club played a team of Over boys on the Manor Field Ground. A well-fought game ended in a draw of two goals each.

A COMPLAINT. 14th Feb. 1913

"A Frequent User" wishes to call the attention of the Swavesey Rural District Council to the condition of Gibraltar-lane. The road throughout needs attention, he says, especially at the Fen Drayton-road end, where it is frequently covered with water, and pedestrians cannot reach the cottages in the lane dry shod. As a cyclist, our correspondent adds, he has more than once narrowly escaped an awkward spill, and he mentions that last year a baker's cart was upset at the flooded spot, and loaves of bread and bags of flour were thrown into the water. Defective drainage is alleged to be the cause of the mischief.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th Feb. 1913

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the National Schoolroom on the 6th inst., and was attended by the following councillors: Messrs. A. Day (chairman), W. Burton, W. Daisley, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, J. W. Parish, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed tenders for the hire of a piece of garden land belonging to the Council in High-street, together with an outbuilding, were considered. Two tenders were submitted, viz., from W. J. Hepher for 12s. per annum, and from Mr. Alfred Day, jun., for 15s. per annum. The latter tender, which was for a period of three years, was accepted. Repairs to a fence in a garden hired by Mr. George Clarke, forming part of the same property, were ordered to be executed. Mr. Burton then raised the question of improving the Recreation Ground. The Clerk observed that the Council had no money available for the purpose, but some of the councillors thought he was mistaken, as a year's rent of the herbage of the ground ought to be in hand. After some discussion it was decided to make inquiry into the matter, and if there was any money available, to spend it on making a cricket pitch. It was decided to submit the names of Messrs. C. Burling, Edward Clark, Prime Godfrey, and S. Wright to the magistrates as those of suitable persons to hold the office of parish constable for the ensuing year. Accounts for supplying and fixing the new street lamps were presented, but no cheques could be drawn until a precent already issued had been paid in. The Council will meet again shortly.

FUNERAL. 14th Feb. 1913

On Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the late Mr. James William Wilderspin took place in Swavesey Cemetery. Mr. Wilderspin, who was 79 years of age, died on the 7th inst. at 3, Edward-street, Grantham, where he had been living for some time. He was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. William Wilderspin. For very many years he had been employed by the Great Northern Railway Company, and for a considerable period was station-master of Sedgebrook. He leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The body was brought from Grantham on Monday. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Bowles, Baptist minister, of Grantham and the chief mourners at the graveside were: Mr. Jesse Wilderspin (son) and Mrs. J. Wilderspin, Mr. Charles Wilderspin (son), Mr. Frederick Wilderspin (grandson), Mr. Samuel Wilderspin (brother), Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Devereux (sisters) and Mr. Devereux (brother-in-law). Among those present at the cemetery were Messrs. W. H. Key (representing the Wheatsheaf Lodge of the Shepherds, to which the deceased had belonged for upwards of sixty years, almost from its commencement), J. Gilby and W. Parish. All of the bearers were members of the Wheatsheaf Lodge. The coffin was of polished elm, with massive brass furniture.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 21st Feb. 1913

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held at Ryder's Farm on Thursday, 13th inst., Mr. W. J. Wing gave an interesting and forcible address on "Social Reform versus Socialism." The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided, and there was a good attendance of members and a few visitors.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 21st Feb. 1913

The members and seat-holders of Bethel Baptist Chapel held their annual tea, followed by a business meeting, on Thursday, 13th inst. The attendance was larger than usual. The Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor, presided at the meeting, at which reports were submitted respecting the various branches of work in connection with the chapel. A most enjoyable and in all respects satisfactory gathering was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided at tea tables, and with prayer and the Benediction.

PUBLIC NOTICES. 28th Feb. 1913

A public notice board has been erected by the Parish Council on the parish property in High-street.

SCOOL CLOSED. 28th Feb. 1913

In consequence of whooping cough the National School was closed last Friday afternoon for a fortnight.

CRICKET CLUB. 28th Feb. 1913

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Thursday evening, 20th instant, and was unusually well attended. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar of Swavesey, presided. Officers were elected for the ensuing season. It was decided to enter for the Milton and District Cricket League. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Ellis Long for his kindness in lending the cricket field.

AN ANNIVERSARY. 7th March 1913

Sunday last, March 2nd, being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. George Long, the bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and before the evening service, in accordance with the terms of a bequest left by him.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 7th March 1913

A tea and meeting in furtherance of a fund which is being raised for renovating Bethel Baptist Chapel should have been held on Monday evening, but had to be postponed in consequence of the great fire. The provisions provided for the tea were distributed amongst persons affected by the fire, and the chapel was kept warm and lighted in case it should be needed for any homeless families. It was, however, not used, as the sufferers found shelter with their friends. The Rev. Douglas Brown, son of the well-known Rev. Archibald Brown, who was to have preached, rendered valuable assistance at the fire being accompanied by the Rev. H. J. Watts, the Swavesey pastor.

A TELEPHONE SERVICE. 7th March 1913

A correspondent writes: The public announcement in the advertisement columns of last Friday's "Weekly News" from the secretary of the General Post Office as to the erection of telegraph posts between Over and Willingham, has set some of us in Swavesey wondering whether the telephone system is to be extended to Swavesey in the near future, or whether Over is to be placed in telephonic communication with the rest of the world and Swavesey left in the cold. A public call office in this village is badly needed, and would undoubtedly be found of the greatest service, even by those old-fashioned and unenterprising people who now are inclined to question its practical utility, and are perturbed with fears of the expense a telephone might entail.

PARISH COUNCIL. 7th March 1913

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the school on Wednesday evening, and was attended by all of the Councillors. Mr. A. Day presided. On the proposal of Mr. W. Daisley, seconded by Mr. Burton, a recommendation from the Recreation Ground Committee that the ground should be drained before the proposed cricket pitch is made was approved. – The salary of the parish constable was fixed at £1 19s. 6d., less 5s., the rental of Constable's Rood. – The Chairman then moved a vote of sympathy with the sufferers in the great fire at Church End, and of thanks to all who had helped at the fire, or who were contributing so liberally to the relief funds, or assisting in other ways in alleviating distress. He made special mention of the valuable services rendered by the St. Ives and Huntingdon Fire Brigades, and of the "Cambridge Daily News" for, unsolicited, opening a relief fund. – A long discussion followed respecting the parish fire engine, and various suggestions were made with the view of increasing its usefulness and of utilising the fire hydrants of the new water supply. – It was eventually decided to have a trial practice of the engine and standpipes next Monday evening. – A letter from the Clerk of the County Council was read concerning the proposal to make Cambridge a County Borough, and after an interesting discussion it was decided that the Council should support the action of the County Council in opposing the Bill now before Parliament, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate the resolution to the Prime Minister and other leading officials.- Two extra street lamps having been brought into use since the beginning of the winter, the lighting contractor, Mr. George Clarke, was allowed £1 for attending to them.

FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES. 14th March 1913

The trial of the parish fire-engine and of a hydrant connected with the new public water supply which had been decided on at last week's meeting of the Parish Council, was carried out on Monday.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 14th March 1913

The usual monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, which should have been held last (Thursday) evening, was postponed, as in consequence of the fire many members would be unable to attend. It is hoped that Dr. Hay, of Sutton, who had been announced as the speaker, will address the April meeting.

OBITUARY. 14th March 1913

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 66 years, of Mrs. Eliza Seaby, which occurred at her residence at Boxworth End, Swavesey, on Sunday last. Mrs. Seaby was the widow of the late Mr. David Seaby, who had farmed in Swavesey, Elsworth, and elsewhere in the district. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating.

STUCK IN A POND. 14th March 1913

About 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday a large oil wagon was driven into the school pond to water the horses. In turning to come out the driver appears to have missed the regular way, with the result that the wagon wheels sank deeply into mud and gault and remained embedded for some hours. Eventually six horses, supplied by Mr. Robert Norman, with one detached from a passing miller's cart, succeeded, after much difficulty, in extracting the tank wagon.

RUSH IN THE POST OFFICE. 14th March 1913

The work at Swavesey Post Office has been extremely heavy in consequence of the fire. On the postal side the pressure nearly approximated to that at Christmas. The business at the counter has been great, and the number of telegrams dealt with far beyond all precedent. On Friday and Saturday in last week the office was inundated with local weekly newspapers, sent by the villagers to friends and relatives at a distance.

THE GALE. 21st March 1913

During the gale which raged early on Sunday morning, two trees were blown down, one at the Manor, and the other a poplar which was struck by lightning last year at Boxworth End.

THE FOXHOUNDS. 21st March 1913

After a long run – one of the best, it is said, of the season – the Cambridgeshire Hounds on Friday last killed their fox in a barn at Ryder's Farm, in the middle of the village. There was much excitement in the village as the Hounds' visits to the village are few and far between. The head was given to Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, a neighbouring farmer, and a small schoolboy received the brush.

FIRE RELIEF FUND. 21st March 1913

The sum of £19 17s. 2d., has been raised in aid of the Fire Relief Fund by means of collecting boxes.

SWAN POND ROAD. 21st March 1913

A correspondent writes: - If the District Council do not do something at once to repair the roadway by the Swan Pond, there is every possibility of a serious accident happening. On Friday a traction engine, with truck laden with granite got stuck and had to be partly unloaded, and on Saturday night a cyclist had a nasty spill and injured his hand. The condition of the County Council main road on the other side of the pond is still so unsatisfactory that a large proportion of the traffic – traction engines, for instance – passes over the District Council road as the smaller of two evils. As appeals to the County Council appear to be useless, perhaps the District Councillors, all local men, will come to the rescue.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 21st March 1913

The Swavesey parish fire engine has been much before the public eye of late, and a few particulars as to its origin may be of interest. It was second-hand when bought and brought to Swavesey on 19th September, 1827 from the famous firm of Messrs. Merryweather. In the London “Evening News” monthly, Mr. J. C. Merryweather gave some interesting details. The following extract is taken from the records of his firm: -

THE TOWNSHIP OF SWAVESEY.

1827, Sep. 19

Per order of Mr. Thos. Mortlock and Mr. James Garner. A powerful second-hand (patent) fire engine (British) with copper branch pipe, brass – pipe, 3 new lengths of leather pipe, with brass screws, copper stainer and two box wrenches. Inscription “Swavesey Subscription Engine, 1827,” in yellow letters shadowed, and drawing do., to the Catherine Wheel Bishops-gate-street (per Smith’s waggon)

(per agreement)

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“You will observe,” writes Mr. Merryweather, that the engine was second-hand when supplied. The word ‘British’ in parenthesis shows that it was originally built by the firm for the British Fire Office. It is extremely probable therefore, that the ancient warrior’s experiences in pumping water date back some twenty or thirty years prior to 1827. In the circumstances the ‘centenarian’ engine could hardly be expected to accomplish wonderful fire extinguishing feats. As a matter of fact it deserves every credit for being still in existence in 1913.”

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION. 28th March 1913

Messrs. A. Day and E. Parish, the retiring Guardians and District Councillors, have been re-elected without opposition.

THE FIRE. 28th March 1913

A number of visitors on cycles and in conveyances of various kinds inspected the scene of the late fire on Easter Monday. On Wednesday the treasurer of the Fire Relief Fund, received a donation of £25 from the members of the Trinity Beagles.

VESTRY MEETING. 28th March 1913

At the Easter Vestry meeting, held under the tower in the parish church on Monday afternoon, Mr. Walter Thorp was unanimously re-elected parish warden. The vicar, who presided, nominated Mr. W.H. Key as his warden. Mr. Key has served as warden for the last 17 years.

FOOTBALL. 28th March 1913

On Easter Monday afternoon, a good and hard-fought game was played between the Swavesey club and the West Cambs. Rovers, the home team winning by one goal to nil.

BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE. 28th March 1913

George Voss, aged 14 years, had a narrow escape from drowning whilst playing with other lads on Sunday afternoon at the sluice gates where Covell's Brook and Navigation Drain join the river Ouse. He and others were on a horse boat which is used for conveying barge horses across the river when in flood, when he pitched head first into the water. As he rose to the surface his head was covered with mud. The water was deep and he could not swim, but a "spread" was handy, and with that he was hauled out.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 28th March 1913

On Good Friday evening a service of song, entitled "Marjory", was given in Bethel Baptist Chapel, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience, by members of the congregation and friends. The various numbers were well rendered. At the close a satisfactory collection was taken in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund. Earlier in the evening a well-attended public tea was held, the tables being presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Miss Nellie Day, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss P. Williams, Miss E. Parish, and Miss E. Starte.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY. 28th March 1913

The services on Good Friday at the parish church were well attended. On Easter Day the church was effectively, though simply, decorated with spring flowers. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m.,

and at 11.15 a.m. (choral). Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and a children's service at 3 p.m. The congregation at Evensong was unusually numerous, and the service was bright and hearty. The collections throughout the day were an Easter offering to the vicar.

SWAVESEY FIRE RELIEF FUND.

MEETING OF THE ENLARGED COMMITTEE. 28th March 1913

The first meeting of the enlarged committee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund was held at the Vicarage, Swavesey, on Wednesday afternoon, March 26th. The report of the Special Sub-Committee charged with the duty of inquiring into the claims of the various sufferers, was submitted and their recommendations approved, certain special cases being reserved for the consideration of the full committee. Five cases were dealt with, the claimants being interviewed and awards made. The question of the disposal of the surplus was then discussed, and a resolution passed sanctioning the application of this money to the erection of cottages for old age pensioners rendered homeless by the fire, of whom there were ten. It was realised that no new cottages could be built by private enterprise or public authority at a rental such as these old folk could pay. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare a scheme.

CRICKET CLUB. 11th April 1913

Mr. Charles Wood, who was so successful as a bowler last year, has resigned the captaincy of the Swavesey Cricket Club.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER HODSON. 11th April 1913

We regret to record the death, at the age of 37 years, of Mr. Walter George Hodson, which occurred at his residence in Swavesey at 8.15 p.m. on Monday. Mr. Hodson, who was the second son of Mr. John Hodson, thatcher, of Swavesey, had been ill for about four months. He was married 18 months ago, and leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is felt, but no children.

A CHIMNEY POT MADE OF WOOD. 11th April 1913

One day last week a chimney pot made of wood on a cottage in Askew-row was discovered to be on fire. On the alarm being given women rushed out of neighbouring houses calling loudly for help. Mr. W. J. Hepher ran up, and seeing what was amiss promptly summoned the Captain of the Fire Brigade (Mr. S. Challis), who was working nearby. The pot was then flaring brightly. Messrs. Challis and Hepher mounted the roof, and at the risk of burning their hands removed the pot, and all danger was over.

FUNERAL OF MR. FRED CARTER. 11th April 1913

The funeral of the late Mr. Frederick Carter, whose death on March 30th, at the age of 80 years, at his residence, 36 Fornham-road, Bury St. Edmunds's, was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Thursday, 3rd inst., the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar of Swavesey) officiating. The body and chief mourners arrived from Bury by the 1. 59 p.m. train, and on being joined by other mourners and friends proceeded at once to the parish church close by, where the first part of the service was said. The interment took place in the grave in which the deceased's wife was buried in July 1892. Among the mourners were the following Mr. F. A. Carter (son), Miss Mildred Carter (daughter), Mr. C. B. Carter (son), Miss Nelly Carter, Miss Chrissie Carter (daughters), Miss C. Andrews (sister-in-law) and Mrs. F. A. Carter (daughter-in-law).

PRETTY VISITORS. 18th April 1913

Goldfinches are nesting in the village of Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 18th April 1913

The last meeting of the old Parish Council, whose term of three years of office has expired this week, was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Mr. Alfred Day, chairman. Most of the councillors were present. The business consisted mainly of the authorisation of the payment of bills and a discussion respecting the fire-engine and its appliances.

THE RELIEF FUND. 18th April 1913

Some misunderstanding has been caused, we understand, by some remarks on the housing question in our editorial columns last week. It was definitely decided, we are informed, at the last meeting of the Relief Committee, that any surplus from the fund should be devoted to building cottages for those old age pensioners who were displaced by the fire, these being the most, and indeed the only, necessitous cases.

ACCIDENT TO A LITTLE CHILD. 18th April 1913

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Charles Taylor's little girl, aged about six years, had a narrow escape from death or very serious injury whilst playing on the high road opposite the school. She had been running after, or hanging on, a truck drawn by a traction engine when she suddenly darted across the road into the legs of a horse drawing Mr. Horace Wells' coal cart, which was passing slowly in the opposite direction. The child was knocked down and her

leg badly bruised by the cart wheel, but no bones were broken. She was at once taken to her home close by, and the doctor sent for. No blame is attached to Mr. Wells for, owing to the truck, he could not see the child and he pulled up immediately.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 18th April 1913

The closing monthly meeting of the season was held by the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm on the 10th inst., when Dr. Hay, of Sutton, gave an interesting address on "Some absurdities of our fiscal system." After votes of thanks had been accorded the Chairman called special attention to the annual tea of the Association, which is to be held on Monday next, 21st instant. Admission for the tea is by ticket only, the charge for which, after to-day (Friday) will be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th April 1913

A general meeting of Swavesey Cricket Club was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. Dr. Robert Ellis took the chair, and was supported by Mr. E. J. Mitham, secretary. A letter from Mr. Charles Wood resigning the captaincy was read, and a lengthy discussion followed. Eventually it was unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Wood to reconsider his decision. Mr. Wood, who at this point entered the room, said he would withdraw his resignation, an announcement which evoked loud and prolonged applause. On the proposal of Mr. Fred Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wood, it was unanimously agreed that the club should return to its old ground in Carter's-lane in the event of Mr. Ellis Long being kind enough to allow the club the use of his field, and Mr. Wood was deputed to communicate with Mr. Ellis Long and Mrs. Long, of the Priory in the matter. After the fixture list for the season had been approved, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

FUNERAL OF MR. WALTER HODSON. 18th April 1913

The funeral of the late Mr. Walter George Hodson, whose death at the age of 37 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Thursday afternoon, 10th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar from Swavesey, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. W. G. Hodson (widow), Mr. John Hodson (father), Messrs. William, Bert, and Harry Hodson (brothers), Mrs. Butterworth and Mrs. E. J. Linford, jun. (sisters), and Mrs. W. Hodson and Mrs. B. Hodson (sisters-in-law).

BETHEL CHAPEL. 25th April 1913

On Sunday evening a public baptismal service was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel. Five persons were immersed, the Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor, officiating.

DEATH. 25th April 1913

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Metcalfe, which occurred early on Monday morning, 21st April, after a painful and distressing illness of nearly four months duration. Mrs. Metcalfe was greatly respected. She was 78 years of age, a native of Swavesey, and widow of the late Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, thatcher, who predeceased her by nearly eleven years.

B.W.T.A. 25th April 1913

On Monday evening the annual business meeting of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held at the Friends' Meeting House, after the Band of Hope entertainment. Miss Gaunt presided, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: - President, Mrs. H. J. Watts; secretary, Miss Gaunt; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. Daisley; assistant secretary, Miss E. Parish. Other business was transacted and refreshments having been served, the meeting closed.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th April 1913

The first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council was held at the National School on Thursday evening, 17th inst., and was attended by the following councillors: Messrs. W. Burton, E. Clark, C. W. H. Cole, R. Ellis, J. S. Goad, A. T. Scard, and W. Twist. Pending the election of a chairman, Mr. Robinson Mitham (Clerk) presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the appointment of officers was proceeded with. Mr. A. Day was chosen as Chairman, and Dr. R. Ellis was elected vice-chairman. Messrs. W. C. Cole and James Parsons were elected as Overseers. Mr. S. Wilderspin was re-appointed pindar. The following committees were also appointed: - Fire Engine: Messrs. Clark, Cole, and Scard; Street Lighting: Messrs. Burton, R. Norman and Twist; Messrs. Scard and Twist were authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.

(Long report)

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 25th April 1913

On Monday evening the members of the Mothers' Meeting and the children of the Band of Hope attached to the Friends' Meeting House, to the number of about forty, sat down to an excellent tea to celebrate the close of a successful winter session. At 6.45 p.m. the room was crowded for a public entertainment given by the children of the Band of Hope. Mrs. H. J. Watts presided in the

absence, through illness, of Mrs. Watts White. The children did their part well, and gave great satisfaction. The following contributed to the programme: Stanley Godfrey, Gladys Rogers, Harry Brooks, Mercy Gray, Miss Gaunt, Reggie Trundley, Grace Brooks, Ronnie Prior, Reggie Seekings, and Nellie Prior. An address by Mrs. Watts brought the proceedings to a close.

SWAVESEY CONSERVATIVES.

ANNUAL TEA AND MEETING.

MR. NEWTON ON COUNTY BURDENS. 25th April 1913

The annual tea and meeting of the Swavesey and District Conservative and Unionist Association, which was held in the National Schoolroom at Swavesey on Monday evening, must rank as one of the most successful ever held by the Association. The schoolroom was crowded, the attendance including a good many representatives from neighbouring villages. After the tea a number of toasts were honoured. The speeches were brief and to the point, and were pleasantly interspersed with quartettes, duets and songs by the Magpies Concert Party, who were in brilliant form.

Mr. Douglas Newton, in responding to the toast of "The Unionist Cause," made sympathetic allusion to the recent disastrous fire in the village and to the sudden death of Sir Chas. Rose, M.P. for East Cambs. Mr. Newton afterwards referred, amongst other matters, to the great increase in the county rate, which, he declared, was in no small measure due to the burdens placed upon the County Councils by Parliament.

(Long report)

DANGEROUS RUINS. 2nd May 1913

A correspondent is anxious to know when the ruins of the four condemned cottages destroyed in the big fire will be cleared away from the public footpath. He says that a person might meet with serious accident on a dark night by falling over the remains of the stud and plaster walls.

SWAN POND-ROAD. 2nd May 1913

A Swavesey farmer calls attention to the bad condition of the main road by the Swan Pond, which he maintains is dangerous to horses owing to large lumps of slag projecting here and there three and four inches above the surface of the road. These projections, he says, are liable to throw a horse down.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 2nd May 1913

A robin has built her nest and laid eggs in a basket half-full of corks hanging under the eaves of a shed in the Rising Sun Inn yard. The basket is about five feet from the ground, is close to a stable and beer store, and the yard is in constant use. The mother bird has been missing for some days, and it is feared that the domestic black cat is responsible for its disappearance.

NARROW ESCAPE. 2nd May 1913

On Sunday evening the maid at the Rising Sun Inn in closing a staircase window on the first floor with a lighted candle in her hand set the curtains alight. They blazed up at once. The maid stood amazed, but the landlord's little daughter, who was going to bed in a room close by, shrieked loudly, and her father rushed upstairs, and pulling the curtains down, extinguished the flames. Only slight damage was done, but if the landlord had not been at hand the consequences would have been serious, as in addition to the little girl, a smaller boy was in bed asleep, and all upstairs rooms would have been cut off.

FUNERAL. 2nd May 1913

On Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph Metcalfe, whose death was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, and Mr. John Metcalfe (sons), Mrs. Woodall (daughter) and Mrs. T. Metcalfe and Mrs. John Metcalfe (daughters-in-law. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. In his sermon on Sunday morning the Vicar made a sympathetic reference to the late Mrs. Metcalfe, specially mentioning her regular attendance at the daily services in the parish church.

POLICE-CONSTABLE PLOWMAN'S RETIREMENT. 2nd May 1913

After over 32 years' good service, P.C. Henry Plowman has retired with a well-earned pension from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. He performed his last duty at Swavesey on Wednesday, and yesterday moved to Histon, where he proposed to enjoy his otium cum dignitate in a house he has had specially built. Mr. Plowman joined the force on the 22nd January 1881, when Capt. Calvert was Chief Constable. He remained at headquarters until the 13th April that year, when he was sent to Horseheath, under the late Supts. Long and Dyson respectively. He stayed there until the 9th April, 1885, on which date he was transferred to Balsham in the same Division. On the 16th June, 1891, he moved to Burwell in the Newmarket Division, serving there for two years, under his old Superintendent, Mr. Long. From there he went to Histon on 4th April 1893, where he served for 16½ years. On the 11th October, 1909, he was

transferred to Swavesey. Mr. Plowman's services have met with recognition. In July, 1911, he was recommended for the Kings' Medal, and a year later received it, the presentation being made by Col. Hurrell. It is understood that Mr. Plowman was the only constable in the Cambs. Constabulary to whom the medal was awarded. During the time he has been stationed at Swavesey he has given general satisfaction by the way in which he has performed his not always pleasant duties, and Swavesey people of all classes are sorry to lose him.

DEATH. 9th May 1913

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Lucy Carrier, widow of the late Mr. William Carrier, which occurred shortly before midnight on Monday. Mrs. Carrier, who was 69 years of age, had been ill for about two years. Her husband died on the 26th January last.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th May 1913

The congregations at the parish church on Sunday May 4th (Feast Sunday) were good, those at 7.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. being especially large. The offertories throughout the day were given to the church tower repair fund, and amounted to £2 6s. 2d. The preacher at evensong was the Rev. Canon Foakes-Jackson, D.D., Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge.

(Long report)

THE FEAST. 9th May 1913

Owing in great measure to the bad weather the feast, which opened on Sunday last, has been a tame affair. The village was quieter than usual on Feast Sunday as few caravans entered until late in the evening, and most not until Monday morning. On Monday afternoon a cricket match was played between Lolworth and the Swavesey Club and was handsomely won by the latter. A whole day match had been arranged for Tuesday with an eleven captained by Mr. W. L. Ingle, of Hilton. Play should have begun at 11.30 a.m., but a start was not made until 12.30, owing to the late arrival of the visitors, and even then they were four or five men short. The visitors batted first, and when an adjournment was made for luncheon they had knocked up 31 runs for the loss of three wickets. Very little play was possible after lunch, for the rain came down in torrents, and the match had to be abandoned early in the afternoon. The scores then stood at 55 for 3 wickets. On Wednesday Swavesey scored a second victory by defeating Earith. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons a sale of work, in aid of Bethel Chapel Renovation Fund, was held in a barn kindly lent by Mr. Alfred Day.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 16th May 1913

A linnet has nested in the case of a pump in regular use on the parish property in High-street, and has laid seven eggs.

THE FIRE. 16th May 1913

At a special meeting of the Parish Council, held at the National School on Wednesday evening, men who had rendered assistance at the great fire on 3rd March were paid for their services.

OBITUARY. 16th May 1913

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Prior, wife of Mr. Charles Prior, which occurred shortly before midnight on Monday. Mrs. Prior, who was 57 years of age, had been a great sufferer for some time, although able to get about until shortly before her death. She was a native of Tillbrook, Bedfordshire, but had lived most of her life in Swavesey. A regular attendant at Bethel Baptist Chapel, she was much respected by all with whom she came into contact, and much sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and children. She leaves five sons and three daughters.

THE LATE MRS. CARRIER. 16th May 1913

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lucy Carrier, whose death at the age of 69 years was recorded last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Friday. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. Carrier, Mrs. J. Marriott, Mr. J. Carrier, Mrs. Fryatt, Mr. G. Carrier, Miss Lucy Carrier, Mr. Fred Carrier, Mrs. J. Smith and Mr. S. Carrier (sons and daughters).

THE RECENT FIRE. 23rd May 1913

The rebuilding of some of the houses destroyed in the great fire on March 3rd is proceeding apace.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 23rd May 1913

In consequence of an outbreak of whooping cough amongst the children, Swavesey National School was closed on Monday for a month.

A TELEPHONE AT LAST. 23rd May 1913

A public telephone was opened at the Post Office on Monday. The first user indulged in a trunk call and conversed with a customer in London. It is understood that the charge for three minutes' chat with Over is one penny,

twopence for other villages on the Swavesey side of Cambridge and threepence for Cambridge.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 23rd May 1913

Under the superintendence of Mrs. R. Ellis Long, the Commandant, the members of the local Voluntary Aid Detachment (Cambs. No. 12) had a lengthy practice on Saturday afternoon in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Cooksey. There was a good attendance, and the weather was favourable.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 23rd May 1913

A correspondent writes to say that the bird's nest in the pump on the parish property in High-street, to which attention was called last week, is not a linnet's, but a black cap's. On Sunday, he adds, there were nine eggs, but by Wednesday only eight remained, and the mother appeared to have forsaken her nest. Another correspondent, however, maintains that the eggs are a wren's.

FUNERAL. 23rd May 1913

On Sunday afternoon, in the presence of many sympathising friends, the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Prior, wife of Mr. Charles Prior, took place in Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. C. Prior (widower), Messrs. W. G. Prior, O. C. Prior, A. Prior, H. Prior, and F. Prior (sons), Mrs. E. Collins, Miss S. A. Prior, Mrs. R. Golding (daughters), Mrs. Ashdown and Mrs. Anderson (sisters) and Mr. W. Osborne (brother).

EMPIRE DAY. 30th May 1913

As the National School were closed on account of whooping cough, Empire Day was not kept as usual in Swavesey.

MODERN ENGLISH. 30th May 1913

A correspondent writes: - On passing the open door of a publichouse in this village, I heard a customer give the following order: "I want half a gauge and a packet of nails." On inquiry I ascertained that half a pint of beer and a penny packet of cigarettes were needed.

A RESCUE. 30th May 1913

A calf belonging to Mr. Robert Norman was rescued from Church Brook on Thursday in last week by Messrs. S. F. Mitham, Tom Smith and C. Wood.

There is reason to believe that the animal had been in the water for upwards of four hours, and when hauled out with scaffold ropes was quite exhausted. It is stated that it again got in the brook subsequently and died.

A CAUTION. 30th May 1913

A ratepayer writes: - Without suggesting any impropriety on the part of persons who are building on the sites of cottages destroyed in the big fire, I would urge the Rural District Council and the parish authorities to satisfy themselves that no public footpath or roadway is being encroached upon, either inadvertently or under a misapprehension. It would be most unfortunate, for instance, if the narrow raised causeway by the Swan Pond were made even a few inches narrower.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th May 1913

On Thursday 22nd inst., anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel. An exceptionally good congregation was present at the afternoon service, when the Rev. M. E. Aubrey, of St. Andrew's-street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, preached an impressive sermon on the Building of the Temple, an appropriate subject, as the question of extensive repairs and renovation of their chapel is causing the Swavesey Baptist community grave anxiety at the present time. A well-attended public tea followed, and at 6.45 p.m. there was a public meeting in the chapel, at which Mr. John Chivers presided, and Mr. A. C. Mansfield and the Rev. M. E. Aubrey gave addresses. The Rev. J. Easter, of Over, offered prayer. The attendance was very good, especially in view of the counter-attraction at Willingham, where Gipsy Smith was holding special meetings at the same time. The collections at both services and the proceeds of the tea realised £11 14s. 6½d., which has been devoted to the Church Fund. The sum of £223 13s. 6d. has down to the present been contributed to the Chapel Renovation Fund, but at least double this amount will be required. The building is in urgent need of vital structural repairs.

THE LATE MISS MILDRED CARTER. 30th May 1913

The funeral of Miss Mildred A Carter, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Carter, of Bury St. Edmund's, and formerly of The Poplars, Swavesey, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Friday afternoon. The vicar, the Rev. Selwyn Sharp, officiated. It is barely two months since Mr. Frederick Carter was laid to rest, and thus a special sadness is attached to Miss Carter's death. Owing to the distance many were unable to be present, but amongst those who attended were Miss Nellie Carter (sister), Miss Chrissie Carter (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. and

Mrs. C. B. Carter (brother and sister-in-law). Miss Carter died at Bury St. Edmund's on the 19th inst., after a short illness.

GOOD NEWS. 6th June 1913

The grocers of Swavesey have received an intimation from the Superintendent of the Police that all articles purchased at the different shops in the village by the police have been certified as pure and unadulterated.

APPOINTMENT. 6th June 1913

It is understood that Mr. Robinson Mitham, well known as a builder, carpenter, and farmer, has been appointed collector of taxes for the parish of Swavesey in the place of Mr. Charles Wood, resigned. Mr. Mitham, who is a native of Swavesey, already holds several public offices in the parish, amongst others those of rate collector, assistant overseer, Clerk to the Parish Council, Clerk of Galon's Charity, and Clerk of the Vestry. He is also a lay representative of Swavesey on the Ruridecanal Conference, and has for many years been a prominent member of the parish church choir.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 6th June 1913

The men members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment (Swavesey District) had an excellent practice – the second of a series of six – on Monday evening, on the cricket field, kindly lent by Mrs. G. Long. The attendance was very good, and included men from Boxworth, Conington, Elsworth, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Longstanton, Swavesey, and Willingham. The work was under the superintendence of Sergt. Caseley, C.U.O.T.C. and consisted mainly of stretcher drill.

SWAVESEY FIRE RELIEF FUND. 6th June 1913

A meeting of the full committee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund was held at Swavesey Vicarage last Friday afternoon. Sir H. G. Fordham presided, and there were present: The Mayor of Cambridge, the Mayor of St. Ives, the Archdeacon of Ely, Col. Linton, Ald. A. S. Campkin, Mr. E. Parish, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar of Swavesey), Messrs. H. Capper (hon. secretary), A. Day, Dr. R. Ellis, W. H. Key, A. Norman, Walter Thorp and C. R. Vincent.

The report of the sub-committee charged with the preparation of a scheme for the erection of small houses for old age pensioners – those rendered homeless by the fire to have first choice – was submitted and approved. An excellent site in the fire area has been secured, partly by a generous gift of land by Miss Frere and partly by purchase of an adjoining plot for £20. A plan of the proposed four cottages, drawn by Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, architect, was

accepted. A vote of thanks to Miss Frere for her gift was adopted unanimously, and the sub-committee was empowered to carry out the scheme. It was decided that the property should be vested in the official trustee of charity lands, and that a board of seven managing trustees be appointed, of whom the vicar of Swavesey, for the time being, should be one. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should have the power to elect one of the trustees to serve during its period of office.

The treasurer announced that the total amount contributed to the fund was £1,244 14s. 6d., viz., £870 12s. 9d. received by the treasurer of the Swavesey Fund, and £374 1s. 9d. by the "Cambridge Daily News" Fund. Of this £673 19s. 7d. has been spent in relief and compensation, leaving a balance of £570 14s. 11d.

A DANGEROUS CORNER. 13th June 1913

The hedge at the corner of the Huntingdon and Swavesey roads, opposite the New Inn, is so high as to be a source of danger to vehicular traffic.

THE SCHOOLS. 13th June 1913

Having been closed for four weeks on account of the prevalence of whooping cough amongst the children, the National Schools will be re-opened on Monday next, notwithstanding that there are still many cases in the village.

MISHAP TO A TRADESMAN. 13th June 1913

A somewhat fragile boat, containing a Swavesey tradesman and a lad, showed signs of sinking last Thursday near the sluice doors. In order to save the lad the tradesman gallantly jumped out, and, missing the bank, got a ducking.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 13th June 1913

On Thursday evening in last week the men's section of the Voluntary Aid Detachment (Swavesey district) had a useful practice in stretcher drill under Sergeant Caseley, C.U.O.T.C., in the Manor Field, kindly lent by Mr. James Norman.

DOGS WITHOUT LICENCES. 13th June 1913

At the Cambridge Police Court on Saturday, David Mailer, farmer, of Boxworth, was fined 7s. 6d. each in respect of two dogs which he had kept without licences, on June 1st. – For a similar offence, in respect of one dog, Jane Williams, of Swavesey, was fined 7s. 6d.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 20th June 1913

The Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment was well represented by men and women members at the great church parade in Cambridge last Sunday.

OFFENSIVE SMELLS. 20th June 1913

In several places in the village the effluvia from drains has recently been most offensive, especially from the open drains close to the school, and at the outfall of the new sewer at Church Bridge. The drain in High-street has also been objectionable. All these drains are under the control of the Rural District Council.

THE SCHOOLS. 20th June 1913

On Monday morning the National Schools were re-opened, after being closed for a month on account of whooping cough. Forty children were absent, and many of those in attendance were suffering from coughs and were from homes in which other children were down with the complaint. During the morning Dr. Robinson, the Medical Officer of the County Education Committee, was communicated with by telephone, and he gave instructions for the school to be again closed, this time for a fortnight.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 20th June 1913

Anniversary services in connection with Bethel Sunday School were held on Sunday last. The Rev. W. E. Lusty, of Chatteris, preached at the morning and evening services, and also gave an address at the children's flower service in the afternoon. All services were well attended. In the afternoon prizes and certificates gained in the Sunday School Union Scripture examination were presented. Constance Prior received a first-class certificate and three handsomely-bound volumes, Louise Causer, Ellen Maud Prior, and Frank Prior second-class certificates. Satisfactory collections were made throughout the day on behalf of the Sunday School funds. A nice lot of flowers contributed by the children were sent, as usual, to the St. Ives Union Infirmary.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY. 20th June 1913

Whilst Messrs. Kerridge and Shaw's workmen were digging a deep trench on the northern side of Bethel Baptist Chapel on Wednesday, a coffin containing the remains of a child was found enclosed in a kind of brick grave near the vestry door. There is some doubt as to the identity of the remains, as the breastplate on the coffin cannot be deciphered. The present chapel, which is now undergoing extensive repairs, was erected in 1868, and no burials have taken place since that date, but old members of the chapel remember one or

more burials some years previously. Mr. Thomas Prior, an octogenarian, who was for many years a deacon, recollects that the child of a Mr. Edward Adams, a farmer and cattle dealer, was interred under the south window at the old chapel between the building and the garden of the manse, and another old member recalls a grave in a different place. It is said that after the workmen had left on Wednesday evening, the remains were interfered with by mischievous persons.

NORTH STOWE RURAL DEANERY.

CHOIR FESTIVAL AT SWAVESEY. 20th June 1913

The choirs of the parish churches in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe held a festival in the church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Thursday, June 12th. The choirs attending were from Histon, Oakington, Over, Swavesey, and Willingham, and, including a large contingent of lady singers, numbered about 140.

(Long report)

CRICKET CLUB. 27th June 1913

Last Saturday the Swavesey Cricket XI won their first match this season in the Milton and District League, defeating Cottenham. Though winning all but one of their friendly games, they had been unfortunate in losing the two League matches they had played.

MEAN THEFTS. 4th July 1913

It is reported that several cases of thefts of fruit and vegetables from Swavesey gardens have occurred lately.

THE SCHOOL. 4th July 1913

After a further closure owing to illness amongst the children, the National Schools were re-opened on Monday. About 70 per cent. of the scholars attended.

THE LATE FIRE. 4th July 1913

Houses and other buildings are steadily rising on the scene of the great fire at Church End, and are entirely changing the appearance of that end of the village.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT. 4th July 1913

The Swavesey District Voluntary Aid Detachment had a practice in stretcher drill, under Sergt. Caseley, R.A.M.C., in the Manor Field on Monday evening.

Some useful work was done, but unfortunately the attendance was not as good as it ought to have been.

THE ROADS. 4th July 1913

During the week sections of the high road through the village have been tarred. It is noticed, however, that the new road, by the Swan pond, has, so far, escaped, but possibly the county road authorities intend to fill in depressions and level projections before applying a coat of tar. It is a year ago since an attempt was made to raise the road, and the work is far from finished.

FIRE ENGINE. 11th July 1913

On Saturday last the venerable parish fire engine – it is understood to be over 100 years of age – was tested on the Recreation Ground.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th July 1913

During the time extensive repairs are being effected at Bethel Baptist Chapel the Sunday services are being held in Mr. Robt. Norman's large barn at Trinity College Farm.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS VISIT THE VILLAGE. 11th July 1913

In three motor omnibuses and in motor cars a party of some 80 members of the British Archaeological Association visited Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon, and inspected the parish church. The Rev. C. H. Evelyn White, rector of Rampton, read a descriptive paper. With the party was the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, Archdeacon of Ely.

CLOCK SLOW. 11th July 1913

Considerable inconvenience has been caused lately through the clock on the tower of the parish church being several minutes slow. Trains have been missed or only caught by intending passengers sprinting the last two or three hundred yards. The clock previously kept excellent time, and its present irregularity is attributed to its not having recovered from having been cleaned.

CHURCH TOWER. 11th July 1913

The restoration of the tower of the parish church was begun yesterday (Thursday). The work is being carried out by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, under the superintendence of Mr. E. E. Bowden, L.R.I.B.A., who in conjunction with Mr. Weir, has been responsible for the effective restoration of other churches in the neighbourhood, notably at Lolworth, Longstanton All Saints', Longstanton St. Michael, and Conington.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 11th July 1913

On Saturday, 5th inst., Mrs. Long, of the Priory, Swavesey, forwarded to Mrs. Hick's honorary secretary of Addenbrooke's Hospital County Organisation Fund, the sum of £33 13s. 5d., the result of house-to-house collections in the villages of Willingham, Over, Fen Drayton, Longstanton, Conington and Swavesey.

WANDERINGS OF A BAT. 11th July 1913

The captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club having damaged his bat – a favourite tool – whilst knocking up his vigorous score of 74 at Willingham on June 28th, sent it to Cambridge to be repaired. Misfortune did not end here, for the youth who took it back to Swavesey last Friday left it in the train. Within a few minutes he reported the fact at the railway station, and inquiries were made, but no trace of the bat could be found until Wednesday, when it was duly delivered to the captain, having been discovered at March.

THE SCHOOLS. 18th July 1913

Acting on the advice of Mr. Austin Keen, County Education Secretary, the managers have decided to close the National Schools for the summer holiday after today (Friday).

GARDEN FETE AT SWAVESEY.

RECORD ATTENDANCE. 25th July 1913

The garden fete, organised by the Vicar and a committee of members of the congregation of the parish church, was held in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage on Thursday of last week. The fete was in aid of the Church Tower Restoration Fund, and in spite of dull, threatening weather and slight rain during the late evening, was an undoubted success. The attendance was larger than at any previous garden fete in Swavesey, the gate money amounting to £9 16s. 3d., the charge for admission being 6d. for adults and children 3d. Villagers were present in full strength, and there were many visitors from Willingham, Over, Fen Drayton, Longstanton, Conington, Boxworth, Elsworth, Fenstanton, and St. Ives.

The main attraction was a pastoral play, entitled "Maid Marian and Robin Hood," of which two performances were given at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The play was under the management of Mr. Charles Wood, who had spared neither time nor trouble in instructing his troupe of village players, and he can most heartily be congratulated on having achieved an unqualified success. (Cast listed in report)

Some 60 or 70 people were present at the afternoon performance, and £1 14s. was taken at the entrance. At the evening performance, when a smaller charge was made, the audience must have numbered at least 100. The play realised altogether £5 7s.

In addition to the play, there were other attractions, all of which brought grist to the mill. Mrs. Cooksey had charge of a new work stall; Mrs. J. Gilby of a rummage stall; Miss Twist and Miss F. Daisley sold sweets; Miss M. Sharp superintended a fish pond, and Miss Dodson a bran tub, while Miss Wilkinson and Miss Green did good business with flowers and buttonholes. Mr. Walter Thorp's shooting gallery was very popular, and Mr. James Dean's Aunt Sally attracted many visitors. The competitions were well patronised. Bean guessing was won by Mrs. A. Spolton. Guessing the doll's name (in charge of the Misses Ellis and Parsons) was taken by Miss Scard. The doll's name was Marian. There were about a dozen entrants for the cake-making competition, the ingredients not to cost more than sixpence. Guessing the weight of a cake resulted in seven entrants hitting on the correct weight. On being drawn for, Mrs. Long was declared the fortunate owner. The tea and refreshment department did a tremendous business and took £1 8s.

During the evening the St. Ives Town Band was in attendance, and there was dancing to its strains before and after the performance of the play. The cost of the band was very kindly borne by Mrs. Long. The gross takings amounted to £27 12s. 10d., and as the expenses were only 10s. 11d., the goodly sum of £27 1s. 11d. had been placed to the credit of the Tower Restoration Fund.

(Long report)

EARLY PLUMS. 25th July 1913

Mr. W. Burton commenced gathering plums (Rivers') in his "Hobbledods" orchard on Monday.

A BOWLER'S CENTURY. 25th July 1913

Mr. S. J. Froment, when playing for Fen Drayton and Conington on the 16th inst. against Fenstanton and District, captured seven wickets for 17 runs, bringing his record for this season to 101 wickets for 376 runs. Further wickets have since fallen before him, and his record now stands at 112 wickets for 438 runs, an average of 3.9 runs per wicket.

CAMP MEETING. 25th July 1913

On Sunday afternoon and evening camp meetings, organised by the local Primitive Methodist community, were held on the Recreation Ground and in Market-street. The Cottenham Salvation Army Band attended the services and

paraded the village, playing hymn tunes and lively marches. Collections were made in aid of the band, which is said to be in need of new instruments, and upwards of £3 was raised.

CRICKET. 25th July 1913

Swavesey had the good fortune to win their game with Trumpington in the Milton and District Cricket League, Division I., last Saturday, and by so doing have eight points to their credit and two more games to play, viz., return matches with Histon Institute I, and Trumpington.

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH TOWER. 25th July 1913

Within six months the sum of £198 9s. 3d. has been contributed to the fund for the restoration of the tower of the parish church, but more money will probably be needed, as there are other parts of the church which require attention and the work could be done more economically while the workmen at present engaged on the tower are on the spot. One hundred and eighty-two subscribers have contributed and in addition 50 collecting boxes have been returned.

NARROW ESCAPE AT RAILWAY STATION. 25th July 1913

An intending passenger, whilst crossing the railway line at Swavesey Station from the down to the up side, very narrowly escaped being knocked over by the engine of the 10.30 a.m. coal train. It appears the man was deaf, but says he saw the train. The driver whistled vigorously, and a porter on the up side, seeing his danger, shouted to him to go back, but the man held on his way. The porter rushed to drag him out of danger, but did not reach him in time. Fortunately the engine missed him by inches.

DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD. 25th July 1913

Mr. and Mrs. Henry George Key, of High-street, have sustained a severe bereavement by the death of their only child, John Henry, at the age of 15 months. The child had been ailing for some time and passed away on Friday last. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in Swavesey churchyard, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiating, and was attended by the following mourners: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key (parents), Mr. W. H. Key and Mrs. John Williams (grandparents), Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. J. Hawkes, and Mrs. F. Williams (aunts), Miss Clara Thorp and Miss G. Ansted.

SUCCESS. 1st Aug. 1913

Mr. W. H. Hepher, butcher, High-street, Swavesey, gained the third prize for a light tradesman's turn-out at the Jubilee Show of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society, held in Cambridge on July 24th. At the recent Cottenham Show he was highly commended for the same turn-out.

GONE TO AUSTRALIA. 1st Aug. 1913

Mr. James Dean, eldest son of the late Mr. James W. Dean, and Mrs. Dean, of Carters'-lane, Swavesey, and his wife, left Swavesey on Monday morning for London, en route for Australia. He sails to-day (Friday). Mr. Dean, who has been in Australia for some years, returned home on a visit 14 months ago, and has married during his stay in this country.

POST OFFICE ENTERPRISE. 1st Aug. 1913

A correspondent writes: I really think the following instance of Post Office enterprise is worthy of being placed on record. A public telephone call office was opened at the Swavesey Post Office about the middle of May, and a conspicuous sign-board was erected outside the office. On July 24th the following painted notice on form T No. 175 was delivered to householders by postmen: "A Telephone Call Office is now available to the public at the Swavesey Post Office."

A ROW IN A HEN ROOST. 1st Aug. 1913

Whilst patrolling Middle Watch the other night the constable heard a terrible cackling and fluttering of poultry at the back of Mr. J. Strapp's premises. Thinking something was wrong, a fox on the prowl, for instance, he called up Mr. Strapps, and with him proceeded to a portable poultry house in a field at the back. On creeping into the house Mr. Strapps found feathers in all directions, and that the disturbance had been caused by a hedgehog, which he discovered in a corner plentifully decorated with feathers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS. 1st Aug. 1913

The children attending Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School were given their yearly treat on Thursday of last week. The youngsters assembled at 4. 30 p.m., and were regaled with an ample tea in Trinity College Farm Meadow, after which they played cricket and other games, and greatly enjoyed the swings which had been put up by Mr. Robert Norman, who kindly lent the field. At 5.30 p.m. there was a public tea for adults in the large barn adjoining. At six o'clock sports were held. All events were keenly contested, and prizes were awarded. There were two novelties, so far as this treat is concerned. A slow bicycle race for men, for which seven entered, but only

one finished. The prize was unique. It was described as the “latest in bicycles” – a penny toy. The other novelty was a ladies’ bicycle potato race. The three entrants had to pick up with wooden ladles potatoes at placed intervals. The prize was a miniature sewing machine, also a penny toy. Before dispersing the children were further regaled with bread and butter and cake. Tea was on draught during the evening. Cheers for all who had helped, given with great gusto, brought a very happy evening to a close.

On the same day the Particular Baptist Chapel Sunday School children had their treat. The scholars and adult members of the congregation had tea in the chapel. The company then adjourned to a field kindly lent by Mr. Alfred Day, for cricket, swings and other games, and at dusk, after further refreshments in the chapel, children and parents went home well satisfied with their evening’s enjoyment.

A DUCKING. 8th Aug. 1913

While two young men were cutting weeds in the deep moat at the Priory on Wednesday, the boat sank, and they had to swim to the bank.

PROLIFIC SOWS. 8th Aug. 1913

On Sunday a sow belonging to Mr. Samuel Hepher had a litter of 22 pigs, all born alive. Mr. John Smith of the Swan Inn, has also a prolific sow. Recently she presented him with 19 pigs, and in five successive litters she had 83 pigs, all alive.

A GALLANT RESCUE. 8th Aug. 1913

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Frank Beaumont, fourth son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, had a narrow escape from drowning whilst bathing in the River Ouse, near Overcote Ferry. He was accompanied by a friend, Mr. George Dean, to whom he owes his life. The two young men left the usual bathing place for a swim along the river, and when near Cole’s Jump Mr. Beaumont, feeling tired, suggested that they should make for the bank. There was a good deal of water in the river, and the weeds were thick and troublesome, especially near the bank. Mr. Beaumont, thinking he was in his depth, sank into the slimy weeds. Mr. Dean kept on towards land, and succeeded with difficulty in reaching the bank, when he looked round and saw his friend sinking again, and this time not rising to the surface. He at once plunged in again and struggled back to the rescue and managed to reach Mr. Beaumont. He seized him by the hair, and with much difficulty succeeded in getting him to the bank – a distance of six or eight yards – while other bathers who had then ran up rendered assistance. Mr. Beaumont, whose body was thickly

covered with green slime, was totally unconscious, and did not recover for some ten minutes.

SCHOOL TREAT. 15th Aug. 1913

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School had their annual treat in the Vicarage Grounds on Thursday 7th inst. Parents and other adult parishioners were invited to attend during the evening.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th Aug. 1913

The Vicar is taking his holiday, and will be away from the parish for three weeks. During his absence the Sunday services will be taken by his brother, the Rev. G. F. Sharp, of Witley, Surrey. All week-day services will be suspended.

CRICKET CLUB. 15th Aug. 1913

The Milton League cricket match between Swavesey and Histon Institute was not brought off on Saturday last, the Institute having scratched. Swavesey, however take two points, and raise their total to ten – level with Willingham, who have played all their games. Swavesey has to meet Trumpington again, and if successful will retain the cup. If, however, Trumpington should win, the situation will be one of great interest, for in that case Willingham, Trumpington and Swavesey will each have ten to their credit.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Aug. 1913

On Monday evening the Swavesey Parish Council met at the National School, and during a comparatively brief sitting discussed fire engine appliances, formed a volunteer fire brigade, and ordered the clearing of mud from the Swan and School Ponds. It was decided to purchase four 100 feet lengths of 2½ inch canvas hosepipe (B quality) from Messrs. Merryweather and Son at a cost (with certain other appliances supplied by the same firm) of about £24. The recommendations of the Fire Engine Committee relative to the formation of a brigade were adopted, and Messrs. S. Challis and A. T. Scard were appointed captain and deputy-captain, respectively. – The Clerk reported that the Rural District Council had granted permission for the Captain of the Fire Brigade to connect with the new water supply hydrants in case of need. – Instructions were given the Clerk to write to the District Council calling attention to the fact that the drain leading from the new dock had not been cleared out when the adjoining drains had recently been attended to.

THE FIRE. 15th Aug. 1913

One of the houses destroyed in the fire on March 3rd last – that in which the conflagration began – has been re-built, and the old tenant moved into it on Saturday last. A two-storey warehouse and cycle shop, erected on the site of two old cottages, also burned down, was open last month. Six houses are approaching completion. One of the six houses was known for many years as the “Bottle House.” And the owner of the property, Mr. R. Mitham, has determined to retain the old name. Until comparatively recently the words “Bottle House” formed of the bottoms of glass bottles appeared in one of the walls. A diamond, made of nine bottle bottoms has been worked in the S.W. gable end of the new house. The centre bottle bears the words “King’s Ale”, in raised letters, and in it Mr. Mitham has deposited a written statement that the bottle contained ale brewed by King Edward VII, when he visited Messrs. Bass’ Brewery at Burton-on-Trent in 1902, and that the bottle was presented by Mr. John Smith, of the Swan Inn, Swavesey. An additional sum of £2 10s. has been sent by the Insurance Companies concerned in the fire for distribution amongst seven men who rendered service in saving property, etc.

DANGEROUS BATHING PLACE. 22nd Aug. 1913

A correspondent writes: A fortnight ago the narrow escape from drowning of a young man when bathing in the Ouse at Swavesey was reported in your columns. The river is choked with weeds, the diving board is blocked, and bathing is most dangerous even for strong and expert swimmers. Many of our lads and young men bathe regularly in the river, but they run grave risks; yet public opinion in the district, notwithstanding the recent warning, makes no protest, and nothing is done, or even talked about, towards mending matters. Are we to wait for a Coroner’s inquest, and the caustic remarks of Coroner and jury? If no public authority can, or will, come to the rescue, cannot a subscription be raised to pay for cutting the weeds?

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT. 22nd Aug. 1913

As a memorial to the death of Queen Victoria, Mr. T. W. Dunn, of Milton, then resident in Swavesey, presented four cedar trees to the parish. These trees were planted on the afternoon of the day of the funeral, one at each end of the Swan and Market-street ponds. For some time past the ground within the protecting iron fences has been over-grown with weeds, and was otherwise untidy. At the meeting of the Parish Council, held last week, it was informally decided to clear the weeds away, and the following gentlemen undertook to do the work free of cost: Mr. W. Twist, the tree at the northern end of the Swan Pond, and Mr. Robinson Mitham that at the southern, whilst Mr. A. T. Scard

and Mr. P. J. Beaumont respectively volunteered to attend to those in Market-street. The work has been done.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 22nd Aug. 1913

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Football Club was held at the National School on Thursday, 14th inst. Mr. T. Harris presided. Last year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £1 0s. 5d. having been passed, the election of officers and committee for the coming season was proceeded with. The Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., was re-elected president, and the following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Dr. R. Ellis, Messrs. R. E. Bartley, H. Capper, J. B. Ellis (St. Ives) and James Norman. The above appointments were made subject to the acceptance of office. Captain, Mr. T. Harris; vice-captain, Mr. S. J. Froment; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; committee, Messrs. F. Causer, Fred Johnson, B. G. Mann, S. F. Mitham, C. Prior, A. T. Scard, Walter Thurbon, and C. Wood. After discussion it was decided not to enter the Histon and District Junior Football League, as several of last year's playing members had left the district, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. James Norman for his kindness in allowing the club the use of the Manor Field last winter.

DEATH OF MRS. GARNER. 22nd Aug. 1913

Several families in Swavesey and the neighbourhood are placed in mourning by the death of Mrs. Charlotte Garner, of Carter's-lane, Swavesey, which occurred at her residence shortly after noon on Monday. Mrs. Garner, who was much beloved and respected by all who knew her, attained the great age of 86 years on the 24th May last. She was ill for about five months, but had been in failing health for a year previously. Until she was over 70 years of age she had had no serious illness. Mrs. Garner was the daughter of the late Mr. Anderson Wells, farmer, of Swavesey, who died in his 91st year. She married the late Mr. Samuel Garner, harness maker, Swavesey, but was left a widow 54 years ago with two young children, a son and a daughter, both still alive. After her husband's death she carried on the business, being assisted first of all by her brother-in-law, the late Mr. James Garner, of Fulbourn, and afterwards by her son Charles. In addition to her son and daughter Mrs. Garner left eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon in Swavesey Churchyard.

STACK FIRE. 22nd Aug. 1913

Between eight and nine o'clock on Sunday morning the village was alarmed by the news that a haystack in Gibraltar-lane, belonging to Mr. Sidney Prime, farmer and hay factor, was on fire. At eight o'clock, when Mr. Prime passed the stack, he noticed no signs of anything being amiss. He entered the cottage of Mr. Walter Coulson, close by, and after an hour a neighbour, Mrs. Causer, ran in with the intelligence that the adjoining field was full of smoke. Messrs. Prime and Coulson hastened to the field and there found that the outside of one end of the stack was on fire. With sticks they endeavoured to beat out the fire, but as fast as they extinguished it in one place it broke out in another, until at last the thatch got alight. Women from neighbouring cottages were quickly on the scene, and with pails of water kept the fire in subjection. Messrs. Prime and Coulson were soon joined by other men, who rendered valuable assistance, but it was evident that the job was beyond their power. Mr. Prime cycled for Mr. S. Challis, the fire engine captain, who proceeded at once to the spot with the engine, reaching the field shortly before nine o'clock. Fortunately there was a pond in the field and the fire was soon out.

CRICKET. 29th Aug. 1913

MILTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

SWAVESEY WIN THE CUP FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

Played at Trumpington on Saturday, and attracted considerable interest, as if the visitors won, or the game ended in a draw, the Milton and District League would remain in the custody of the Swavesey Club, last year's winners. If, on the other hand, Trumpington was victorious, Willingham, Trumpington and Swavesey would each have ten points to their credit and further games would be necessary. The Trumpington team scored 48 runs. Wood and Froment bowled throughout and both bowled well, the former's attack being most deadly. He took six wickets for 12 runs, and Froment three wickets for 30 runs. The Swavesey innings ended for 94, leaving Swavesey 46 runs ahead, and winners for the second year of the Milton League Cup, as time did not admit of two more innings being played.

DEATH OF MR. O. DAINTREE. 29th Aug. 1913

Some of our older readers will learn with regret that Mr. Osborn Daintree died at Surbiton Surrey, on the 14th inst. He was 78 years of age. Years ago he was a large farmer and landowner in Swavesey, Lolworth and neighbouring parishes, and for a long period lived in Swavesey, first at the Old House, Dodson's-lane, and afterwards at the Manor House in Market-street, subsequently moving to Lolworth. He left the district many years ago. His

first wife was the granddaughter of Mr. John Dodson of Swavesey, a famous farmer and property-owner in the county.

KITTEN V. BICYCLE. 29th Aug. 1913

Between 9 and 10 p.m. on Thursday in last week a kitten, which had wandered some distance from its home, from Middle Watch to Boxworth End, dashed into the spokes of the front wheel of a passing bicycle. The rider, a young man, and his machine turned a somersault, and the wheel had to be taken off before the little animal could be released, so firmly was it fixed. The kitten seems to have got the best of the encounter, for, although apparently badly injured on the night of the accident, next morning it was reported to be doing well and able to take sustenance. The cyclist injured his hip, cut his arm, and generally got shaken up, and his machine is badly damaged.

FUNERAL OF MRS. S. GARNER. 29th Aug. 1913

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Garner, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Garner, whose death on the 18th inst. at the age of 86 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on the afternoon of Thursday in last week in the presence of a considerable assemblage of sympathising friends and neighbours. The Vicar being absent on his yearly holiday, the service was taken by the Rev. G. F. Sharp, who is in charge of the parish. Among the mourners were Mr. Charles Garner (only son), Mrs. A. Gall (only daughter), Mrs. C. Garner (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Gall (son-in-law) and Mr. C. Gall, Miss Garner, Miss C. E. Garner, Mr. Sam Garner, Miss Rosa Gall, Miss M. Garner, Mr. Arthur Garner (grandchildren). The coffin was of polished elm. – Mr. Robinson Mitham (Swavesey) carried out the funeral arrangements.

SWAVESEY HOUSING. 29th Aug. 1913

SHORTAGE OF COTTAGES IN THE DISTRICT.

WHY YOUNG COUPLES DO NOT MARRY.

Some months ago Swavesey suffered considerably from the effects of a disastrous fire which broke out in the village. Over a score of cottages and various buildings went down before the ravage of fire and ultimately the blaze burnt itself out. Many families were temporarily rendered homeless, and the village was faced with a housing problem in an acute form. Several weeks have elapsed since the Parish Council and the Rural District Council considered the Swavesey housing difficulty but only a very few cottages have been erected. Building operations have been in progress for a considerable time, but the general type of house which has been risen on the sites of the old

thatched cottages is not the class of building which is available to the agricultural labourer.

Cottages to be paid for from the balance of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund – are to be erected for old age pensioners, and this work seems to have been unduly delayed. Dr. Robert Ellis told a “Chronicle” representative that the pensioners’ cottages should have been put up before Michaelmas, but the Sub-Committee which is dealing with the question has never been called together. The Trinity College authorities and the Great Eastern Railway Company had been asked whether they would erect cottages, but so far nothing has been done by them except the inspection of their sites in the village.

“But where are the people housed?” asked our representative. “Practically no new cottages have been erected.”

“Many of them are in lodgings, two or three went to the Workhouse, and others have died,” was the reply. “The splitting of houses into tenements has largely solved the difficulty.”

“Is there any overcrowding?”

“No, I do not think so,” said Dr. Ellis. “Old cottages have been re-inhabited. But the question of cottages will have to be seriously considered in the future. More gardens are being planted in this district and shortage of labour is the difficulty which faces gardeners. In Swavesey the shortage of labour is not so pronounced, but it is pointed out that much land has gone out of cultivation.”

“Do you consider that it is possible to build cottages locally and let them at an economic rent?”

“It is not possible to do it by private enterprise,” said Dr. Ellis. “The only way it can be done is for a builder and contractor to undertake the work. Such men can do it cheaper than any one else. But in Swavesey we have only one contractor, and the houses which he is building at present are not cottages. He says that he will build cottages in the future.”

Swavesey does not contain much dilapidated property, but undoubtedly some of the thatch and stud cottages would have been demolished but for the fear on the part of the sanitary authority that an acute shortage of housing accommodation would have been felt in consequence of the demolition.

“I believe that cottages in Swavesey would be taken at once,” said Dr. J. W. Ellis. “There are young fellows who would be married if they had houses to live in.”

TREE ON FIRE. 5th Sept. 1913

On Tuesday evening, whilst smoking out bees, which had deposited about 1cwt. of honey in an old and hollow wych tree on Mr. James Shepperson’s

property at Boxworth End, the tree was set alight and was destroyed. Mr. Shepperson managed to secure about ½cwt. of the honey.

THE SCHOOLS. 5th Sept. 1913

The National Schools re-opened on Monday morning after the summer holidays which were taken earlier this year than usual owing to illness amongst the children. The attendance has been good this week. It is satisfactory to record that whooping cough appears to have entirely disappeared from the village.

STREET LIGHTING. 5th Sept. 1913

A correspondent writes: - May I suggest to the Parish Council that the street lamps should be lighted during September instead of beginning in October. The nights just now are very dark, and older villagers and strangers, of whom there are many in Swavesey at present, have much difficulty in finding their way. One stranger, I am told, had recently a narrow escape from falling into the brook that crosses High-street through being unable to see the wall of the Turn Bridge.

EVENING PAPER FOR SWAVESEY. 12th Sept. 1913

Beginning to-morrow (Saturday), the "Cambridge Daily News" will be obtainable every night in Swavesey from Mr. Thurbon, newsagent. The papers, which will contain all the football results, etc., will arrive by the 7.30 train.

FIRE RELIEF FUND. 12th Sept. 1913

The Charity Commissioners have given notice that it is their intention, in conformity with the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1860, to make an Order extending "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894," to the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund. This Order, when issued, will enable the building of the proposed cottages for old age pensioners to be proceeded with.

WELL-EARNED REWARD. 12th Sept. 1913

For eight years' perfect attendance at Swavesey National School, Miss Clara Thorp, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Thorp, has been awarded a silver watch by the County Education Committee. But for an enforced absence on account of illness on the day previous to the closing of the school owing to an epidemic amongst the children, she would have shown a record of nine years' perfect attendance.

DEFECTIVE DRAINAGE. 12th Sept. 1913

A correspondent writes: The Sanitary Inspector has of late been busily engaged in Swavesey inspecting private premises and serving notices requiring owners to remedy defects on their property, supply up-to-date sanitary appliances, and connect with the new water supply. Our main ground for complaint is that the Inspector pays so much attention to private property, and, so far as we are aware, altogether overlooks the drains for which the Swavesey Rural District Council, whose officer we presume him to be, are responsible. A grating connected with the old, defective, and altogether out-of-date sewer in High-street frequently emits a most offensive odour. It is said that the drain is not trapped at this point, and although attention has been called to the defect again and again nothing has been done. If it is necessary that drain pipes across a garden should be sealed, is it not equally necessary that public drain pipes should be also secured from leakage? Some of us have reason to think that the High-street sewer pipes are of old pattern and defective, and that the water of the old village supply, the pipes of which are in close proximity to the sewer, was in consequence contaminated. Again, there is often a vile stench at Church Bridge caused by the outfall of a new sewer into the more or less stagnant brook being only a few yards from the high road. It was understood when the sewer was laid three or four years ago, under the superintendence of the Sanitary Inspector, that its outfall in its present position was merely a temporary expedient, and that the pipes would without undue delay be continued in the direction of the new dock. Lastly, we would inquire whether it is a fact that a quantity of undesirable, obnoxious, and evil smelling sewage finds its way into the brook – a large open drain – in the neighbourhood of Turn Bridge at the southern end of High-street? Would it not be encouragement to private owners of property to bring their sanitary appliances up to a high present-day standard if the district sanitary authority led the way by attending to obvious defects in the drainage under its control?

AN IMPROVEMENT. 19th Sept. 1913

During the week the high road between Swan Pond and Church Bridge, which is liable to inundation in a high flood, has been raised some three or four inches. About 100 tons of slag has been rolled in.

EVENING PAPER. 19th Sept. 1913

As announced in our last issue, the special edition of the “Cambridge Daily News” has been on sale every evening in Swavesey since last Saturday. On Saturday our agent, Mr. W. Thurbon, was soon sold out.

OBITUARY. 19th Sept. 1913

On Wednesday, 10th instant, Miss Annie Wright, of Gibraltar-lane, died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where she had been an inpatient for five weeks. She was 37 years of age, and had been an invalid for about 30 years. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiating.

SWAVESEY FIRE RELIEF FUND. 26th Sept. 1913

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Committee was held at Swavesey Vicarage on Friday, 19th instant, Mr. W. H. Francis, Mayor of Cambridge, presiding in the unavoidable absence of Sir H. G. Fordham, Chairman of the County Council.

The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, treasurer of the fund, made a statement as to the position of affairs so far as the scheme for erecting cottages for old age pensioners was concerned, from which it appeared that the matter is engaging the attention of the Charity Commissioners, who have already drafted an order extending the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, to the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund. After other formalities preparatory to the establishment of the scheme, the erection of the houses will be proceeded with without delay. Under the circumstances the appointment of trustees was postponed until the next meeting of the committee.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 26th Sept. 1913

Bars for perfect attendance have been awarded to the following children attending the National School: - For second year, Ada Ansted and Grace Ansted; for first year, Ronald Prior; for eighth year, Clara Thorp. The presentations were made by the Vicar.

WELL-KNOWN TRADESMAN INJURED. 26th Sept. 1913

Whilst lifting a large piece of beef from a hook last Friday morning Mr. Zachariah Parish, butcher, was struck on one of his eyes by the rebounding hook. Acting on medical advice, he went to London on Wednesday to consult a specialist, who ordered him to Moorfields Hospital for an immediate operation.

EVENING CLASSES. 26th Sept. 1913

Commencing on Tuesday, 7th October, evening classes will be held at the National School on Tuesdays and Fridays during the winter months for

instruction in rural arithmetic, rural elementary science, English and drawing, and also, if possible, for needlework.

DEATH OF MR. J. RULE. 26th Sept. 1913

We regret to announce the death at the age of 67 years of Mr. Joseph Rule, which occurred at his residence in Middle Watch, Swavesey, on Monday night. Mr. Rule was a native of Swavesey, being the son of the late Mr. John Rule. For many years he was in business as a butcher at Swavesey and Cambridge market, removing to London about 20 years ago. On his retirement from business he returned to his native village on the 22nd September, 1912, and died exactly one year later. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery. The late Mr. Rule's sister, Mrs. Sarah Daintree, died last Friday.

OBITUARY. 26th Sept. 1913

After a long illness Mrs. Sarah Daintree, aged 76, widow of the late Mr. Thos. Daintree, died on Friday evening, 19th inst., at her residence at Boxworth End. She was the daughter of the late Mr. John Rule, of Swavesey, and sister of Mr. Joseph Rule, once well-known in the district as a butcher, who survived her by only three days. She leaves two sons and one daughter. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery, the Rev. E. Short officiating. The following mourners attended: Mr. J. T. Daintree, Mr. A. E. Daintree (sons), Mrs. A. E. Welch (daughter), Masters W. Welch and Tom Daintree, Misses P. Welch and Ethel Daintree (grand-children), Mrs. A. E. Daintree (daughter-in-law) and Mr. A. E. Welch (son-in-law). Mr. Walter Thorp was the undertaker.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Sept. 1913

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on the 18th inst., Dr. R. Ellis (vice-chairman) presiding. – Arising out of the minutes it was decided to vary the order for fire hose given at the previous meeting from four 100ft. lengths to three 100ft. and two 50ft. lengths, and it was agreed that the names of the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade should be posted on the parish notice board in High-street. – The Clerk reported that he had ascertained that the District Council Surveyor had had instructions to inspect and report upon the condition of the Navigation Drain, and after some discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council on the matter. – There was only one tender for lighting the street lamps during the coming winter, viz., from Mr. George Clarke, for £27 10s. – The tender was accepted, and three new lamps to replace those worn out at Boxworth End

were ordered. – A discussion followed respecting the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Charity Commissioners asking how many trustees the Council were entitled to appoint in connection with the scheme for erecting old age pensioners' cottages out of the unexpended balance of the fund, and also to ascertain what powers the Council will have in regard to the charity.

BARNARDO'S HOMES. 3rd Oct. 1913

A lantern lecture descriptive of Barnardo's Homes was given in Swavesey National School on Tuesday evening by Miss J. Hills. The Vicar presided. There was an excellent attendance.

MUSHROOMERS OUTWITTED. 3rd Oct. 1913

A Swavesey farmer, seeing Cambridge mushroom pickers at work on his land, watched them taking mushrooms to a spinney close by. Unseen by them, he went to the spinney and captured their mushrooms and baskets.

MR. Z. PARISH. 3rd Oct. 1913

We are glad to say that Mr. Z. Parish, the well-known Swavesey and Cambridge Market butcher, who, as reported last week, had sustained a serious injury to his eye, and had to undergo an operation at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, is progressing favourably in that institution.

SIGN POSTS. 3rd Oct. 1913

The sign post on the Cambridge to Huntingdon main road directing the stranger to Boxworth and villages beyond has recently been re-painted. It now announces that Boxworth is one mile distant, which is there or thereabouts correct, and that the distance to Elsworth is 1¼ miles, which is hardly accurate, seeing that the distance is nearer four miles. Who, ask the wise ones, is the county geographer?

PARISH COUNCIL. 3rd Oct. 1913

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Wednesday evening. After some discussion respecting the parish fire-engine, during which it transpired that the five lengths of new hose authorised by the Council at previous meetings had been ordered from the makers and was daily expected, the main business was the payment of about forty men who rendered assistance at Mr. Sidney Prime's recent stack fire, the money being provided by the London, Liverpool, and Globe Insurance Office, of which Mr. H. S. Aldred is the Swavesey agent.

PARISH MEETING. 3rd Oct. 1913

A parish meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Day, Chairman of the Parish Council, was held on Thursday in last week at the National School, to authorise the street lighting rate for the ensuing winter. The rate was agreed to after a protest by two Parish Councillors as to the amount of the tender – the only one put in – accepted at the Parish Council meeting the week previously, at which they were present. A long discussion followed on the housing question, and dissatisfaction was expressed that the Rural District Council, the Great Eastern Railway Company, and Trinity College, Cambridge, had taken no steps to provide cottages, though requested to do so by a previous parish meeting. It was decided that the Railway Company and Trinity College should be again written to. The meeting was poorly attended, only about fifteen persons being present, not all of whom were ratepayers.

THE LATE MR. J. RULE. 3rd Oct. 1913

The funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Rule, whose death was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on September 25th. The Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiated. Among the mourners attending were: Mrs. Rule (widow), Mr. Frank Rule and Mr. T. Rule (sons), and the Misses R., H., and N. Rule, Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Nicholls, and Mrs. Goss (daughters).

STOCK CLUB. 10th Oct. 1913

The members of the Stock Club held their annual tea at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening. After the tables were cleared business was transacted, and then the company settled down to an evening's enjoyment. Songs were sung by Messrs. J. B. Senter, W. J. Hephher, A. Bonkis, and others. Mr. George Wallman was an excellent accompanist.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 10th Oct. 1913

At a meeting held in the National School on Wednesday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Wood, a Choral Society for the parish was established, and the following officers elected: Conductor, Mr. Wood, secretary, Mr. C. Parish, treasurer, Mr. A. Day, jun. About 20 members are already enrolled, and others who wish to join should communicate with the hon. secretary. The first practice will be held on Thursday, 16th inst.

ACCIDENT. 10th Oct. 1913

Shortly after 12.30 noon on Tuesday Mr. T. Brasher, a Rural District Council roadman, whilst inspecting the brook at Turn Bridge fell head first on the brick bottom. No one saw him fall, but Mr. W. Thurbon, who was walking towards the bridge, heard groans. Seeing a man lying in the water, he called up Mr. J. Kester, a County Council roadman, working near, and, with other assistance, Mr. Brasher, who is 76 years of age, was lifted out of the brook, a matter of some difficulty, as he was heavy, his clothes being saturated with water, and the sides of the brook steep and deep. He ran a narrow escape of being drowned, for, although the water was not deep, he was lying face downwards and was unable to move. Mr. Brasher has injured his back, and has a deep cut on his forehead, and his face is bruised.

DISSATISFIED WORKERS. 10th Oct. 1913

There is considerable dissatisfaction amongst the men who rendered assistance at the stack fire on Sunday, 17th August, concerning the distribution of the money granted by the Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Company for their recompense. The distribution was made at a full meeting of the Parish Council on the 1st instant, the recipients being called into the room one at a time. It is alleged that the Council have retained about half of the sum awarded, it is presumed, for the use of the fire engine, and the men contend that the whole of the money was intended for distribution amongst them, or if the Council were to retain a portion for the engine, that the sum held back is excessive. Most of the men have been paid 1s. each, the remainder receiving 1s 6d. or 2s. apiece. The list of recipients was, it is understood, proposed by the Fire Engine Committee, and it is alleged that it included names of men who did nothing, or practically nothing, at the fire.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 10th Oct. 1913

On Thursday, 2nd inst., harvest thanksgiving services were held at the parish church. At 7.30 a.m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, matins was at 10.30 a.m., and choral evensong at 7 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated and the chancel screen, the font and pulpit being specially worthy of commendation. A large congregation was present at evensong, when the late vicar, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. The festival services were continued on Sunday, and on that afternoon the annual children's flower service was held at the Mission Church, the children's contributions of fruit, flowers, etc., being sent as usual to St. Ives Infirmary. The collections throughout Thursday and on Sunday morning were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and resulted in £7 18s. 9d. being raised for

that excellent institution. The offerings of fruit, vegetables, etc., at the parish church have also been forwarded to the Hospital.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, SWAVESEY. 10th Oct. 1913

REOPENING YESTERDAY.

INTERESTING RECORD DISCOVERED.

Yesterday (Thursday) was a notable day in the annals of the Baptist community in Swavesey, the occasion being the re-opening of Bethel Chapel after an extensive and costly restoration. The building, erected in 1868, has of late years shown signs of serious decay. A few years ago somewhat extensive repairs were carried out, the flooring, for instance, having become badly affected with dry rot. But these efforts were unavailing, and at the beginning of this year the chapel was found to be in a dangerous condition as regards both walls and floor. Dry rot had again attacked the woodwork. The Pastor, deacons and members realised that something must be done at once, and without delay a strong committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor).

The well-known architects, Messrs. Spalding and Myers, of London, were called in, and after careful inspection of the building, reported that very extensive structural repairs were imperative, and that the woodwork was so badly affected that the whole of it would have to be removed and replaced by new. The work would cost a great deal of money, and the committee were faced with the serious problem as to how this money was to be raised. Nothing daunted, the energetic pastor and his committee set strenuously to work. A sale of work was organised, and £46 was realised. Appeals were made for subscriptions, and were well responded to, Mr. John Chivers, always a friend to Bethel, heading the list with a magnificent donation of £150. Mr. Chivers has also helped on the work in various other ways, and the Baptist Church in Swavesey is under a deep debt of gratitude to him, and also to Mr. A. C. Mansfield, an ex-Moderator, who has been most helpful in giving valuable advice and generous financial support. As far as is known at present the cost has been about £900. Before the opening service yesterday £500 of this amount had been raised.

The following is a brief description of the work done. Absolutely new foundations of concrete and asphalt have been put in throughout under floor and walls. The floor has been re-laid with wood blocks, and the floor boards creosoted underneath on cement screed on the top of asphalt. The rostrum has been restored and partly renewed, and a new platform, rails and baptistery in white glazed bricks erected. New mouldings have been put in round the windows, which have been filled in with coloured leaded lights. The walls

have been tinted buff colour, with biscuit panels bordered green and white. A new screen with coloured lights has been erected under the gallery. Well-designed seats have replaced the old ones. Fresh heating apparatus, including a new boiler and boiler-house and a platform for the organ, are amongst other improvements. Boyle's ventilators have been placed in the roof and walls, and round the chapel is a dado of Keen's cement, painted with Morse's elastic brown enamel. The main front of the chapel has also been greatly improved and strengthened by a new circular red brick arch for the entrance, and also new doors. The palisading has been renovated, the stonework cleaned, and the iron railing repainted. The base of the school at the back of the chapel has been re-concreted and new floored.

During the time the chapel has been closed services have been held in a large barn at Trinity College Farm, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Norman.

Interesting records of the past have been found in a bottle placed underneath the original corner stone. Written on parchment was the following statement:- The foundation stone of this chapel, erected for the worship of the Triune Jehovah, was laid by George Livett, Esq., of Cambridge, on the 9th day of April in the year of our Lord, 1868.

The promoters of this undertaking, some of whom are descended from the fathers and founders of the Baptist Cause in this village, indulge the hope that when they are no more, their descendants, and many others, will be so wrought upon by that glorious gospel which shall be preached within its walls, as to become the Saviours' willing and obedient servants in the present life, and be prepared for the crown of glory in that which is to come. Committee, etc., W. Cole (chairman), J. W. Carter (treasurer), F. Carter, sen., F. Carter, jun., B. Carter, J. Carter, sen., J. Carter, jun., S. Hayes, sen., B. Silk, J. Dring, J. Curtis, sen., J. Curtis, jun., W. Pauley, W. Ransom, J. Williams, jun., T. Prior, Thomas Watson Carter, Stephen Hayes, sen., Benjamin Silk, deacons; Mark Wm. Flanders, pastor; Robert Hutchinson of Huntingdon, architect; John Mitham, John Mortlock, builders.

Of the above, we believe, Mr. T. Prior, now over 80 years of age, is the sole survivor.

The bottle also contained a poster notifying the laying of the corner stone, etc., and a copy of the "Cambridge Independent Press" of the 4th April, 1868.

The opening service on Thursday afternoon was attended by a large congregation, including many friends from Cambridge and the surrounding district. Before entering upon his sermon the preacher said he would like to join in the general expression of congratulation on the splendid renovation of the sanctuary in which they were. All admired the way in which the work had

been carried out. The preacher's remarks centred on the words, "Have faith in God."

A collection was taken at the end of the service on behalf of the renovation fund.

At 5.30 p.m. there was a public tea, which was well attended. Trays were given and in most cases were presided over by Mrs. J. H. Watts, Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. Jabez Day, Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. Jas. Williams, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. T. Godfrey, Mrs. J. S. Goad, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. W. Savage, Mrs. M. Payne, Mrs. Jas. Smith, Miss Hayes, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Miss E. Starte, Miss N. Day, Miss L. Causer, Miss Nellie Prior, and Miss Eley.

At 6.45 a public meeting was held in the chapel, under the presidency of Mr. Herbert Marnham, treasurer of the Baptist Union. The Revs. J. R. Wood, and M. E. Aubrey delivered addresses and Miss Florence Atkin sang solos, which were greatly appreciated. The Rev. H. J. Watts submitted a financial statement as to the present condition of the renovation fund, and the meeting, at which there was a crowded attendance, closed with votes of thanks.

The sum of £10 has been promised on behalf of Bethel Sunday School. This is in addition to several individual promises from officers and teachers to the sustentation fund.

THE HOUSING QUESTION. 17th Oct. 1913

The authorities of Trinity College, Cambridge, have given instructions for two six-roomed cottages to be erected in a field adjoining the Mission Church, Boxworth End. The work will be carried out by Messrs. S. J. And W. J. Wayman, builders, etc., of Over, and will be commenced immediately. Trinity College, who are the owners of land in the parish, are already enlarging and improving a cottage on an outlying farm, besides having recently built a new farmhouse at the Hill Farm.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 17th Oct. 1913

The annual inspection of the local Voluntary Aid Detachment (Cambs. 12) was held in the grounds of Swavesey Manor on Saturday afternoon, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The detachment was under the command of Mrs. R. Ellis Long (Commandant), assisted by Mrs. Cooksey (Quartermaster), and the inspecting officer, Major Davoren, R.A.M.C., who was accompanied by the Rev. C. F. Townley (County Director), expressed his satisfaction with all that he saw. Two squads of men in charge of the Rev. E. Young kindly rendered assistance to the nurses. There were few interested spectators from Swavesey and neighbouring villages, but the attendance would no doubt have been larger if the weather had been more propitious.

NIGHT SCHOOL. 17th Oct 1913

The evening continuation classes at the National School would appear likely to be a failure this winter. Only ten lads have so far joined, and on Tuesday evening only seven of them attended. The needlework class has failed to attract a single pupil. Unless more join and attend regularly the classes in various subjects will have to be abandoned, a state of affairs hardly creditable to the village, the parents and the young people. Surely, writes a correspondent, our lads and lasses cannot have learned so much at day schools that they cannot with advantage to themselves learn a little more after leaving school. It may not be generally known, he adds, that those evening classes are free to all those who have left school recently, and that even those who have to pay a small fee have their money returned if they make 90 percent. of attendances. It is difficult to believe that every girl in Swavesey is an expert needlewoman, and therefore would derive no benefit from further instruction in a needlework class.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 17th Oct. 1913

The evening meeting which brought to a close the re-opening services at Bethel Chapel on Thursday in last week was a memorable gathering. The chapel was filled to its utmost capacity. The treasurer of the Baptist Union, Mr. Herbert Marnham, presided, and was supported by the Revs. J. R. Wood, M. E. Aubrey, A. C. Ashpool, J. Easter, Mr. A. C. Mansfield (ex-Moderator), Mr. J. Chivers (treasurer of the Cambs Association), Messrs. A. Norman, J. Day, and J. H. Starte (deacons) and the Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor). After the Chairman's address, Mr. Easter read portions of Scripture, and Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Wood spoke at some length. During the evening Mrs. Florence Atkin, whose beautiful voice was greatly appreciated, sang solos, Miss Starte, of Cambridge, accompanying on the organ. The collections throughout the opening day amounted to £35 15s. 2d., bringing the total contributed to the Renovation Fund up to £525 10s. 2d. On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held, the special preacher in the morning and evening being the Rev. J. Parr, of Fenstanton, who also gave an address to the children in the afternoon, and Miss Aughton, of Fenstanton, sang some solos.

SMALL HOLDINGS. 24th Oct. 1913

As a result of a meeting in a cottage in Wallman's-lane recently a public meeting to consider what steps should be taken to expedite the provision of small holdings in the parish of Swavesey was held last (Thursday) night in the National School.

WANTON MISCHIEF. 24th Oct. 1913

One hundred and twenty-two trusses of hay were left in a field in Bucking Way last Friday afternoon by the hay-pressers ready for carting. On Monday morning it was discovered that the string bands on a number of them had been cut by some mischievous person.

AN AIRSHIP. 24th Oct. 1913

On Wednesday afternoon an airship gracefully floated over Swavesey, and after hovering about for some time sailed away in a north-easterly direction. There was much excitement, the village streets being thronged with interested watchers. It is believed the airship was an advertisement for a well-known brand of beef tea.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY. 24th Oct. 1913

At the close of the children's service in connection with Bethel Sunday School last Sunday afternoon a collection was taken on behalf of the sufferers through the terrible mine explosion at Senghenydd, South Wales, and the result - £1 - has been sent to the Lord Mayor of London's Relief Fund by the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. H. S. Aldred.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. 24th Oct. 1913

About 6.30 p.m. on Thursday in last week Mrs. Ann Netherwood, aged 68 years, when crossing High-street from Taylor's-lane towards the White Horse Gates, was knocked down by Mr. B. Kirby, of Over, who was riding a motor cycle in the direction of the railway station. Mrs. Netherwood was unconscious when picked up, and it was evident that she was very badly hurt. She was placed on a chair by the roadside and attended by neighbours. Dr. Ellis was sent for, and by his instructions she was removed to her home. It is stated that in addition to a broken rib she was bruised on one side from head to heel, her forehead and arm were cut, and she is suffering from severe shock. We hear that Mrs. Netherwood is going on as well as can be expected. Neither Mr. Kirby nor his machine was injured.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. 24th Oct. 1913

A successful entertainment organised by Miss Kirke Smith (warden), assisted by the local sub-wardens, was held in the National School on Saturday evening. The large room was filled with an appreciative audience. The first part of the programme consisted of songs, a recitation, and a duologue. Mr. J. R. M. Vesey, Provincial Secretary of the Primrose League, spoke at some

length on various political topics of the day, and Mr. W. de L. Devereux, Unionist Agent for West Cambs., in response to a special invitation, made a short, but effective, speech.

ONE LAMP LESS. 31st Oct. 1913

A steam plough drawn by a traction engine collided with an iron lamp-post opposite Mr. Walter Thorp's house at Boxworth End on Wednesday morning. The post snapped in half.

NIGHT SCHOOL. 31st Oct. 1913

The attendance at the Evening Continuation Classes at the National School is improving. Only five girls, however, attend the sewing class which needs at least three more pupils to become effective. It is feared that mothers and mistresses do not realise how important it is for their girls, the mothers, wives, and mistresses of the future, to be competent needlewomen.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 31st Oct. 1913

The people's monthly Sunday afternoon services were resumed last Sunday, when, notwithstanding bad weather, a good congregation attended. In the evening a baptismal service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor).

SMALL HOLDINGS. 31st Oct. 1913

The Infants' School was crowded with an interested audience on the 23rd inst. to hear Mr. W. H. Press, of the Agricultural Organisation Society, give an address on small holdings. Mr. H. Capper, who presided, briefly introduced the speaker, who had not proceeded far with his address when an alarm of fire in the village unfortunately brought the meeting to an abrupt ending. Mr. Press hopes to be able to continue his address shortly.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 31st Oct. 1913

The annual meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association was held on Tuesday evening at the Association's rooms, Ryder's Farm, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who was supported by Mr. W. C. Cole, Mr. R. E. Bartley, Mr. W. H. Key, etc.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 31st Oct. 1913

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held in the Infants' Schoolroom on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. Alfred Day (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, Edward Clark, C. W. H. Cole, A. Norman, R. Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist (councillors) and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson

Mitham). – Arising out of the minutes it was announced that a public pump at Boxworth End had been repaired. – The first item on the agenda was fully discussed, viz., certain of the parish ponds, and it was resolved that 15 yards of gravel should be obtained for the approaches to the school and chapel ponds. – Mr. Clark called attention to the pond in Market-street. At the fire on the previous Thursday, Mr. Clark, who is a member of the Fire Engine Committee, had found a scarcity of water and a superabundance of mud, and a hole, he said, had to be dug in order to enable the engine to work. Mr. Scard disagreed. Mr. Burton declared that the pond wanted cleaning out or filling up. Four councillors voted in favour of the pond being cleared out and none against, so it was decided to appoint a committee to see the work of clearing out the mud be carried out.

Now came the really serious part of the meeting, concerning the stack fire on a Sunday morning in August. Complaints had been made to the Insurance Office concerned as to the way in which money granted by the office for payment of the workers at the fire had been expended. An argument ensued as to what had been said at the previous meeting, at which certain names had been struck off the list of helpers. During the discussion it transpired that the insurance office had paid £5 5s. for payment of workers, of which £2 15s. 2d. had been paid into the Parish Council Bank account. Certain people thought that the money was also to be applied to the maintenance of the engine. The Chairman suggested that the Fire Brigade Committee should ascertain the names of all the men, and women, who had helped at the fire and report to the next meeting.

(Long report)

STRAW STACKS ON FIRE. 31st Oct. 1913

EXCITEMENT AT SWAVESEY.

The burning on Thursday of last week of two straw stacks in a close on the northern side of Market-street once again threw the village of Swavesey into a state of alarm and excitement

About 7.30 a bright light was observed which was at first thought to proceed from rubbish being burned. P. C. Smith, who was patrolling near the White Horse Inn, soon saw that something serious was amiss, and, accompanied by another man, ran along Market-street. On arriving on the spot – a close between Mrs. E. Mitham's ancient thatched house in Market-street and Mr. Robinson Mitham's farm and builder's yard – it was discovered that a hovel thatched with willows and straw was blazing furiously, and that a straw stack close by was also alight. The alarm soon spread, and it was reported that the fire was in Mr. Robinson Mitham's yard, which is in the centre of the area

devastated in the great fire on March 3rd last, people hurried up from all quarters.

A crowded meeting was being addressed in the Infants' School by Mr. W. H. Press, of the Agricultural Organisation Society, who was speaking on small holdings, when a man entered and announced that there was a fire in the village. At first the audience suspected a practical joke, but one or two men left the room and quickly returned with the intelligence that the news was only too true. The audience immediately rushed out of the school, tumbling over one another in their anxiety to reach the fire. The blaze, however, was not on Mr. R. Mitham's premises, the stacks belonging to Mrs. J. Williams. The fire engine was quickly brought up and placed against the pond in Market-street, but its usefulness was neutralised by the shortness, and in a measure by the leaky condition of the hose. Soon a second stack, also of straw, was in flames. Two other stacks were close by. The nearest, a bean stack, was promptly covered with a cloth, and on this water was poured. Fortunately the little wind there was carried flames and sparks away from these stacks and from the thatched houses in Market-street, and the fire was confined to the two stacks and the hovel.

At midnight all danger was over, but the remains of the stacks were still burning brightly. One incident about eight o'clock caused some amusement. Two prominent villagers were observed crouching over the hose, one on one side, and one on the other. People wondered what they were doing. It appeared that they were stopping punctures with their fingers. Eventually one of these – an inventive genius – constructed a poultice of gault and grass which they wrapped round the hose with pieces of rag. Later in the evening the Captain of the Fire brigade created a mild sensation by appearing for the first time since he took office in full uniform, with helmet, belt and lighted lamp.

During the progress of the fire there were many inquiries for the new engine hose (some 500 feet in length) and the standpipe for use in connection with the new water supply main, which, it was reported, had been ordered by the Parish Council. It transpired that these appliances had been obtained, but had been returned to the makers as they were either too large or too small for connection with the engine.

During the evening visitors crowded in from neighbouring villages. Sergt. Day and P.C.'s Smith (Swavesey), Bell (Over) and Breed (Willingham) were on duty.

The burned stacks which contained wheat, barley and tare straw, were insured with the Norwich Union Fire Office.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 7th Nov. 1913

The rooms of the Swavesey and District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm were opened on Tuesday evening for the winter season. They will be open every Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 p.m., and on the third Tuesday in every month an address on some subject of political interest will be given.

OBITUARY. 7th Nov. 1913

We regret to announce the death on the 27th October of Miss Emily Coote (Netherwood), of High-street, at the age of 28 years. Although she had been afflicted for a long time, the end came suddenly. She was ill for only three days. The funeral took place last Friday in Swavesey churchyard, the vicar officiating. The mourners included Miss Coote (sister), Mr. John Netherwood (stepfather), and Mr. and Mrs. C. Coote (brother and sister-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, with brass fittings. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 7th Nov. 1913

Phyllis Froment, seven years of age, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Froment, of Turn Bridge Cottages, died on the 28th ultimo, and was buried in Swavesey churchyard on Saturday last, the service being taken by the vicar. The little coffin was followed to the grave by Mrs. A. Clark (mother), Mr. and Mrs. C. Froment (grandparents), Master Leonard Clark (half-brother), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Froment, Mr. and Mrs. W. Moody, Mrs. C. Taylor, and Miss L. Moody.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 7th Nov. 1913

A special service of thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the church tower will be held on Sunday next at 6.30 p.m. The following extract from this month's issue of the North Stowe Deanery Magazine will show what has recently been done and what is still needed to preserve the large and beautiful church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, from decay: "The work on the tower is now practically finished, but the men will be busy on the church for some time yet. It has been found that there are other matters of importance that need immediate attention; (1) The lead on the roof not only of the tower but of the rest of the church is in a bad state; the rain finds its way in in many places and if this is not seen to more serious harm must result; (2) the guttering round the church is defective, a large amount of the rainwater that comes down from the roof is allowed to drain into the foundations. (3) The pointing of the clerestory both on the north side and on the south side, but

especially on the north side, is in such a state that the weather is penetrating the walls. The appeal originally was for £200; so generous has been the response that we have nearly £205. To complete the very necessary work as outlined above we shall require £230. Some £25 therefore has to be found. It is hoped that this comparatively small sum will be forthcoming. We repeat that no work that is not necessary is being undertaken.”

CRICKET DINNER. 7th Nov. 1913

The Swavesey Cricket Club held their annual dinner on Wednesday, October 29th, in the schools, when about 30 sat down to a splendid repast. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, at 7 p.m. promptly. After supper was over each one sat down to enjoy himself at the smoking concert, provided by members of the club and their friends. The Milton District Cricket League Cup, which had been gracing the top table was now brought into play and was filled and handed round the assembled company.

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH TOWER. 14th Nov. 1913

The evening service at the parish church on Sunday last was intended as a thanksgiving for the completion of the work of restoring the ancient tower. An unusually large congregation attended, and the service was bright and hearty. The service was preached by Dr. Cunningham, Archdeacon of Ely. (Long report)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. 14th Nov. 1913

The County Inspector of Weights and Measures, Mr. J. F. Bellamy, has spent four days at the White Horse Inn for the purpose of verifying and stamping weights, measures and weighing instruments for the parishes of Swavesey, Lolworth, and Fen Drayton. Owing to a longer period than usual having elapsed since his last visit, Mr. Bellamy and his assistants appear to have had a busy time. More inaccuracies were not unnaturally discovered, and instead of a three day's visit, Mr. Bellamy was hard put to to finish in four. The same thing happens elsewhere in the county.

DEATH OF MRS. J. W. ELLIS. 21st Nov. 1913

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. J. W. Ellis, wife of Dr. Ellis, of Swavesey, which occurred on Sunday, after an illness lasting for seven months. Mrs. Ellis passed away in her sleep about 7.30 on Sunday morning. Mrs. Ellis was a native of Cambridgeshire, being the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Newton, of Whittlesea. She leaves three sons and a daughter, of which the eldest son, Mr. Bernard Ellis, is a tutor in a college at Toronto,

and the second, Dr. Robert Ellis, is in practice with his father. Mrs. Ellis was 52 years of age.

The funeral took place at Swavesey yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Mrs. Ellis had expressed her wishes as regarded the arrangements, and they were carried out according to her instructions. A service was held in the Parish Church, and the interment afterwards took place in the churchyard. The Vicar, (the Rev. Selwyn Sharp) and the Rev. A. C. Vidler (Rector of Lewin), the former Vicar, officiated.

The chief mourners included: Dr. J. W. Ellis (widower), Miss M. V. Ellis (daughter), Dr. Robert Ellis (son), Mrs. Broxholme (sister-in-law), Mr. John Blunt (cousin), Mrs. Carter (aunt) and Mrs. W. C. Cole (cousin).

There was a large attendance at the church and the graveside. The coffin was of polished oak with brass fittings. A large wreath bearing the words "In ever loving memory, from her husband and children" was placed on the coffin and buried with it. There were many floral tributes.

Mr. Robinson Mitham conducted the funeral arrangements.

SWAVESEY RELIEF FUND. 21st Nov. 1913

CHARITY COMMISSIONERS' SCHEME.

STRONG LOCAL CRITICISMS.

The Scheme drawn up by the Charity Commissioners for the administration of the Fire Relief Fund has been received, and can be seen between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the house of Mr. Robinson Mitham, Clerk to the Swavesey Parish Council.

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME.

Trustees. – These are to number seven. (1) Four representatives to be appointed by the Swavesey Parish Council for a term of four years. (N.B. – Council elected for three years only.) (2) Those co-optative for a term of five years to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees to be passed at a special meeting. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp to be one of the co-optative trustees so long as he remains Vicar of Swavesey and attends the prescribed number of meetings.

Cottages. – The Trustees shall expend the whole or a sufficient portion of the money in hand towards defraying the cost of the purchase (in trust for the charity) of a suitable site in the parish of Swavesey, and the erection of cottages thereon suitable for the occupation of poor persons, the cottages to be let at a nominal or fit rent to old age pensioners resident in the parish of Swavesey, or others possessed of a properly secured income, but not in receipt of poor law relief other than medical relief, preference being given to those persons rendered homeless by the fire on 3rd March, 1913

Application of Income. – All expenses of management, e.g., repairs, insurance and other expenses incidental to administration and management of the charity to be defrayed out of income. Subject to these payments, the yearly income is to be applied to, or for the benefit of, old age pensioners not occupiers of the cottages, or, subject to an order or orders of the Charity Commissioners, the surplus income can be accumulated for providing additional cottages to be held in conformity with the provisions of the scheme, or for that purpose shall be paid to the Official Trustee of Charitable Lands.

LOCAL OPINION.

The scheme, which differs considerably from that suggested by the Relief Committee, is being severely criticised. The main objections raised to the scheme are:

(1) The method of appointing the Trustees. The Relief Fund Committee, Mr. Sharp excepted, are ignored. The Parish Council have practically full control, four trustees being appointed by the Council direct, and three by the Council's representatives.

(2) The scheme takes all control of the building of the cottages from the sub-committee specially appointed by the full Relief Fund Committee to carry out the building schemes, who have been working for months, have suitable plans already approved by the full Committee, and are, and have long been, prepared to start building at once.

(3) There is no guarantee that the land presented by Miss Frere will be used in accordance with her known wishes when she gave the land to the Committee. Another smaller plot of land adjoining Miss Frere's, bought on behalf of the Committee at an almost nominal price, might also be thrown on the hands of the Committee.

DEFECTIVE STILES. 28th Nov. 1913

A complaint has reached us from Holywell, Hunts., as to the condition of some of the stiles on the field part between Holywell Ferry and Swavesey. It is alleged that they need immediate repairs, and probably more than one will be found to be beyond mending. We recommend the matter to the attention of the Swavesey Parish Councillors, some of whom are doubtless alive to the importance of retaining all rights-of-way for the benefit of the public.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 28th Nov. 1913

The annual meat tea and social evening in connection with the Women's and Men's Liberal Associations were held in the Friends' Meeting House on Monday. The catering arrangements were in every way satisfactory, trays being presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. H. Capper, Mrs. W. Twist,

Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. S. Wright, Miss E. Day, Miss Hayes, Miss Bridgeford and Mrs. J. Marriott (secretary of the Women's Liberal Association). After tea a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Ebenezer Parish. Mr. J. Brown, of Cambridge, was expected to address the meeting, but he wrote that owing to illness in the family he was unable to be present. On the motion of Mr. H. Capper, seconded by Mr. C. W. Hines, supported by Mr. Jabez Day, it was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Brown. Mr. Tom Wann delivered a humorous and stirring speech, and Mr. J. Kellock followed with an incisive address on the land policy. At the close hearty thanks were accorded to the speakers, also to the ladies for their arrangements for the tea.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Nov. 1913

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. A. Day (chairman), Dr. R. Ellis (vice-chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, E. Clark, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, R. Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The agenda stated that the following matters were to be discussed: Messrs. Prime and Williams' fires, rules of the new Fire Brigade, proposed scheme for old age pensioners, the resignation of the Clerk, and any other business. The audience was large, at least forty parishioners, mainly working men, attending, attracted, no doubt, by the first item on the agenda, the question of the payment of workers at two recent stack fires.

Various matters were reported arising out of the minutes. A bill for a portion of the gravel needed in connection with the village ponds was passed, and the Committee was instructed to obtain more gravel and finish the work. It was reported that the pond in Market-street had been cleared out satisfactorily, and the bills in connection therewith were approved.

There was discussion about the public pump at Boxworth End, which had been stated as being repaired was not in going order. It was agreed to see what the plumber could do to remedy matters.

The rules were decided for the new Fire Brigade.

There was discussion on street lamps. More powerful burners were proposed, but the lamp-lighting contractor had said that he would need more money because of the use of extra oil. The matter was dropped after further discussion.

The signing of the cheques was the next business, during which the public was asked to leave the room. The majority obeyed, very unwillingly, it must be admitted, but four or five remained, and the three Press representatives did not move. Eventually the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The Pressmen

thereupon left the room, but notwithstanding the Chairman's closing of the meeting, the Councillors after a short interval continued their deliberations in camera, but whether they sat as a Council or as a Committee is not known. We understand, however, that the questions of the payment of workers at Mr. Prime's fire and the resignation of the Clerk were dealt with.

WHIST DRIVE. 5th Dec. 1913

A successful invitation whist drive was held on Monday evening at the headquarters of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, Ryder's Farm. The players numbered 68. Prizes were won as follows: Ladies: 1 Miss M. Johnson 239 (prize presented by Mrs. Cole), 2 Miss E. Prime 232 (prize by Mr. W. H. Key), booby Miss V. Dean 173 (prize by Mr. R. Williamson); Gentlemen: 1 Mr. R. Williamson 234 (prize by Mr. W. C. Cole), 2. Mr. R. Gleaves and Mr. John Mitham, who both scored 223, and on spinning a coin the former was successful, and took the prize (given by Mr. Walter Thorp), booby Mr. E. J. Warboys 190 (prize by Mr. William Thorp).

SAD DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD. 5th Dec. 1913

Mr. and Mrs. S. Church, of Carter's-lane, have sustained a sad bereavement by the death, after a painful illness of nine days, of their youngest child, George Francis, aged 2 years and 9 months. The little fellow was taken suddenly ill during the night. Doctors Grove and Bayne were called in, and after a day or two advised his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was taken on Monday, 24th ult. During the week an operation was performed, but in spite of every care, the little boy passed away about four o'clock last Saturday morning. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon in Swavesey Churchyard, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiating. The tiny coffin was borne to the church and grave by six girls, the Misses F. Daisley, E. Prime, Grace and Elsie Dodson, G. Froment and Kitty Culpin. The chief mourners were the bereaved parents, Misses Eva and Doris Church (sisters), Wilfred, Stanley and John Church (brothers), Mrs. C. W. Gray, Mrs. Walter Coulson and Mrs. Girling.

DEATH. 12th Dec. 1913

Mrs. Wimpres died at her residence in Church End early last Saturday morning.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 12th Dec. 1913

A meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. Parish's room on Monday evening.

LECTURE. 12th Dec. 1913

On Thursday week a lecture entitled "Oliver Cromwell" was given in Bethel Chapel by Mr. Horace Brown (of Cambridge). The Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor) briefly introduced that lecturer, and a collection was taken at the close in aid of the renovation fund.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY. 12th Dec. 1913

About 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday in last week Mrs. Jackson, who resides in an old house in Middle Watch, heard sounds of someone moving downstairs. She was on the upper floor with a friend. On going downstairs Mrs. Jackson says she saw a man who on being disturbed disappeared through a window. Both she and her friend were very much alarmed. Very shortly afterwards Mr. Jackson arrived, and it was discovered that a purse containing about £2 which had been lying on the kitchen table, was missing. Information was given at once to the police, and Sergt. Day (Longstanton) and P.C. Smith promptly instituted inquiries. On Saturday morning, the purse, containing about 2s. was found by Mrs. Jackson outside the back door, under some straw. There were thatchers at work on the house, and they were present when the purse was found.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS. 12th Dec. 1913

A series of accidents has happened to Swavesey people within the last ten days. A man fell from a truck of granite which was being drawn along High-street by a traction engine, and barely escaped being run over. He got off with cuts, bruises and a shaking. The Sub-Postmaster, returning in the dark from a Choral Society practice, had a nasty tumble through his crutch sinking into the soft earth of a freshly filled-up trench connected with the new water supply. He has been confined to bed and in the doctor's hands. Mrs. S. Hephher, the wife of the Swavesey carrier, has sprained her ankle, and the Secretary of the Conservative Association is suffering from a similar mishap. The three-year-old son of Mr. H. G. Graves, Messrs. Bailey and Tebbutt's Swavesey agent, pitched head first from top to the bottom of the stairs in the early hours of one morning. He damaged his nose and a leg. A postman's wife tumbled downstairs, and a few hours later her little child followed suit. Both were badly shaken. The parish clerk and sexton, cycling along with a basket of eggs, was run into by another cyclist. The eggs were smashed, and the official bruised, cut and shaken. Lastly, on Saturday, whilst playing in the Over-Willingham Histon Football League match, Mr. S. J. Froment had his shoulder injured. He has been under medical care and unable to work.

GALON'S CHARITY. 19th Dec. 1913

At a recent meeting of the Feoffees it was decided to make the first distribution of coal for the present winter forthwith.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 19th Dec. 1913

The second monthly meeting of the season of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association was held on Tuesday evening at Ryder's Farm. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided over a good assembly of members and friends, who listened with keen interest to a striking address by Mr. W. de L. Devereux, West Cambs. Unionist agent, on the Home Rule, Minimum Wage, and Land questions.

THE LATE MRS. WIMPRESS. 19th Dec. 1913

The funeral of the late Mrs Elizabeth Wimpress, whose death on the 6th instant at her residence in Swavesey at the age of 76 years, was announced in our last issue, took place at St. Ives Cemetery on the afternoon of Saturday, 13th inst. The Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, officiated both in the Cemetery Chapel, where the first part of the burial service was held, and at the graveside. Among the mourners were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wimpress (eldest son and daughter-in-law), the Misses Elizabeth, Alice and Bessie Wimpress (daughters), Mrs. Frank Wimpress and Mrs. Clark (sister). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey. Mrs. Wimpress was the second daughter of the late Mr. John Ryder, of St. Ives, and widow of the late Mr. William Wimpress who was for many years connected with the London Docks Company. She leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

SALE OF WORK. 19th Dec. 1913

On Monday afternoon a successful sale of work was held in Bethel Baptist schoolroom, in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund. In consequence of other meetings in the neighbourhood, the attendance was somewhat smaller than it might have been, but at the same time the sale and subsequent entertainment were a gratifying success, especially in view of the numerous efforts that have been made recently by the members and friends of Bethel Chapel to meet the heavy cost of restoring the chapel buildings. To the general regret, Mr. T. W. Carter, one of the oldest and most valued supporters, was unable to be present, owing to indisposition. At 7.30 p.m. a magnificent sacred entertainment was given in the chapel by the St. Ives Wesleyan Choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Charles York. Every item was thoroughly appreciated.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 26th Dec. 1913

A team of Swavesey schoolboys played a team of Over boys on the Manor Field on Saturday afternoon, and were defeated. The teams were not equally matched, the visitors being older and heavier.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 26th Dec. 1913

The members of the George and Dragon share-out Club held their yearly meeting for division of funds on Monday evening at the Little Rose, when each member received the sum of 12s. 4d. The sick pay during the year amounted to £1 12s. Owing to the illness of Mrs. George Clarke, the hostess, there has been no supper this year.

UNSUITABLE CAROLLERS. 26th Dec. 1913

On Monday night two men and two women belonging to the gipsy fraternity visited the back doors of houses in High-street, and sang – or perhaps it would be more accurate to say made an attempt to sing – “While shepherds watched” and another mysterious piece. Many persons do not regard these gipsies as desirable visitors in broad daylight, and they have strong objections to their presence in their back premises in the dark.

1914. 2nd Jan. 1914

The New Year was welcomed by merry peals on the bells of the parish church.

GALON'S CHARITY. 2nd Jan. 1914

Inquiries are being made in the village as to the delay in distributing the first issue of coal provided out of the funds of Galon's Charity. The feoffees authorised the distribution two or three weeks ago.

SMALL HOLDINGS. 2nd Jan. 1914

Mr. E. O. Fordham, a Small Holdings Commissioner, paid a visit to Swavesey last week. It is understood that there is under consideration a proposal to acquire land for small holdings in Whitton Quarter and Tippler's Drove.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. 2nd Jan. 1914

Mrs. G. Long, of the Priory, has made her usual Christmas gifts of coal, etc., which have been greatly appreciated. Mr. J. B. Ellis and the Rev. and Mrs. Cooksey have also seen that their own tenants, the widows, and other needy persons have been well provided for at Christmas.

DRAINS. 2nd Jan. 1914

Under the superintendence of Mr. E. E. Bowden, the architect in charge of the restoration work in progress at the parish church, the drains at the National School, which were in a bad state, have been thoroughly overhauled and relaid, where necessary. Mr. Bowden's services were very kindly rendered gratuitously.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS. 2nd Jan. 1914

Fifteen deaths occurred during the year 1913 in the parish of Swavesey, against 10 in 1912. Of the deaths in 1913, one was at the age of 86, three between 70 and 80, four between 60 and 70, and three were little children. The births during 1913 show a decrease as compared with the previous year. In 1913 there were 12 and in 1912 thirteen.

A RECORD. 2nd Jan. 1914

For the first time in the memory of living man the butchers' shops were open in Swavesey all day last Saturday. Friday is the regular marketing day in consequence of the butchers having to go to Cambridge on Saturday, but last week the shops were closed on Friday, being Boxing Day, and open on Saturday in consequence of there being no market in Cambridge.

CHRISTMAS AT THE POST OFFICE. 2nd Jan. 1914

The work at the Post Office this Christmas has been a record in every department. Bicycle posts have had to be assisted by carts, and other deliveries have had to be duplicated. Yet notwithstanding the extreme pressure, no delivery has been delayed. His many friends will learn with pleasure that the Sub-Postmaster, Mr. T. Metcalfe, is progressing very satisfactorily after his recent accident.

THE RECENT FIRE. 2nd Jan. 1914

The Parish Council having got into trouble over the stack fire in August through their desire to save the rates at the expense of the workers, appear to be pursuing a similar policy. The cheque from the insurance office concerned for payment of helpers at the fire in Market-street early in October was handed to the Parish council three weeks ago, yet no steps have been taken to disburse the money.

NEW FIRE APPLIANCES. 2nd Jan. 1914

It is stated that the new fire hose, hydrant, etc., have been received from the manufacturers, and that they are satisfactory. Inquiries are now being made as

to when the members of the new fire brigade, who were enrolled last summer, will be instructed in their duties, and also when the rules for the guidance of the brigade, which were ordered to be laid on the table at the last Parish Council meeting on November 25th, will be issued. It is felt that an absolutely untrained brigade will be of little practical use in case of fire.

BASTING THE TURKEY. 2nd Jan. 1914

Discussing turkeys and such like Christmas delicacies with some friends the other night, the churchwarden became reminiscent. "Have you ever heard", said he, "how the maid at the Old House basted a turkey on Christmas Day many years ago? I forget who was living in the house at the time, but the turkey sticks in my memory. Before going to church the mistress had put the turkey in the oven, and had told the maid to take it out in half an hour's time and baste it well. On her return she inquired how the bird was doing and whether the girl had basted it. The girl replied that she had done it thoroughly, and so in very truth she had. The turkey was cut to pieces, for the maid had basted it with a stout cudgel – the only kind of basting she knew anything about."

DEATH OF MR. LORENZO WILLIAMS. 9th Jan. 1914

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Lorenzo Williams, which took place at Torquay early yesterday (Thursday) morning after a long illness. He was the second son of the late Mr. Alfred Williams, grocer and draper, of Swavesey.

MISSIONARY TEA. 9th Jan. 1914

The annual tea and lantern lecture in aid of the Home Missions of the Church of England were held in the National School on Tuesday evening. The tea was well attended, and an interesting lecture on Church work in the Potteries was given by the Rev. T. C. Spurgin, organising secretary of the Additional Curates' Society.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 9th Jan. 1914

After a long illness Mrs. Charlotte Jackson died at her house in Taylor's-lane on Sunday afternoon, aged 81 years. She was the widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Jackson, a native of, and, except for the last few years of his life, a resident in Lolworth. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar officiating.

WORKMEN ENTERTAINED. 9th Jan. 1914

Last Friday evening Mr. Alfred Day entertained his workmen at Mill Farm in honour of his daughter's marriage with Mr. Reuben Parish, which had taken place three days previously. After a sumptuous hot supper and plum pudding the health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom was drunk, and the rest of a very pleasant evening was spent in social enjoyment.

THE PARISH CHURCH. 9th Jan. 1914

The vicar and churchwardens are about to issue an appeal for funds to carry out the very urgent repairs to the south aisle of the parish church to which reference was recently made in these columns. The architect reports that the work is so urgent that it must be proceeded with as soon as the weather permits. The estimated cost of the work, which includes repairs to roof, walls and foundations, is £300. It is announced that Mrs. Long, of the Priory, who is Lay Rector, has promised to spend the sum of £50 on repairs to the chancel.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 9th Jan. 1914

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Dodson celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day. They were married at Swavesey parish church on Christmas Day, 1863, by the late Canon Sharpe, then vicar of the parish, and the old couple will remember one incident in connection with the ceremony. Owing to the church clerk, "Clerk" Hephher, having forgotten to inform the vicar, the wedding party were kept waiting in church for upwards of an hour while the reverend gentleman was being found. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dodson belong to old Swavesey families, Mr. Dodson being the son of the late Mr. Robert Dodson, whilst his wife was the daughter of the late Mr. William Johnson. Her father was 86 and her mother 90 years of age when they died. Mr. Dodson's father passed away when upwards of 80, but his mother died at the comparatively early age of 66. The old couple have a family of three sons and three daughters now alive.

HAS THE PARISH COUNCIL RETIRED? 9th Jan. 1914

About four weeks ago the local agents of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Office and two other offices forwarded cheques to the Parish Council for payment of workers at a stack fire in Market-street early in October. In last Friday's "Weekly News" attention was called to the fact that this money had not been disbursed. Another week has passed, and still no worker has been paid, and no explanation of the delay has been offered. The small sum each man should receive would have been found useful during the Christmas season, but apparently it has not been convenient for the Council to meet, and the working men, some of whom spent the night watching the smouldering

straw, have to wait for their money. The councillors' inaction seems inexplicable occurring as it does immediately after the trouble caused by their attempt to retain for other purposes more than half of the money granted by the Liverpool London and Globe Fire Office for the remuneration of helpers at a stack fire in August.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 16th Jan. 1914

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in Mr. E. Parish's Room, Middle Watch, on Monday evening.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 16th Jan. 1914

A successful entertainment, presided over by Mr. J. Day, of Fen Drayton, was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening in aid of the fund for repairing the Schoolroom.

A CORRECTION. 16th Jan. 1914

We are asked to state that a service, consisting of prayers, singing and Bible reading, was held at the Particular Baptist Chapel at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day, and was well attended. A similar service has been held every Christmas Day for about 100 years.

WHIST TOURNAMENT. 16th Jan. 1914

A whist match, 20 a-side, between Lolworth Institute and a Swavesey team was played in the club-room at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening. Scores: Swavesey 1,588, Lolworth, 1,542. During the interval coffee and other light refreshments were provided, but no intoxicating drink was supplied in the club-room.

AN INQUIRY. 16th Jan. 1914

We have received the following letter from Mr. Alfred Day, Chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council, in reference to a paragraph which appeared with other Swavesey news in our last issue: "Dear Sir, - Will you let me know how and when the Swavesey Parish Council attempted to retain more than half of the money granted by the Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Office?" We would remind Mr. Day that when the sum of £5 5s. granted by the Insurance Office for payment of the workers at the fire in August last was first dealt with by his Council £2 9s. 10d. only was disbursed, the balance £2 15s. 2d. being paid into the Council's banking account. This balance was subsequently distributed amongst the workers, less we believe 10s. 6d. retained, with the consent of the Insurance Office, for use of the fire engine, but only after

attention had been called to the matter in the local Press and the Insurance Office had communicated with the Council.

THE LATE MR. L. WILLIAMS. 16th Jan. 1914

Enclosed in a polished oak coffin, with brass fittings, the body of the late Mr. Lorenzo Williams, whose death at Torquay on the 8th inst. was announced last week, arrived at Swavesey Station on Saturday, and the funeral took place on Monday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery. The cortege left the house of Mr. H. H. Williams, the deceased's brother, at 2.30. The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel. The chief mourners were: Mr. G. D. Williams (brother), Mrs. R. Sutton (sister), Mr. H. H. Williams (brother), Mrs. G. D. Williams and Mrs. H. H. Williams (sisters-in-law).

NARROW ESCAPE. 23rd Jan. 1914

The 12-year-old daughter of Mr. George Brooks had a narrow escape on Tuesday in High-street. She had just left Mr. Albert Parish's coal yard, wheeling a hundred-weight of coal in a small handcart, when a trap, driven by a man said to belong to Over, hit the front of the handcart, which was twisted round and had its handles broken off. The child was much frightened, but otherwise unhurt. As the driver took no notice of the incident, it is presumed he was not aware that he had hit the small cart.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 30th Jan. 1914

Yesterday (Thursday) being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. Thomas Payne, 23 widows and 7 widowers received coal, tea and sugar under the terms of his will.

OBITUARY. 30th Jan. 1914

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Benjamin Francis Carter, aged 74 years, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon after a very short illness. He was at work as usual on Thursday in last week, and succumbed to an acute attack of bronchitis. Mr. Carter had for some years occupied one of the three cottages destroyed by fire on Friday, the 9th inst., and it is believed made a trouble of losing his old home.

CHURCH RESTORATION. 30th Jan. 1914

The Vicar and churchwardens are issuing an appeal for funds to meet the cost of restoring the south aisle of the parish church, the roof, walls, and foundations of which are in such a serious condition that it is imperative that

the work should be taken in hand at once. The cost of the proposed work is estimated at £300, towards which upwards of £50 has already been received or promised. The subscription list is headed by a generous donation of £20 from Mr. and Mrs. William Thorp. The church is a fine old building, dedicated to St. Andrew, in the Early English and Perpendicular styles. The tower, which contains six bells, has recently been restored, at a cost of about £200, raised by subscriptions, and somewhat extensive structural repairs to the chancel are in progress, the cost of which is being borne by Mrs. Long, of the Priory, Swavesey.

FUNERAL. 6th Feb. 1914

The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Francis Carter, whose death after a short illness at the age of 74 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. B. Carter (widow), Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carter (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Hinde (London), Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Whybrow, Mr. and Mrs. Brown (sons-in-law and daughters), and Mr. Henry Carter (son). There were several old friends in the church, where the greater part of the service was said, and at the graveside.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 6th Feb. 1914

Mr. Joseph Jillings died in St. Ives Infirmary on Friday last, aged 89 years. He was one of those unfortunate persons who were burned out in the great Swavesey fire on the 3rd of March last, and, being in a very feeble state of health and having no relatives to look after him, was removed to the infirmary, where he received every attention, and was very comfortable. He was a native of Swavesey, and the oldest parishioner. For many years he was a gentleman's servant, returning to his native village about 20 years ago. For 64 years he had belonged to the Ancient Order of Shepherds, being one of the original members of the Wheatsheaf Lodge, Swavesey, which is still in existence, and remained a member until his death through the generosity of the late Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Vidler, who held himself responsible for the contributions so that the old man's great desire that he should not be buried by the parish should be complied with. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp officiating. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Payne and Mrs. Preston (nephew and nieces by marriage) and Miss Payne. Messrs. W. H. Key and Jethro Linford represented the Wheatsheaf Lodge and there were also a few friends present. Upon the coffin was a wreath from the Rev. A. C. Vidler.

LIBERAL MEETING. 13th Feb. 1914

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held in the National School on Monday evening, and was thrown open to the public. Mr. Ebenezer Parish presided, and Mr. Kellock gave an address on current politics, at the close of which numerous questions were asked and answered. There was a good attendance, many Conservatives being amongst the audience. The meeting was quiet and orderly.

BELL RINGING. 13th Feb. 1914

On Monday 720 changes Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the parish church by Messrs. John Hodson (treble), C. Cook (2nd), D. Prime (3rd), B. Hodson (4th), L. D. Froment (5th), and R. Mitham, jun. (tenor). Mr. Cook, although only a lad, is a most promising ringer. He is a member of the newly-formed society of ringers at All Saints', Longstanton. Mr. John Hodson is a Swavesey veteran, who has rung for 53 years, if not longer.

OBITUARY. 13th Feb. 1914

Another old parishioner has passed away in the person of Mr. Berry Dodson, who died on Saturday last at the age of 70 years, after a very brief illness. He was the son of Mr. Robert Dodson, of Swavesey, and had lived, greatly respected, in the village all his long life. For some years he had suffered from bronchial trouble. He leaves a widow, three sons, and three daughters. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon in the churchyard, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiating, and was attended by the following chief mourners: Mrs. Dodson (widow), Mr. John Dodson and Mr. William Dodson (sons), Mrs. Joseph Rogers and Mrs. Joseph Armitt (daughters), Mr. Joseph Armitt (son-in-law) and Mrs. John Dodson, Mrs. Elizabeth Dodson (daughters-in-law). There were also several old friends and neighbours at the graveside. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 20th Feb. 1914

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm on Tuesday evening, Mr. W. J. Wing, of Cambridge, gave an earnest address on the present aspect of the Home Rule question, and on other matters of current political interest. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, chairman of the Association, presided.

A LOSS TO THE VILLAGE. 20th Feb. 1914

It is now publicly known that Mr. J. H. Starte will be leaving Swavesey in the course of a few weeks. For several years he has carried on a grocery and

drapery business in Swavesey and neighbourhood, and as a business man he has won the high esteem of all who know him, being always most energetic and obliging. As a business man he will be greatly missed from the district. Perhaps Mr. Starte will be missed most by the members and friends of Bethel Baptist Chapel, where he has held office as deacon and secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School for several years. As a deacon he has rendered valuable service to the church, his character and judgement enabling him to serve the church with distinguished acceptance. During the recent renovation of the chapel he was unsparing in his efforts to help the cause he so greatly had at heart. As an officer of the Sunday School, his services are beyond estimate. Those who know his work in this department best can testify to his special adaptability for work among young people. As deputy organist at the chapel, he was always ready to serve, and on many occasions has filled emergencies in this direction, for which the church owes to him a debt of gratitude. He will also be greatly missed because of his regularity at the services, his willingness to serve in any department, and for his financial help. We understand that his successor, Mr. Canham, of Cambridge, is a Nonconformist, and has been actively engaged in Christian work at Girton. It is therefore anticipated that the loss sustained through the departure of Mr. Starte will be met by his successor, and we wish for Mr. Canham the same support that has been accorded to Mr. Starte.

ENTERTAINMENT. 20th Feb. 1914

The children attending Swavesey National School gave an entertainment in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, and scored an immense success. They were assisted by a few ex-pupils and the Headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) and his wife. The talent was therefore entirely local, and the result surprised even those who had predicted great things. The large room was packed. The audience was enthusiastic, and the youthful performers threw themselves heart and soul into their work, and evidently enjoyed themselves as much as their parents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, etc., in the audience. The programme consisted of sketches, recitations and songs. The pianoforte accompaniments throughout the evening were ably played by Mrs. James Parsons. The success of the entertainment was due to the careful training of the children by Mr. C. Wood, who was assisted by Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Lovell, and Miss R. H. Johnson, the assistant teachers. The costumes, etc., were made by Miss Pook, Mrs. Wood, sen., and Miss Capper. The general management was in the hands of Mr. Wood, and he is deserving of the highest praise. During the interval the children who were engaged in the entertainment, to the number of about 70,

were provided with refreshments kindly and thoughtfully given by Mrs. Wood, sen.

(Full programme in newspaper)

CHURCH RESTORATION. 27th Feb. 1914

The recently issued appeal of the vicar and churchwardens for £300 to repair the south aisle of the parish church is being liberally responded to, the sum of £176 having already been received or promised. This portion of the ancient building is in a bad, if not in an actually dangerous, state. Much of the roof will have to be replaced, the walls are bulging, and the foundations are non-existent. It is feared that the original estimate of £300 will not be sufficient to carry out the absolutely necessary work.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT. 27th Feb. 1914

The total receipts of the children's entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday in last week amounted to £12 8s. 11d., and the expenses to £1 18s. 11d., leaving a balance of £10 10s., which has been paid to the Parish Church South Aisle Repair Fund. The attendance on Wednesday evening was 330 and on Thursday 270. A few of the programmes were decorated with floral and other designs in water colours by the children, and fetched good prices. The entertainment was an undoubted triumph for the youngsters and their teachers.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 27th Feb. 1914

The monthly evangelistic services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel last Sunday afternoon and evening. At the afternoon service, Mr. Baynes, President of the Cambridge Sunday School Union, gave an earnest address, and Miss Gautrey and Miss E. Lack, of Cottenham, sang a duet, and the latter a solo. In the evening the Rev. H. J. Watts, pastor, preached, and the Misses Gautrey and Lack again rendered a duet, and Miss Gautrey a solo. The attendance was very good at both services, the evening congregation including many visitors from neighbouring villages.

SWAVESEY FIRE. 3rd March 1913

(from the D. Williams Collection)

Press cuttings state: 30 Houses destroyed in the two hours: Many people homeless. Distressing scenes in the village.

Some 30 houses were totally destroyed and about 90 people rendered homeless by a fire which broke out at Swavesey just before 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon. In addition a number of outbuildings were wholly or

partially destroyed, and other houses damaged. The rapidity with which the fire spread facilitated as it was by the high wind and the thatched houses, was truly amazing, the whole of the houses being destroyed in about 2 hours.

The ravages of a great fire are always appalling and terrible, but they are never so painful as when, as at Swavesey, it is the poorer working classes who are the chief sufferers, their humble houses burnt to the ground and their furniture and household goods, uninsured and beyond their power to replace, either totally destroyed or hopelessly damaged.

The portion of the village of Swavesey, known as Church End, near the railway station, has been almost wiped out by the fire, which is supposed to have originated in the roof of Mr. George Hephher's house in Taylor's Lane, through a spark from a chimney being blown on to the thatch. When first observed the thatch was well alight, and although several members of the family rushed upstairs and commenced to remove the goods upon which they set most value, the flames were through the roof and the whole house ablaze almost before they could decide what to take first, and, as a result, they were among the worst sufferers from the fire. It was only a matter of moments before the wind had ignited the roof of the adjoining houses, the old Railway Tavern, occupied by Mr. Alfred Prime, and fanned by the wind the two houses burst into a tremendous sheet of flame. Burning pieces of thatch were flying through the air at once, and as Mr. R. Williamson's large barn, stables, and other outbuildings on the opposite side of the lane were almost directly in the path of the wind, and were of wood and thatch, they were the next to catch. This linked up the fire with the junction of High Street and Church End, and it was apparent at once that unless the wind dropped or the rain, promised by a cloudy sky, fell, the doom of Church End, studded as it was with old thatched houses of stud and plaster and wood, was sealed beyond redemption. A fine, long-haired cat, belonging to Mr. Williamson, was badly burned, and it was afterwards killed to put it out of pain.

Two old cottages in the corner next to Mr. Williamson's buildings, and tenanted by Messrs. Samuel Daisley and Fred Dodson, were the next to fall victims, and here again the flames got hold with marvellous rapidity. Mr. Dodson was in bed at the time of the outbreak, and had to be aroused in order to escape the flames. By this time efforts were being made to clear the furniture and effects from the houses in the path of the flames, but so rapid was the progress of the fire that it was impossible completely to clear any of the houses, even those comparatively speaking at a distance, before they were licked up and devoured by the flames. Eye-witnesses at this period describe the scene as wonderful and awe-inspiring to an extraordinary degree, the

flames appearing to spread from house to house almost as quickly as one could walk down the street.

Spreading down the left side of the street, at first by outbuildings and the back of the houses, the flames soon leaped right across the road, and ignited the thatched house and farm buildings tenanted by Mr. John Dodson, and although most of the livestock were got out with great promptitude and some of the furniture removed from the house, the whole buildings were ablaze long before the work could be completed, and a number of fowls had to be left to perish.

The flames were now literally leaping down the street on both side towards the railway station, and the spectacle was at once a grand and a terrible one. The intense heat from the burning buildings on both sides, with the dense clouds of black choking smoke, and the patches of burning thatch and fragments of wood which filled the air, made the road practically impassable, but scores of willing helpers faced the danger and discomfort bravely, and did their best to assist their stricken neighbours. P.C. H. Plowman was one of the first at the scene, and he was soon joined by Sergt. Day, of Longstanton, and other officers from the surrounding villages, while Dept. Chief Constable Webb came from Cambridge in response to a telegram, and superintended the valuable efforts being made by the police to rescue property in danger, and to regulate the crowd.

Although the conflagration was not, of course, seen so readily from the surrounding country as would have been the case with a night outbreak, the smoke was visible for a considerable distance, and crowds of people came from St. Ives and the neighbouring villages. After considerable delay the Swavesey Fire Brigade turned out and commenced to play on the burning houses with their manual engine. There appeared to be some difficulty at first with regard to working from the public water supply, but eventually the brigade worked from the Swan Pond. St. Ives Brigade, with another manual, arrived later in the afternoon, and Huntingdon, with a steamer, in the evening.

Among the prominent local residents who assisted were the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Sharp), Dr. Ellis (County Councillor), Mr. E. Parish (J.P. and Guardian), the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Mr. W. C. Cole, Messrs. A. Day (Chairman of the Parish Council), J. Linford, A. R. Norman, J. S. Goad, Twist and Burton (Parish Councillors). Mr. Cooksey, who was conspicuous amongst the helpers by his great height, set a brilliant example. He rescued furniture and poultry, in one instance carrying a large sofa some distance on his back, and carried a great deal of water.

On the east side of the street the fire next attacked Mr. W. Burton's buildings, which being mainly of wood, were consumed very rapidly. Two substantial

brick houses, occupied by P.C. Plowman and Mr. Robinson Mitham, carpenter and builder, escaped. Mr. Mitham's workshop caught alight, but was speedily extinguished. Two old thatched cottages, tenanted by Miss Rebecca Thorpe and Mr. H. Wells, caught fire simultaneously, and were hopelessly ablaze in a few minutes. The next house to be devoured was an old thatched house purchased last autumn by the Misses Frere on account of its picturesque appearance. Its very age and picturesqueness was its undoing, and it burnt like tinder. A substantial brick house, occupied by Mrs. Wimpres, although immediately adjoining the blazing cottage, escaped, its walls being scarcely warm. Two thatched cottages, tenanted by Mr. W. Ding and Mr. J. Martin, were totally destroyed, but Mr. George Green's brick house escaped, though not the outbuildings. On the west side Mr. Williamson's butcher's shop, at the corner, got ablaze but was extinguished to a great extent for the time being, only to fall victim later in the afternoon. Mr. Rowcliffe's house was destroyed, with old cottages tenanted by Miss Rebecca Thorp and Jillings. Mr. A. J. Willson's brick and slate house escaped destruction, but kept smouldering, and was very seriously damaged later in the day. The house of Mr. Ben Thorp, the well-known cyclist and skater, stood next in the path of the flames, with workshops and cycle and motor stores at the back. All the buildings were alight before the rescuers had had time to remove very much, but the more valuable part of Mr. Thorp's stock-in-trade was saved with, it is hoped, the greater part of the valuable cups and other trophies he has won in various sporting events. Mr. Thorp himself was away in London. A row of four brick houses, occupied by Mr. Chas. Garner, Mr. John Gilbey, Mr. W. Kester and Mr. R. Williamson were now directly in the path of the flames, but although they were sadly damaged by heat and water they escaped destruction.

A less painful spectacle was the burning of the next group of houses. These were four old cottages which had been condemned, and were standing empty, and needless to say they offered practically no resistance to the flames, and were eventually wiped out. The next six cottages, all thatched and rather ancient, were occupied by Mrs. Rebecca Eason, Mr. Jas. Wells, Mr. Jas. Taylor, Mrs. H. Ding, Mr. J. Kester, jun., and Miss Marriott. With the terrific blaze created by their moribund and untenanted neighbours, they had no chance, and were soon destroyed before their terrified occupants could do more than remove the goods most prized. The Swan and Two Necks public house was saved, with the adjoining brick house occupied by Mrs. Godfrey, but two thatch and plaster cottages tenanted by Mrs. Howlett and Mr. W. Cain were wiped out. A tremendous blaze raged at this point, near the Swan Pond, and the backs of houses in particular were devoured with marvellous speed. Mr. Twist's house was saved, although it adjoins the burning cottages, but two

rooms were damaged by fire. Some of his outbuildings were burnt, and at the time the house appeared to be in considerable danger, but the Swan Pond is right in front, so that it was an easy matter to drench it with water. Some poultry in the yard and outbuildings were removed to a safe place before the fire reached this point.

This marked the extent of the fire, not because it was not as menacing as ever, for indeed the blaze was most furious at this period, with practically the whole street burning at once. The fire was checked simply because there was a wide gap between the burning houses and the next dwelling. The wind was so strong that the safety of the Manor was feared for, and the Swavesey engine was taken to play on the stacks and outbuildings there, as showers of sparks from burning fragments were being blown in that direction. In the meantime the St. Ives engine was being used to guard against the further spread of the fire. There was absolutely no hope of extinguishing any of the burning houses. Where a well-appointed steam-engine would have been practically powerless, it was obvious that the manual could do nothing beyond watch for the outbreaks continually occurring on houses which had hitherto escaped.

At 5 o'clock there was very little brilliant flame, the whole of the houses having been destroyed in about 2 hours. The scene presented a remarkably desolate and impressive appearance. For a long distance the street was enveloped in a cloud of dense pungent smoke, and on each side the places which had been occupied by houses whose tenants were enjoying their mid-day meal not three hours previously were simply wastes of smouldering ashes and blackened brickwork. As twilight began to fall a row of chimney stacks, where some half-dozen cottages had been destroyed, towered over the ruins, a line of sombre sentinels in a setting of glowing masses and showering sparks. The older people who had been rendered homeless appeared to be absolutely dazed and stupefied by the calamity which had befallen them. One poor old fellow, and old age pensioner, who had lost his little all, without having anything insured, was walking to and fro with a picture in each hand, unwilling to trust these trifles saved from amongst a house of furniture, to the kindly neighbour who offered them shelter. Here and there the flames were extending from a smouldering building, along a garden fence, or creeping up the side of a shed, but the owners, already rendered homeless, and staring with haggard faces at the smoking piles which represented the ashes of their houses and of their hopes, were literally incapable of the effort required to extinguish these miniature conflagrations, which were eventually trampled out by bystanders.

Earlier, when the light of the blazing flames from the houses had shown hundreds of people rushing with furniture and household goods from the

houses already alight or in the path of the flames, the scene had been a brilliant, although a terrible one, but when the flames died down and darkness fell the spectacular glory faded from the minds of the onlookers and the scene of ruin and destruction accentuated the misery depicted on the faces of those who stood around the smoking piles.

The extraordinary manner in which the few articles which had been saved were dumped down bore testimony to the state of mind of their owners. Passing down the darkened street, one stumbled here and there over a little heap of chairs and pictures, or a bundle of household linen, blackened by smoke and soaked with water. In several instances goods were saved from burning houses to the outbuildings of adjacent premises, only to be barely saved again when these buildings were in their turn destroyed.

It would have been well if the heavy shower of rain which fell about 7 o'clock had come a few hours earlier, but although there were slight showers at neighbouring villages and in Cambridge during the afternoon scarcely a drop fell on Swavesey until 7 o'clock. Then there was a drenching storm and the wind which had raged all day and had been mainly responsible for the calamity dropped to a calm. This aided the brigades and other helpers a great deal, but there was one element of danger until far into the night. Furniture was removed from the houses on the north side of Market St., as it was feared they would get alight.

At midnight a heap of coal and coke in the yard of Mr. Jas. Wells, coal merchant, whose house had previously been destroyed, was seen to be well alight, and was only extinguished with great difficulty, and fruit trees in Mr. W. H. Key's garden, close to the cottages first attacked, were destroyed. Mr. Robinson Mitham's house and workshop had a narrow escape. P.C. Plowman saw that the roof between the workshop and office was well alight, and he obtained a ladder and extinguished the flames with buckets of water. Mr. Mitham is Clerk to the Parish Council and other bodies and Assistance Overseer, and a number of valuable documents and parish records were in danger.

[The following observation on the latter incident was added by John Shepperson from family recollections in April 2010: Living in "The Chequers" public house at the time was the well-known builder, farmer and Parish Clerk, Robinson Mitham. When the fire started Robinson was on his way to the station to visit the bank at St. Ives. By the time he arrived news of the fire had reached St. Ives. As he walked down to the bank news was spreading like wildfire. He carried out his business at the bank as quickly as he could, and then hurried back to the station. On the way back to Swavesey

he could see the smoke billowing into the sky in the distance over Church End from his carriage window. As he got near to Swavesey, he could see that a large barn, a familiar landmark to him, had gone. It had been burnt down. On arriving home he learnt that his builder's workshop had narrowly escaped. A sparrow had built its nest in the corner of the gutter, and this had caught fire, but before it could take hold of the woodwork it had been spotted and been put out.]

As already stated, the fire had progressed from house to house during the afternoon with such wonderful rapidity that it was impossible to make a gap by pulling down buildings or to save any of the houses except the newer brick ones by playing on them with water, but one smart piece of work led to the saving of Messrs. Hudson's house, the Little Rose. The tenants assisted by Messrs. Wadsworth's vanman, David Sneesby, and others, pulled down the woodwork which connected some blazing cottages with the Little Rose, and saved the house.

The Swavesey Fire Brigade was commanded by Mr. S. Challis, the St. Ives Brigade arrived about 4 o'clock, Lieut. James bringing about 8 men, and Capt. F. Giddings following by train. The Huntingdon Brigade, with their steam engine, got away from Huntingdon within 10 minutes of receiving the call and arrived about 7 o'clock, 12 men being commanded by Capt. Barber and Lieut. Burbridge.

To correct erroneous statements it may be mentioned that Mrs. A. J. Willson, whose house was subsequently partially burned and contents seriously damaged, was the first person to see the outbreak. She told Mrs. G. Hephher, who was washing for her. The outbreak was at Mrs. Hephher's house. Mr. George Clarke, the parish lamplighter, fishmonger, publican etc. was first on the scene.

Extract from another cutting:

Earlier this week Mr. George Hephher, at whose cottage the fire broke out, whilst searching amongst the ruins found money he had given up for lost. Needless to say it was black. Under the ruins of the buildings in a coal yard at the back of Mr. James Wells' house, which was destroyed, is the grave of Mr. Thomas Mortlock, a corn merchant, who died in 1845, and was, in accordance with his own instructions, buried in a brick grave in a shed on the premises which had been occupied by him during life. In the autumn of 1903 the brick work having collapsed, the grave was filled in. Sunday last was a day that will never be forgotten by Swavesey people. A careful estimate puts the number of bicyclists who visited the scene of the disaster from 3,000 to 4,000 between

the hours of 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. There were many motor cars, and innumerable traps and carts. Men tramped in from other villages. The police estimated that by mid-day at least 5,000 people had attended. Between 1 and 2 p.m. there was a lull, but the afternoon brought further crowds, including brake loads from St. Ives. The Bishop of Ely and Mrs. Chase showed their sympathy with the parish by being present at the evening service at the parish church. The Bishop preached. The congregation was large, and the service hearty. Well-known hymns were chosen and were joined with great fervour. The Bishop's sermon was most appropriate to the occasion. His text was Philippians IV. 6.

FIRE BRIGADE RESIGNS. 6th March 1914

The whole of the Swavesey Volunteer Fire Brigade has decided to resign. It is understood that the men are dissatisfied with the rate of payment for attendance at fires decided on at last week's Parish Council meeting.

AEROPLANE AND SIDE-CAR! 6th March 1914

About noon last Saturday an aeroplane passed over Swavesey in a northerly direction. It was very high in the air, but one villager was heard to remark that he saw that it had a side-car attached. It was, no doubt, one of the naval aeroplanes, with passenger, which visited Cambridge.

DEATH. 6th March 1914

We regret to announce the death after a long and painful illness of Mrs. Spolton, wife of Mr. Alfred Spolton, which occurred at mow Fen Gatehouse on Wednesday. Mrs. Spolton was greatly respected by all who knew her, and much sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and family.

A MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY. 6th March 1914

Twelve months have elapsed since the great fire which devastated Church End, Swavesey. The fire broke out about 2 p.m. on Monday, 3rd March, and within two hours about 30 cottages were destroyed. During the year seven houses have been rebuilt, and a warehouse has been erected on the site of two old cottages.

THE LATE MR. LONG. 6th March 1914

Monday last, March 2nd, being the anniversary of the birthday of the late Mr. George Long, of the Priory, the bells of the parish church were rung during the afternoon and evening in accordance with the terms of his will. Mr. Long was a lover of bells, and on Sunday, 2nd March, 1902, when he celebrated his 63rd

birthday, the bells were rung in his honour for an hour before the evening service. A month later, on Sunday, 6th April, Mr. Long died, and as he passed away the bells were again ringing.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th March 1914

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Infants' School on Thursday, 27th ulto., and was attended by Mr. Alfred Day (chairman), Councillors W. Burton, E. Clark, C. W. H. Cole, Dr. R. Ellis, J. S. Goad, A. Norman, R. Norman, W. Twist, and the clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). – The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Clerk read a letter from the Charity Commissioners, from which it appeared that the appointment at the previous Council meeting of Messrs. Day, Goad, A. Norman, and Twist to serve as elected trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity was premature, as at the time of their appointment the scheme regulating the charity had not been scaled. The four gentlemen were, therefore, re-appointed, the scheme having been scaled on the 24th ulto. The names of the following ratepayers were selected for submission to the justices as those of suitable persons to serve as parish constables: Messrs. C. Burling, who has held the office for some years, E. Clark, W. F. Gleaves, and B. Hodson. It was also agreed that the constable's remuneration should remain as at present. Rules for the Volunteer Fire Brigade then came up for discussion. Mr. Clark, a member of the Fire Brigade Committee, submitted six rules, remarking that he believed that his colleague, Mr. Scard, who was unfortunately unable to be present, had some more. Mr. Clark moved that his rules, which appeared to have been based on those in force at St. Ives, should be discussed with a view to their adoption by the Council subject to the approval of insurance offices being obtained to the proposed scale of payment of workers. Mr. Goad seconded. The suggested scale of pay was: For firemen, 1s. for the first hour and 9d. an hour afterwards, for ordinary pumpers and helpers, 9d. for the first hour and 6d. an hour after. Mr. Clark left the remuneration of the Captain and Deputy-Captain to be fixed by the Council. Mr. A. Norman proposed as an amendment that the rules be laid on the table until they had been completed. Mr. Twist seconded. The Chairman, however, pointed out that the rules had been laid on the table at the previous meeting, and he protested against the time of the Council being wasted by three repeated delays. The captain, he said, was not present, and he ought to be consulted. He suggested that the present arrangements should remain in force. At the time of an outbreak of fire the members of the Brigade might be in different parts of the county, and therefore could not be promptly on the spot. The captain must be allowed to use his discretion, which the rules did not allow. He thought the first men,

whether firemen or not, to reach the engine should have double pay. That would be some encouragement. The captain ought to be given a free hand in regard to the employment of helpers. Mr. Clark here rose to speak, but was promptly called to order by the Chairman, who observed that he had already spoken five times. On reconsideration, however, he said that Mr. Clark might speak once more. Mr. Clark availed himself of this permission to move the suspension of the standing order regulating the number of times a councillor can speak on a subject. Mr. R. Norman thought it would be desirable to know what other villages, such as Cottenham and Willingham, do in the matter of their fire engines. It was eventually agreed to fix the scale of payment at the time of the occurrence of each fire while using the old rules. After further discussion, Mr. Clark resigned from the Fire Engine Committee. A long discussion ensued respecting the remuneration of workers at the fire in Middle Watch on January 9th. The Fire Engine Committee declined to make any recommendation, but Mr. Clark proposed the following scale: Firemen, 1s. first hour, 9d. an hour afterwards; pumpers, 9d. first hour, 6d. an hour subsequently. The proposal failed to find a seconder, and the Chairman objected to pumpers being paid less than men who only walked about. Eventually Mr. Burton moved that 9d. an hour be paid to every worker. Mr. Twist seconded, and the wearied Council unanimously adopted the proposition. The Fire Relief Fund and gipsy encampments in the parish then occupied the attention of the Council.

FLOODS. 20th March 1914

A good deal of the land around Swavesey is under water, and the farmers are becoming anxious.

SEWER IN DANGER. 20th March 1914

The new sewer laid two or three years ago along the bank of the large drain which crosses High-street at Turn Bridge appears to be in danger of collapsing. For some yards the earth has fallen away from the pipes. On Tuesday two small boys amusing themselves by jumping the drain which was full of flood water had a ducking.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 20th March 1914

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, held at Ryder's Farm on Tuesday evening, Mr. A. E. Saunders, hon. secretary of the West Cambs. Unionist Association, gave an excellent address on the land question, etc. In the subsequent discussion Mr. W. C. Cole, Mr. Walter Thorp and others took part.

OBITUARY. 20th March 1914

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 76 years, of Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Payne. Although she had been ill for some years and her condition was causing anxiety to her relatives and friends, it was not thought that her end would come as suddenly as it did. On Sunday morning Mr. E. J. Warboys called at her cottage in Middle Watch with milk. He found the house shut up and the blinds drawn down. He knocked, but could obtain no answer, and fearing that something might be amiss he proceeded at once to Mr. George Crane, Mrs. Payne's brother-in law, who lives in Wallman's-lane. Mr. Crane hastened to the house, affected an entrance though a window, and found Mrs. Payne lying dead in bed. Mrs. Payne was highly respected, and her many acts of kindness throughout her long life had endeared her to all those with whom she came in contact.

A LARGE EGG. 27th March 1914

A duck belonging to Mr. C. Eason, of Swavesey, has laid an egg weighing 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.

A DEFECTIVE DRAIN. 27th March 1914

A correspondent writes: "I am glad attention was called in last Friday's "Weekly News" to the condition of the new sewer near Turn Bridge, but two serious defects were not mentioned. One pipe near the bridge is badly cracked, and another opposite the eastern end of Turn Bridge Cottages is broken, and for some time has allowed offensive sewage to flow into the brook. May we hope that now attention has been called to the matter, the District Council will take action.

A GOOD RECORD. 27th March 1914

Mr. William Henry Key entered the 70th year of his life on Tuesday last. A native of Earith, Hunts., he migrated to Swavesey in November, 1876, where he opened a business as a baker. After a successful career he retired four years ago. During the whole of his life in Swavesey he has been closely and prominently identified with the public affairs of the village. He has been a churchwarden since Easter, 1898, and was the first Chairman of the Parish Council, and subsequently Vice-Chairman until 1910. Among other offices he has held for many years, the following may be mentioned: Feoffee of Galon's Charity, school manager, Treasurer of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association since its foundation in October, 1903, an active member of the Ancient Order of Shepherds, and the only member of the Wheatsheaf

Lodge (the Local lodge) who has been Provincial Chief Shepherd. Recently he has been appointed a life trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity.

CHURCH REPAIRS FUND. 3rd April 1914

Subscriptions to the fund for the repair of the south aisle continue to come in, and it is announced in this month's issue of the North Stowe Rural Deanery Magazine that £211 3s. 11d. has been received or promised. It is estimated that £350 will be needed for this absolutely necessary work. A complete list of subscribers will be found on the notice board inside the church.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 3rd April 1914

The monthly special service was well attended on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor) presiding. The committee had been fortunate in securing Miss Florence Atkin as soloist. The special speaker was Mr. R. H. Dinnage, of Cambridge, who based his address on the five recorded visions of St. Paul. At the special evangelistic service in the evening, conducted by the pastor, Miss Atkin gave two solos. At the close of the service the pastor announced that he had received a pressing and unanimous invitation to the pastorate of a Yorkshire church, and asked the prayers of the church and congregation for guidance. His decision would be given to the members of the church on Sunday evening next.

PRESENTATION. 3rd April 1914

At a public meeting, following a farewell tea, in the Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening, presentations were made to Mr. H. Starte, who is leaving the village. Mr. Starte has for the past ten years been actively associated with Bethel Chapel. Amongst the offices he filled were those of deacon and deputy organist, and teacher, secretary, and treasurer of the Sunday School. He was also a worker in connection with the Christian Endeavour Society. About forty friends sat down to tea, which was served by Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. Godfrey, and Mrs. W. Savage. The Rev. H. J. Watts (pastor) presided at the meeting, and was supported by Mr. Starte, Mr. Ebenezer Prime (deacon), and Mr. J. Day (deacon and church secretary). The Sunday School was represented by Mr. H. S. Aldred (superintendent), Mr. B. Prior (deputy superintendent). Mr. A. Norman (deacon and church treasurer) was unable to be present. During the evening the pastor in fitting terms presented a handsomely-bound teacher's Bible to Mr. Starte from members of the church and congregation. The workers in the Sunday School, through the Superintendent (Mr. H. S. Aldred) asked Mr. Starte to accept as a small token of appreciation, and as a memento of Bethel Sunday School, a copy of Bates'

Cyclopaedia of Illustrations of Religious Truths. Eulogistic speeches were made by Messrs. E. Prime, J. Day, and B. Prior. In reply, Mr. Starte acknowledged the great kindness he had always received, and gave an address based on his personal experience in London and elsewhere. The meeting closed with the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

BETHEL CHAPEL. 10th April 1914

The Rev. J. H. Watts, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, announced on Sunday evening that he had accepted a call to a church in Yorkshire. His pastorate at Swavesey will terminate on the last Sunday in June.

AN OFFENSIVE DRAIN. 10th April 1914

"A Distressed Householder" writes: - Notwithstanding the fact that the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances was called by letter, on 9th March, to the foul stench emitted from an untrapped opening of the public sewer in High-street, near the Rising Sun, and that the nuisance was referred to, not for the first time, in the "Weekly News", no steps have yet been taken to abate the nuisance. On Monday evening the stench was most objectionable. If the defect had been on private property there is no doubt the Inspector would have found means to have had the matter seen to immediately.

DEATH OF MRS. RICHMAN. 10th April 1914

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 84 years, of Mrs. Mary Richman, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Richman. She had been ailing for some time, and passed away between two and three o'clock on Monday morning at her residence in Histon. Both she and her husband were natives of Swavesey, where they lived for the whole of their married life. Mrs. Richman removed to Histon a year or two ago. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Edward Thorp, and she leaves four sons, one of whom is in Canada.

DROVE LETTING. 10th April 1914

The yearly letting by auction of the herbage on the roadsides, droves and by-ways in the parish, took place on Monday evening in the large room at the White Horse Inn, by direction of the Swavesey Rural District Council. The herbage of the Recreation Ground was put up at the same time, by order of the Parish Council. As already stated in these columns, many parishioners object to the herbage being let, as animals are often sent out in charge of small children, and not being under proper control, are a nuisance and a danger to the public, and it has also been alleged that conditions of hiring have not been complied with. It was expected, therefore, that the proceedings on Monday

night would be lively. A large crowd attended, and were not disappointed. The auctioneer, Mr. Clarence Underwood, of Willingham, was supported by Mr. Alfred Day (district councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr. E. Parish (district councillor), Mr. Robinson Mitham (Clerk of the Parish Council, etc.), and most of the parish councillors. The auctioneer read the conditions of the letting, and it was noticed that the roadsides in the village, which it had been agreed at last week's parish meeting should not be let, were excluded. At the close of the reading, Mr. A. Girling, on behalf of Mr. Ellis Long, objected to the roadsides on the Fen Drayton-road, between the Priory and the Plough, being let, as he claimed his frontages which he intended to feed himself. The objection was, however, ignored and the letting proceeded. There was very little competition, except between Mr. Alfred Day and Mr. Daisley, and every lot, with one exception, was knocked down to one or other of these gentlemen, the lion's share going to Mr. Day. Prices realised were very low, and the sum netted by the District council was only £8 17s. 6d., instead of more than double that amount as in previous years. The Recreation Ground fell to Mr. Day for £2.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st May 1914

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 28th ulto., Dr. Robert Ellis and Mr. Arthur Norman were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively for the ensuing year. Messrs. James Parsons and Alfred Day were appointed Overseers.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT. 1st May 1914

The hand-hearse, which has for some years been in request at village funerals, and originally belonged to Mr. H. S. Aldred and the late Mr. James Williams, and latterly to Mr. Edward Clark, has been secured by Mr. Robinson Mitham, the Swavesey undertaker.

SALE OF WORK. 1st May 1914

In aid of the Parish Church (South Aisle) Repair Fund a sale of work was held in the grounds of the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoon, and realised £10 9s. 3d., all stalls being practically cleared out before closing time. More than one would-be purchaser returned home with money unspent. The stalls were in charge of the following ladies: Fancy work, Mrs. Capper and Miss Agnes Wells; plain needlework, Mrs. Gilby; blouses, Mrs. E. J. Linford, jun., and Miss Martin; sweets, Mrs. Sharp and Miss Clara Thorp. Mrs. J. Dean superintended the tea and refreshment department, assisted by Miss G. Froment, and Miss E. Prime.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 1st May 1914

The winter season of the Friends' Meeting House Mothers' Meeting and Band of Hope was brought to a close on Monday evening by a successful tea followed by an entertainment given by the Band of Hope children. The general arrangements were in the capable hands of Miss F. Gaunt, to whose untiring efforts the success of the evening, and also of the season's work, was mainly due. The children's table at tea was superintended by Mrs. H. S. Aldred and Miss Izzard, and the adult's table by Mrs. Godfrey sen. At the entertainment Mrs. Watts White, of St. Ives, presided, and the room was crowded. The proceedings opened with a hymn and prayer, after which Mrs. Watts White gave an address. The programme was contributed by children, and consisted of recitations, songs, a dialogue, hymns, and a Chinese umbrella piece by eight girls, who had been drilled by Mrs. Aldred. Miss Izzard played the accompaniments on the organ.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A BABY. 1st May 1914

The little child of Mr. A. G. Prime, jun., had a narrow escape from death by drowning on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Prime was wheeling the babe in a perambulator near Moor Fen Gatehouse, and stopped to tie the bootlace of her small son, who was walking beside her. The roadway sloped from the railway gates, so Mrs. Prime turned the perambulator crossways to prevent it running away. Whilst engaged with the bootlace a goods train passed by, and whether it shook the perambulator is not clear, but something started the carriage, and the mother was horrified to see it and her baby precipitated into a deep ditch close by. The strap broke and the child fell beneath the carriage. Mrs. Prime, without a moment's hesitation, jumped into the water and mud of the ditch to the rescue of her child. The mishap had been seen from the gatehouse on the opposite side of the railway line, and Messrs. C. Keep and W. Spolton, and others hurried out. Mother and child were speedily lifted on to dry ground, and the perambulator was afterwards hauled out with hoes. The child was provided with dry clothing by Mrs. W. Kester before being taken home.

CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT. 1st May 1914

The first concert of the Swavesey Choral Society, given at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, was a most successful function, except as regards attendance, which was not as good as it ought to have been. Speaking in a non-political sense, Swavesey people are a very conservative race. They fight shy of anything new, especially when the novelty is brought out by local effort, and as little was known of the Choral Society, which only came into

existence at the beginning of the winter, they took scant interest in the concert. Next morning they were sorry, and a much larger attendance may be predicted at the society's next public performance. No encores were allowed, and the lengthy programme was carried out without a single alteration, addition, or omission, and with no vexatious delays. A punctual start was made at 7.30 p.m., and the concert concluded at 9.30. (Full programme in newspaper)

THE NIGHTINGALE. 8th May 1914

On Wednesday night a nightingale was heard in the village.

THE YEOMANRY. 8th May 1914

The local detachment of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry was drilled on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday evening, and attracted a large concourse of spectators. Sergt. C. Townsend (of Longstanton) was in command.

PARISH CHURCH. 8th May 1914

The work of repairing the south aisle of the parish church, which is in urgent need of attention, has been begun, and is being carried out by Mr. E. E. Bowden, of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

BELL RINGING. 8th May 1914

The recently formed junior team of ringers made their first public appearance last Sunday, when they rang before the morning and evening services. The following lads form the team: 1st bell Bertram Prime, 2nd Cyril Hephew, 3rd H. Prime, 4th Walter Ding, 5th Edward Williams, tenor Charles Howlett.

FALL OF A BIG TREE. 15th May 1914

At 10.45 a.m. on Saturday a large elm tree close to Church Bridge fell with a crash, smashing the top off a lower tree in its fall and blocking the footpath in the high-road. Fortunately no one was passing at the time. The tree snapped clean off about 15 feet from the ground. There was a strong wind blowing.

THE BLESSING OF SIGHT. 15th May 1914

There was no special service of thanksgiving for the blessing of sight at the parish church on Sunday last, but the Vicar in his morning and evening sermons made reference to the duty of thankfulness for the blessing. He urged his hearers liberally to support the appeal that was being made on behalf of the sightless, and said he would be pleased to receive and forward to the proper quarter any donations.

OBITUARY. 22nd May 1914

Mrs. Sarah Parish, widow of the late Mr. Abraham Parish, died on Saturday last and was buried in Swavesey cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. She was 77 years of age.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 22nd May 1914

The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. A. D. Pierrott, examined the children in religious knowledge on the 14th instant, and has since furnished a most satisfactory report. As regards written work he reports that "the work of the upper division was excellent throughout, and that the work of the lower division was most creditable." Referring to the viva voce examination, the Inspector says – "Infants – Thoroughly good work is done in this department. Upper standards – In all these classes I found very careful work, and some really excellent standards are achieved. The children are intelligent, and the answering of the questions is very accurate and thorough. I am glad to find that church history is taken. The singing is accurate and pleasing. I congratulate the school on its high efficiency."

THE FROST. 29th May 1914

Considerable damage was done by the frost during Tuesday night in the village gardens and allotments, especially to potatoes.

ONE TOO MANY. 29th May 1914

Mrs. Thompson Mortlock, of Clifton Cottage, on examining a chicken hatched on Wednesday morning discovered that it had two feet on one leg.

LARGE BROCCOLI. 29th May 1914

Mr. James Trundley, sen., has grown a spring broccoli (Ledsham) in the Hale Allotments, which weighed 14½lbs. The broccoli was cut on Friday before the feast, as the grower feared that if left until the following day it might disappear.

ACCIDENT. 29th May 1914

Early on Wednesday evening Mr. W. Unwin, of Over, a young man, cycling down Over hill towards Swavesey Station, ran into Mr. D. Askew, farmer of Cottenham, who was examining a horse with Mr. Arthur Norman near the bridge. Mr. Askew was knocked down, but only slightly injured. The cyclist's head was hurt, necessitating medical treatment, and his machine was damaged.

THE FEAST. 29th May 1914

This year's feast, which began on Sunday last, has been very quiet and tame. As usual a steam roundabout, shooting galleries, stalls, etc., took possession of Market-street, and there were numerous visitors, but not as many as in some previous years. On Sunday the services at the parish church were well attended, the congregation at evensong being particularly good. Later in the evening the St. Ives Town Band gave a sacred concert in Market-street. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the village club played cricket matches with Lolworth, Mr. Philip Papworth's XI, and Willingham respectively, but was defeated in each game. The weather was fine but cold.

BLOCK ON THE RAILWAY. 29th May 1914

A few minutes after 4 a.m. on Wednesday the brake van of a fast down goods train was derailed through the breaking of an axle just after passing Fen Drayton crossing. The driver, noticing that something was wrong, looked towards the back of the train, and saw dust flying. He pulled up at once, but fortunately not too quickly or the van would have been overthrown, and the guard in all probability injured. As it was, he was only severely shaken. The guard immediately called out the permanent way men at the gate houses, and the stationmasters at St. Ives and Swavesey were informed. A breakdown gang was sent for, and soon attended with a crane and other appliances. The traffic was worked on the up-line until 11 a.m., the trains being piloted by the Stationmaster of St. Ives. The permanent way was slightly damaged, a few sleepers being torn up.

NOT RATS. 6th June 1914

Mr. A. E. Daintree, who has recently moved into one of the newly-built Trinity College cottages at Boxworth end, had a strange experience the other night. He was awakened by mysterious sound under his bed. He roused his wife, who suggested rats, but this idea he scouted as the house was new. Striking a match he discovered that the disturbance was caused by a young rabbit, which he promptly ejected, and, returning to bed, finished his night's rest.

A NUISANCE TO ABATE. 6th June 1914

"Father of a family" writes – I read with great interest the letter of a Histon correspondent in last Friday's "Weekly News" complaining of the practice of squirting at Histon Feast, and suggesting that the Parish Council should take action. At Swavesey Feast the other week these squirts were a serious nuisance, but I do not think our Parish Council could effectively take measures

to abate it, as I believe they have no control over the feast or the feasters. May I suggest that it is a matter in which the police can and should properly interfere?

CHAPTER OF INCIDENTS. 6th June 1914

A lad in backing a cart containing cans of milk on Tuesday evening on Swavesey railway platform, went too far, and the cart and pony fell over on to the metals. Both shafts were broken, but the pony was not hurt, and only about a quart of milk was spilled. On the following day an axle cap and linch-pin fell from another farmer's milk cart near the station. The driver all unconscious reached home, about a mile distant, without the wheel coming off, and it was only when the cap and pin were taken to him that he discovered how narrowly he had escaped a spill. Earlier the same day, through the breaking of a wanty, a coal merchant's cart tipped up near the Swan Pond, and the bags of coal were scattered over the road.

THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND. 6th June 1914

News of the disaster to the Canadian liner Empress of Ireland reached Swavesey by a private telephone message about midday on Friday last, but no details were given. At 2.30 p.m., however, Mr. W. F. Gleaves, newsagent, posted up at his shop a telegram from the London "Daily Chronicle" announcing that the vessel, with 1,200 souls on board, had been sunk in a collision with an iceberg, and that it was feared all had perished. Shortly before 7 p.m., a further telegram was posted to the effect that the liner had collided with another ship in a dense fog, and had sunk in ten minutes, and adding the numbers as then known in London of the lost and saved. The news caused general consternation, and groups of people read and re-read the appalling messages during the afternoon and evening. Many persons in Swavesey were personally interested as it was feared that a one time resident might be on board, and Mr. Sam Dodson, at present home on a visit to his parents, sailed in the Empress of Ireland in January last, and expected to return by her on the 12th inst. — In his sermon on Sunday at the parish church the Vicar made a sympathetic reference to the disaster.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 13th June 1914

Swavesey national schoolboys visited Oakington on Saturday afternoon, and inflicted a severe defeat on the schoolboys of that village.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' UNION. 13th June 1914

A meeting in the interest of the Agricultural Labourers' Union was held on the Recreation Ground at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday, and was addressed by members of the Cambridge I.L.P. The chair was taken by a gentleman who stated that he was an architect and quantity surveyor. There was a fair attendance, about 50 persons being present, but an appreciable portion of the crowd was not in sympathy with the objects of the meeting. Many questions were asked, some of which appeared to annoy the speakers. Ten men expressed their willingness to join the union.

PROPERTY SALES. 13th June 1914

Two sales of property of considerable interest to Swavesey people have been held. Last Friday evening a residence, with a large garden and orchard, and six lots of valuable pasture and arable land, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Thomas Daintree, was offered at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, by Messrs. Dilley, Son and Read. Mr. J. Shepperson, of Boxworth End, secured a close of pasture land in Bucking Way, and the remaining lots were bought by Mr. S. W. Crisp. On Monday afternoon the Docksey-Daintree freehold estate in Swavesey, Longstanton, Holywell-cum-Needlingworth and Hemingford Grey, were offered by Messrs. Looker and Theakston, at the Institute, St. Ives, and attracted a large attendance, and most lots found purchasers. The greater part of the property was in Swavesey parish, and of this the Cambridgeshire County Council secured Thorp's Farm (96a. 1r. 35p.) for £1,800, a field of pasture land in Tippler's-road (18a. 1r. 21p.) for £410, part of the Mill Field (19a. 1r. 19p.) for £920, and the other part of Mill Field (12a. 0r. 18p.) for £675. The Mill Farm, containing 78a. 0r. 3p., with house garden, etc., was knocked down to Mr. Alfred Day for £1,400, and Friesland Farm (107a. 1r. 15p.) was bought by Mr. Robinson Mitham for £3,000. Mr. Day and Mr. Mitham are the tenants of the respective properties. With hardly an exception the other lots sold fell to Swavesey people.

THE CHURCH IN WALES. 19th June 1914

A special service of intercession on behalf of the Church in Wales was held at the parish church last Friday evening. There was a good congregation.

MILK AND WATER. 19th June 1914

Whilst attempting to snatch a branch of a tree overhanging Covell's drain in Mow Fen, a milkman, the other day, overbalanced and fell head first into the water, which is about four feet deep. Beyond a thorough sousing he was none the worse for his involuntary bath.

CRICKET. 19th June 1914

On Saturday afternoon the Swavesey 2nd XI played Coton in a Milton League match and were defeated by 25 runs on the first innings. The Swavesey club play the Sons of Temperance C.C. on Parker's Piece to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon in the first round of the Cambs. Junior Cup. Play will commence at 2 o'clock.

HELPING ADDENBROOKE'S. 19th June 1914

Mrs. Long, the President of the Swavesey Division, Addenbrooke's Hospital Council Organisation Fund, has the gratification of being able to report a very satisfactory result of the recent house-to-house collection in the villages in her district. The total amount collected this year is £35 11s. 1d., of which Swavesey collected £9 10s. 6d. The collection in Swavesey was made by Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Gilby, Mrs. R. Mitham, Miss M. Cole, Miss Gaunt, and Miss A. Wells, to whom Mrs. Long wishes to tender her best thanks for their valuable and much appreciated assistance.

THE STORM. 26th June 1914

During the heavy storm which broke over the village last Friday a table lamp was struck by lightning in the kitchen of the Swan Inn and the glass chimney smashed.

MOTOR SIGN POSTS. 26th June 1914

A correspondent writes: - Some months ago, at the request of the School Managers, the Swavesey Parish Council decided to ask the County Council to erect motor caution sign posts on each side of the school. May I inquire when the posts will be put up?

VICTORY. 26th June 1914

The Swavesey C.C. eleven were successful in their match last Saturday with the Sons of Temperance in the first round of the Cambs. Junior Cup.

CHURCH OUTING. 26th June 1914

The members of the choir of the Parish Church, the bell-ringers and other church officials, accompanied by the Vicar and Mr. W. H. Key, churchwarden, had a day's outing at Hunstanton on Wednesday. The party, which numbered between 40 and 50, had a most enjoyable time. The whole of the expense was borne by Mrs. Long, of the Priory.

OLD BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th June 1914

Anniversary services in connection with the Old Baptist Chapel were held on Tuesday, the special preacher being the Rev. J. Calcott, of Coventry. Between the services there was a public tea. The attendance was excellent, showing an increase on that in recent years, and the collections in aid of the chapel funds are satisfactory.

TELEGRAPH ARRANGEMENTS. 26th June 1914

Public notice has been given that the Postmaster-General intends to place a telegraphic line over the public road between Swavesey Post Office and the railway station. It is understood that this new line will replace the old and worn-out line which passes at the back of the village, and that when the work is complete Swavesey will be in direct telegraphic communication with Cambridge, instead of with St. Ives, as at present.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 26th June 1914

The Sunday School anniversary was duly celebrated at Bethel Chapel on Sunday last. Sermons were preached by the Rev. Hurnett, of Hareton, with whom the pastor, the Rev. H. J. Watts, exchanged pulpits for the day. In the afternoon there was a special service for the children, during which a lighthouse, each stone of which bore a Biblical inscription, was erected by the scholars showing how the Christian life was built up. There was a large congregation, and the service was much enjoyed. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the Sunday School Funds, and were good.

ALARMING INCIDENTS. 3rd July 1914

Dwellers in Market-street on Monday morning were alarmed by loud cries of distress. Mrs. Bert Hodson, with her baby in her arms, was playing with a young steer in the street, when the animal turned on her and knocked her and her baby down. She shrieked, and her cries brought help at once, and mother and child were rescued before either was injured.

BREAD AND BAKERS IN POND. 3rd July 1914

Mr. H. G. Key's baker's cart, its driver and its contents, came to grief in the Swan Pond on Tuesday. Mr. Key's assistant, Mr. Cyril Hephher, had driven the horse into the pond for water, when the animal backed the cart into a deep hole, where it stuck, the water rising above the loaves and bags of flour. Men employed in building the old age pensioners' cottages close by went to the rescue. Mr. C. Hephher jumped out of the cart into the pond, and Mr. Key, who had come up, waded into the water with Mr. Jonas Dodson and attached

scaffold ropes to horse and cart. After a hard struggle both were got out, but bread and flour were soaked and useless.

ACCIDENT IN HAY FIELD. 3rd July 1914

Mr. James Prior, of Stanton View, Boxworth End, fell from the top of a load of hay in a field in Bucking Way on Tuesday afternoon. He was engaged in binding the load when a hook on the cart broke, and he was precipitated to the ground, falling on his back. The sound of the man's body striking the hard earth was heard by Messrs. C. Parish and J. Shepperson, who were working in another field about 200 yards away. One of them thought that a load of hay had been upset. There was plenty of willing help, and Mr. Prior's pony and cart were sent for, and he was conveyed home. It is understood that while not bones have been broken, Mr. Prior is suffering from severe shock, bruises, etc.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL. 3rd July 1914

The Rev. H. J. Watts closed his pastorate of the Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, on June 28th. At the close of the evening service the Communion service was held. Immediately afterwards, in recognition of Mr. Watts' faithful and zealous labours, and the fact that by his persistent efforts over £500 had been secured and paid into the Chapel Renovation Fund, Miss M. Carter read a letter from Mrs. T. W. Carter (who through illness was prevented from being present). There was presented to the retiring pastor and his wife, a handsome electro-plated tea service, from some members of the church and congregation, and friends outside the church. Mr. Watts suitably and gratefully responded, and he leaves for his new sphere of service at Conisborough (between Doncaster and Sheffield) with the best wishes of many of his former flock, who esteem him highly for his deeply spiritual ministry.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 3rd July 1914

The return match between the boys of Swavesey and Lolworth schools was played on the ground of the Swavesey Cricket Club last Friday evening. Swavesey were again victorious, though this time by the narrow margin of only one run. The Lolworth team are to be commended for their pluck. They tramped about four miles to play. How many adult cricketers would be keen enough on the game to do this?

SCHOOL CLOSED. 10th July 1914

The lath and plaster ceiling of the large room of the National School having been reported to be unsafe, is being replaced by a ceiling of wood. The schools will be closed for a fortnight.

CRICKET CLUB. 10th July 1914

The Swavesey Cricket Club won a victory and sustained a defeat last Saturday. At home the second eleven met Longstanton in a Milton and District League (Division II) match, and were beaten. The first eleven, on Corpus Christi College Ground, Cambridge, played Ainsworth C.C. in the second round of the Cambs. Junior Cup, and were successful.

SUCCESS. 17th July 1914

As a result of a recent examination for free scholarships, organised by the "Daily Sketch", certificates for general proficiency have been awarded to Florrie Daintree and Arthur Ashmore, pupils at Swavesey National School.

POST OFFICE IMPROVEMENT. 17th July 1914

The new telephone line from Swavesey Post Office to Over-road has been expeditiously and satisfactorily completed within a week, but the transfer of Swavesey from the St. Ives to the Cambridge circuit will not take place until Wednesday next.

SMALL HOLDINGS. 17th July 1914

Under the superintendence of Mr. H. G. Few, representing the County Council, the various plots of the land recently acquired by the County Council for small holdings in Mill Field and Bucking Way, were balloted for at the National School last Friday night.

TURN BRIDGE SEWER. 17th July 1914

Attention has been called in these columns to the condition of the new sewer pipes which run along the bank of the large drain from Turn Bridge. After prolonged consideration the pipes, which were in danger of falling into the brook, have been rendered secure by the bank having been heavily concreted.

CRICKET. 17th July 1914

The Swavesey Second Eleven career of disaster continues. Last Saturday they played Over on the Manor Field and were again defeated. The Over team was captained by Mr. Ridley Richardson, who an hour after the match was accidentally drowned whilst bathing at Overcote. The Swavesey club was represented at the funeral yesterday afternoon and also sent a wreath.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS. 24th July 1914

Caution signals, bearing the word "School", have been erected this week by the County Council. One has been placed opposite the old Brewery house in Middle Watch, and the other at the northern side of Turn Bridge in High-street. Exception has been taken to the position of the latter post. It is said that the caution does not stand out sufficiently boldly, owing to the light yellow of the brick wall of a house forming a bad background.

CALLED TO ARMS. 7th Aug. 1914

Reservists and Territorials in Swavesey and neighbouring villages promptly obeyed the call to arms. On Wednesday they left Swavesey Station by nearly every train, and had an enthusiastic send-off.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT. 7th Aug. 1914

In descending the stairs from his bedroom about 2 a.m. on Tuesday Mr. John Senter fell and fractured two ribs. He is being attended by Dr. Gill, Dr. King's locum tenens at Willingham. On Tuesday evening Mr. Senter, who is an Army Service Corps pensioner, and the brother-in-law of Mr. Slater, the landlord of the White Horse Inn, whom he assists, received instructions to report himself for duty in the Commissariat at Harwich, but unfortunately his condition is so serious that he cannot obey the summons.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 14th Aug. 1914

Swavesey National School was inspected on Wednesday, with a view to its conversion into a hospital.

THE RELIEF FUND. 14th Aug. 1914

The unexpended balance of the Coronation Festivities' Fund has been sent to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

INTERCESSIONARY SERVICES. 14th Aug. 1914

Special prayers, psalms and lessons authorised by the Archbishops and Bishops with appropriate hymns, were used at all services at the parish church last Sunday, and the Epistle and Gospel were also specially selected. The offertories throughout the day were in aid of the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund, and amounted to £8 9s. 10d. This sum was duly forwarded to the Prince on Monday. Intercessionary services are for the present being held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, at the parish church, and on Thursdays at the Mission Church.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 21st Aug. 1914

The lady members of the local Voluntary Aid Detachment have been busy this week cutting out and making garments and collecting subscriptions.

CAPT. MORRISON-BELL. 21st Aug. 1914

The congratulations of the Swavesey Unionist Association on his recent marriage having been conveyed to Capt. E. W. Morrison-Bell, he has replied thanking the members for their kind wishes. He has also, at the request of the Hon. Sec., presented the Association with a portrait of himself. Capt. Morrison-Bell is serving with a Yeomanry regiment.

NATIONAL RESERVE. 28th Aug. 1914

About a dozen Swavesey men have been enrolled in the National Reserve by Mr. E. H. Thornhill, of Boxworth, who is acting as commandant of a district of which Swavesey forms part.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE. 28th Aug. 1914

The following men belonging to Swavesey are on active service: Messrs. H. Carter, W. Crisp, B. G. Mann, C. Savage, J. Savage, A. Whybrow (Reservists), A. Coulson (Royal Marines), J. W. Goad (Army Service Corps), Dr. R. Ellis (Medical Corps), C. Day, J. Taylor, F. Wilderspin, H. Wilderspin, jun., (Northants. Yeomanry).

A WORD FROM CANADA. 28th Aug. 1914

The following extract from a letter, dated August 5th, from a young Swavesey man farming successfully in the province of Ontario, Canada, to his relatives at home may be of interest: "I hear to-day that England and Germany have declared war, following Russia, France, Austria and Serbia. It looks as if it might be an awful war. The Government (Canadian) is mobilising troops in this country, and thousands have volunteered. I was wondering to-night if C-- (the writer's brother in Swavesey) would have to go. I hope not, for mother's sake, but I would not like to see him shirk his duty. It is a war, the results of which will doubtless materially affect old England one way or the other. This country is very excited over it just now, for in the event of England being beaten, which God forbid, we should be at the mercy of any Power that was strong enough to keep something back, for this is such an enormous country with such a few people compared to your tight little island with its teeming millions. However, we will fight to the limit if it comes to

that sooner than lose the Union Jack.” (N.B. – the brother joined his Yeomanry regiment for active service on the day the letter was written.)

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. SWAVESEY DISTRICT. 28th Aug. 1914
In the Swavesey district, which includes Swavesey, Willingham, Over, Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Longstanton and Boxworth, promises have been received to equip 86 beds should they be required. Mrs. Ellis Long states that the appeal for extra funds is being liberally responded to, and further offers of both money and work will be gratefully acknowledged.

DEATH OF MRS. HAWKES. 4th Sept. 1914

Mrs. Sarah Ann Hawkes, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Hawkes, brewer and corn-merchant, died on Thursday morning after a long illness, shortly before noon. She was 71 years of age.

EARLIER CLOSING. 4th Sept. 1914

In compliance with the recommendation of the magistrates, all public houses in the village of Swavesey are now closed at 9 p.m. The alteration took place on Sunday last.

OBITUARY. 4th Sept. 1914

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Eliza Parish, widow of the late Mr. Jabez Parish, which occurred about 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, after a long illness. She was 79 years of age. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

PROPERTY SOLD. 4th Sept. 1914

By direction of the trustee of the will of the late Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, Mr. C. W. Underwood offered the following property for sale at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Monday. A freehold stud, plaster, and thatched messuage, yard, kitchen garden, etc., bought by Mr. Walter Lack, jun., for £60, and a freehold enclosure of arable land in Lairstall Drove, containing about 3 roods 30 poles, was knocked down to the Rev. J. F. Cooksey for £42 10s.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. 4th Sept. 1914

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the list published last week of men belonging to Swavesey who are on active service:- Pte. George Brooks (1st East Lancs.), Lance-Corpl. C. Garner (Suffolks), Gunner G. Garner (18th Battalion, R.F.A.), Pte. W. Neal (Special Reserve), Pte. Archie Welch (Yorkshire Regiment, Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own). The

names of Messrs. Fred Causer and Wilfrid Hepher, who have since enlisted, the latter with the Royal Engineers, should also be added to the roll of honour.

ONE WAY TO HELP. 11th Sept. 1914

Mr. W. F. Gleaves, the local newsagent, is selling copies of a poem, entitled, "The Day," written by a Bath railway porter, for the benefit of the National Relief Fund. He will send the whole of the money he receives to the Fund, making no deductions whatever. As the money is being collected by means of boxes, the sum paid per copy is in excess of the nominal charge, ½d.

THE LATE MRS. J. PARISH. 11th Sept. 1914

The remains of the late Mrs. Jabez Parish, sen., whose death was recorded in our last issue, were laid to rest in Swavesey cemetery on the 3rd inst. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel officiated. The following mourners attended: Mrs. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Mr. G. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. James Parish, (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. A. Parish, and the Misses D. and A. parish (grandchildren).

"FOR KING AND COUNTRY". 11th Sept. 1914

On Thursday week a well-attended meeting in support of Lord Kitchener's appeal for recruits was held in the Schoolroom. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided. A resolution pledging support was proposed by Mr. E. Parish, seconded by Mr. W. C. Cole, and carried unanimously. Addresses were also given by Mr. H. J. Jones, late Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, and the Rev. Charles Stewart, Senior Chaplain on the Ecclesiastical Establishment in India, who is now locum tenens in the absence of the Vicar. The rev. gentleman also spoke at another public meeting on Tuesday evening last, when the roll of honour was still further increased.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. 11th Sept. 1914

The following names should be added to the list of Swavesey men who are with the colours: W. Trundley (A.S.C.), Warren Wright (11th Howards). The under-mentioned have enlisted and have left the village: *Arthur Prior, George Seekings, and Arthur White (1st Cambs.), *E. W. Gray (Grenadier Guards), and George Goad. (*From National Reserve). Mr. E. E. Bowden, the architect who has been in charge of the restoration work at the parish church, has enlisted in the Middlesex Regiment. Ten other young men have also given in their names. There are still about 35 men of military age left in Swavesey.

THE LATE MRS. A. HAWKES. 11th Sept. 1914

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Hawkes, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Hawkes, brewer, whose death was announced last week took place at Swavesey churchyard on Monday afternoon. The Rev. E. Young officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. G. Hawkes (son), Mrs. A. W. Wells and Mrs. J. Parsons (daughters), Miss E. Hawkes and Miss M. Parsons (grandchildren), Mrs. J. Hawkes (daughter-in-law), and Rev. A. Wells (son-in-law).

SWAVESEY NATIVE'S DEATH. 18th Sept. 1914

The death is reported from Blackpool of Mrs. Rhoda Wells, a native of this village. Mrs. Wells had resided at Blackpool for quite 40 years, and passed away there on Sunday morning, at the age of 89.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. 18th Sept. 1914

Fred Tompkins has enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Second Army. He is the son of Mr. George Tompkins, an old soldier, who in spite of his three score years and ten or more, has enrolled in the National Reserve. Information has reached the village that Harry Beaumont, second son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for upwards of 40 years the Swavesey Schoolmaster, who went to British Columbia between five and six years ago, has enlisted for service with the Canadian contingent.

PARISH COUNCIL. 18th Sept. 1914

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. A. Norman (vice-chairman), who presided, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, R. Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist, and the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). Two letters from the Postmaster of Cambridge concerning a proposal to close Swavesey Post Office for telegraph business at noon on Bank Holidays were considered, and the Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council had no objection to offer provided the office was closed for all business after noon. A letter from the County Council elicited the satisfactory information that in the opinion of the Parish Councillors there was no case of distress in the village, and apparently not likely to be yet awhile. The council agreed to take no action in regard to the County Rate basis. When the question of the street lighting during the winter came on, it was pointed out that insufficient notice calling for tenders had been given, and it was decided that fresh notices should be issued, and that the tenders should be dealt with at a special meeting to be held on Monday next. The vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Edward Clark was filled by the co-option of Mr. Jabez Day. On the suggestion of Mr. Twist it was agreed that the public lamp by the main churchyard gate should be lighted when evening services were held, pending

the general lighting of all lamps, the oil, etc., to be provided by the church authorities. – A correspondent points out that a parish meeting to authorise the expenditure in connection with the lighting of the public lamps has neither been held nor even summoned. As seven clear days' notice is needed for such a meeting, the money cannot possibly be voted before next Monday's Parish Council meeting, and if the money should not be granted the councillors may find themselves in an awkward predicament.

ACCIDENT. 25th Sept. 1914

On Saturday Mr. George Clarke, in descending from a farm cart, caught his foot in a hook and fell heavily to the ground and severely bruised the base of his spine. He was also much shaken. He is progressing favourably under the care of Dr. Grove.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Sept. 1914

The Parish Council meeting called for last Monday to consider tenders for lighting the village street lamps during the winter was not held. A correspondent pointed out in last Friday's "Weekly News" that a parish meeting to authorise the necessary expenditure had neither been held nor even summoned, and that therefore the councillors might place themselves in an awkward predicament if they accepted a tender and appointed a lamplighter before being empowered to raise the money needed. The councillors evidently deemed discretion the better part of valour and decided to meet on Monday next, on which evening a parish meeting is to be held. The Council's recent record has not been a happy one: On 7th September quorum not present; on 14th lighting question postponed as insufficient notice had been given calling for tenders for lighting; on 21st no meeting for reasons given above.

PARISH MEETING. 2nd Oct. 1914

At a parish meeting on Monday evening the expenditure in connection with lighting the street lamps during the winter months was authorised.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS' COTTAGES. 2nd Oct. 1914

A meeting of the trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, when the following old age pensioners who were burnt out in the great fire in March, 1913, were selected as occupants of the new cottages now nearly ready for occupation: Mrs. Howlett, Miss Marriott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ding. Each cottager will be allowed a small plot of garden ground, and the rent is to be 1s. 6d. a

week (including rates). Tenancy is terminable at one month's notice. Mr. Capper will act as honorary clerk for the present.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd Oct. 1914

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, the following Councillors being present: Mr. Arthur Norman (acting Chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, Robert Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk inquired whether Mr. Jabez Day, who had been elected to a vacancy on the Council at the previous meeting had accepted office. There was no reply. Only one applicant, Mr. George Clarke, tendered for lighting the street lamps, and his tender of £27 was accepted. The lamps are to be first lighted on Tuesday next. It was decided that Mr. Stephen Challis should be given authority in writing to act as captain of the fire engine. He is to be invested with full and sole authority to act in the event of a fire, including the employment of helpers and dealing with the insurance offices concerned. — Our Swavesey correspondent wishes to say, in justice to one parish councillor, that no one connected in any way with the Council inspired, or gave him any information concerning the latter part of the paragraph in last Friday's "Weekly News" relating to abortive meetings of the Council. The information was already in our correspondent's possession. He received written official notice of the first two meetings and verbal notice of the third. No notice, however, of last Monday's meeting reached him. By a resolution passed by the Council some time ago it was decided that the Clerk should send notice of every Council meeting to the local representative of the "Weekly News" and "Independent Press". The resolution was the outcome of complaints in the Press that no public notice was given of Council meetings.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 9th Oct. 1914

The members of the British Red Cross Society, Swavesey District, desire to heartily thank all kind friends who have so willingly and ably expended time and labour in making garments for use in connection with the 1st Eastern Hospital at Cambridge. A good number of garments have already been sent to the Hospital.

NATIONAL RELIEF AND TOBACCO. 9th Oct. 1914

Copies of "The Day," a patriotic poem written by a railway porter at Bath, and issued by the "Daily Express" for the benefit of the National Relief Fund have been on sale in and around Swavesey. The charge for a copy was nominally one half-penny, but most purchasers gave more, and placed their money in

collecting boxes. These boxes have been opened by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, who has certified that they contained £1 6s. 1½d., viz., Mr. W. F. Gleaves (2 boxes) 6s. 11d., Mr. R. Gleaves (2 boxes), 11s. 5½d., Mrs. H. Mustill (Over), 6s. 7d., and Mr. H. G. Graves 1s. 2d. Mr. W. F. Gleaves, who organised the effort provided the poem free of charge, and therefore the whole of the takings has been sent to the "Daily Express". The "Weekly Dispatch" Fund for providing soldiers at the front with tobacco is doing well in Swavesey. Down to Wednesday £5 11s. had been contributed, sufficient to supply 122 men with ¼lb. of tobacco each.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 9th Oct. 1914

Frederick Kester has enlisted in the Army Service Corps, Alfred Aaron Linford in Kitchener's Army, and Frank Beaumont, a clerk in the Comptrollers and Accountant General Office, G.P.O., in a London Territorial Regiment. Fred Tompkins, son of an old soldier, who enlisted two or three weeks ago, but was sent home as below standard height, has re-enlisted, the height limit having been lowered. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School, has joined the Sportsman's Battalion. Cawthorne Capper, son of Mr. Henry Capper, of "The Elms," enlisted in the 3rd Victoria (British Columbia) Rifles immediately after the war broke out, and is with the First Canadian Contingent. Lawson Hephher, son of the late Mr. Jesse Hephher, who has been in British Columbia for some years, has joined the Second Canadian Contingent. His mate, Henry Beaumont, elder brother of Frank Beaumont, mentioned above, is serving in the first contingent.

"MISSING." 16th Oct. 1914

David Oakman and Earnest Oakman, of the 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, have been officially reported as "missing". They are brothers of Mr. Edward Oakman, of the New Inn.

RYDER'S FARM. 16th Oct. 1914

The rooms of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association at Ryder's Farm will be re-opened for the season on Thursday next, 22nd inst. No political meetings will be held.

PENSIONERS' COTTAGES. 16th Oct. 1914

Mrs. W. Eason has this week been selected as an occupant of one of the old age pensioners' cottages, in place of Miss Marriott, who was unable to accept the offer of the trustees.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY. 16th Oct. 1914

Fred Stockbridge, son of Mr. Joseph Stockbridge, harness maker, Swavesey, is on active service. He holds the rank of sergt.-saddler in the Lincolnshire Battery, 1st North Midland Brigade, R.F.A. Edward Oakman, of the New Inn, reported himself on Wednesday in Cambridge for duty in the National Reserve.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 16th Oct. 1914

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the parish church on Thursday, 8th inst. At the full choral Evensong the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. C. Granville Sharp, Vicar of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. The church was effectively decorated, and the evening congregation was a good one. The services were continued on Sunday. All gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., with the collections, have been sent, as usual, to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

BELGIAN REFUGEES. 23rd Oct. 1914

Arrangements are being made by the Vicar to house and maintain some of the Belgian refugees in the village.

OBITUARY. 23rd Oct. 1914

The funeral of Mrs. Mansfield, widow of the late Mr. Thorp Mansfield, of Swavesey, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mansfield, who had attained a great age, passed away at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Ginn, in Over, where she had been living since her husband's death a few years ago.

ACCIDENT. 23rd Oct. 1914

Mr. J. T. Daintree, driving Mr. H. G. Graves' van laden with beer, etc., from Cambridge on Tuesday evening, met with an accident on the Huntingdon-road near the Five Bells. Being cold, he ran alongside the horse, and in attempting to get into the van again he slipped and fell, the wheel injuring his ankle and cutting his thigh.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 30th Oct. 1914

On Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6.30 p.m., Dr. Baynes, of St. Ives, will commence a course of First Aid Lectures to men and women in the schools, when it is hoped a good attendance will be made from Swavesey and the neighbouring villages.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 6th Nov. 1914

Two fresh names have been added to the Roll of Honour, viz., Samuel Furniss Mitham, youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, who has enlisted in the Royal Engineers, and left Swavesey for Chatham on Wednesday morning; and Charles Taylor, who has joined the Cambs. Battalion of the Suffolk Regt.

SWAVESEY MEN IN HOSPITAL. 6th Nov. 1914

Private Arthur Whybrow, a Reservist, who rejoined his old regiment, the Royal Fusiliers, on mobilisation, has been wounded, and has been sent back to this country. He is in Salisbury Infirmary, and is said to be going on well. Private Charles Savage, eldest son of Mr. John Savage, is in hospital in France, and progressing favourably. His is serving with the Bedfordshire Regiment.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 6th Nov. 1914

A social evening in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, organised by the Christian Endeavour Society, and friends, was held in Bethel Schoolroom on the 29th ulto. Mr. J. Breens, of Longstanton, presided, and the solos, recitations and speeches were excellent. During the interval light refreshments were provided. The proceeds amounted to £2, which has been sent to London. On the previous Sunday the services at Bethel Chapel were conducted by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, a late pastor, who has just returned from the United States of America. During the afternoon a special service was held, during which a framed certificate, sent by the B.M. Society, was unveiled. Addresses were given by Mr. Ussher and Mr. H. J. Starte (of Cambridge), and Miss E. Aughton (of Fenstanton) rendered two solos most effectively.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th Nov. 1914

A hurriedly summoned meeting of the Parish council was held at the National School on Monday evening, Mr. Arthur Norman (acting Chairman) presiding, to consider the question of Belgian Refugees. The Chairman commented somewhat severely upon a paragraph in last Friday's "Weekly News", which he said unjustly threw the blame for delay in dealing with a certain alleged communication respecting the refugees upon the Council. The Clerk, however, accepted full responsibility for any delay, and thus exonerated the councillors from blame. After considerable discussion it was decided to call a public meeting on Tuesday evening, and to adjourn the Council until after the meeting. – At the adjourned meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening, Mr. A. Norman again presided, and Councillors R. Norman, C. Cole, W. Burton and Twist were present, with the Clerk. Contrary to expectation, only two matters were dealt with. It was agreed that the Postmaster of Cambridge

should be informed that the Council had no objection to offer to the closing of the Swavesey sub post office after 12 noon on Bank Holidays. On the motion of Mr. Burton, it was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should forward all communications, which it was necessary or desirable to bring before the Council, to the Chairman immediately after receipt.

WOUNDED. 13th Nov. 1914

Pte. Archie Welch of the Yorkshire Regiment, an interesting letter from whom, written after a week in the trenches was published last week, has been wounded. He writes home, "I have been wounded in the hand, not serious. Think I am for England, not sure. Left-hand writing. Don't worry." The brief letter was dated November 7th, and was delivered in Swavesey on November 9th.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 13th Nov. 1914

Further additions have been made to the Roll of Honour. Jonas Dodson, and James William Prior having enlisted on Monday in the Cambridgeshire Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. News has also reached the village that Jack Wilderspin and George Holmes, (two Swavesey young men who emigrated a few years ago) are in England with the 1st Canadian Contingent, and that Lawson Hephher has enlisted in the 2nd Canadian Contingent.

NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION. 20th Nov. 1914

Three girls attending Swavesey National School entered for the Watkin Dolls' Outfits prize competition, open to all England, held in October, and one of them, Ethel Savage, aged 11 years, has been awarded a third class prize of 5s. Every set of doll's garments sent in for competition is forwarded to a children's hospital.

TRAIN OFF LINE. 20th Nov. 1914

An up goods train shunting in Swavesey Station about midnight on Tuesday was partially derailed. In passing over some points the tender and one truck left the metals. A breakdown gang was summoned from Cambridge, and the line was cleared by daybreak. The permanent way was practically uninjured.

THE LATE LORD ROBERTS. 20th Nov. 1914

The official announcement of the death of Lord Roberts was displayed at the Post Office early on Sunday morning, and was received with universal expressions of deep regret. At the Parish Church a special hymn was sung at the morning service, and in the evening the Vicar, in his sermon, referred to

the dead soldier's life and example. The Dead March in "Saul" was played at the close of the service, the congregation standing.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY. 20th Nov. 1914

Twenty-six men residents in Swavesey at the outbreak of the war are now serving in the Army, viz., 10 called up on mobilisation (3 Reservists, 1 Special Reserve and 6 Territorials) and 16 by subsequent enlistment (11 Regulars, 4 Territorials and 1 National Reserve). Ten out of the 26 are married men, all with one exception with children, viz., 2 Reservists, 2 Territorials, 5 enlisted in the Regular Army and 1 National Reserve. Two of the newly-enlisted saw service in the South African War. Three Swavesey men have been wounded.

RETURN OF A WOUNDED SOLDIER. 20th Nov. 1914

Private Archie Welch, of the Yorkshire Regiment, who was wounded in his right hand at the battle of Ypres, arrived at his home in Swavesey on Monday night. He had spent a fortnight in hospital at Le Havre and a few days in the military hospital at Manchester.

TRAINING FOR RED CROSS NURSES. 27th Nov. 1914

In reply to an application to the Guardians made by Mrs. Ellis Long, Swavesey, District Vice-President, permission was kindly granted to the Red Cross nurses to attend the infirmary at St. Ives and receive a short course of training. Twelve members of Cambs. 12, V.A.D., and four of Cambs. 26, V.A.D., have greatly benefitted from the experience gained, and all much appreciate the service rendered by the Guardians to the British Red Cross Society.

ASSISTING THE WOUNDED. 27th Nov. 1914

On November 18th seven members of Cambs. 12, V.A.D., received orders to be present at Cambridge Station, and in readiness to give assistance to the wounded if required. Those present were: Commandant Long, Assistant Quartermaster Cole, Lady Superintendent Beckett, Nurses Kirke Smith, Tibbitts, Mitham, and Naylor. The general waiting room was turned into a small temporary ward, into which were taken four stretcher cases. Mrs. Scard kindly gave cigarettes, which the nurses distributed amongst the wounded.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th Nov. 1914

A thanksgiving service in connection with the re-opening of the side chapel of the parish church will be held on Thursday next, 3rd December, at 7.15 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Foakes-Jackson, D.D., Dean of Jesus

College, Cambridge. The service will be fully choral, and there will be a short organ recital, with solos by Messrs. Gilby and Scard, at the conclusion. The offertory will be in aid of the Princess Mary's Fund for providing Christmas gifts for our soldiers and sailors.

DETERMINED TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY. 27th Nov. 1914

After an absence of seven and a half years in British Columbia, Mr. William Lawson Hepher, youngest son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, registrar of births and deaths, Swavesey, arrived in Swavesey on Monday afternoon and received a hearty welcome from his old friends. He volunteered for service with the second Canadian Contingent, but unfortunately was rejected owing to a slight physical defect, which is being remedied. He hopes to be able to enlist in this country very shortly.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 4th Dec. 1914

A special monthly service was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mr. H. Herrett, of Cottenham, gave an admirable address on "What is your life?" and Mr. A. Adams contributed two solos. The attendance was good.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 4th Dec. 1914

Frank Hepher, younger son of Mr. S. Hepher, the Swavesey carrier, and George Edwin Hepher, enlisted in the Northants Yeomanry on Monday. Four other young men are serving in the same regiment, two of whom, Cyril Day and Herbert Wilderspin, junior, are at the front.

HELP FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES. 4th Dec. 1914

A whist drive was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week in aid of the Belgian Refugees Fund, and was well supported, 91 players attending. The prizes, which were generously given by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bartley and Miss Bartley, were won as follows:- Ladies, Miss D. Gray, Miss Wright, Mrs. J. Culpin; gentlemen, Mr. F. Mustill, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. Osler. The sum of £4 8s. has been handed over to the Fund.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES. 11th Dec. 1914

No special constables have yet been appointed in Swavesey, although all the neighbouring parishes have them.

HELP FOR WAR VICTIMS. 11th Dec. 1914

The profit realised from the recent whist drive in Swavesey National School (£4 8s.) has been allocated as follows: £1 to the Swavesey Working Party for making clothes for refugees, and £3 8s. to Comité officiel de Secours aux Victimes Belges de la Guerre, 129, Piccadilly, London.

NEWS OF MISSING SOLDIERS. 11th Dec. 1914

News has at last reached Swavesey of Privates David and Ernest Oakman, of the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, who have been missing since August. Their mother, who resides with her son, Mr. Edward Oakman, at the New Inn on the Huntingdon-road, has received the following postcard from Company Sergt.-Major W. A. Read, of the 2nd Suffolks, a prisoner of war. Writing from Gefangen-Lager, Deaberitz, Germany, on the 25th November, he says: "I am re-addressing your p.c.'s to another camp, but from information that I have gathered, both your sons were severely wounded on the 26th August at Le Cateau, and little hopes are entertained as to their recovery. It is with deep regret that I pen these lines, but I thought you would like to know.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Dec. 1914

Since last spring the side chapel of the parish church has been undergoing extensive repairs, under the superintendence of Mr. E. E. Bowden, L.R.I.B.A., of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings. The work, which has cost about £400, has now been completed, and on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., a thanksgiving service was held and was attended by a fairly good congregation. The service was fully choral. The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp.

PATRIOTIC OLD BOYS. 18th Dec. 1914

As far as can be ascertained, 42 old boys of Swavesey National School are serving in the Navy or Army at the present time. A correspondent suggests that their names should be recorded on a Roll of Honour to be displayed inside the School.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 18th Dec. 1914

Miss Helena Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. James Smith, Willow House, Swavesey, at an examination in connection with Trinity College, London, held recently in St. Ives, was successful in obtaining the distinction of a "Senior Pass," and has been awarded a certificate, the fifth gained at Trinity College. Miss Smith is a pupil of Miss Holloway, A.T.C.L., St. Ives.

MISPLACED CABBAGES. 18th Dec. 1914

A Swavesey allotment-holder instructed his young man the other day to plant a dozen score of cabbages and lettuces on the right-hand side of his plot of ground. Visiting his allotment a few days later, the holder could find neither cabbages nor lettuces, but noticed that the left-hand neighbour's was well supplied. The young man had mistaken his left hand for his right.

KILLED IN ACTION. 18th Dec. 1914

Mr. George Brooks, Taylor's-lane, Swavesey, received an official intimation on Wednesday night that information had been received from France that his eldest son, Pte. George Brooks, East Lancashire Regiment, had been killed in action, place not stated, on the 14th November. Pte. Brooks would have been 25 years of age if he had lived until the 28th November. He was a Reservist, called to the colours on mobilisation, and was employed by the Great Eastern Railway Company.

GERMAN RAID. 25th Dec. 1914

Much anxiety was felt in the village for the safety of several Swavesey families who have migrated to the Hartlepoons. As far as is known at present, no one in any way connected with Swavesey suffered in person or property. A shell fell at the back of one Swaveseyite's house.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. 1st Jan. 1915

Forty candidates presented themselves for examination in first aid, held by Dr. Young, of Harson, on Monday December 14th. Of these 38 were successful, 6 gaining proficiency badges, 16 advanced certificates and 16 first certificates. Home Nursing Classes will be held on a given date later on.

SCHOOL TREAT. 1st Jan. 1915

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School were on Tuesday given their yearly treat, which had been postponed from the summer. The school had been effectively decorated with evergreens, etc., by Messrs. W. H. Key, J. Gilby and Arthur Beaumont, and the well-laden tea tables looked bright with crackers, etc. After tea the crackers were pulled all at one time, and made a noise somewhat resembling the crackle of musketry. Games followed and Miss Jean Capper amused the children with her gramophone. Bags of sweets were fished for, and as the "fish" were "hungry", every child succeeded in making a capture. Before the youngsters went home the Vicar presented prizes, consisting of nice books, for good attendance.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st Jan. 1915

The usual band of devoted ladies decorated the Parish Church very tastefully for the Christmas festival. On Christmas Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m., the last service being sung to music by Hall. Morning prayer was at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong at 3 p.m. the Vicar preached. The collections at the mid-day and afternoon services were on behalf of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 1st Jan. 1915

The members of the George and Dragon Mutual Benefit Club held their yearly division of funds at the Little Rose on Wednesday, 23rd ultimo. Each of the 38 members received the sum of 10s. 4d. About five guineas was paid out in sick benefit during the year. The annual dinner was not held owing to the war.

WAR FUND. 1st Jan. 1915

Towards the district war fund of the British Red Cross Society the following have subscribed in Swavesey - £21 6s. 3d.: (Long list of names in newspaper). Many have given help by making garments, and many gifts have been received.

WATER RISING AT SWAVESEY. 1st Jan. 1915

Much of the land round Swavesey is flooded, and on Wednesday the water was still rising fast. During the severe storm on Monday night a tree was blown down at Mill Farm, and men were employed all night on the railway line in connection with the signals. The water rose with great rapidity on Wednesday and Thursday, and there is every prospect of an extensive flood. At Friesland Farm Mr. and Mrs. E. Stocker had to remove into the village.

SWAVESEY MAN'S EXPERIENCES. 1st Jan. 1915

A STRAIGHT TALK TO STAY-AT-HOMES.

Writing this letter to his brother, Mr. S. W. Crisp, of Swavesey, on the 17th December, Bombardier Arthur Crisp, R. F. A., who is with his Battery at the front, says: -

"I am pleased to hear Swavesey has supplied so many recruits, and I should like to have the pleasure of meeting some of them out here, but there is not much chance of that, as it is such a long front. I cannot understand any man who has once been at the front not wanting to return. Of course it is a bit rough this weather, but I don't think there are many who would care to be sent home before the finish.

"There is no chance of the Germans reaching Calais now, as the Allies have the beggars well in hand, and I think if they make any attempt to invade

England they will rue it when they come across our little boys in blue and our airmen, but at the same time, old chap, all able-bodied men ought to get a little practice in at shooting, etc., so as to be prepared, for if the dirty Germans got a landing in England I pity the poor women and children, for the way the brutes have behaved in these countries is a disgrace to civilisation, and the dirty tricks they have done out here is what makes our lads so determined to put up with any hardships that come along so long as they can get a rub at the bounders in return.

“I believe you would enjoy yourself if you could be present at one of our impromptu smokers. We had a beauty the other night. I got a parcel of plum pudding and cake from mother, and a parcel of smokes from my wife, so my chums and I have a real good time. I really believe if you had been a bit younger, you would have been out here. I can assure you I have had some good times out here, the only things that worry me are leaving my wife, and the wet weather. I don't mind the cold so much now as when I first returned from India. The boys are busy playing football behind the guns now, as we are slack for a while, but expect we will be sending a few leaden pills over to the Germans again shortly. They are sending a few over here, but not near us.”

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 8th Jan. 1915

Private Walter Neal, of the Bedfordshire Regiment, is sick and in a base hospital in France. He has sent the Christmas card he received from the King and Queen to Swavesey for safe custody.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 8th Jan. 1915

Albert Arthur Girling and George Dean have enlisted, the first-named in the Royal Flying Corps (Military Wing) and the latter in the Household Cavalry. This brings the number of men resident in Swavesey who have enlisted since the outbreak of the war to 20.

BELGIAN REFUGEES. 8th Jan. 1915

Two families of Flemish refugees arrived in Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon. One family has been housed by the local committee in a cottage in the village, lent by Mr. H. Wilderspin, and the other in a house on the Huntingdon-road, lent by Mr. Arthur Norman. The visitors were kindly conveyed from the railway station by Mr. Ben Thorp in his motor car.

SEASONABLE GIFTS. 8th Jan. 1915

Mrs. Long, of the Priory, made her customary gifts of coal at Christmas time, and her kindly thought was much appreciated by the recipients. Captain J. D. Daintree, R.N., notwithstanding that he has practically disposed of the whole of his Swavesey property, and that he has been busily engaged as a supply officer at Newhaven since the outbreak of the war, sent money to Mr. Robinson Mitham as usual for distribution amongst his old cottager tenants and aged widows and widowers in the parish. These welcome gifts were presented at the New Year.

BOMBARDMENT OF THE HARTLEPOOLS. 8th Jan. 1915

News has reached Swavesey that Mr. Charles Metcalfe, a native of Swavesey, son of the late Mr. William Metcalfe, thatcher, who has been employed at the West Hartlepool Gas Works for upwards of 20 years, was unfortunately somewhat seriously injured in the German bombardment of the Hartlepoons on the 16th December. A shell which killed seven men struck him, tearing the clothes off his back and wounding him in the thigh of one leg and the knee of the other. Mr. William Prior, of High-street, has received from his brother, one of the Swavesey colony in West Hartlepool, a small fragment of a German shell, a wicked-looking jagged missile, which he picked up after the bombardment.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 8th Jan. 1915

Collections on behalf of the Red Cross Society were made on Sunday last at the Sunday School service at Bethel Baptist Chapel, and at the morning and evening services at the Particular Baptist Chapel. At the former the collection amounted to 10s., and at the latter place of worship, where there was a special prayer meeting in connection with the war to rather more than £2 10s. On Monday evening, a united meeting, under the auspices of the Mothers' Meeting, the programme being supplied by members of the British Women's Temperance Society, was held at the Friends' Meeting House. Miss Moulton, St. Ives, presided. A collection for the Red Cross Society realised 10s.

INTERCESSION DAY. 8th Jan. 1915

On Sunday last Intercession Day was duly observed in Swavesey. The Form of Humble Prayer, issued under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, was used at the Parish Church. A good congregation, which included two Belgian refugees, attended the evening service, when the Vicar read the address included in the form of prayer from the pulpit instead of a sermon, adding a few words of earnest appeal at the close. The intercession followed. The collections at the early morning and evening services were in

aid of the Red Cross Society, and realised £5 17s. 9d., a cheque for which amount has been sent to Lord Rothschild, chairman of the Red Cross Council.

RECRUITING. 15th Jan. 1915

The number of men who have enlisted from Swavesey since the war began stands at nineteen, and not at twenty, as stated last week. Another Swavesey young man who offered himself in Cambridge for a Household Cavalry regiment, and fulfilled all local requirements, has been informed that the unit he desired to join needs no more men. A correspondent in sending this information to the "Weekly News," asks whether some system of recruiting less calculated to "choke off" likely men could not be adopted. Men have to bear the expense of going to Cambridge, sometimes more than once, and loss of wages, pass various tests, obtain references, all for nothing.

A NOTABLE RECORD. 15th Jan. 1915

Owing to her great age and failing health, Mrs. Sarah Middleton left her cottage in Askew-row, in which she had lived for sixty-three years, and has gone to Hemingford Grey Hunts., to reside with relatives. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Jane Thain, of Hemingford Grey, in which parish she was born on the 28th December, 1829, and was baptised in Hemingford Grey Church on the 24th January, 1830. Her husband, Mr. Samuel Middleton died about thirteen years ago at the age of seventy-seven, and was buried in Swavesey Churchyard. For thirty years he was employed as a platelayer on the Great Eastern Railway, and when he was sixty-six years old was awarded a pension for "long and faithful service."

MISSIONARY TEA. 15th Jan. 1915

For the forty-second consecutive year the annual parochial missionary tea was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday, 7th inst., and contrary to expectation, was much better attended for the past few years. After tea an interesting lecture on mission work in Japan, illustrated by excellent lantern pictures, was given by the Rev. C. Graham Gardner, from Tokyo, Japan. The lantern was admirably worked by Mr. Walter Ding. The tea, with collection taken after the lecture, subscriptions, and missionary boxes, resulted in the sum of £5 13s. 8d., being raised on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The lantern was kindly lent by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Longstanton All Saints'. During the evening a telegram was received from the Rev. A. C. Vidler, late Vicar of Swavesey, wishing every success to the time-honoured event.

RETURNED HOME. 22nd Jan. 1915

Private Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, who was seriously wounded in France, and had been lying in Salisbury Infirmary, returned home in Swavesey this week.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 22nd Jan. 1915

Mr. A. Rhodes, of Histon, Moderator of the Cambs. Baptist Association, officiated at all services at Bethel Chapel on Sunday last. The congregations were good, especially that in the evening.

OBITUARY. 22nd Jan. 1915

The funeral of the late Mr. George Well, who died after a long illness at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Ebenezer Prime, Boxworth End, on the 12th inst., aged 85 years, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Friday last. Mr. J. Easter, of Over Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were Mr. William Wells (son) and Mr. E. Prime (son-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mr. J. W. Williams, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 29th Jan. 1915

Mr. Geo. Dean has enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and is now at Aldershot. Mr. Millice Charles Culpin, a Swavesey blacksmith, late Royal Dragoons, has been called up for service with the 2nd Company Cambs. National Reserves (Local Guards).

A MISHAP. 29th Jan. 1915

In attempting to pass between Mr. E. Williams' carrier's cart and a baker's cart which were proceeding in opposite directions in the narrow part of High-street last Wednesday evening, Mr. Scambler's milk cart, hastening to the station, came into collision with the former vehicle. Coming up from behind the milk cart wheel struck Mr. Williams' wheel, and then caught the off step, causing the covered cart to tip up. Mr. Williams and a passenger were jostled together, but beyond a bent step there was no damage done.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 29th Jan. 1915

The annual tea for parents of present scholars and reunion of old scholars of Bethel Sunday School was held on Thursday in last week. Tea, at which about 50 sat down, began at 6 p.m. After the tables had been cleared there was a social gathering, at which Mr. H. S. Aldred, Sunday School Superintendent, presided. There was special singing and addresses were given. Special mention was made during the evening to the Roll of Honour on the walls of

the schoolroom, which showed the names of 20 former scholars who were serving their country.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 5th Feb. 1915

On Friday, 29th January, the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. Thomas Payne, the Trustees of Payne's Charity made their annual distribution of tea, sugar and coal to 27 needy widows and widowers in Swavesey.

A MISHAP. 12th Feb. 1915

A large two-horse van belonging to a St. Ives firm of grocers, in drawing off the road near Witton Quarter to allow a motor lorry to pass, got stuck in the ditch and had to be left for a time, the horses being removed. Later in the evening, the van was unloaded, and extricated with considerable difficulty and extra horses, a swing bar being broken in the effort.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 12th Feb. 1915

The annual tea and meeting of members and seat-holders of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held in the schoolroom attached to the chapel on Thursday, 3rd inst. Upwards of 70 attended. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Arthur Norman, senior deacon and treasurer, who presided, submitted the year's accounts of the chapel, and also the accounts of the chapel Renovation Fund. From the latter it appeared that the cost of the recent extensive renovation had been £1,200, and that by persistent effort and rigid economy the debt had been reduced to about £470. The statement gave general satisfaction. Mr. James Prior, deacon and Sunday School secretary, presented the accounts of the Sunday School, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Before the meeting closed short addresses were given by Messrs. J. Day and B. Prior (deacons) and H. S. Aldred (Sunday School Superintendent). Mrs. W. Savage also spoke on behalf of the Christian Endeavour members. On Sunday last the pulpit at Bethel Chapel was occupied by Mr. E. W. Bullman, St. Ives, and at the evening service a hymn for the men at the front ("Lord God of Hosts, Whose mighty hand"), written by John Oxenham, was sung.

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th Feb. 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School last Friday evening, and was attended by Mr. Arthur Norman (vice-chairman), who presided, Councillors W. Burton, J. S. Goad, Robert Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist, and the clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham).

ROLL OF HONOUR. 19th Feb. 1915

Alfred Large on Monday enlisted in the Northants Yeomanry, in which regiment seven Swavesey young men are now serving, two of whom have been at the front for some time.

ACCIDENT. 19th Feb. 1915

An unfortunate accident befell Mr. Robinson Mitham on Tuesday morning. In driving out of his builder's yard into the main street his horse stumbled and fell, throwing Mr. Mitham out of the cart. His face and nose were somewhat seriously cut, his leg was bruised, and he was shaken generally, and had to seek medical attention. The horse was not injured.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 19th Feb. 1915

We regret to record the death at the great age of 85 years of Mrs. Sarah Middleton, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Middleton, an old and much respected servant of the Great Eastern Railway Company, which occurred at the residence of her nephew, Mr. R. Thaine, at Hemingford Grey, Hunts., on the 12th instant. Mrs. Middleton was a native of Hemingford Grey, but had lived for the whole of her long married life and until Christmas in Swavesey, where her husband died and was buried. The funeral took place on Tuesday in Hemingford Grey Cemetery.

CHILDREN ILL. 26th Feb. 1915

Acting on the advice of the County Medical Officer, the National School was closed last Friday for a fortnight in consequence of illness amongst the children.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 26th Feb. 1915

Berry Dodson has joined the Royal Navy as a stoker.

INSTRUCTION IN GARDENING. 26th Feb. 1915

At a special meeting, held at the National School last Friday evening, the Vicar presiding, the Managers appointed Mr. Walter Thorp instructor in gardening during the absence of Mr. C. Wood, the headmaster, who is serving with his Majesty's Forces.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 26th Feb. 1915

An entertainment, consisting of solos, readings, recitations, and hymns, was given by members of the Mothers' Meeting at the Friends' Meeting House,

Black Horse-lane, on Tuesday evening. Miss Gaunt presided and gave an address.

PROMOTION. 26th Feb. 1915

Mr. James Bowd, who retired a few years ago with a well-earned pension after serving his full time with the Bedfordshire Regiment, in which he was a quartermaster-sergeant, shortly after the outbreak of the war re-enlisted with his old regiment, and was reinstated as quartermaster-sergeant on the following day. He has recently been promoted to a lieutenancy in the Lancashire Fusiliers. His only son, aged 17, has joined a cyclists' battalion.

THE LATE MR. JAMES MITHAM. 26th Feb. 1915

Information reached Swavesey early in the week that Mr. James Mitham, the youngest and last surviving member of the family of the late Mr. Robinson Mitham, died at Stetchworth on Sunday, aged 77 years. Mr. James Mitham was born at the Chequers inn, Swavesey, of which his father became proprietor in 1828. On Mr. R. Mitham's death his eldest son, the late Mr. John Mitham, succeeded, and was followed by his widow, who, in turn, was succeeded by her elder son, Mr. Robinson Mitham, the Swavesey builder, carpenter and farmer, who surrendered the licence under the Compensation Act not long ago. Mr. James Mitham, who was a carpenter by trade, left Swavesey in 1888 for Stetchworth, where he was employed on the Earl of Ellesmere's estate, until his retirement a few years ago. The funeral will take place at Stetchworth this (Friday) afternoon.

PERSONAL. 5th March 1915

Lieutenant James Bowd, whose promotion was announced last week, has been appointed quartermaster of the 5th (Reserve) Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

THE LATE MR. G. LONG. 5th March 1915

Tuesday, 2nd inst., being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. George Long, who died on the 6th April, 1902, the bells of the parish church were rung in accordance with the provisions of his will.

NO MEETING. 5th March 1915

The Parish Councillors were summoned to a meeting at the National School last Friday evening, and Councillors W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. T. Scard, and W. Twist duly attended, with the Deputy Clerk, Mr. E. J. Mitham. As, however, the legal quorum of five were not present, no business could be proceeded with. The business included the selection of suitable persons to

serve as parish constables during the ensuing year. Another meeting of the Council has been called for to-night (Friday).

BAND OF HOPE. 12th March 1915

The winter session of Bethel Chapel Band of Hope was brought to a close on Tuesday evening with a successful entertainment in the chapel. Excellent limelight views illustrative of the work of the Union and the temperance question were shown by Mr. David Moore, Agent of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union. Solos were rendered by Miss Alice Norman and Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Moore recited. There was a good attendance.

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th March 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Infants' School last Friday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (acting chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. T. Scard, W. Twist and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The Acting Chairman expressed his regret that owing to an insufficient number of councillors attending the meeting called for the previous Friday could not be held. His own absence, he explained, was due to a misunderstanding, and in graceful terms he tendered his apology for having put the councillors and others who did attend to inconvenience. The main business was to elect four parishioners whose names should be submitted to the Justices in Petty Sessions as qualified to serve as parish constables during the ensuing year. The following were unanimously chosen Mr. Charles James Shepperson, Mr. Charles Burling, Mr. Bert Hodson, and Mr. Sidney Prime. Mr. Burling has acted as parish constable for many years past. It was also decided that the salary should be £1 19s. 6d., less the rental of Constable's Rood, as previously. The Clerk reported that beyond a formal acknowledgement of the receipt of his letter, no reply had been received from the Local Government Board to the inquiry whether the Council had power to allow Messrs. Thurston to erect an electric railway, etc., on the recreation ground at next Swavesey Feast. Some conversation followed, during which the opinion was expressed that Messrs. Thurston should not be allowed to sublet to other showmen. The meeting then terminated.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 12th March 1915

The Cambs. 12 V.A.D. received orders to mobilise and form a temporary hospital in Swavesey on March 4th. At 5 p.m. on Saturday March 6th, eleven Belgian patients arrived in ambulances from the Borough Red Cross Hospital, accompanied by Miss Gaskell (Commandant), Miss Warnker, and Mr. Mirrlees. Four English patients arrived from the 1st Eastern General Hospital

on Wednesday afternoon. An excellent house has been secured, through the kindness of Capt. Daintree, and the patients are now comfortably settled. To all those who have helped to furnish, and sent gifts to the hospital, the Commandant, Mrs. Ellis Long, sends most grateful thanks. The Commandant's permission having been first obtained, visitors will be admitted after Monday next. (A long list of gifts are printed in the paper).

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 19th March 1915

The rooms of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, which have been open once a week since October last for social purposes only, will be closed after Tuesday next, 23rd inst.

OBITUARY. 19th March 1915

The funeral of the late Miss Maria Stocker, of Ramper-road, Swavesey, daughter of the late Mr. Cole Stocker, who died at Hemingford, Hunts., on the 9th inst., took place in Swavesey Churchyard last Friday afternoon. She was 64 years of age.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 19th March 1915

Mr. Joseph Milton died at his daughter's house at Boxworth End early on Wednesday morning, having attained the great age of 85 years on the 1st of this month. He was a native of Lolworth, but he had lived for many years in the parish of Swavesey.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 19th March 1915

Mr. William Lawson Hepher, youngest son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, registrar of births and deaths of the Swavesey Sub-District, has joined the 12th Battalion of the Canadian Contingent. He left Swavesey some years ago for the far west of Canada, and when the Dominion First Contingent was being formed, offered himself for enlistment, but was rejected owing to a slight physical defect, which needed surgical attention. Determined to serve his country, he returned to England and underwent the necessary treatment with success. He again presented himself, was accepted, and joined the 12th Battalion stationed at Tidworth. Of the six sons of the late Mr. Hepher, three are now serving with the King's Forces, all enlisting since the outbreak of the war, viz., Sapper Wilfrid Hepher, Royal Engineers; Private Frank Hepher, London Rifle Brigade; and Private W. L. Hepher, 12th Canadian.

AN EARLY BIRD. 26th March 1915

A blackbird's nest has been found in the Vicarage garden, containing three eggs.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 26th March 1915

Mr. Peter Ding, jun., son of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, has enlisted in the Essex Yeomanry.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT. 26th March 1915

Trooper Herbert Wilderspin, jun., of B Squadron, Northants Yeomanry, son of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, farmer, Swavesey, writing to his parents from "somewhere in France or Belgium," under date of 14th March, says: "Many thanks for parcel and letter of the 9th. They came as a treat to me, as they were at the billet when I returned from the trenches. We have had nine days of it, and we held the first line of trenches. I expect we have been in the sharpest battle the world has ever seen. Some of the lads who were at Mons told me that was nothing to this, so I leave you to guess what it was like. The artillery fire was something terrible; it was just as if the air was nothing but a mass of shells. They were to and from in every direction. I hope never to see anything like it again. We are resting to-day, and I don't know when we go in again."

DEATH OF MR. J. B. ELLIS. 2nd April 1915

WELL-KNOWN AGRICULTURALIST.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. B. Ellis, which occurred at St. Ives on Friday last. The late Mr. Ellis was very well known in Cambridgeshire, especially in the Swavesey district, where he had farmed for some years, having taken over High Field and Ryder's Farms, on the death of his brother-in-law, the late Mr. W. W. Warner. He took no part in parochial work in Swavesey, but was ever ready with bounteous help in cases of need. In politics he was a generous supporter of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association. Not only did he assist financially, but, with the co-operation of Mrs. Long, provided the Association's admirable headquarters at Ryder's Farm.

Mr. Ellis was very highly esteemed in agricultural circles, and his advice upon agricultural matters was often sought by the leading agricultural papers in the country.

There was a large gathering of agriculturalists from all over the counties of Hunts., Cambs., and Norfolk at the funeral, which took place at Holywell Church.

EARLY NESTING. 2nd April 1915

A thrush's nest containing three eggs was found in the Bell Inn paddock last week.

PARISH CONSTABLE. 2nd April 1915

Mr. Charles James Shepperson, of Boxworth End, has been sworn in parish constable in place of Mr. C. Burling, who has held the office for many years and who has retired owing to the age limit.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY. 2nd April 1915

Mr. William Henry Key, who has been a churchwarden for many years, and has held, or is holding, numerous public offices in the parish, celebrated his 70th birthday on March 24th.

OBITUARY. 2nd April 1915

We regret to announce the death of Mr. R. H. Cox, late of Swavesey Manor, which occurred at Hingham, Norfolk, on the 23rd March. Mr. Cox, who was 79 years of age, had been an invalid for about three years. The funeral took place at North Walsham on Friday.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 2nd April 1915

The services on Sunday last were conducted by Mr. W. Sykes, of St. Ives, who also addressed the young people in the schoolroom in the afternoon. The evening service was appropriately closed with the well-known hymn "For the men at the front," by John Oxenham.

ACCIDENT. 2nd April 1915

On Saturday a rather serious accident befell Jack Symonds. He was scaring birds on Mr. Alfred Day's farm, when his gun exploded, causing injury to his face, especially his eyes. Dr. Jas. M. King has the case in hand, and the patient is progressing favourably.

CHILDREN'S EFFORT. 2nd April 1915

In response to Lord Kinnaird's appeal to children to contribute their pennies towards the erection of ten Y.M.C.A. huts for the use of soldiers, the children and teachers of Swavesey National School have raised the sum of 16s. The huts are to be known as "Children's Huts."

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION. 2nd April 1915

The scripture examination arranged by the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union was held recently. Five candidates entered in connection with the

Bethel Sunday School, but only the following sat: Thomas Daintree, Ronnie Prior, and the primary working department special examination, Miss Constance Prior.

LETTER'S LONG JOURNEY. 2nd April 1915

There arrived in Swavesey last week a letter posted at Adelaide, Australia, on January 27th, 1915. It reached Nelson, B.C., March 2nd; Boswell, March 6th; and Swavesey, March 25th. It was addressed to a former resident of Swavesey who left for Canada some years ago, and has now joined the Canadian Contingent. The envelope bore several postmarks and re-directions; in fact there was only just room for the last.

SOLDIER'S BEREAVEMENT. 2nd April 1915

The funeral of the infant son of Sapper Lionel Kettle, R.E., took place on Friday afternoon at the parish churchyard. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiated. The cortege started from the residence of Mrs. Kettle's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, Boxworth End). To the regret of all, the father (Sapper Kettle, R.E.) was unable to attend the funeral, being on active service at the front. Mr. James Williams, of Swavesey, was the undertaker.

ACCIDENT. 2nd April 1915

Mr. J. B. Senter, brother-in-law of the landlord, Mr. Slater, met with a nasty accident at the White Horse Inn on Thursday morning in last week. Whilst carrying a case full of bottles of beer across a staging at the top of the steps leading to the cellar, he stepped off the plank and fell to the bottom, carrying the case with him. In addition to being severely shaken and bruised, Mr. Senter's collar bone and shoulder are somewhat severely injured. He was taken as soon as possible to Addenbrooke's Hospital by Mr. Slater and Mr. W. F. Gleaves, in the latter's trap, and after receiving attention was allowed to return home. He remains an out-patient.

SWAVESEY AND LOLWORTH BOYS ALL WELL. 2nd April 1915

A Swavesey Territorial writing under date March 19th says: - "You doubtless have seen some news of the Cambridgeshires in your paper. Our boys were fairly in it last Sunday. We have had, I am sorry to say, several casualties, but it was really a great marvel how any of them got back at all, for it was awful all Sunday night. They started about 5 on Sunday evening, and the artillery on both sides were at it as hard as they could go. Shells were bursting within 50 yards of where our stores were. Some went over our heads, but the boys who were in the trenches had it far worse than that. The rifle fire, Maxim gun

fire, artillery fire, and the snipers and shrapnel were something awful. Some of the Regular soldiers say it was far worse than Mons. The Swavesey and Lolworth boys are all well, thank God.

SWAVESEY MAN'S ROUGH RIDE. 2nd April 1915

Writing under date of 20th March to his mother at Swavesey, Pte. Arthur Coulson, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, says:-

“We had a rough ride the other night. It was like being in hell itself. The Germans shelled us out, and we had to get our things and make our way to the trenches. They were blowing up the road as we were going along the road. We had to lie down flat in mud and water for a long time. I expected every minute was the last, but I got through. We lost a few men, but I don't know how many. White and Prior (two other Swavesey men) are all right. We lost trenches and then took them back again after a hard struggle. It was up to our necks in water in the trenches. Remember me to all friends, and tell them I am all right and hoping to get back safely. The village where we were has not a house standing. The place is all tables and beds and everything is broken up. Think about me when times go well with you.

PARISH COUNCIL 2nd April 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening. The meeting was called specially to deal with an application from Messrs. Thurston for permission to erect an electric railway, etc., on the Recreation Ground at the forthcoming village feast. The question was debated at a previous meeting, and the doubt was expressed whether the Council had power under the by-laws regulating the Recreation Ground to accede to Messrs. Thurston's request. The Clerk had therefore sought the advice of the Local Government Board, and their reply that the Board had no jurisdiction in the matter and could not advise the Council was read on Monday night. It was decided that Messrs. Thurston be granted permission to use the Recreation Ground on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Feast Week on payment of £2 and on giving an undertaking to make good any damage. Messrs. Twist and Burton undertook to see that the conditions under which the ground was let were adhered to. – Mr. Burton called attention to the broken condition of the gate of the Parish Pound, and the Chairman replied that the matter should be inquired into and a report submitted to the next meeting of the Council. – A ratepayer points out that as far as he can ascertain the question whether Messrs. Thurston will be allowed to use the herbage of the Recreation Ground for their horses has not been considered by the Council. He thinks it is an

important point which ought to have been definitely settled one way or the other.

STATIONMASTER'S RETIREMENT. 2nd April 1915

Mr. William Perry, who has been stationmaster at Swavesey for 33 years, retired from the Great Eastern Railway Company's service on Wednesday, having exceeded the age limit by some months. He had been in the Company's service for 50 years. He was born at Downham, Norfolk, in 1849, being the fifth son of the late Mr. William Perry, who was for many years stationmaster at Dersingham, and who lost his life on the line at Denver, to which station he had been transferred. Mr. Perry began his railway career as a gate-lad, and rose through the grades of porter and signaller to relief stationmaster. Forty years ago he was appointed stationmaster at Stretham, where he remained about five years. He was moved to Hilgay, and after three years was transferred to Swavesey in March 1882. At Swavesey he succeeded a Mr. William Perry, who, strange to say, was not a relative. During his service at Swavesey Mr. Perry has seen many changes, and an enormous increase in the traffic. When first appointed 14 or 15 trains of all descriptions passed through Swavesey in the 24 hours, and only two or three at night. Now trains innumerable run through night and day. The fruit traffic has greatly increased. Thirty years ago gooseberries were the only fruit despatched from the station. Now the traffic has increased tenfold, and all kinds of fruit and many flowers are dealt with. Mr. Perry has been a keen gardener, and for 20 years was an enthusiastic ringer at the parish church. He was a sidesman for several years, and last Easter was elected churchwarden after an exciting contest. Two of his brothers were also stationmasters on the Great Eastern Railway, and both have retired on well-earned pensions. His second son died a few years ago in the same Company's service, and his youngest son is a G.E.R. booking clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Perry left on Wednesday for their new home at Soham. Both were much respected in Swavesey and will be greatly missed.

SOLDIERS' WIVES. 9th April 1915

There are 14 wives of soldiers on service living in Swavesey at the present time.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th April 1915

The services at the parish church on Good Friday and Easter Day were well-attended. At the evensong service on Maundy Thursday and throughout Good

Friday the Rev. G. W. F. Howard, of Stansted Mount Fitchett, Essex, officiated and preached.

FRIENDS MEET. 9th April 1915

Private Henry Beaumont, 7th Canadian Regiment, who enlisted in British Columbia and is now at the front, writing to his home in Swavesey, mentions that he has met another Swavesey man, Driver J.W. Goad, of the Army Service Corps. They are in the same Division.

OFF TO THE DARDENELLES. 9th April 1915

Lieut. Robert Ellis left England on March 21st for the Dardanelles. Writing to his father under date March 30th, he says: "We are now not ashore, and don't expect to be for the next day or two. I can't, of course, tell you where I am, but it is somewhere in the Mediterranean." We had rather a rough voyage in parts, but I am very fit and have been all the time."

VESTRY MEETING. 9th April 1915

At the Easter Vestry meeting held in the parish church on Monday evening Mr. William Twist Thorp, proposed by Mr. J. Gilby and seconded by Mr. C. Dean, was unanimously elected parish churchwarden. The Vicar, who presided, in re-nominating Mr. W. H. Key as vicar's warden, spoke of the excellent way in which Mr. Key and Mr. Perry had carried out their duties during the past year, and he gave expression to the regret of the parish at losing the service of Mr. Perry in consequence of his leaving the village on retiring from the Great Eastern Railway Company's service.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 9th April 1915

On Good Friday a public tea was held as usual at Bethel Chapel, and was attended by about 100 persons. Later in the evening there was a sacred concert given by the St. Ives Wesleyan choir, assisted by friends, under the efficient conductorship of Mr. Charles York. The chapel was crowded with a most appreciative audience. During the singing of the national anthems of the Allies, which concluded the programme, the audience remained standing, and the Belgian visitors were observed to be much gratified. The proceeds of the tea and concert, which are very satisfactory, have been handed over to the Chapel Renovation Fund. Mr. E. W. Bullman presided. On Sunday, Mr. Bullman officiated and preached at all the services at Bethel Chapel.

SAD DROWNING TRAGEDY. 16th April 1915

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN POND AT SWAVESEY.

A sad tragedy was discovered in Swavesey on Wednesday evening, when after a search of some hours the lifeless body of Miss M. W. was found in a pond opposite her house.

Miss W., who was 48 years of age, lived alone in a cottage in Boxworth-End. She was last seen and heard by her neighbours about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. Early on Wednesday afternoon the neighbours became fidgety owing to her non-appearance, and as her cottage was locked up, they communicated with her relatives, who live in the neighbourhood, and Mr. Benjamin Prior, accompanied by Mr. George Burling, effected an entrance into the house, but could find no trace of Miss W. Her bed had either not been slept in, or had been re-made.

A search was organised, in which many neighbours joined, and about 5.30 p.m. Mrs. James Coulson saw the body in the pond. She called up Mr. J. S. Goad, who, with her assistance, recovered the body, which was fully dressed, but life was extinct.

The inquest will be held this (Friday) evening at Swavesey.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 16th April 1915

Mr. Thomas Howlett, son of Mr. William Howlett, Turn Bridge, has enlisted in the 5th Battalion, Cheshire Regt.

WIVES OF MEN ON SERVICE. 16th April 1915

There are 16, and not 14, as stated last week, wives of soldiers and sailors on service living in Swavesey at the present time.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 16th April 1915

Trooper Herbert Wilderspin, Northants Yeomanry, is in hospital in France suffering from fever and frostbitten feet. According to the latest accounts he is progressing favourably.

PARISH CHURCH. 16th April 1915

A thinly-attended meeting of members of the congregation of the parish church was held on Tuesday evening in the National School, under the presidency of the Vicar. The churchwardens' accounts for the past year were submitted, and showed a satisfactory balance of £6 18s. 2d. in hand. The Mission Church accounts also disclosed a small balance on the right side. Last year's sidesmen were reappointed with the exception that Mr. Harry Day Froment takes the place of Mr. William Twist Thorp, who is now people's churchwarden.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 16th April 1915

The Commandant begs to acknowledge gifts (to the hospital) up to April 7th, and also thanks all who have given their services at the Hospital. (List of gifts).

WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 23rd April 1915

FARR – GARNER.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place on Wednesday afternoon at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, the happy couple being Mr. Robert Lionel Farr, youngest son of the late Sergt.-Major Walter Farr, 1st Essex Regiment, and Miss Charlotte Elizabeth Garner, second daughter of Mr. Charles Garner, harness maker, Swavesey. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her elder brother, Mr. S. M. Garner, was charmingly attired in cream San Toy, trimmed with silk and lace and orange blossom. She wore a wreath and a veil, the latter having been worn by her mother at her marriage. She carried a bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ethel May Garner, dressed in grey, trimmed with fancy silk. Her white hat had a wreath of pink roses. She wore a spray of white flowers and carried an ivory-bound prayer book, both being the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. L. C. Saunders, cousin of the bridegroom, who appeared in khaki, acted as best man. During the afternoon a numerosly-attended reception was held at Poplar House, the residence of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Farr left by the Great Eastern Railway for Sawbridgeworth, their future home. The bride's travelling dress was of Saxe blue, with white hat trimmed with roses.

THE NEW STATIONMASTER. 23rd April 1915

Mr. Beales, the newly-appointed stationmaster at Swavesey, commenced duty on Wednesday.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 23rd April 1915

Information has reached Swavesey from the Canadian Red Cross Society that Private Jack Wilderspin, 4th Canadian Battalion, is suffering from burns, and is in No. 8 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne. The authorised visitor reports that "he is up and going on well." Private Wilderspin left Swavesey for Canada a few years ago.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 23rd April. 1915

A tea, followed by an entertainment, to bring the winter sessions of the Friends' Meeting House Band of Hope and Mothers' Meeting to a close was

held at the Meeting House on Monday evening. About 60 sat down to tea, the tables at which were presided over by Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Near (Wisbech). The room was well filled for the subsequent entertainment, at which Mr. J. Near, of Wisbech, took the chair. The children contributed solos, recitations, action songs, etc., and sang hymns. Miss May Mustill played the accompaniments for the action songs, and Mrs. Aldred for the remainder of the programme. Miss Gaunt was responsible for the general management, and, as usual, carried out her onerous duties with conspicuous success.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 23rd April 1915

The Commandant begs to acknowledge with thanks gifts to the Hospital received up to April 21st. (List of gifts and names). An entertainment was held in the hospital on Tuesday, 13th. An amusing sketch, entitled "The At-Home Day," was given by Miss Mitham and the Misses Dodson. Some of the patients and other friends also helped in the programme. The Commandant wishes to thank all who gave their services.

LETTING OF HERBAGE. 23rd April 1915

The yearly letting of the herbage of the by-ways and roadsides in the parish of Swavesey was conducted by Mr. C. W. Underwood, auctioneer, of Willingham, at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, by order of the Rural District Council. The herbage of the Recreation Ground was let at the same time by direction of the Parish Council. The total amounts realised showed a marked improvement on last year, viz., £25 19s. 6d., against £8 15s. for the by-ways and roadsides, and £4 5s. against £2 for the Recreation Ground. In 1913 the by-ways etc., produced £25 5s., and the Recreation Ground £5 5s. The great reduction in 1914 was in a measure due to an objection to the roadsides in and near the village being fed owing to the inconvenience caused by straying stock, and in consequence the roadsides were not put up for tender. This year all the by-ways and roadsides were offered and were let.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd April 1915

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School last Friday evening, and was attended by the following Councillors: Messrs. Arthur Norman (acting chairman), W. Burton, J. S. Goad, Robt. Norman, A. T. Scard, and W. Twist, with the clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Clerk announced that Mr. H. Thurston, jun., had signed the necessary agreement in regard to his being allowed the use of the Recreation Ground at the approaching village feast, and

some conversation ensued respecting the instructions to be given to the auctioneer when letting the herbage of the ground. Mr. Goad proposed, and Mr. Burton seconded, the election of Mr. A. Norman as chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. A. Norman suggested the re-election of last year's chairman, Dr. Robert Ellis, who is serving abroad with his Majesty's Forces, but the suggestion was not accepted, and Mr. Norman's appointment was carried unanimously. Mr. Goad was elected vice-chair. The appointment of Overseers was next proceeded with and Messrs. C. J. Shepperson, James Smith, and Bert Hodson were nominated. Messrs. Shepperson and Hodson were selected. Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, sen., was re-appointed pindar.

SWAVESEY TRAGEDY. 23rd April 1915

CRIPPLE WOMAN FOUND DROWNED IN VILLAGE POND.

OPEN VERDICT RETURNED.

The drowning tragedy at Swavesey was investigated by the County Coroner (Mr. A. J. Lyon) on Friday evening. The inquest was held at Mr. Thorp's house, Swavesey, and an open verdict was returned.

(Full report in newspaper.)

FOOD EXCELLENT AND PLENTIFUL. 30th April 1915

Writing under date 14th April from "somewhere in Belgium" to his father, Mr. J. Stockbridge, of Swavesey, Sergt.-Saddler F. Stockbridge, 1st Lincolnshire Battery, 1/1 North Midland Brigade, says: - "The weather is a bit warmer now, but we are up to our knees in mud, but we are making the best of things as far as possible. We have been in action now just over a week, and we have had two or three scraps with the Germans, but we have been lucky so far, as we have not had any casualties. The heavy guns fire right over us, so you may guess it is like to deafen one. Our food is excellent and plenty of it, but I miss a glass of the old English beer. Still, I feel the better for it. We have the airships constantly flying over us. The Germans dropped several bombs on Monday about a mile away, killing four men and injuring others. There are German and English graves on the sides of the roads and in fields, all done round with barbed wire. There is a village about ten minutes' walk from us that has been shelled time after time with "Jack Johnsons." Most of the houses are blown down, and one shell went through the church roof. Several fell in the street, making holes big enough to bury a horse and cart. I don't think I shall ever forget what I have seen here. No one who has not seen can have any idea what it is like."

CAPTAIN NEWTON'S GRAVE. 30th April 1915

Pte. A. Coulson, "B" Company, 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, a Swavesey young man, writing home from the trenches says: - "On Easter Sunday the Germans put up a big card, on which was written a happy greeting to the British, and "if you don't fire we won't." One of the officers put one up out of our trench to greet the Germans, and there was not much firing all day. The Germans put an English flag out of their trenches. I received your 'fags' all right. They came just at the right time, as I had not one left. I saw one of my letters in the 'Weekly News'; one of my mates showed me the paper. As I am writing now the shells are going over my head from both ways - from the enemy's side and from ours. There are 30 or 40 dead Germans and French lying about. It looks a sight to see dead men lying in the fields. The other day I saw the grave of Mr. Douglas Newton's brother, who was killed out here."

MORE MEN WANTED. 30th April 1915

A recruiting party, consisting of two officers and about 40 non-commissioned officers and men, including a bugle band, of the 3rd/1st Cambridgeshire Regt., will pass through Swavesey to-morrow (Saturday) at about noon. It is understood that the party will enter the village by the Ramper-road.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th April 1915

A special monthly meeting was held at Bethel Chapel on Sunday afternoon, and was conducted by E. H. Dallimore, of Battersea Park, London, who gave an address on "The Bible in the light of to-day". Solos and quartettes were rendered by the Misses M. Gautrey and E. Lack, of Cottenham and Messrs. Goodliffe and R. Robinson, of Willingham. The attendance was good. During Sunday the Superintendent received subscriptions in aid of the National Tent Building Scheme for our Sailors and Soldiers. His appeal was well responded to.

PARISH MEETING. 30th April 1915

The annual parish meeting was held in the Infants' School last Friday evening, and was quite a happy gathering. Mr. Arthur Norman, the newly-elected chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and was supported by the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The Parish Council was represented by Mr. W. Burton and Mr. W. Twist, and the sole representative of the general body of ratepayers was Mr. Albert G. Parish. After the minutes of two previous meetings had been read and signed, the Clerk read out the Overseers', Parish Council and Charity accounts. An interesting conversation ensued on various subjects more or less connected with the accounts, and then the Chairman declared the annual assembly of the parish closed.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 7th May 1915

Mr. Stanley Westwood Perry, youngest son of Mr. William Perry, the late stationmaster at Swavesey, has enlisted in the Essex Yeomanry. Trooper Perry was a booking office clerk at Godmanchester Station, G. E. R. The Swavesey Roll of Honour, which was originally displayed outside the National School, but vanished some time ago, has been re-written and brought up-to-date, and on Saturday was affixed to a board specially erected by Mr. E. Parish, J.P., on the Parish Council property in High-street. The roll is comprehensive, for it includes not only the names of the twenty-three men who have joined the Army or Navy since the outbreak of war, and who were resident in Swavesey at the time of their enlistment, but also those of Swavesey men who were serving with the colours before the war, Reservists and Territorials called up on mobilisation, and other Swavesey men who had left the parish and are serving their country. Seventy-three names altogether appear on the Roll, including six members of the Canadian contingents.

VISIT OF 1ST CAMBS. RECRUITING PARTY. 7th May 1915

Under the command of Lieuts. Smith and Stockdale, a recruiting party, consisting of about 40 non-commissioned officers and men, including a bugle band, of the 3rd/1st Cambridgeshire Regiment visited Swavesey on Saturday morning, and their visit cannot be recorded as having been a success, though it created considerable excitement amongst the women and children. The party arrived by train from Histon about 11.30 a.m., and marched from the station, headed by the band, through Church End and along High-street. A halt was called immediately the Recreation Ground was passed, and the men lay down on the grass at the roadside. Two residents here distributed oranges and apples, which appeared to be appreciated by the men. About 12.30 the party returned along High-street, and when Market-street was reached dismissed for dinner, which was provided at the White Horse Inn. At 1.30 the detachment marched off to Over. No recruits were obtained in Swavesey. Eligible men of military age were conspicuous by their absence. It is, however, only fair to say that the hour chosen for the visit was one when many of the men are employed in field work, and others on a Saturday are engaged in Cambridge and elsewhere. The party was expected to arrive by road from Longstanton, but an alteration in the route was made at the last moment. The Swavesey local guide, Mr. S. W. Crisp, was waiting on the Longstanton-road, and therefore did not join the detachment until after dinner.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th May 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), who presided, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, R. Norman and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). Mr. Arthur Norman, the Chairman, was unable to attend, owing to his having met with an accident, which we are glad to say was not very serious. There was some delay in beginning business, as only four councillors were present, five being required to make a quorum; but at length one of the missing councillors was found, and on his appearance, the Clerk proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting. One or two matters arising out of the minutes were discussed briefly. It was stated that the repairs to the Parish pound ordered by the Council were in hand, and it was agreed that the question of Mr. W. J. Hephew's tenancy of property in High-street, should be postponed to the next meeting. The Council then proceeded to consider the increasing expenditure of the County Council. During the discussion it was announced that the county rate for the present half-year so far as Swavesey was concerned was £370, and the poor rate £96. For the previous six months the county rate was £312, making a total contribution from the parish to the County Council of £682 for the year ending 30th September next. The Rural District Council requirements for the current half-year had also increased. It was eventually decided that the Clerk should write to Dr. J. W. Ellis, the local County Councillor, on behalf of the Parish Council, calling attention to the serious burden on ratepayers caused by the ever-increasing expenditure of the County Council and urging him to do his utmost to have the expenditure reduced. There was then discussion of the need for a further Councillor to be elected, as there is one vacancy, and Dr. R. Ellis is with the army in the Mediterranean. The vacancy should be filled without further delay, especially as during the summer months some members may not always find it convenient to attend regularly.

SWAVESEY MAN MISSING. 21st May 1915

Mrs. Beaumont has received an intimation from the Canadian Record Office that her second son, Pte. Henry Beaumont, 7th Canadian Battalion, has been reported missing. It is understood that he was engaged in the big fight in which the Canadian Regiments so greatly distinguished themselves.

THE FEAST. 21st May 1915

That hardy annual, the village feast, has been kept as usual, but cannot be said to have been a lively function or to have attracted many visitors. At the parish church on Sunday the services were well attended, especially that in the evening, when the choir acquitted themselves with distinction, and the

congregation did their part with energy. Usually several cricket matches are played, and are a special feature in the daytime. This year there was none. The Cricket Club has ceased to exist. Although not as numerous as in most years, there were a fair number of stalls, cocoanut shies, a diminutive kind of joy-wheel, and other similar attractions. Mr. Manning's roundabout was also present. Mr. Henry Thurston's show, which was confidently expected, as he had obtained permission from the Parish Council for a consideration of £2, to stand upon the Recreation Ground, did not put in an appearance, much to the disappointment of youthful feasters. In view of the letter from "A Countryman," in last Friday's "Weekly News," calling attention to the possible risk of German bomb-droppers being attracted by the light from portable gas flares and the noise of loud sounding organs, it is satisfactory to report that the show people did their best to shroud their lights, and Mr. Manning in addition reduced the number of lamps on his roundabout from eight to four. His organ also was considerably toned down, the louder portion being put out of commission, and the whole enclosed in a glass case. At Mrs. Aaron Harris' cocoanut shy a novel method of covering a flare lamp on a pole was adopted. She hung an open umbrella over the lamp.

SWAVESEY MAN'S EXPERIENCES. 21st May 1915

Writing to his mother in Swavesey from Northern France, under date May 12th, Pte. Frank Beaumont, 7th London Regiment (T.F.), son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, says:

"We have just come back from the firing line, after a week spent there, and that explains why I have not written you a decent letter before. Yesterday week we marched to a deserted village just behind the line, where half the Battalion was billeted in houses still habitable (those with a roof on), while the remainder manned the firing trench. I was in the former half, and on Thursday we relieved the others and took up position in the firing trench. At first we thought we were in for 48 hours, but when our turn to be relieved came we had to remain in the trenches in view of a move projected on the morrow, and of which I will give you some description. On Sunday an attempt was to be made to push back the Germans on each side of the line we held. Our part in this engagement was not pretentious, but at the same time a very necessary one. It was our duty to hold our portion of the trenches in the face of any attack while the advance was attempted on our right and left.

"As in all cases the attack was preceded by an artillery bombardment of the enemy. This commenced about 4 a.m., and continued until about 7 a.m. I don't know how many guns we used, but the noise was simply terrific. I can only describe it to you by asking you to imagine a very heavy thunderstorm,

with peals of thunder going on without cessation for hours. I don't know how far this attack was a success, and it is probable that you will know more about it than I do from the papers. We have heard that the French made a considerable advance on our right, but that although the English on the left captured trenches, their attack was not attended with all the success hoped for. As I said before, we did not take a very active part in the attack, but simply fired on the enemy trenches opposite as we received orders. We were finally removed from the trenches on Monday night, and after staying a night in the deserted village, came on here, a village about three miles from the firing line, and where we are awaiting further orders. Our stay in the firing line this time was the longest we have had up to the present. The weather was fine, and it was very hot, but what tried me, and most chaps, I believe, was the lack of sleep. While in the trenches the only sleep one can get is for an hour or two at different periods of the day, and in consequence of the move made we had less than usual this time. I have now had two good nights' rest, and feel quite fit, but while in the trenches one is apt to get a bit depressed at times, simply through lack of rest.

"We have just heard of the sinking of the Lusitania, and also hear rumours that the Americans have made a most emphatic protest to the German Government. I am looking forward to seeing the papers. The Germans seem to stop at nothing to accomplish their ends, and also seem quite reckless as to what opposition they incur. The sinking of the Lusitania seems to me one of the most unscrupulous and inhuman acts ever perpetrated by a country at war.

SWAVESEY MAN WOUNDED. 28th May 1915

Mr. Henry Capper, of Swavesey, has received an official intimation that his son, Private Cawthorne Capper, 14th Battalion (Royal Montreal), Canadian Contingent, has been wounded and is lying in hospital at Boulogne.

WHITSUNTIDE. 28th May 1915

Very few visitors favoured Swavesey with their presence during Whitsuntide, and, contrary to custom, there were no cricket matches.

PIG IN A TUNNEL. 28th May 1915

On Whitsun Tuesday a pig belonging to Mr. Z. Parish, butcher, whilst being driven along Carter's-lane jumped into the public drain which runs under the road, and disappeared into the tunnel. Here in spite of strenuous efforts to get it out it remained for some hours. The drain is covered in for about one hundred yards from the north side of Carter's-lane to beyond the old brewery in Middle Watch. All other means failing, an opening was at length dug in the

tunnel in the brewery yard, and a dog introduced. The pig then emerged into the light of day.

WAKE UP, SWAVESEY. 28th May 1915

A correspondent writes: I see from the "Weekly News" that Boy Scouts at Elsworth are collecting eggs every week for wounded soldiers. This has set me wondering why we have heard nothing of Boy Scouts or egg collections in Swavesey, where the population is nearly double that of Elsworth. Lads and youths enjoy themselves most evenings on School Green playing football. Could they not be quite as pleasantly and far more profitably employed learning their duty as citizens of this great Empire now in the throes of this terrible war? We want "some village Hampden", a village Kitchener, to organise us and our resources. Surely there is someone in the parish with sufficient patriotism and a personality strong enough to take the lead. If there is no man fit and willing to take the job, may I suggest that the women of Swavesey should see what they can do. Here is a chance for a Swavesey Joan of Arc.

SWAVESEY MAN'S DIARY. 28th May 1915

The following are extracts from the diary of Pte. Frank Beaumont, 7th London Regiment, now in Northern France, which he has sent to his brother. (Pte. Beaumont is a son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for upwards of 40 years schoolmaster in Swavesey. An elder brother, in the 7th Canadian Regiment, has recently been reported missing.):

"Wednesday, May 12th. – The place where we are now stationed is inhabited by civilians. Last night we were out from 6.30 to 2.30 a.m. as a working party. We were unfortunate enough to get several casualties, including two officers. This trench warfare is most disheartening, but from various signs I believe things are beginning to move. Sunday's business, in my opinion, was a start of a general offensive all along the line, which will be persisted in until something happens. I am feeling in the best of health and spirits."

In a letter to his mother at Swavesey, dated May 21st, Pte. Beaumont continues his chronicle:

"I am very glad to say that during the last week the British have scored considerable success in their campaign against the Germans, as no doubt you have seen in the papers. A big attack was organised commencing last Sunday (16th), and our battalion took a fairly prominent part in it. We were called out on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, and marched to a position where we remained in reserve until 9 o'clock. We were then marched up to the firing line, and occupied a German trench which had been taken just before. We

remained in this trench until Wednesday night, when we were relieved by some Canadian troops. While we were in the trenches the Germans made a great effort to dislodge us by artillery bombardment, but without success. Our casualties as a result of this were rather heavy. I am thankful to say that I and – both came out all right. It was a very trying experience, and we were all glad to be relieved on Wednesday night. In the position we held all we could do was to hold tight to the trench while our artillery replied to the enemy's bombardment. As you can imagine, this is more trying to one's nerves than active fighting, when one has less time to think. Still, after two nights' good rest I am feeling quite fit again and ready for more work. Lots of Germans surrendered in this engagement, and I saw about 150 of them. I thought they seemed pretty fed up and glad to chuck in the sponge. I might mention that our battalion has been praised for good work in this battle."

"A LOVELY CHARGE." 28th May 1915

Writing on May 22nd from the 1st Southern General Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Corporal Alfred C. Dodson, 2nd Bedfordshire Regt., says:

"I am well with the exception of my leg; it has swollen as big as my head from my knee to ankle. I got a very nasty wound – they cannot get it clean yet – otherwise I am feeling well. I suppose I shall be in bed for about a month at least. I was wounded last Sunday at 3.30 a.m. in a lovely charge. They ran away like hell; that is all they are good for. They are on you as hard as they can till you get to their first line of trenches, then they throw their hands up ,but we caught them last Sunday."

RUMOUR CONTRADICTED. 4th June 1915

In view of a rumour recently in circulation in Swavesey it is satisfactory to announce that in a letter received on Tuesday morning, which was written five days previously, Bombardier Arthur Crisp, Royal Field Artillery, stated that he was fit and well.

FOR OUR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS. 4th June 1915

In response to the Earl of Meath's appeal to British boys and girls to make our brave soldiers and sailors happy, the sum of 11s. 6d. has been contributed from Swavesey National School, and has been sent to the Overseas Club, Aldwych, London, which organised the Penny Fund. The appeal was made in connection with Empire Day, but the collection could not be made at that time owing to the school being closed for Feast Week. The money is used for providing parcels of tobacco and other comforts that the sailors and soldiers need so badly and appreciate greatly.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 4th June 1915

The Belgian patients were transferred to King Albert's Hospital, London, on May 22nd. Some are still in hospital and others have returned to their depot at Calais.

ACCIDENT. 4th June 1915

Mr. Jack Lodes, of Swavesey, met with a serious accident at Waterbeach on the 27th ult., whilst driving a traction engine belonging to Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, Swavesey, and employed on Government work. It appears that he drew up on the green, and his companion alighted. In order to move to the side of the road, he started his engine, and by some means his right hand got caught in the machinery. He was able to stop the engine near Wellington House, Mr. A. E. Saunders' residence, outside which Mrs. Saunders was standing. He was helped to alight, and Mrs. Saunders had taken him into her home, where he fainted. Some brandy soon brought him round. Mrs. Saunders, who is a member of the local Voluntary Aid Detachment, Cambs. 44, rendered efficient first aid. Mr. Lodes was bleeding profusely. Dr. Robson, of Waterbeach, was sent for, and attended at once. He did what he could for the injured man, and ordered his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The question was then debated as to the best means of getting him there, when Mr. A. Tuck, of De Freville-avenue, Cambridge drove up, accompanied by a lady in a two-seater motor car. He at once offered his services, and leaving the lady behind, conveyed Mr. Lodes to the Hospital, where he was admitted. His hand is badly crushed, and it has been found necessary to amputate three fingers. He is going on as well as can be expected.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 11th June 1915

On the King's birthday the National Anthem was sung by the children in the National Schools.

OBITUARY. 11th June 1915

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Jemima Rule, widow of Mr. John Rule, blacksmith, Swavesey on Sunday, 30th May, aged 80 years. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Thursday in last week, the Rev. E. Short, of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Rule, Mrs. T. Prior, Mr. Walter Rule, Mrs. G. Netherwood, Mr. Arthur Rule, Mrs. J. Rule, Mr. James Prior, and Mrs. A. Rule. Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th June 1915

Anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 3rd inst., and attracted large numbers of people from Swavesey and the neighbourhood. The special preacher at both services was the Rev. Dr. F. B. Meyer, Christ Church, London. At 3.15 p.m. there was an excellent attendance. Tea, at which about 200 sat down, followed at 5.30 p.m. The chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity for the evening service, when Dr. Meyer took for his subject "The Prodigal Son." The total proceeds of the anniversary amounted to the satisfactory sum of £17 0s. 2½d.

CHURCH FINANCE. 18th June 1915

The collections at all services at the parish church on Sunday last were on behalf of the Ely Diocesan Finance Board. They amounted to £5 5s. The sum that Swavesey is asked to contribute to the Finance Board this year is £5 15s.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 18th June 1915

On Thursday June 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frohock entertained the patients, Commandant, quartermaster and sister to tea at Longstanton.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 25th June 1915

Mr. Christopher Day, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps on Saturday last. Information has reached Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Prior, Boxworth End, that their youngest son, Mr. Oswald A. Prior, joined the New Zealand Contingent about a month ago.

ITEM FROM THE FRONT. 25th June 1915

Driver-Wheeler, J. W. Goad, Army Service Corps, writing to his home in Swavesey this week, says he recently met somewhere at the Front Private Jack Wilderspin (4th Canadians), and Private Lawson Hephher (12th Canadians). Both are Swavesey young men. They were well and flourishing.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS. 25th June 1915

Patriotic badges and scent sachets were sold in the village by the school children last week, with the view of benefiting wounded soldiers. The sales realised a clear profit of 12s., 10s. of which have been sent to the Lowestoft Home of Rest for Needy Soldiers, and the balance spent in cigarettes for soldiers in the local Red Cross Hospital.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th June 1915

At Evensong at the Parish Church on Sunday last part of the special service of Intercession on behalf of the nation and Empire in this time of war, issued under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, was substituted for the prayers which usually follow the Third Collect. The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles Sharp, formerly vicar of Addlestone, Surrey. His address was most interesting and helpful, bringing sympathy and hope to those in distress, full of anecdote and touching incident, and was listened to with close attention by the large congregation, which included wounded soldiers from the local hospital. After the Blessing the National Anthem was sung.

SWAVESEY MAN ON TRENCH WARFARE. 2nd July 1915

Writing to his mother in Swavesey from Northern France on June 23rd, Private Frank Beaumont, 7th Battalion London Regiment, says: -

We were relieved (from duty in the trenches) on Monday night, and are now in reserve about 1½ miles from the firing line. We had this time our longest spell in the trenches, having been there since the previous Saturday week, and we were glad to come out for a bit. The trenches we occupied this time were earth trenches, and not sandbag barricades we were in before. In the case of earth trenches it is necessary to have communication trenches leading some distance back to enable troops to enter comparatively safely; otherwise they would be exposed to the enemy's fire for some distance before getting in the trenches. Sandbag barricades being raised above the ground afford some cover. The district round these trenches is an absolute network of communication and reserve trenches, numbered off or named like so many streets. It is quite easy to lose oneself in them, in fact easier than going right. It's a rotten job getting in and out of the trenches by this way. The communication trenches wind in and out – they are less vulnerable to artillery constituted in this way – and it seems as if we would never get to our destination.

Except for one day, we had a pretty quiet time in the trenches this time, although both sides were a bit more active than during our previous spell. One day attacks were made on the enemy on our left and right, with the result that we were bombarded a bit. We had previously bombarded the Germans opposite us in order to divert their attention from the attacks which were to be delivered, so I suppose their bombardment of us was in the nature of reply. The main trenches were, I understood, about 300 to 400 yards away, but each side was attempting to gain ground by building advanced trenches which were only about 100 yards distant. We spent some time during the nights improving our advanced trench, which was not properly finished. I am feeling

quite fit, except that my feet are a bit tender, the result of not being able to take off my boots and socks for a long period.

WELCOME RAIN. 2nd July 1915

The long spell of dry weather was broken on Sunday morning, when rain fell heavily for some time, and there were further downfalls during Sunday night and Monday, and welcome showers since.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 2nd July 1915

Mrs. Long, the president of the Swavesey Division of Addenbrooke's Hospital County Organisation Fund, has received a gratifying return of the recent house-to-house collections in the villages in her district, and has sent Mrs. Hicks, the hon. Secretary and treasurer of the fund, £36 5s. 9d., against £35, 11s. 1d. last year.

RUMOUR FOUND GROUNDLESS. 2nd July 1915

A letter dated 21st June, from somewhere in France, has been received in Swavesey from Private Walter Neal, 1st Bedfordshire Regt., concerning whom disquieting rumours have been in circulation for some time past. He says he is quite well, and asks that some tea and sugar may be sent him.

A SHORT VISIT HOME. 2nd July 1915

Corpl. Watson Trundley, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr. George Trundley, of Swavesey, revisited his parents after an absence of nine years on Tuesday. He was a reservist and was in Natal when the war broke out. He rejoined the depot of his regiment in Scotland immediately, and was speedily sent to his battalion at the Front. He has been in much stiff fighting, and has had experience of German gas, but down to the present has come through without a scratch or a day's illness. He returns to the Front to-day.

SCHOOL TREAT. 9th July 1915

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School had their annual treat on Thursday in last week in the vicarage grounds.

STORMS. 9th July 1915

A series of heavy thunderstorms has visited Swavesey. On Sunday evening during church time rain and hail fell in torrents, and the thunder and lightning were terrific. There have been storms since, that during Tuesday night being very heavy. No serious damage has been reported.

NEWS OF SOLDIERS. 9th July 1915

Pte. Arthur Prior, 1/1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, arrived in Swavesey on Friday night on a few days' leave from the front. He was in excellent health. He returned on Tuesday. Pte. Charles Savage, Bedfordshire Regiment, is in Netley Hospital suffering from appendicitis. He had been at the front since the early days of the war. Pte. Jack Wilderspin, 4th Battalion Central Ontario Regiment, Canadian Contingent, now on service in France, has been promoted lance-corporal. Trooper Herbert Wilderspin, jun., Northants. Yeomanry, who had been for some time in hospital in France suffering from frost-bite and fever, and last month was removed to the 1st Southern General Hospital at Birmingham, is now at Droitwich undergoing a course of treatment for rheumatism. He was visited by his father, Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, of Swavesey, on Sunday, and was then confined to his bed, but hopeful of an early recovery.

SWAVESEY MAN COMMENDED. 9th July 1915

Private Arthur James Coulson, also of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, has also earned the commendation of his commanding officers for good work, it is understood, at Ypres. He has received the following card from Major-General J. D'O. Snow, commanding the 27th Division: "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the field. I have read their report with much pleasure." Pte. Coulson has sent the card and an accompanying letter of commendation from Major G. L. Archer, Commanding 1/1st Cambs., to his father in Swavesey for safe custody. He says he has qualified as a bomb-thrower.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 9th July 1915

The Sunday School anniversary services were held at Bethel Chapel on the 27th ulto., the special preacher being the Rev. J. W. Upton, of Burwell. During the afternoon there was a flower service, during which recitations were given by the scholars, and Mr. Upton delivered an address. Framed certificates, awarded by the C.S.S.U., were presented to Miss C. M. Prior, Thomas Daintree and Rodney Prior. The collections amounted to £3 3s. 6d. The flowers, in excellent condition, were sent to St. Ives Infirmary. On the Thursday following the yearly Sunday School treat was held in a field at Trinity College Farm, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Norman, and additional interest was given to the occasion by the presence of 22 invalid soldiers from the local Red Cross hospital, who attended by special invitation. During the afternoon a cricket match – Wounded Soldiers v. Ladies – was played. The

men, who batted left-handed with broomsticks, while their fair opponents used their right hands and the orthodox willow, managed to win by five runs. An excellent tea was provided in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom for the soldier guests, children and other visitors. In the evening there were sports with events for children and soldiers, including a pillow fight, tug-of-war, etc. There was also a hat-trimming competition. Each soldier was presented with a souvenir of the occasion before leaving.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 9th July 1915

Married just a year ago in Natal, Watson Trundley, a Reservist of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, had five weeks later to leave his young wife to rejoin his regiment. A few hours at the depot at Ayr, N.B., and then he and others were hurried to France. Weeks and months of strenuous fighting and hardship followed, and then the welcome order came that Corpl. Watson Trundley could go home for a few days' leave. Early on Tuesday in last week he arrived in Swavesey, and had the warmest of welcomes from parents, relatives and friends, none of whom had seen him for nine years. His face burned deep brown by sun and weather, his clothes stained and well-nigh threadbare, told their tale, but the gallant Corporal was in the best of health and spirits. Of his own experiences he spoke little. Pressed, he admitted that his lot had been in the thick of it, and that the battalion's loss in officers had been heavy; there were not many left, he said. Food at the front was good and plentiful, except at times when it was impossible to get it to the trenches. On Friday morning he strapped his pack on his back, shouldered his rifle and went away.

SIGNALMEN'S BABIES. 16th July 1915

The two signalmen who at present share the work in the Swavesey signal-box between them have each been presented with a son this week, one happy event taking place on Sunday and the other on Monday.

SHORT VISIT HOME. 16th July 1915

Lance-Corpl. Martin Surrey Caine, 49th Battalion, Canadian Contingent, now in training in England, arrived in Swavesey on a short visit to his parents on Saturday evening. He went to Canada 17 years ago and last visited this country about four years since. He enlisted at Edmonton, Alberta, in January. Nearly 7,000 men, the majority of whom were British born, have joined the Army at Edmonton since the war began, out of a population of about 60,000.

OBITUARY. 16th July 1915

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter Ding, second son of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, on Saturday morning, aged 30 years. Mr. Ding had for some years acted as organ blower at the parish church, and in his sermon on Sunday evening the Vicar referred to the sad event in sympathetic terms, and specially mentioned the willing and useful service Mr. Ding had rendered in many ways in connection with the church. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Fred Ding (brother), Mrs. Dean and Mrs E. Smith (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. P. Ding, Mrs. J. Noble, Mrs. Netherwood, Mrs. Papworth, Mrs. Daisley, Mrs. W. Ding (uncles and aunts), Mr. C. Dean and Mr. E. Smith (brothers-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

DEATH OF MRS. JONAS THORP. 16th July 1915

Many of our readers, especially those getting on in years, will learn with regret that Mrs. Elizabeth Thorp, widow of the late Mr. Jonas Thorp, passed away early on Monday morning, at the ripe age of 79 years. She had been in failing health for some time. Mrs. Thorp was well known and greatly respected as the landlady of the Swan With Two Necks, on the raised causeway known locally as "The Stones," the Swavesey hostelry nearest the railway station, the River Ouse, and Mere Fen. With her husband, who died in June, 1896, a well-known butcher of Swavesey and Cambridge Market, she took possession of the inn on the 4th November, 1873, and for thirty-seven years, until Lady Day, 1911, held the licence without a single complaint. She retired from the business owing to advancing years. The Swan, probably the oldest publichouse, and one of the oldest houses in the village, was in days gone by much frequented by fishermen and skaters. Mrs. Thorp leaves three daughters.

A CLERICAL BARMAN. 23rd July 1915

Writing from a base camp in France, Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, says:- "I went on Sunday to the service in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. We had quite a nice little service, which I really enjoyed. Such nice hymns, 'Fight the good fight,' 'Jesu, the very thought of Thee,' 'Holy Father, in Thy mercy,' and 'There is a green hill far away.' I thought about you all at Swavesey Church. The curate spoke so nicely. He works at the refreshment bar during the week, and takes the services on Sunday."

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 23rd July 1915

The fact that since the 12th inst. the times of departure of several trains from Swavesey station does not appear to be realised by many intending passengers. This has been specially noticeable in connection with the down train, which prior to the 12th inst., left at 2.14 p.m., but which now is due to leave 19 minutes earlier, viz., at 1.55 p.m. On Tuesday, for instance, four or five persons missed the train, under the impression that it still started at 2.14 p.m. Since the alterations have been made the trains generally have been running well to time.

DEATH OF MR. NETHERWOOD. 23rd July 1915

We regret to announce the death on Sunday night of Mr. John Netherwood, after a very painful and distressing illness of six months' duration, borne with great patience and fortitude. Mr. Netherwood was the third son of the late Mr. John Netherwood, of Swavesey, and was 60 years of age. He was a bricklayer, a trade followed by his father and grandfather, and was well known in the district. In politics he was a keen Conservative, and until the last year or two, took an active share in party politics in Swavesey.

CART VERSUS MOTOR LORRY. 23rd July 1915

A collision, fortunately not attended by serious consequences, happened on Wednesday afternoon on the Swavesey and Fen Drayton road, between a spring cart, belonging to Mr. Carter, of Fenstanton, and Messrs. Laurie and McConnal's motor lorry. Mr. Carter had alighted and was talking to Mr. C. J. Shepperson inside a field, while a lady held the horse by the roadside. As the lorry approached she attempted to draw the horse more off the road, but it is said the animal was of a different opinion and backed towards the lorry, the driver of which in order to avoid a collision steered on to the grass and landed in a ditch. The vehicles, however, came into contact, and the cart axle was broken, but no other damage was done.

THE LATE MRS. THORP. 23rd July 1915

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jonas Thorp, whose death at the age of 79 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Friday afternoon. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The mourners included: Mrs. G. V. Pearce, Miss A. Thorp and Miss C. Thorp (daughters), Master Roger Pearce (grandson), Mr. Ben Thorp (nephew) and Mrs. George Farey and Miss Ellen Thorp (nieces). After the committal Master Roger Thorp dropped a bunch of lilies on the coffin, from his sisters Peggy and Kitty and himself. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

CHILDREN'S HELP. 30th July 1915

The children attending Swavesey National School contributed to the French Relief Fund on French Flag Day.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th July 1915

The services on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Chapel were conducted by Mr. Sykes, of St. Ives. In the afternoon a service of intercession was held by the Sunday School for our men at the front, a printed form of service being used. Short addresses on the war were given by the superintendent, Mr. H. S. Aldred, and by Messrs. B. Prior and James Prior (deacons) and G. E. Canham and J. Payne.

SPORTING NEWS. 30th July 1915

It may interest some of our readers to know that the fourth race at the Second Extra Racing Meeting at Newmarket on Tuesday was the Swavesey Selling Plate of 103 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upwards, the winner to be sold for £100. Mr. J. Ivall's b.g. Oversight won by three-quarters of a length. There was no bid for the winner. It is said that this was the first occasion on which a horse race has been named after Swavesey.

EMPTY HOUSES. 30th July 1915

There are 15 unoccupied cottages in the parish of Swavesey at the present time, and in addition the Old House and two cottages are only in temporary occupation, the former as a Red Cross Hospital, and the two cottages by Belgian refugees. After the great fire in March, 1913, there was much talk of a dearth of houses, and additional accommodation was demanded. None of the houses now unoccupied were rendered vacant owing to men serving in the Navy or Army; on the contrary, two houses have been taken recently by the wives of men not previously resident in Swavesey, who are in the Army. Three new houses are in course of erection.

FUNERAL OF MR. NETHERWOOD. 30th July 1915

The funeral of the late Mr. John Netherwood, whose death on the 18th inst., at the age of 60 years, was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard last Friday afternoon. The Vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Netherwood, Cambridge (brother), Mrs. Richards, Fenstanton (sister), Miss E. Coote (step-sister). Mr. Charles Coote, Over (step-brother), and Mrs. George Netherwood (sister-in-law). The coffin was of

polished elm, with black and gilt furniture. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

GARDEN FETE. 30th July 1915

Rain in torrents hour after hour on Thursday, 22nd inst., placed the organisers of the garden fete announced for that day in aid of the French Relief Fund and the local Red Cross Hospital in somewhat of a quandary. The fete was to take place in the Vicarage Grounds, under spreading trees and grassy banks. Two alternatives presented themselves, to postpone the function until the weather was kinder, or adjourn to the schools, more than half-a-mile distant. To the former there were obvious objections. The band had been engaged and the bread and butter had been cut. So it was decided to go to the schools, and provisions, contents of stalls, etc., were hurriedly conveyed thither. Everyone worked with a will, the visitors were good-tempered and made the best of things, and the result was a successful gathering. The managers of the refreshment department, in particular, did wonders and splendid business, and were most materially assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, near neighbours of the school, who when boiling water for tea was called for, produced gallons. The children's pageant, arranged by Miss J. Capper, was given, though robbed of the picturesque setting it would have had in the Vicarage grounds. The children were dressed to represent the peoples of the Allied nations. The children sang national and patriotic songs. Many of the competitions were partially brought off, though some were postponed. The St. Ives Brass Band played lustily, and in the evening supplied the music for dancing. Soldiers from the local Red Cross Hospital were most active in their efforts to make things go with a swing. They took charge of competitions, sold flags and medallions, and rendered help wherever help was needed. Wounded soldiers from the Willingham Red Cross Hospital were present on Thursday, and received a hearty welcome.

ENLISTED. 6th Aug. 1915

Mr. Samuel John Froment, well known as a Swavesey cricketer and footballer, joined the Army Service Corps on Tuesday. He has recently been employed at Melton Asylum, Suffolk.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Aug. 1915

The Vicar left Swavesey for his annual holiday on Monday, and will be absent for the rest of August. The Sunday services at the parish church will be taken by the Rev. F. Harcourt Hillersdon, Rector of St. Mary-le-Strand, London, who will also take the weekly intercession service on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Mr.

Hilliersdon is a Justice of the Peace for London, a member of the Westminster City Council, and was Mayor of Westminster in 1909-1910.

HOW TO FEED A COW. 6th Aug. 1915

Mr. W. Mustill, miller, last week adopted a somewhat novel method of feeding a cow. The cow and a horse shared a field near Taylor's-lane and fed from the same manger, but one day the horse would not allow the cow to have its share of fodder, and ate it all himself. Mr. Mustill thereupon put a nosebag full of food on the cow, which fed contentedly, and soon emptied the bag. The horse retired in the sulks to a far corner of the field.

SUNDAY BOATING. 6th Aug. 1915

Four lads dressed in their Sunday clothes went for a walk by the river last Sunday afternoon, and seeing an empty boat moored alongside the bank, they must needs take French leave and go for a row. When well under weigh the owner of the boat appeared on the bank, and his observations so much frightened the lads that three of them promptly jumped out of the boat into the water, one having some difficulty in reaching dry land. One youth, it is reported, did not get home until after his parents had gone to bed. He had done his best to dry his clothes by hanging them on a fence, but was not entirely successful, for his mother when putting them away next day found them still damp and covered with slimy weeds. She had not heard of her son's adventure.

IMPROVED FRUIT TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS. 6th Aug. 1915

Before the fruit season commenced this year the growers were anxious as to the ability of the railway companies to deliver their fruit at the various markets, on account of military exigencies. There have, it is understood, been a few complaints of late delivery, but as a whole this year's working has given general satisfaction. On Tuesday the Great Eastern Railway Company, to further expedite the working of the fruit traffic to the North, commenced running an additional fruit train from the district. The first train leaves St. Ives about 5 p.m. with produce from the Sutton branch and St. Ives. A second train starts from Cambridge at 3.25 p.m., and picks up fruit at Histon, Oakington, Longstanton, and Swavesey, leaving the last-named station at 5.15 p.m., and running direct to March. Hitherto the traffic from the two districts has been joined together at St. Ives, and a certain amount of delay has resulted. In order to reap the full benefit of the improved service growers would be well advised to deliver their fruit at the stations in good time.

THE RECENT GARDEN FETE. 6th Aug. 1915

The total amount received at the recent garden fete in aid of the French Relief Fund and local Red Cross Hospital was £50 7s. 9d. The services of the band were secured mainly through the generosity of Mrs. Jaques and Mr. William Thorp.

WAR ITEMS. 13th Aug. 1915

Sapper S.F. Mitham, R.E., whilst engaged in erecting buildings at a base camp in France, has been struck in the eye by a splinter of metal, and has been in hospital. He is progressing favourably. Mr. Horace A. Corbett, well known in Swavesey and neighbourhood, has joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Anti-Aircraft Corps).

ROLL OF HONOUR. 13th Aug. 1915

Some misapprehension appears to exist as to the Swavesey Roll of Honour, and the number of men from the parish serving in the King's Forces. The Roll includes (a) the names of 23 men who have joined the Navy or Army since the outbreak of war, and who were resident in the parish when they enlisted; (b) ten residents who were called up on mobilisation, viz., four Reservists and six Territorials; (c) three men with homes in Swavesey who were serving when war was declared; and (d) 42 non-residents (natives, non-natives with homes in Swavesey, and a late resident). The different groups are shown separately in the official Roll of Honour in High-street. Of the 42 non-residents one has been killed in action in France, and seven are serving with the Overseas' Contingent (six Canadian and one New Zealand). No resident has enlisted since the 15th February. The second sheet of the official Roll of Honour has been blown down and badly damaged during the recent storms. It will be replaced shortly.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION. 20th Aug. 1915

The work of taking the National Register has been duly carried out this week in Swavesey by the enumerators, Messrs. A. Day. Jun., and S. Burling, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Day.

WAR ITEMS. 20th Aug. 1915

Trooper Herbert Wilderspin, jun., Northants. Yeomanry, spent last week-end with his parents in Swavesey. He joined his regiment on the 5th August, 1914, on mobilisation, and went with it to France. He suffered from frostbite, fever and rheumatism, and after some time in hospital in France was removed to the First Southern General Hospital at Birmingham, proceeding thence to

Droitwich for special treatment for rheumatism. He returned to Droitwich on Monday.

LARGE PLUMS. 27th Aug. 1915

Mr. W. H. Key, of Top Leys Cottage, has been gathering Victoria plums this week which have averaged six plums to the lb.

RYDER'S FARM. 27th Aug. 1915

The Swavesey Conservative and Unionist Association has this week given up possession of Ryder's Farmhouse, which has been its headquarters since 1911, having been generously lent to the Association rent free by Mrs. Long and the late Mr. J. B. Ellis. The Association will remain in existence, but, of course, during the war has suspended its activities.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 27th Aug. 1915

Lance-Corpl. Cyril Day, Northants. Yeomanry, son of Mr. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, Swavesey, arrived in Swavesey by the first train on Monday morning on a short leave of absence from the Western front. Lance-Corpl. Day joined his regiment on mobilisation on 5th August, 1914, and has been at the front for many months.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Sept. 1915

Arthur Prior, a schoolboy, eldest son of Pte. A. Prior, 1/1st Cambs., now "Somewhere in France," met with an accident whilst working at Manor Farm, Boxworth, on Tuesday. He was leading a mare drawing a cart containing a stacking ladder. With the mare was a foal. On entering the farmyard the mare lost sight of the foal, and suddenly bolted, knocking down the boy. The cart-wheel passed over the boy's ankle and severely bruised his leg. He was promptly taken to his home at Boxworth End, Swavesey, by Mr. E. H. Thornhill in his motor-cycle side-car. Efficient first-aid was rendered at Swavesey by Mrs. H. S. Aldred and Miss Day, two V.A.D. nurses attached to the Swavesey Red Cross Hospital. Fortunately no bones were broken. It is reported that Pte. A. Prior is lying ill in France.

WEDDING. 10th Sept. 1915

WALKER – WILDERSPIN.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Thursday, 2nd instant, when Mr. Percy Walker, third son of Mr. George Walker, of Houghton Hill, Huntingdon, was married to Miss Emma Wilderspin, of Swavesey. The Rev. F. Harcourt Hillersdon, rector

of St. Mary-le-Strand, London, officiated, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar of Swavesey.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly dressed in ivory silk eolienne. She wore a veil, that worn by her mother, and a wreath of orange blossom, and carried an ivory-bound prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Alice Wilderspin, and her cousin, Miss Ethel McCann, of London, who wore white embroidery dresses, with hats to match. Mr. Frank Walker, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The wedding was a very quiet one, owing to the war, the illness of one of the bride's brothers, contracted whilst on service at the front in France, and the very recent death of a cousin of the bride in the Dardanelles.

The happy couple left Swavesey by the 7.39 p.m. train for Soham, where they will reside. The bride's travelling dress was of gabardine cloth, with a vieux rose hat.

(List of presents in report.)

PROMOTION. 17th Sept. 1915

Second Class Air Mechanic Albert A. Girling, who joined the Royal Flying Corps early last January, and has been in France for the past seven months, has been promoted to First Class Air Mechanic.

SCHOOL RE-OPENED. 17th Sept. 1915

Swavesey National School resumed work on Monday last, after the harvest holidays. The Headmaster, Sergt. C. Wood, is serving with the 23rd Royal Fusiliers (1st Sportsmen's Battalion).

SWAVESEY AIR MECHANIC'S LETTER. 17th Sept. 1915

Writing to his parents in Swavesey, Air Mechanic A. A. Girling, Royal Flying Corps, somewhere in France, says: "I have just received a letter from G. Dean (another Swavesey young man in the R.A.M.C.), enclosing some newspaper cuttings from Swavesey, etc. Tell dad I often think of what a time we would have together shooting in the fields here. They seem to be getting on very well with the harvest out here. They use the same kind of machines as you. Things are still about the same out here. We are living close to a village now, so we are able to buy several different things. You can put what you like in your next parcel. The last one was very nice. I have had several flights in an aeroplane; most of them have been for engine tests, and I have been up two or three times on patrol after Germans, with a machine gun; it is quite exciting.

But you need not worry, as I am quite all right, and am likely to be, as far as I can see."

In a later letter the writer says: "The machine I am on had a duel in the air with a German. It was simply covered with bullet holes. The pilot had one through his stocking, but he did not seem to care a jot."

EVERY LITTLE HELPS. 24th Sept. 1915

Gleaners in the Swavesey cornfields have been unusually numerous this year, and all have done exceptionally well.

DR. ELLIS'S SON PROMOTED. 24th Sept. 1915

The "London Gazette" of the 20th September contains the following announcement:- Royal Army Medical Corps, East Anglian Field Ambulance, Lieut. R. Ellis, M.B., to be Captain (April 1st)." Capt. Ellis is the son of Dr. J.W. Ellis, of this place.

WEDDING. 27th Sept. 1915

The marriage of Pte. Samuel John Froment, A.S.C., son of Mr. Arthur John Froment, High-street, Swavesey, and Miss Mabel Warren, daughter of Mr. Hue Warren, Newbridge, Monmouthshire, took place at Woodbridge, Suffolk, on the 15th inst. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. Cattermole, wore white silk, with hat to match, and was accompanied by two bridesmaids. Mr. H. Eastwood acted as best man. The honeymoon, brief on account of the bridegroom's military duties, was spent at Newbridge. The happy couple have received numerous useful wedding presents. Pte. Froment was well known in the Swavesey district as a cricketer and footballer, and prior to his joining the Army was engaged at Melton Asylum, Suffolk, mainly in connection with games.

WOUNDED. 1st Oct. 1915

News has reached Swavesey that Private Frank Beaumont, 7th London Regt., has been wounded. Private Beaumont, who is a clerk in the Civil Service, enlisted soon after the outbreak of war, and has been with his regiment on the Western front for some months.

REGISTRATION EXPENSES. 1st Oct. 1915

Mr. Romer Macklin, the officer appointed to certify the expenses incurred this year by overseers in the preparation of the lists of Parliamentary, county, and parochial electors of the parishes usually dealt with at the Revising Barrister's

Court at Swavesey, attended at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Tuesday, for the purpose of certifying overseers' expenses.

SWAVESEY MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE. 1st Oct. 1915

Writing to a friend in Over from "Somewhere in France," Trooper Frank Hepher, Northants. Yeomanry, youngest son of Mr. Samuel Hepher, Swavesey, says:-

"I must tell you I had a very lucky escape from being hit by shell this week. A party of us went to a certain place not far from the firing line. We rode up on our horses as far as we dared, and then walked the rest. Four of us were left behind to look after the horses, and I happened to be one of the four. We put the horses under some trees to shelter from a German aeroplane, which was flying over, but I think the aviator must have seen us, for about half an hour afterwards, when we had watered the horses and got nicely seated down, a 'J. Johnson' came over, falling in the next field. We did not take much notice of this, but after about a quarter of an hour another came over and dropped in the same field as we were in, and only about thirty yards away from us. How we managed to escape being hit, God only knows; it seemed as if we were so close to the shell that the pieces went clean over our heads. The horses nearly went mad and we thought we had better make a move, for shells were coming over wholesale. We got on our horses as quick as we could. You can guess what a job we had with four horses each, and they nearly mad. We managed to get on somehow. The shells were still dropping around, and we galloped out of it as hard as we could. It was a case of every man for himself, and I can tell you we were not long before we were out of it. However we and all the horses got away safe, I don't know. I expect, as usual, it was our luck, but I think it was the tightest fix I have yet been in. You can guess what it is like to have four horses to get away at a time like that. I was riding my own, and got the other three on one side, and we didn't let the grass grow under our feet."

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 8th Oct. 1915

Private J. W. Goad, Army Service Corps, arrived in Swavesey by the first train on Tuesday morning from the Western front. Although unexpected, he had a warm reception. He is in excellent health.

ACCIDENT. 8th Oct. 1915

About 3 p.m. on Wednesday, whilst coupling trucks laden with sacks of oats at Church Farm, Boxworth, Mr. Stephen Seekings, of Wallman's-lane, Swavesey, was severely crushed. The traction engine was gently backing one truck, when the draw bar was accidently dropped, and Mr. Seekings was

caught between the two trucks. He was taken on one of the trucks to his home in Swavesey, where first aid was promptly rendered by P.C. Jaggard, who was on duty with the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and P.C. Smith. The unfortunate man's collar bone and ribs have been broken. He is being treated at home.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 8th Oct. 1915

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the parish church on Thursday, 30th ult. The chief service was in the evening, when the Rev. S. T. Adams, Vicar of Holy Sepulchre Church, Cambridge, preached. The church was effectively decorated and there was a fairly good supply of fruit and vegetables, which, as usual, were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The festival services were continued on Sunday. The collections on Thursday and Sunday morning were in aid of Addenbrooke's, and amounted to about £7. On Sunday afternoon there was a children's flower service at the Mission Church, Boxworth End, the children's contributions of flowers, fruit, etc., being sent, in accordance with custom, to the St. Ives Infirmary.

MICHAELMAS FLITTING. 15th Oct. 1915

There has been an unusually large number of removals in Swavesey this Michaelmas, mainly from one house to another in the village. There are still about a dozen empty houses in the village.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 15th Oct. 1915

On Thursday week a successful harvest thanksgiving service was held in Bethel Chapel, which presented a very pleasing appearance, the contributions of fruit, flowers, vegetables, honey, eggs, etc., being most liberal. These kind gifts were most thankfully received, and afterwards sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Tea was served in the schoolroom at 5.30, when a large number of friends – including, by special invitation, 18 wounded soldiers from our Red Cross Hospital – sat down, the company overflowing into the chapel. Trays were presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. W. Savage, and Miss Nellie Prior. The evening service was held at 6.30, when the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Fleet, a former pastor, was the special preacher. There was a good congregation, and the offertory for the Church Renovation Fund was most encouraging.

WONDERFUL ESCAPE. 15th Oct. 1915

Private Frank Beaumont, son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, Swavesey, who was wounded in the big fight near Loos at the end of last month and is now a patient at the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford, had a marvellous escape from death or being held as a prisoner. After he had been shot and had lost his rifle, he made his way towards the rear in search of a dressing station. By mistake he entered a trench occupied by Germans who were firing on our men from the rear. They took Pte. Beaumont prisoner, and after searching him were humane enough to bind up his wounded arm. He was then put on one side to await eventualities. Before long a shell fell into the trench, and killed two or three Germans, and a part of Beaumont's own regiment appeared on the scene with bombs. The remaining Germans bolted, and Pte. Beaumont was able to get back to the dressing station without further mishap.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Oct. 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday evening. Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman) presided, and the other councillors present were: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. S. Goad, R. Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). After the minutes of the previous meeting, held on May 10th, had been passed, the question of lighting the street lamps in the village during the coming winter was considered. – The Chairman stated that he had been approached by the police, who suggested that the lamps should not be lighted, and after a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the lamps should not be used this season. – Mr. George Clarke, last year's lighting contractor, called the attention of the Council to certain lamp glasses which had been broken and for which he maintained he was not responsible. – The Chairman thanked Mr. Clarke for bringing the matter forward, and assured him that the Council did not hold him responsible. – Attention was also called to the unsatisfactory condition of the shed on the parish property in High-street, in which the lamps, etc., were stored, but the Chairman held that the subject could not be gone into at that meeting. – Mr. W.J. Hepher's lease of a shop, buildings, etc., on the High-street parish property having expired, it was unanimously resolved to grant him a fresh lease for seven years at a somewhat higher rental subject to certain conditions, which Mr. Hepher accepted. – Mr. Goad complained that pipes, etc., connected with the new public water supply were still cumbering the parish pond and were a danger to any animals which might be pounded therein. As the District Council said it was the Parish Council's responsibility, Messrs. R. Norman, Scard and Twist volunteered to remove them to the Council's property in High-street. – It was unanimously decided that the Clerk should apply to Messrs. Thurston for the sum they agreed to pay for the

exclusive use of the Recreation Ground during Swavesey Feast in May. – Mr. Alfred Day, jun. was elected to replace Mr. Edward Clark who had retired from the Council.

RASPBERRIES. 22nd Oct. 1915

Good-sized raspberries are to be found on more than one of the new small holdings in Mill Field and Witton Meadow.

PARISH CHURCH. 22nd Oct. 1915

In consequence of danger from an air-raid the evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday next will be held at 5.30 p.m. instead of at 6.30 p.m., the usual hour.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 22nd Oct. 1915

Bombardier Henry Carter, R.F.A., arrived in Swavesey on Thursday in last week on short leave of absence from the Western front, and received a hearty welcome from his friends. He was a Reservist, called up on mobilisation in August, 1914, and proceeded immediately to France, where he has been ever since. He was in the retreat from Mons, and has had many a thrilling experience, but so far has escaped without a scratch or a day's illness.

LOCAL PAPER APPRECIATED. 22nd Oct. 1915

Writing last week to a relative in Swavesey from the Western front, Trooper Peter Ding, Essex Yeomanry, son of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, Swavesey, says: "I should tell you what I should like if it's no trouble to you, and that is the Cambridgeshire paper just to see how you are getting on about there." He added that his regiment had been up in a hot quarter of the fighting line, but he was pleased to say they had returned with a very slight casualty list.

THE WATER SUPPLY. 22nd Oct. 1915

On Sunday morning, when the village housewives were preparing dinner and engaged in other domestic duties necessitating the use of clean and pure water, their arrangements and their tempers were sadly upset by the water from the new public supply pipes suddenly becoming thick with sand or some other matter, and reddish in colour. As time went on the water became clearer. The same thing happened on a Sunday morning two or three weeks previously. It is thought that if it is necessary to flush the pipes some kind of public notice should be given, or at any rate a more convenient time, so far as the users are concerned, chosen.

LIGHTS OUT. 22nd Oct. 1915

A correspondent writes: The present lighting restrictions are somewhat anomalous. Our street lamps are not to be lighted this winter by request of the police, and our railway station is in total darkness. These precautions are being taken as a safeguard against Teutonic air-raiders carrying bombs, but they are to a great extent neutralised by lights from houses, shops and other buildings. Some house-holders who carefully pull down their blinds seem to overlook the fact that white blinds are worse than useless for obscuring the light from lamps, especially when the lamp is placed near the window. Cannot our county authorities complete their work and issue such instructions as will result in our villages really being in darkness?

MOTOR ACCIDENTS. 22nd Oct. 1915

Within the last few days three motor accidents have happened on the Huntingdon-road in the neighbourhood of Swavesey. On Wednesday evening in last week two motor cars pulled up near the road leading to Lolworth owing to something having gone wrong with one of them. A taxicab from Peterborough shortly afterwards came up behind, and safely passed one car, but in attempting to avoid a collision with the other, which apparently he had not seen, he made a sharp swerve which brought the taxi on to the grass, and a broken wheel resulted. – On Saturday evening a motor cyclist, proceeding towards Cambridge, when, near Soldiers' Drove, ran over a dog, and was overthrown, cutting his face and eye. – On Sunday afternoon a motor car, said to have been driven by a lady, collided with the bridge over the main drain or brook which runs under the Huntingdon-road at Soldiers' Drove, and narrowly escaped a serious smash. The car swerved round into the Drove, and ran over a cutting into the brook used for draining water. As far as is known a bent axle was the only damage.

SWAVESEY MAN KILLED. 22nd Oct. 1915

Another Swavesey man has made the great sacrifice. In the casualty lists published on Friday last the name of Corpl. Watson Trundley, 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, appeared amongst the killed on the Western Front. Corpl. Trundley, who was 29 years of age, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Trundley, of Askew-row, Swavesey. He was a Reservist, having taken his discharge when his battalion was in South Africa, and when the war broke out he was employed on railway work in Natal. About a month previously he had married. He immediately obeyed the summons to rejoin the colours and leaving his young bride behind he hastened to the depot of his regiment in Scotland, and had soon found himself in the thick of the fighting in France and

Flanders. On the 29th June he re-visited Swavesey after an absence of nine years; a few days later he returned to the front. During his brief visit Watson Trundley was bright, soldierly and cheerful. He admitted that his regiment had had a rough time and had sustained heavy losses, but of his own experiences and adventures he would say never a word. At Victoria Station, however, when his friends were bidding him farewell, a comrade rushed up, shook his head and rifle, and shouted, "This is the boy that does the deeds."

"OUR DAY". 29th Oct. 1915

A collection made on "Our Day" at the National School in aid of the Red Cross Society resulted in 7s. being sent to the headquarters of the society in London.

PARISH CHURCH. 29th Oct. 1915

A sermon on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society was preached last Sunday morning at the Parish Church by the vicar. The collection for the society realised £1. In order to comply with the new lighting order issued by the Secretary of State the evening service was held at 3 p.m. instead of at 5.30 p.m., as announced in these columns last week. Notwithstanding the somewhat inconvenient time there was a good congregation. On Sunday next evensong will be at 3 p.m.

PROPOSED EARLIER CLOSING. 29th Oct. 1915

It is understood that the proprietors of the four grocery and drapery establishments in Swavesey have been for a time considering the question of closing their shops for a time at 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. We are informed that three were in favour of the earlier closing, but that one could not see his way to fall into line. No alteration will therefore be made at present. In view of the very stringent lighting restrictions now in force, it would appear unfortunate that the proposal could not have been adopted.

TRAFALGAR DAY. 29th Oct. 1915

On the 23rd inst., the 110th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar was duly kept in Swavesey National School. A Union Jack was hoisted outside the building, and the rooms were decorated with flags taken by the children. Lessons all day had special reference to the great event. In the morning, Mrs. Wood, who was in charge of the large room, dealt with the life of Nelson and the battle of Trafalgar, and showed the children a copy of "The Times" newspaper, published in 1805, containing dispatches concerning the battle. In the

afternoon the special feature was the singing of the "Death of Nelson," "Rule Britannia," and "God save the King."

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th Oct. 1915

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). Mr. A. Day, jun., signed the statutory declaration on taking office as councillor in place of Mr. Edward Clark. Mr. Twist called attention to the dilapidated condition of the gate to the parish property in High-street, and it was decided that the necessary repairs should be carried out by Mr. S. Challis, under the supervision of Councillors Twist and Burton. Two tenders for the hire of land and buildings, the property of the parish, in High-street, were opened. Mr. A. Day offered 21s., and Mr. W. J. Hephher 26s. a year. The latter's tender was unanimously accepted, the tenancy to commence on 11th inst., and to be for three years. The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Thurston, the roundabout proprietor, of Stansted, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Council last meeting, asking him for payment of the sum of £2 for the exclusive use of the recreation ground at Swavesey Feast in May. No reply had, he said, been received from Mr. Thurston. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should again apply to Mr. Thurston for payment.

DEATH OF A SEPTUAGENARIAN. 29th Oct. 1915

After an illness of three years' duration, borne with great patience and resignation, Mr. William Day passed away on Saturday last at his residence in Carter's-lane, Swavesey. Mr. Day, who was 75 years of age, was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. Samuel Day. In early life he was in business in Swavesey as dealer and farmer. In 1875 he migrated to London, and for many years held the responsible position of foreman in the business of Mr. William Perkins, carman and contractor, Camden Town. Six years ago he returned to Swavesey, and lived in retirement. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon in Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. J. Easter, of Over officiated, both at the house, where the first part of the burial service was taken, and at the graveside. The chief mourners were:- Mrs. William Day (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Day (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown (daughter and son-in-law), Miss N. Day (daughter), Miss A. Day (granddaughter) and Mr. H. W. Day (grandson). Pte. E. W. Brown, 2nd Canadian Contingent, and Sergt. A. Brown, Seaforth Highlanders (grandsons)

were unable to be present, the former being in Flanders and the latter lying wounded in hospital at Bramley, Surrey. Sergt. Brown was wounded in the great advance on Loos and the Hohenzollern Redoubt on September 25th. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Walter Thorp, Swavesey.

RENT AUDIT. 5th Nov. 1915

Mr. S. W. Crisp, Brooklands, held his rent audit supper on Tuesday evening.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 5th Nov. 1915

Mr. Sidney W. Wright, Askew-row, Swavesey, enlisted in the Bedfordshire Regiment on Tuesday. He is a married man with five children. Prior to this no Swavesey resident had enlisted since 15th February last.

A WELCOME VISITOR. 5th Nov. 1915

Lieutenant James Bowd, Quartermaster, 2/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, spent a few hours in Swavesey, his native village, on Tuesday. After seven months on active service in France he was home on a few days' leave.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 5th Nov. 1915

Lce.-Corpl. Jack Wilderspin, 4th Canadian Battalion, arrived in Swavesey on Wednesday on short leave from France. At midnight on Sunday he was in a listening post within one hundred yards of the German trenches.

FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS. 12th Nov. 1915

A collection has been made in Swavesey by the Misses G. and E. Bartley on behalf of the Belgian Soldiers Fund to provide comforts of food and clothing for the gallant Belgian Army. Upwards of seventy persons subscribed, and the sum of £3 14s. 6d. has been sent to the head office of the fund, 19 James-street, London, W.

A SPORTSMAN'S DILEMMA. 12th Nov. 1915

A Swavesey sportsman, accompanied by a little boy, went shooting the other day. They had a kite with them with which to frighten the birds, but unfortunately there was wind and the kite would not fly. After many attempts the sportsman remarked to the boy, "We want the bellows," and the little fellow ran off home, and soon returned with the kitchen bellows!

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 12th Nov. 1915

Private Walter Neal, 1st Bedfordshire Regiment, arrived in Swavesey on short leave from France on Sunday evening. He joined the 3rd Battalion on

mobilisation in August, 1914, and was transferred to the 1st Battalion at the front on the 11th November last. He was in the great attack on Hill 60 in April, but escaped personal injury, though a piece of shrapnel went through his cap. He is in excellent health, and, in fact, looks better and stronger than he did in August 1914. He returns to the front to-morrow. (Saturday).

A SWAVESEY MAN'S EXPERIENCE. 12th Nov. 1915

In a letter received lately, Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, of Swavesey, says:-

“We went out on the Saturday to – , a little village about 20 miles from the firing line, to get ready for some troops. We could hear the guns during the advance quite plainly. We had to billet in an old brick factory; I and another fellow slept on the top of some boilers. On the Monday the officer came and stopped all work on account of this advance, I think. In the afternoon we had to go to a small village about a mile away and strip the camp there. The next day ten of us and an officer had to go to another village to strip another camp, about eight miles from – .

“We got this done, and then waited for the transport to come up and pick us up. We waited until dark, and no transport came, so then the officer had to find somewhere for us to sleep. He went to a farmer, and he gave us permission to sleep on some hay in a barn. We had no rations, and had to go to a cafe to buy our meals. We waited the next day, and still no lorries came. Two were sent for us from Boulogne, but they lost the name of the place and couldn't find us, so they had to return to Boulogne.

“About 7 o'clock Lieut. – came out and he found us. He ordered us to march back to – that night. It was pouring with rain, and we had no great coats, but our bedding and things were there. We got back about 9 o'clock drenched to the skin. Next day two more lorries were sent; one of them got lost, but the other found us about 4 o'clock. We loaded up our bedding and started for Boulogne; got about two miles out, coming down a hill, the driver lost control of his machine, ran into a ditch and shot us all out. Luckily no one was seriously hurt. I certainly hurt one of my hands. Well, then we had to march back to – for the night.

“We managed to get back to Boulogne all right on Friday, and I reported sick at once, and came in here (a hospital). (Sapper Mitham had previously hurt his hands and blood poisoning intervened. He has now returned to duty.) We had a big day here this morning. General Joffre has been decorating six French and two English soldiers with I think the Legion of Honour medal – right on the promenade just opposite this hospital. We had a splendid view of it all.”

‘TURKS BETTER THAN GERMANS.’ 12th Nov. 1915

Writing from Gallipoli under date October 15th, a Swavesey young man says: “Just a few lines to let you know that there are still some Swavesey lads out here doing our bit. There are two of us, and both of us have been to France now. Now we are doing our little bit out here. We think the Turks are a lot better fighters than the Germans. Their tactics are clean, and that goes a long way. We have had no gas out here yet, and are living in hopes of getting none. The weather is getting more cold now; we can’t expect it to be hot always; we had enough of it a few weeks ago. I hope all the local lads have joined the Army, as I am afraid we shall need all their help. Things are very quiet out here at present; I suppose it is only a lull before the storm again. One gets quite used to shells for dinner out here. For my own part I think it is worse than France.”

NARROW ESCAPE. 19th Nov. 1915

A sheet and clothing which were being aired in front of the fire in the tap-room at the Bell Inn on Thursday afternoon in last week were found to be well alight by Mrs. Jethro Linford, the wife of the licensee. She promptly seized the burning articles and threw them to the fireplace. The only loss or damage was the destruction of these things and the blistering of some paint.

OBEYING THE CALL. 19th Nov. 1915

Three members of the staff at Swavesey railway station presented themselves for enlistment in Cambridge on Monday. Two of them, Messrs. F. Hayward (signalman) and Samuel Trundley (porter) were accepted, but after enlistment were returned to their railway duties to wait until called up. The third, Mr. T. Harris, booking office clerk, was unfortunately unsuccessful owing to physical unfitness.

ACCIDENT. 19th Nov. 1915

About 4.30 last Saturday afternoon, Mr. John Smith, of Trinity College Cottages, lately of Lolworth, was knocked down by a motor cyclist near Lolworth plantation on the Huntingdon-road. He stepped out of the way of a motor cycle and a trap in ignorance of the fact that another motor cycle was close behind him. This machine knocked him down, and his left leg, shoulder and hand were injured. The cyclist, a Huntingdon man, was overthrown, but escaped with a shaking. His machine was slightly damaged.

OBITUARY. 19th Nov. 1915

The funeral of the late Mr. Walter Coulson, only surviving son of the late Mr. James Coulson, blacksmith, of Swavesey, who died on Friday last at the age of 62 years, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. A. Nixon and Mrs. C. Hephher (sisters), Mr. C. Hephher (brother-in-law), Messrs. J.W., C.G., and A.C. Hephher (nephews), and Mr. George Thorp (uncle). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

ENLISTED. 26th Nov. 1915

Police Constable Jethro Linford, Cambs. Constabulary, eldest son of Mr. Jethro Linford, Swavesey, enlisted on Monday in the Military Police, and proceeded at once to Aldershot. He joined the police force about three years ago, and for the last 2½ years has been stationed at Eltisley.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS. 26th Nov. 1915

An alteration has been made in the delivery of Sunday newspapers, of which a considerable number is sold in Swavesey and district. The papers which used to arrive by the last train on Saturday night and by mail-cart on Sunday morning, are now conveyed direct from London by motor on Sunday morning, thus ensuring a later edition.

EVENING PAPERS. 3rd Dec. 1915

Starting on Monday, the "Cambridge Daily News" will be obtainable in Swavesey every evening. This will contain all the latest war news.

OBEYING THE CALL. 3rd Dec. 1915

Five more of the staff at Swavesey railway station have offered themselves for enlistment and have been accepted, but have returned to their railway duties until called up, viz., Messrs. S. Carter (signalman), F. Warrington (goods porter), S. Carrier, H. Wright, and L. Webster (platelayers).

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS. 3rd Dec. 1915

The children of Swavesey National School have contributed and collected the sum of 14s. in aid of the fund which is being raised by the Overseas Club, Aldwych, London, to provide comforts for our soldiers and sailors fighting in various parts of the world. A similar appeal from the club in connection with Empire Day was well responded to by Swavesey children.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 3rd Dec. 1915

First-Class Air Mechanic Albert A. Girling, Royal Flying Corps, only son of Mr. A. Girling, Carter's-lane, Swavesey, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on short leave from the Western Front. He was in excellent health and spirits, and received a very warm welcome from his relatives and numerous friends. Enlisting in the Flying Corps on January 5th last, he proceeded to France on the 19th of the same month, and has remained there ever since.

A NOTABLE FAMILY. 3rd Dec. 1915

Mr. George Beaumont, third son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, of Swavesey, enlisted in the 14th London Regiment (London Scottish) on the 24th ultimo. He is a clerk in the Civil Service, and since the war has been employed in the War Trade Department, latterly holding the post of Secretary to the Admiralty Sub-Committee. On the 23rd ultimo, he was entertained at a farewell dinner at Simpson's in the Strand by his colleagues, who showed their appreciation of his services and patriotism by presenting him with a gold watch and a silver cigarette case. Sir Adam Block, K.C.M.G., presided and made the presentation. Two of Mr. G. Beaumont's brothers have been serving in the Army, Pte. Henry Beaumont, 7th Canadian Regiment, who has been missing since April last, and Pte. Frank Beaumont, 7th London Regiment, who was wounded on September 25th in the great attack of the famous 47th Division.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 10th Dec. 1915

Gunner A. Coulson, R.M.A., and Pte. F. Kester, A.S.C., have been in Swavesey this week on short leave from the Western front. Both were in good health.

WEDDING. 10th Dec. 1915

The marriage of Miss Mabel Clarke, youngest daughter of Mr. George Clarke, of Swavesey, and Mr. George Lister, eldest son of Mr. Fred Lister, Hertford-street, Cambridge, was solemnised at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday, 4th inst. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar of Swavesey) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in white silk, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and spray of white carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by two little bridesmaids, Miss Muriel Phipps (her niece), and Miss Margery Lister (sister of the bridegroom). They were prettily dressed in blue silk, with black beaver hats, trimmed with pink satin ribbon streamers, and wore black velvet slippers and cream socks. Mr. Rick Lister (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. The happy couple received numerous presents.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 10th Dec. 1915

On Wednesday, December 1st, a draughts match was played between the patients and Lolworth village, the result being a win for the visitors by 21 points to 15 points. The Commandant is pleased to welcome as recruits Miss Capper, Miss E. M. Prior, Miss Peggy Ellis, Miss Wilson, Miss H. Smith (all of Swavesey), Miss Easter (Over), and Miss Brierley, of London 2 V.A.D.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FIGHTING MEN. 17th Dec. 1915

As a result of a collection made in the village by Miss Joyce Capper, Miss S. Linford, Miss Alice Norman and Miss Walpole, Christmas presents have this week been sent to about 25 Swavesey men serving at the front. It is hoped the parcels will reach the men safely, and that the contents will be enjoyed and accepted as a small token of the keen and sympathetic interest taken by Swavesey relatives and friends in their men folk fighting and suffering hardships in the trenches.

DEATH OF A SEPTUAGENARIAN. 17th Dec. 1915

We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Coulson, which took place at Friezland Farm on Saturday last, at the age of 74 years. He had been twice married, but had survived both his wives. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. James Coulson, George Coulson, London, John Coulson, London, and Walter Coulson (sons), Mrs. Radford, Oakington, Mrs. E. Bull, Mrs. R. Bedford, Mrs. Carrier, Wyton (daughters), Messrs. R. Bedford, W. Carrier and A. Radford (sons-in-law), Mrs. James Coulson and Mrs. W. Coulson (daughters-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 17th Dec. 1915

On Wednesday, December 9th, a whist drive of ten tables, arranged by Nurse Kirby and Orderly N. Robinson, was held in the Hospital, in which staff, patients, and friends took part. The first prizes were won by Nurse Mitham and Sergt. Stocks, "mystery" by Miss Wilderspin, and the "booby" by Nurse Wright and Rifleman Dadds. A bagatelle tournament has been played during the week, the prize-winner being Pte. Evans.

THE EVENING PAPER. 24th Dec. 1915

"The Cambridge Daily News" is on sale in Swavesey every evening after the arrival of the train from Cambridge due at 6.44 p.m. A misconception appears

to exist in the village that the "Cambridge Daily News" is not an EVENING paper, and contains later news than can possibly appear in any paper printed and published in London arriving in Swavesey by the same train, notwithstanding that the London paper may be stamped "6.30 edition". It is obvious that a paper printed in London and conveyed to Swavesey in a train leaving Cambridge at 6.20 p.m., must have been printed very early in the afternoon. The "Cambridge Daily News" contains all the news by telegraph and telephone up to the minute of going to press.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 24th Dec. 1915

Private Fred Causer, 7th Suffolks, after a rough time at the Western Front, arrived in Swavesey on short leave last week. He was in the best of health, and received a warm welcome from his friends.

PROMOTION. 24th Dec. 1915

First Class Air Mechanic Albert A. Girling, Royal Flying Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He enlisted early last January, and in three weeks was sent to France, being recently advanced from 2nd to 1st class mechanic.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 31st Dec. 1915

Trooper John Taylor, Northants. Yeomanry, has been in Swavesey during Christmastide on short leave from the Western Front. He was in excellent health. Corpl. Cyril Day, Northants. Yeomanry, son of Mr. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, is at home on a month's furlough. He has served his full period of service, but has rejoined his regiment for a further term. He has been in France since November 1914.

THE GALE. 31st Dec. 1915

Some damage was done in Swavesey during the severe gale on Monday. Hats and caps innumerable were whisked away, and many were not recovered until the following day. A large barn in the yard at Ryder's Farm in the occupation of Mr. J. S. Goad, was blown down. In it were some calves, but they escaped injury. Several trees and large branches, including a tree in the Vicarage grounds, near Church Bridge, were also blown down. A fence in Market-street on Mrs. Mitham's property was laid low.

MARRIAGE. 31st Dec. 1915

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at the Parish Church on Monday, when Mr. John Kett Newson, youngest son of Mr. George Newson,

was married to Miss Edith C. Linford, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, of Swavesey. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white voile, with veil and wreath of orange blossom. She was attended by her sister, Miss Sarah Linford, who wore pale blue silk, with black hat trimmed with pale blue feather and cream. Mr. S. Trundley acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Dec. 1915

Swavesey Parish Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas festival. The congregations at all services on Christmas Day and on Sunday were good, the attendance at the celebration of the Holy Communion at 6 a.m. on the former day being especially large, and the number of communicants generally was larger than usual. The services were very hearty and the singing excellent. The anthem was splendidly rendered by the choir, both on Christmas afternoon and on the following evening. The preacher on Christmas afternoon was the Rev. W. F. Buttle, organising secretary of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, in aid of which society the collections at the 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. services on Christmas Day, amounting to £2 2s. 3d., were devoted. The collections throughout Sunday at the Parish Church and at the Mission Church at 6.30 p.m. were for the Sunday School Fund, and realised £2 1s. 2d.

ACCIDENT. 7th Jan. 1916

At Christmas Mr. W. Symonds, whilst milking a cow, was kicked on the arm, and is unable to work, his muscles having been severely sprained and bruised. No bones were broken.

THE GALE. 7th Jan. 1916

Several more trees in the parish were blown down in the gale which raged on New Year's Day, and the remnants of the large barn at Ryder's Farm, nearly demolished on Boxing Day, were laid low.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. 7th Jan. 1916

Prizes for perfect attendance at the Parish Church Sunday School were presented on Sunday morning to Grace Froment, Ethel Culpin, Joe Froment, and Carrie Froment. A large number of other children received 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

PRESENTS ACKNOWLEDGED. 7th Jan. 1916

Most of the Swavesey soldiers and sailors on active service abroad to whom a Christmas present was sent, provided by a collection made in the village, have written expressing their gratitude for, and their appreciation of, the kindly thought of their friends.

PILFERING. 7th Jan. 1916

Complaints are made that there is an epidemic of pilfering in the village of cycle accessories and poultry. One villager is stated to have disposed of his stock of poultry on account of the mysterious disappearance of several birds. It is suggested that foxes have no use for bicycle pumps.

COMFORTS FOR CAMBS. SOLDIERS. 7th Jan. 1916

Thirty pairs of socks, mittens, and mufflers, knitted in the village by ladies and school children, for the use of the men in the Cambridgeshire Regt., have been forwarded to the Ladies' Recruiting Committee, County Hall, Cambridge. A warm letter of thanks has been received from Miss Philpott, the secretary.

ARMLETS. 7th Jan. 1916

Very few men in Swavesey are wearing khaki armlets, the reason being, it is alleged, that as the armlets have to be personally applied for in Cambridge, the men are not disposed to "lose time" and pay a railway fare of 1s. 11d. Complaint is also made that some of those enlisted under the Derby scheme have not yet received the 2s. 9d. due to them on attestation.

SOLDIERS THANK CHILDREN. 7th Jan. 1916

Swavesey school children made a collection to provide cigarettes and tobacco for soldiers at the front at Christmas, and sent the money to the fund organised by the Overseas Club. Two cards thanking the children have been received from a corporal and private in the 7th Border Regiment. The corporal wishes the young donors a happy New Year and adds four crosses – presumably to denote kisses.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES. 7th Jan. 1916

Bombardier Henry Carter, Ammunition Column, R.F.A., was mentioned in Sir John French's despatch published on New Year's Day, for gallant and distinguished service in the field. Bombardier Carter is the first Swavesey man who has gained this distinction in the present war. He was a reservist, and was called up in August, 1914, on mobilisation. He went to France at once, was in the retreat from Mons, and has seen much rough service since.

DIRTY WATER. 7th Jan. 1916

The dirty condition of the water from the new public water supply pipes is causing grave complaints from and inconvenience to the villagers. Time after time lately the water has not been fit to use. It cannot be drunk unboiled, and when boiled it spoils pots and kettles. The would-be users say they have sufficient dirt on the roads and do not want it in their water. It is suggested that as the local authorities appear to take no interest in the matter an appeal to the Local Government Board might lead to some improvement.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 7th Jan. 1916

The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher has accepted the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel for a term of three years, and commenced his duties on Sunday last. The late pastor left Swavesey 18 months ago, and the chapel has had no regular minister in the meantime. Mr. Ussher and his wife are well known in Swavesey, having been at Bethel some ten years ago. On Sunday Mr. Ussher received a very warm welcome, and the congregations at all services were excellent. Mr. Ussher has recently been doing good work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Tents at Fleet.

PAROCHIAL TEA. 7th Jan. 1916

The missionary tea, a yearly function in connection with the Parish Church, was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. During the evening a lecture on home missionary work was given by the Rev. E. J. Green, Rector of Horseheath. The proceeds, amounting to about £3 were in aid of the Additional Curates' Society (Home Missions of the Church of England).

INTERCESSION DAY. 7th Jan. 1916

At the Parish Church intercession services were held on Friday at 8, 10.30 a.m., and 3 p.m., and at 6.30 p.m. at the Mission Church, and on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. at the Parish Church. On Sunday the services were 7.30 a.m. (Holy Communion), 10.30. a.m. (Matins and Holy Communion) and 3 p.m. (Evensong). Evensong was also said at the Mission Church at 6.30 p.m. The special form of Intercessory Prayer issued under the authority by the Archbishops was used at all services. The collections throughout were in aid of the British Red Cross Society and St. John of Jerusalem Ambulance Society, and amounted to £4 6s. 2d.

VICAR APPOINTED CHAPLAIN. 14th Jan. 1916

The Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, has been appointed a temporary chaplain to the Forces. With the sanction of the Bishop of Ely the

parish will, during Mr. Sharp's absence, be in charge of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, lately vicar of Upwood, Hunts.

A PERFECT CURE. 14th Jan. 1916

A Derby recruit from a neighbouring village who had been to Over on Sunday last to get his armlet, on passing through Swavesey on his return journey stated that he had been suffering from a sore throat, but that immediately he put on his armlet his sore throat was cured.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 14th Jan. 1916

Private Arthur James Coulson, 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, arrived in Swavesey on the 6th instant on short leave from the Western Front. He was in excellent health and full of interesting anecdotes, which were much appreciated by his friends who have enlisted under the Derby scheme. He had a very cordial reception.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. 14th Jan. 1916

A concert was held in the Primitive Methodist Church on the 6th instant, when solos, duets, readings and recitations were give by members and friends and were much appreciated by a crowded audience. Refreshments were served during the interval. Mrs. A. T. Yaxley presided. The concert realised the sum of £1 2s. towards clearing off the debt on the chapel.

ARMLETS. 14th Jan. 1916

Last Friday a paragraph appeared in the "Weekly News" calling attention to the few men who were wearing armlets in Swavesey. On Saturday morning a notice was posted in the window of Swavesey Post Office intimating that those persons who had been attested by Mr. E. Parish, J.P., in Swavesey, and had not been paid their 2s. 9d., could receive their money on application, between certain hours, to the recruiting officer, Mr. B. Sutton, at Over. The money was duly paid on application and armlets issued. Armlets have also been issued to men who were attested and paid in Cambridge.

GIPSY RECRUITS. 21st Jan. 1916

Two gipsies, well known in the district, have joined the Army within the last fortnight. Wounded soldiers at the Swavesey Red Cross Hospital gave one of them some preliminary drilling, much to the amusement of the villagers.

VICAR'S FAREWELL. 21st Jan. 1916

In his sermons on Sunday last the vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, referred to his approaching absence from the parish whilst serving as a chaplain to the Forces. Mrs. Sharp left Swavesey on Thursday (yesterday) afternoon.

WAR ITEMS. 21st Jan. 1916

Sapper W. Lawson Hepher, 3rd Field Company, Canadian Engineers, son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Swavesey district, has been staying in the village on short leave from the Western Front. He was in excellent health. He returned on Tuesday. His brother, Wilfred Hepher, 74th Field Company, Royal Engineers, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He enlisted early in the war, and has been at the Western Front for a long time.

SOLDIER'S WEDDING. 21st Jan. 1916

The parish church of Hilton, Hunts., was crowded on the 29th ulto. for the marriage of Trooper Herbert Wilderspin, Northants. Yeomanry, third son of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, senior, of Swavesey, and Miss Lavinia Britton, daughter of Mr. Britton, of Park Farm, Hilton. The Rev. R. Granville Monckton, rector of Papworth Everard officiated, and the service was choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in white silk, draped with ninon. She wore a bridal wreath and veil and carried a shower bouquet. Attending her was her sister, Miss J. Britton, dressed in pink silk, with black satin hat. Corporal G. Tyler, Hunts. Cyclist Battalion, acted as best man, and both he and the bridegroom were in khaki. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was held at Park Farm, at which about 40 guests were present. During the afternoon the happy couple left, via St. Ives, for their brief honeymoon, which they spent in London. The bridegroom went with his regiment to the Western Front in November 1914, but in March last was stricken down with frost-bite and fever. After a long spell in hospitals in France and in this country, he returned to his unit in England, having made a good recovery.

PROMOTION. 28th Jan. 1916

Lance-Corporal Cyril Day, Northants Yeomanry, who had been at home on a month's furlough, found on his return to France last week that he had been promoted to the rank of corporal during his absence. Corporal Day's term of service expired in December, but he at once re-engaged determined to see the war through.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 28th Jan. 1916

Trooper Frank Hepher, Northants Yeomanry, youngest son of Mr. S. Hepher, the well-known Swavesey and Cambridge carrier, arrived in Swavesey on short leave from the Western Front on Friday last. He was in splendid health, and had very considerably increased in bulk since he went to France last spring.

ENLISTMENTS. 28th Jan. 1916

The following Swavesey men enlisted under the Derby scheme have passed the final medical tests, and have joined up, viz., Mr. Edward Williams (Suffolk Yeomanry) on Friday last, and Messrs. James William Hepher and James Prime on Monday. Another young man who presented himself on Friday failed to reach the necessary physical standard.

SWAVESEY COLONIALS. 28th Jan. 1916

Two more Swavesey men have joined the Overseas fighting forces. Mr. John Smith, son of Mr. James Smith, Boxworth End, who has been living in Canada, is serving with the Canadian contingent, and is now stationed at Shorncliffe. Mr. James Smith Dean, eldest son of the late Mr. James W. Dean, has written to his mother that he joined the Australian force on the 7th December. Mr. Dean is a veteran, having served through the South African War in the Cape Mounted Police, and was awarded both medals. He went to Australia a few years ago.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 28th Jan. 1916

The united annual meeting of the Swavesey B.W.T.A. and Mothers' Meeting was held at the Friends' Meeting House last week. Mrs. Watts White, who should have presided, was unable to be present owing to illness in her family, and the chair was taken by Miss Martin. Addresses were given by Miss Annie Martin and Mr. Jabez Day, and solos or readings were contributed by Miss Gaunt, Mr. and Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. J. Day. Before closing a collection was taken on behalf of the Swavesey Red Cross Hospital, and realised 12s.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 28th Jan 1916

The annual gathering of the members and seat holders of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on Thursday in last week. The proceedings began with tea, at which upwards of 50 sat down. The trays were presided over by Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Canham and Mrs. Godfrey. The yearly business meeting followed. The treasurer (Mr. A. Norman) presented the Church accounts, which showed a substantial balance in hand, which is to

be devoted to the Chapel Renovation Fund. The Treasurer, in a short speech, extended a hearty welcome to their old friend, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, who had consented to accept the long vacant pastorship. The Sunday School accounts were submitted by Mr. James Prior, the treasurer, and these also showed a balance on the right side. Addresses were given by the Sunday School Superintendent (Mr. H. S. Aldred), Mr. J. Day (secretary), Mr. B. Prior, Mr. G. E. Canham, and Mrs. George Spearman. The very successful gathering was most happily presided over by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher.

RIVERSIDE NOTES. 28th Jan. 1916

A correspondent writes: - Two riverside incidents which have come to my knowledge within the last few days may amuse or interest some of your readers. A well-known Swavesey man found himself recently at Holywell, and wishing to get home, induced one of the fair sex to ferry him across the river in a boat. The river was in flood and running strongly, and when in mid-stream the lady lost control of her craft, which floated rapidly and helplessly along. The passenger became nervous and excited, and rumour says – no doubt falsely – that he gave himself up as lost. The lady, however, continued the struggle and at length effected a landing near Ducker's Hole, some distance from the ferry. The passenger hurried on to Swavesey, and the lady returning to the Ferry landing place, eventually reached her home in a boat sent to the rescue. – A tree was blown down near Overcote Ferry during the recent gales, and the landlord of the inn proceeded the other day to cut it up. He had sawn off the top branches and one piece of the trunk, and had begun on another cut when he was called away. Shortly afterwards he returned to continue his work, but, to his amazement could find neither the tree nor his saw. He summoned his wife, and her sharper eyes or keener wit solved the mystery. The trunk was standing upright and the saw was still in the cut at the top. The tree, relieved of its top, had sprung back.

JOINED UP. 4th Feb. 1916

Mr. Fred Ding, son of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, left Swavesey for Cambridge and Bury St. Edmund's on Thursday in last week to take his place in the country's fighting forces.

WELCOME GIFTS. 4th Feb. 1916

The churchwardens, as trustees of Payne's Charity, made the yearly distribution of tea, sugar and coal to needy widows and widowers on Saturday last, the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. Thos. Payne.

AFTER MANY YEARS. 4th Feb. 1916

At the end of last week Mr. Albert Parish removed his coal business from the corner of Black Horse-lane and High-street to his newly-erected quarters at Church End. For nearly 200 years the old premises had been used as a coal yard.

LAST MONDAY NIGHT. 4th Feb. 1916

Extraordinary precautions were taken at Swavesey railway station last Monday night by the stationmaster, Mr. Beales. Swavesey people were stranded in Cambridge and St. Ives. A party of four met casually at Cambridge Station between 8.30 and 9 p.m., and after fruitless negotiations with taxi-cab drivers, who demanded prohibitive charges, were fortunate enough to find the driver of a fly – an ex-Swavesey man – who took them home. Several Swavesey ladies visiting St. Ives reached Swavesey Station about 3 a.m. on Tuesday. A correspondent suggests that several windows in the village might with advantage be provided with darker blinds.

WOMEN AS FARM WORKERS. 11th Feb. 1916

A thorough canvass of the women of the village is being taken to ascertain who, and how many, will undertake work on the land, “till the boys come home.”

PERSONAL. 11th Feb. 1916

Mrs. Charles Wood, wife of the Swavesey Schoolmaster, now a sergeant in the 23rd Royal Fusiliers (1st Sportsmen’s Battalion), and doing his bit on the Western front, presented her husband with a daughter on Wednesday morning. Both mother and child are doing well.

DEATH OF MRS. TOMPKINS. 11th Feb. 1916

The funeral of the late Mrs. Tompkins, wife of Mr. George Tompkins, Middle Watch, Swavesey, who died on the 3rd inst., aged 58 years, after an illness of eight months’ duration, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were Mr. Tompkins (widower), Miss Harriet Tompkins (daughter), Pte. E. F. Tompkins, Suffolk Regiment (son), Mrs. J. Dodson (sister), Mr. J. Dodson, St. Ives (brother-in-law), and Miss E. Dodson (niece). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey was the undertaker.

DEATH OF AN OLD PARISHIONER. 11th Feb. 1916

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Brasher, who passed away on Saturday last at the age of 78 years. Mr. Brasher was a native of Swavesey. For many years he had been employed as roadman by the Swavesey Rural District Council, retiring about fourteen months ago owing to failing health. Previously he had worked for the old parish surveyors, and therefore his knowledge of the roads, drains, and jobs of the parish was extensive. He was confined to his bed for only a week. Mr. Brasher leaves one son and three daughters. His wife died twenty-seven years ago. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th Feb. 1916

The annual parents' tea and reunion of former scholars of Bethel Sunday School was held at the chapel on Thursday in last week. About forty sat down to an excellent tea at which the tables were presided over by Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. B. Prior, and Mrs. G. Canham. A meeting was held later in the evening, at which the Rev. H.T.N. Ussher took the chair. Speeches, solos and a duet were delivered during the evening. On Sunday the monthly open meeting was held in the chapel. Mr. H. S. Aldred presided, and, considering the weather, the attendance was good. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, gave an interesting address on work in the Y.M.C.A. tents, and Miss M. Gautrey and other friends from Cottenham rendered various musical items.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES. 11th Feb. 1916

A correspondent writes:- In these days of storm and stress and of sudden emergency, one cannot help thinking that every method of precaution should be carefully worked out and put into practice before the sudden emergencies arise. Special constables have, we understand, been appointed throughout the county, and judging from newspaper reports, are doing useful work in some parts, especially in connection with the Lighting Orders. May I ask if any special constables have been sworn in for Swavesey, and if so, whether they are being employed to see that the lighting regulations are being carried out? One policeman, no matter how energetic, cannot possibly keep an effective eye on the whole of an extensive district, besides which he has other duties to perform, but he might be greatly assisted by special constables. What use are special constables unless they act? Many a lighted window infringing the rules is due to thoughtlessness or inadvertence, and not to wilful disregard of the Order, and a timely word of warning from a "special" would be taken in good part by the offending house-holder, and be willingly and promptly obeyed. Bicycle lamps (there is more than one too bright in the district) and back windows in particular require careful watching, and shop doors through

which a strong light is projected on to the roadway and on buildings opposite, should not be overlooked.

WAR ITEMS. 11th Feb. 1916

A meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Local Tribunal was held at St. Ives on Monday, at which several applications for relief from military service were dealt with. Intimation of the following promotions has reached the village: Corpl. C. W. Gray, 1st Garrison Battalion, Essex Regiment, to sergeant; Shoeing Smith John Savage, R.F.A., to corporal; and Grenadier Arthur J. Coulson, 1/1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, to lance-corporal. All of these men are at the front. Our Swavesey representative has received letters from Sergt. Gray and Pte. Dean, R.A.M.C., both expressing appreciation of the "Weekly News," which is sent to them regularly. Sergt. Gray, after referring to two items which had appeared in the "Weekly News," adds: "Of course we all have something to tell, but not just now, as you will understand that we have to be censored where we are, 'somewhere near the Dardanelles.'" He says he is well. Private Dean, writing from a base hospital in France, complains that his brother, Mr. James Smith Dean, whose enlistment was announced in our issue of the 28th ult., was wrongly described as having served through the South African War in the Cape Mounted Police, instead of the Cape Mounted Rifles. We gladly make the correction. (There follows a long extract from the "Cambridge News" of 2nd April, 1904 outlining Mr. James Smith Dean's service in South Africa.)

JOINED UP. 18th Feb. 1916

Mr. Arthur J. K. Inglett, son of the late Mr. J. K. Inglett, of Fen Drayton, who has lately been living in Swavesey, "joined up" on Friday last. He is with the 3rd Suffolks.

SNOWSTORM. 18th Feb. 1916

Snow fell heavily during Monday night, and on Tuesday morning the ground was covered to the depth of three or four inches. A rapid thaw succeeded, and by nightfall hardly a vestige of snow remained.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 18th Feb. 1916

The hospital will remain closed for a few weeks longer. Due notice will be given to the staff and orderlies before it is re-opened.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 18th Feb. 1916

Bombardier Henry Carter, R.F.A., who was “mentioned” in Lord French’s despatch published on January 1st, has been in Swavesey on short leave from the Western Front. He was in excellent health. He returned on Monday. Private Arthur F. Welch, Yorkshire Regiment, is at home on furlough. He was wounded early in the war and returned to duty, but was invalided home from the Dardanelles, and has been some time in hospital.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 18th Feb. 1916

A concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Thursday, 10th instant, by the St. Ives Primitive Methodist choir. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, Bethel Baptist Chapel, presided, and was supported by Mr. James Kester, junior, the society steward. There was a crowded attendance, and the concert, with a collection, realised just over £2, which has been devoted to the reduction of the chapel debt. Refreshments were served during the interval. Mrs. G. Green, St. Ives, officiated at the harmonium.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 18th Feb. 1916

The Rev. J. F. Cooksey has been elected a manager of Swavesey National School, vice Mr. Robinson Mitham, resigned. Mr. Cooksey will act as chairman and correspondent during the absence of the Vicar on active service. Mr. George Hicks, late of Fenstanton School, has been appointed headmaster of Swavesey School for the period of the war, in the place of Mr. Charles Wood, now at the front with the 23rd Fusiliers. Mr. Hicks is well known in the district, having been in charge of the British (now Council) School at Over many years ago, removing thence to Fenstanton. He retired two or three years since with a well-earned pension, having exceeded his full period of service by two years. Mr. Hicks was a member of the Huntingdonshire Education Committee.

FUNERAL. 18th Feb. 1916

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Brasher, whose death at the age of 78 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey churchyard on Thursday, 10th instant. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were : Mr. A. Brasher (son), Mrs. W. Howlett, Mrs. C. Walker and Mrs. S. King (daughters), and Mr. W. Howlett, Mr. C. Walker, and Mr. S. King (sons-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE GALE. 18th Feb. 1916

During Tuesday night and on Wednesday a furious gale raged around Swavesey, and considerable damage was done to trees, etc. Three poplar trees

on Mr. Robinson Mitham's land in Mow Fen came down during the night, and six more fell on Wednesday. Trees in Mr. Alfred Day's field in Mow Fen also were blown over. Mr. Mitham and Mr. Day lost many trees in previous storms this winter. The greater part of a large tree on Mr. Cole's land, in the occupation of Mr. A. Day, opposite the old Red Lion at Boxworth End, came down during Wednesday, and trees in other parts of the parish suffered. A chimney pot fell from the top of Mr. T. Nicholson's house in Taylor's-lane, and landing in the back yard, did no damage except to itself, and some slates were displaced elsewhere in the village. On Wednesday there were fears of a flood, as all the drains were full, but on Thursday morning it was reported that the water was running away nicely.

EIGHTY-FIVE. 25th Feb. 1916

The venerable Mr. Thomas Prior, who for many years was a deacon at Bethel Baptist Chapel, celebrated his 85th birthday on Wednesday.

MISSING. 25th Feb. 1916

The Parish Magazine (otherwise the North Stowe Rural Deanery Magazine) for February, which is usually distributed at the beginning of each month, has not yet made its appearance in Swavesey, and people are asking whether it has been discontinued or whether the editor has gone on strike.

MUD. 25th Feb. 1916

"A Bespattered Parishioner" writes: On Friday last, in accordance with the practice which has been in vogue for a long time, the roadman scraped up mud in High-street, which he left in heaps till next day to dry. These heaps were, as usual, so placed on the eastern side that persons coming out of houses in the dark, or passing along on their way to the Post Office and shops, walked into them with grim results disastrous to their boots and clothing. Vehicles and horses splashed through them, and the fronts of houses and railings were freely bespattered with liquid mud. Heaps of mud across the entrance to Market-street, on the line of passage from one corner of High-street to the other, are not unknown, and have been the cause of many a hasty word. An elderly roadman complained some time ago that people were so inconsiderate as to interfere with the symmetry of his carefully rounded heaps which he had left for removal next day by kicking them about. So in justice to him, as well as to the public, I venture to ask whether the County Road Authorities would kindly arrange to have the mud heaps when left all night to dry so placed that neither the roadman nor pedestrians are inconvenienced.

RECOGNITION OF PASTOR. 25th Feb. 1916

On Thursday in last week recognition services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher as pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel were held. At the afternoon service, which was well attended, the congregation, including visitors from other villages, the Rev. M. E. Aubrey, of St. Andrew's-street Chapel, Cambridge, was the special preacher. Tea was provided in the chapel at 5.30 p.m., and was well patronised. The trays were presided over by Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. J. S. Goad, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. G. E. Canham, and Miss E. M. Prior. A public meeting followed. The collections throughout the day, with subscriptions and a donation of £2 17s. from the pastor's late church at Oakhurst, amounted to £18 13s. 0½d.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES. 25th Feb. 1916

A correspondent writes:- You were good enough a fortnight ago to publish a communication from me asking whether special constables had been sworn in for the parish of Swavesey, and pointing out how they could render useful service at the present time. We have as yet heard of no steps being taken in the matter. We know, and deeply regret the fact, that Mr. E. Parish, J.P., who is, we understand, our head special constable, has lately been unwell, and this may account for some delay, but we also know that Teutonic air-raiders are not likely to withhold their bombs because of the illness of even so important an official as a head special constable. On the contrary, their past record leads us to think that they would have much pleasure in demolishing his house, especially if they knew it contained a sick man. A rumour has been about for some time that one gentleman has been selected to act as a "special" who resides on the confines of the parish, within a few yards of the parish of Lolworth, and about 2½ to three miles distant from the village of Swavesey, and people not unnaturally are asking of what use he would be in case of sudden emergency. How, for instance, would he be called in the middle of the night? Of course, if the village were smashed up one man with all his limbs complete might come in handy, even if he did arrive after all the damage was done. The resident policeman has to look after the parishes of Swavesey, with an area of 3,982 acres, and Fen Drayton, with 1,492 acres – a total of 5,474 acres – and in addition, we understand, his patrol work occasionally takes him into other parishes. How can one man, however keen and energetic, possibly keep an effective eye on such a large area in times like these? When urgently needed at Swavesey station he might be at Conington, some four miles distant. Intelligent and active special constables, fired with zeal, tempered with discretion, and animated with a sense of fair and level treatment of all,

whether rich or poor, would therefore be of the utmost use in our present emergency. We have not heard of our parish constable, a young and active man, having been called in to assist the policeman in his duties under the Lighting Orders. Could not a job be found for him?

POSTAL ALTERATION. 3rd March 1916

On and after Monday next, 6th March, the 6.55 p.m. delivery of letters in Swavesey will be discontinued.

BABIES. 3rd March 1916

During the last three months nine babies have been born in Swavesey, viz., five boys and four girls.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 3rd March 1916

The Swavesey Rural District Local Tribunal met again on Monday last at the office of the Clerk of the Rural District Council in St. Ives. The proceedings were held in private. It is understood that the Tribunal under the Military Service Act will hold a sitting on Monday next.

SNOW AND WATER. 3rd March 1916

Snow fell at intervals more or less heavily from Tuesday in last week until Monday. On the morning of the 24th ulto. the ground was covered with from six to eight inches of snow, and on Monday morning, after a heavy fall on the previous night, the snow plough was brought into use on the County Council roads. It is said that the recent downfall was the heaviest for 29 years. By Wednesday hardly a vestige of snow remained, but the flood water was rising rapidly. Hundreds of acres of land are inundated in the district, the brooks and drains are full to overflowing, and in places water is running over the banks.

WEDDING. 3rd March 1916

Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel was the scene of a wedding of some local interest on Saturday last, when Mr. Albert Percy Payne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Payne, of Boxworth End, was married to Miss Sarah Ann Bridgford, also of Swavesey. The Rev. E. Short (pastor) officiated and one hymn was sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in navy blue with a cinnamon hat trimmed with old gold silk. She was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses C. and E. Prior, who wore shantung silk, with black tagel hats trimmed with khaki silk. Mr. Sidney Prime acted as best man. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous useful presents.

VILLAGE GIFT APPRECIATED. 3rd March 1916

Writing to his parents in Swavesey from “somewhere in France” on 22nd February, Staff-Sergt. Fred Stockbridge, North Midland Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.), says:- I received a parcel about a fortnight ago from friends in Swavesey. It had been following us about hence I did not get it as soon as I ought. Will you please thank the ladies and gentlemen responsible for it, and tell them I liked it very much? Although nearly a stranger to Swavesey, I still was remembered by the friends there. I had to share it with my other sergeants, so you will guess how much it was appreciated, and we all passed the opinion – A 1. It just came when we were a bit short.” The parcel was one of those sent at Christmas by friends in Swavesey to Swavesey men at the front. Subscriptions were collected by the Misses Capper, who also packed and despatched the parcels.

FRIENDS’ MEETING HOUSE. 3rd March 1916

An entertainment provided by members of the Friends’ Meeting House Mother’s Meeting was given on Tuesday evening and was well patronised. Miss Martin presided, and the duties of accompanist were shared between Miss A. Martin and Miss Gaunt. A collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Mothers’ Meeting. (Full report of programme in newspaper)

ACCIDENT AT SWAVESEY STATION. 10th March 1916

PONY AND TRAP ON THE LINE.

About 9.30 on Tuesday morning a trap accident, which might have been attended with more serious results, happened at Swavesey Station.

Mr. William Allen had driven some friends from Fen Drayton to catch the 9.47 a.m. train, in a buggy belonging to Mr. George Butler, of Fen Drayton. He tied the pony to the fence of the garden surrounding the stationmaster’s house and went into the waiting room with his friends. By some means the pony broke loose and ran along the up platform towards Longstanton. The wheel of the buggy caught both outside posts supporting the arcade, slightly damaging the first and breaking the end one off. Fortunately the arcade roof did not fall.

The buggy here lost its wheels, but the pony went on, dragging the body of the vehicle the whole length of the platform and along the line for about 200 yards towards Longstanton, until it caught its hind feet in what may be termed the V of the points connecting the siding with the main line, and fell and lay helpless. The platelayers, who were fortunately at work close by, hurried up,

and with the assistance of the station staff, extricated the pony, which was somewhat seriously injured.

Luckily there were no trains about at the time.

HOME AGAIN. 10th March 1916

Private A. White, 1st Cambs., who was struck down with rheumatism in France shortly before Christmas, and has since been in hospital, is now convalescent, and arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday evening on ten days' furlough.

DEATH OF AN AGED INHABITANT. 10th March 1916

We regret to record the death, at the age of 84 years, of Mr. Charles Plumb, which occurred at his residence in Boxworth End, on the 3rd inst.

POSTAL NOTE. 10th March 1916

It may be of service to some of our readers to know that in consequence of restricted postal arrangements due to the war letters, etc., included in the day mail despatched from Swavesey Post Office on weekdays at 1.45 p.m., are not now delivered in Cambridge until the following morning. Day mail correspondence from Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Elsworth, etc., also falls into the 1.45 despatch.

ON SERVICE. 10th March 1916

Mr. William Harden, who enlisted under the Derby scheme, joined up with his Group on the 2nd inst., and is now serving with the Suffolk Regiment. Two other young Swavesey bachelors, brothers, having attested at the last moment, left the village the next day to take up munition work in a town some 20 or 30 miles distant. One of them had already, it is stated, received notice by post to join up with his class this week.

MUSICAL EVENING. 10th March 1916

Under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A., a musical evening was held in the Bethel Chapel. Previous to this there was a meeting of the members of the Association, under the presidency of Mrs. Ussher, at which the "Little White Ribboners" took part. Tea was served in the schoolroom at 4.30 when upwards of 60 friends sat down. The musical evening was well attended, and a well-arranged programme was ably carried out by the White Ribbon choir. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided, and gave an interesting and practical address.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th March 1916

The Swavesey Parish Council met on the 2nd instant in the Infants' School, under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Norman, chairman, and decided to submit to the Justices in Petty Sessions, the names of the following parishioners as those of fit persons to serve the office of parish constable during the ensuing year, viz., Messrs. Charles James Shepperson (the present parish constable), Charles Burling, Bert Hodson, and Sidney Prime. The constable's remuneration was fixed at £1 19s. 6d., less 5s., the estimated annual value of a small piece of land known as "Constable's Rood." The council will meet again very shortly.

WEDDING. 10th March 1916

At Swavesey Parish Church on Monday last Driver Artherius Vigilous Augustine Clowes, 3/L.M.B., A.S.C., son of Mr. Arthur F. Clowes, lay reader of St. James' Church, Hampstead-road, London, was married to Miss Grace Laura Adeline Holmes, eldest daughter of Mr. Harry Holmes, of Swavesey. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in cream serge trimmed with silk insertion and ribbon. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. Accompanying her were three bridesmaids, Miss E. Prior and Misses Gladys and Jennie Holmes – the last two were sisters of the bride and children. The elder bridesmaid was in khaki silk, and the children in pink cashmere trimmed with cream insertion and silk. They wore head-dresses of pink sweet peas and carnations. Mr. Albert Holmes, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The presents, which included a wedding cake, given by Mrs. Praill, of Parkhill-road, London, the bride's late mistress, were numerous and useful.

MORE BABIES. 17th March 1916

Two more babies have been born in Swavesey, a boy and a girl, bringing the total number of recent births up to 11, viz., 6 boys and 5 girls.

JOINED UP. 17th March 1916

Mr. Arthur Parish, third son of Mr. Zachariah Parish, butcher, joined the Royal Engineers on the 9th inst. The name of "Parish" is borne by more than one family in Swavesey, and Sapper Arthur Parish has the distinction of being the first of the name to join the country's forces.

FORTUNATE ESCAPE. 17th March 1916

Mr. Bert Hodson's thatched house in Market-street had a narrow escape last week. Clothing left to air near the fire in a room got alight, and was burning brightly when noticed by a person on the opposite side of the street. The family were in an adjoining room. Fortunately, except to the clothing, little damage was done.

A RUNAWAY. 17th March 1916

A horse drawing a pig float in which were Mr. Walter Spolton, butcher, a boy, and some sheep, took fright at the Turn Bridge on Monday afternoon, and bolted along High-street and Church End for half a mile. When in sight of the railway gates Mr. Spolton managed to turn the animal into the churchyard wall, and so regained control. No damage was done.

THE LATE MR. PLUMB. 17th March 1916

The funeral of Mr. Charles Plumb, whose death at the age of 84 years, was reported last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on the 8th inst. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Parish and Mrs. Hay (nieces), Mr. G. Crane (brother-in-law), Mr. E. Parish, and Miss Ely. Mrs. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Mr. Plumb was left a widower nearly six years ago, and his only child, a son, died some years previously. He was a native of Brinkley, but had lived in Swavesey or Lolworth for upwards of 60 years. For a considerable period he was foreman to the late Mr. S. A. Daintree, at Lolworth. The latter years of his life were spent in retirement in Swavesey.

STORM. 21st March 1916

The blizzard has been the most severe that has visited the district for very many years, and the damage done is considerable. On the Huntingdon main road many of the poles of the main telegraph line have been blown over, but have been kept from going right down by the wires. Except to St. Ives and Willingham, Swavesey has been cut off by telegraph and telephone from the outer world. On the Great Eastern Railway telegraph posts at the station had to be secured with ropes. All signalling had to be done by hand, and the line was carefully watched and patrolled during the storm and throughout Tuesday night. The train service on Tuesday evening was completely disorganised. The 4.8 p.m. train out of Cambridge arrived at Swavesey only a quarter of an hour after time, but the Midland down express, which should have followed about half an hour later, did not arrive until 8.30, and then stopped at every station. The up "milk" train, due out of Swavesey at 6. 17 p.m., did not arrive

until 4 a.m. on Wednesday, but the milk was sent on shortly before 10 p.m. by another train which was running out of course.

All over the parish trees have suffered greatly. Numerous fruit trees are down or damaged in the gardens and orchards, trees in the Cemetery have fallen, a large old tree on Mr. Benjamin Prior's property at Boxworth End has been uprooted and has fallen over the wall of the disused burial ground adjacent. At Trinity College Farm, particularly near the house, many trees are down. The front of the old Manor house is completely blocked with fallen trees, and between the Manor and the station several large trees have gone over. At Church Bridge a tall tree has snapped off some distance up the trunk.

WATER RISING. 24th March 1916

The flood water around Swavesey which had somewhat abated, has, in consequence of the continuous rain, risen very considerably within the last few days.

INTERCESSION SERVICE. 24th March 1916

An address was given by the Rev. R. P. Moline, rector of Cottenham, at the weekly service of intercession at the parish church on Thursday afternoon in last week.

JOINED UP. 24th March 1916

Mr. Henry George Key, baker, High-street, joined the 7th Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters ("Robin Hoods"), T.F., on the 15th instant. He was in Group No. 42.

WORD OF WARNING. 24th March 1916

Certain youths in Swavesey would be well advised if they destroyed the powerful catapults with which they have been amusing themselves and annoying their neighbours lately. Their elders do not appreciate having to run the risk of being struck by fair-sized stones propelled by these weapons, nor do they want their windows broken.

A COMPLAINT. 24th March 1916

The pebble footpath on the western side of High-street is reported to be in a dangerous state. A large number of the stones have got loose and are lying about the road, and the edges of the path have in many places broken away. For some days this week the drain grating near the Post Office has been blocked, with the result that pedestrians run the risk of stepping in the darkness into a pool of dirty water ankle deep. The County Council roadmen

have been engaged during the week in laying and rolling fresh granite, or its equivalent, in Middle Watch, and in otherwise tidying up that less frequented part of the village, and it is thought that they might find time to bestow a little attention on the main street, which has, possibly owing to shortness of labour and a desire to economise, been somewhat neglected of late.

SWAVESEY MAN WOUNDED. 24th March 1916

News has reached Swavesey that Private Fred Causer, 76th Suffolks, son of Mrs. Causer of Gibraltar-lane, has been seriously wounded in the back. He is under treatment at a hospital in France.

FROM THE FRONT. 31st March 1916

Corporal Albert G. Coulson, Royal Marine Artillery, arrived in Swavesey last Friday morning on seven days' leave from the Western front. He was in good health.

CONFIRMATION. 31st March 1916

Acting on behalf of the Bishop of Ely, the Right Rev. Bishop Harrison (late of Glasgow) held a confirmation in Swavesey Parish Church last Saturday afternoon. There were 37 candidates. The service was fully choral, and a good congregation attended.

SOLDIERS WANT TO KNOW. 31st March 1916

From letters which have been received it is clear that Swavesey men who are doing their bit out on the various fronts are most keenly interested in news from home. Especially are they anxious to know whether the companions they left behind them who are of military age are doing their duty in the defence of their homes and country, or whether they are shielding themselves behind various pretexts. The man at the front does not appreciate such terms as "starred", "indispensable," or "certified occupation." He says: "So-and-so ought to be out here," and he usually says it in rather strong language.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 31st March 1916

The Roll on which were inscribed the names of men belonging to Swavesey who are serving in the country's Forces during the present war, has at last found a fitting receptacle in which to be shown. The Roll has had a somewhat chequered career. It was first displayed in the early days of the war on a board outside the National School, but after the original compiler, Sergt. C. Wood, 23rd Royal Fusiliers, enlisted, the board having been blown down several times, was mislaid. An effort was made after a while to revive it, and a fresh

copy was posted on a temporary board erected on parish property in High-street. This lasted for a time, but wind and rain proved too much, and bit by bit the Roll disappeared, and in a recent storm the board itself vanished from view. Lately the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association has come to the rescue and have had a suitable case with a glass front made by Mr. E. J. Mitham, and have lent it for the Roll. With permission the case has been placed on the wall of the National School under the clock, an excellent position facing the main road.

PROLIFIC HEN. 7th April 1916

Mr. George Crouch, of Boxworth End, has a hen which has laid 184 eggs in about six months.

JOINED UP. 7th April 1916

Mr. Harold Charles Howlett, son of Mr. William Howlett, joined the 3/5th Battalion, Suffolk Regt., T.F., on the 29th ult.

PROMOTION. 7th April 1916

Mr. Thomas Harris, who has been booking office clerk at Swavesey railway station for the past nine years, has been promoted to chief goods clerk at Hunstanton Station. He left Swavesey for his new post on Monday.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 7th April 1916

Sergeant C. Wood, 23rd Royal Fusiliers arrived in Swavesey on Thursday in last week on short leave from the front. He was well and hearty. Sergt. Wood, who in times of peace is headmaster of Swavesey National School, gave the children an interesting address on his war experiences and showed them several souvenirs.

DROVE LETTING. 7th April 1916

By direction of the Rural District Council, the annual letting of the herbage of the Swavesey droveways took place at the White Horse Inn on the 30th ulto. The total amount realised was £3 17s. 6d. less than last year, viz., £22, against £25 17s. 6d. in 1915. The herbage of the recreation ground was let at the same time on behalf of the Parish Council for £3 10s. In 1915 £4 5s. was realised. Mr. C. W. Underwood, of Willingham, was the auctioneer.

FLOODS AROUND SWAVESEY. 7th April 1916

RAILWAY LINE UNDER WATER.

As a result of the blizzard and the previous heavy and persistent rains, the floods in the Swavesey district have been the worst for some 15 years. Hundreds of acres have been inundated and agricultural work has been greatly interfered with. The occupants of Turn Bridge Cottages, near High-street, and of the Railway Gatehouses have had to turn out of their dwellings. In Mow Fen Gatehouse water reached up the staircase and the oven was flooded.

The railway line between the station and the viaduct over the Ouse was covered with water to the depth of six or eight inches above the top of the rails, and all the traffic between Swavesey and St. Ives had to be suspended after the 6.44 p.m. down train on Friday until Sunday afternoon, when the 4.23 p.m. up train was allowed to pass through. The line was not free from water until Tuesday. By excellent management not much inconvenience was caused, as the passenger service between Cambridge and Swavesey, with a few slight alterations, was kept going.

The high road has been flooded near Church Bridge and between the station and Over Bridge, but not sufficient to stop vehicular traffic.

JOINED UP. 14th April 1916

The following Swavesey men have joined up since last Friday: Mr. Alfred Prime, jun., the first Swavesey married man to go up with his group, on Saturday, and Messrs. Charles Samuel Hephher, Robinson Mitham, jun., George Norman and Charles W. Parish (all Suffolk Yeomanry), on Monday. The last four are unmarried men.

SCHOOL STAFF CHANGES. 14th April 1916

The Elementary Education Sub-Committee of the Cambs. Education Committee have resolved that Mr. G. Hicks be engaged as temporary headmaster at Swavesey Church School in place of Mr. C. Wood, who is on military service; and that if and when Mrs. Wood, uncertificated assistant returns to duty, the uncertificated assistant, Miss E. Robinson, be transferred to another school.

ACCIDENT. 14th April 1916

Whilst helping to put her son's donkey into its cart, Mrs. W. Crouch, Boxworth End, met with an accident the other day. She was holding the animal's head, and the reins were not on, when the donkey was startled by a motor van, and broke away, knocking down Mrs. Crouch. The cart wheel ran over her body injuring her ribs and side. The donkey did not run many yards before it was pluckily stopped by Mrs. J. J. Marriott. Mrs. Crouch had to go to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 14th March 1916

Corpl. George Yorke Goad, of the Suffolks, son of Mr. J. S. Goad, has been home on short leave from the front. Except that he was trouble with shortness of breath due to having been slightly gassed, he was in good health. He is an acting sergeant.

WAR ITEMS. 14th March 1916

Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, in a letter to his wife, states that he was in the recent famous charge of the Fusiliers, and that he “got through it all right.” Pte. Whybrow was a Reservist, and went to France at the beginning of the war. During the autumn of 1914 he was severely wounded in the abdomen, and was invalided for many months. He returned to France last February. – Corpl. G. Warren B. Wright, of the Hussars, has been promoted to the rank of farrier-sergeant. Writing to Mr. W. Crouch, jun., of Swavesey, he says: “I am in the pink of condition at present. I see by the ‘Weekly’ that there has been plenty of rain about at home. By jingo, we have had some very rough weather here, thunderstorms, rain, wind and snow, but to-day (30th March) it is simply lovely. Well, old chap, I should say it is making a lot of difference to you at your work since all the fellows are having to join up, but I hope and trust that it will finish this year, for I am sure I don’t want another winter out here.” Sergt. Wright has been at the front since the war started. – Corpl. Cyril Day, Northants. Yeomanry, son of Mr. Alfred Day, who has been in France for upwards of a year, has been promoted sergeant.

DUG-OUTS. 21st April 1916

Two enterprising youths have constructed “dug-outs” in the gardens attached to the houses of their respective parents at Boxworth End.

WHY EXEMPT? 21st April 1916

An able-bodied man, apparently of military age, went from house to house in Swavesey on Tuesday, hawking buttons and similar trifles. People not unnaturally asked the question, “Where is the recruiting officer?”

SHEAVES OF HAY. 21st April 1916

A correspondent writes: A publication called “The Dawn of Day” forms part of the North Stowe Rural Deanery Magazine. In the April issue an instalment of an illustrated article on “Women’s Work” appears, and one picture is entitled “Loading the hay cart.” I noticed that the hay is shown as tied in sheaves!

A FIGHTING MAN ON TRIBUNALS. 21st April 1916

Writing from somewhere in France on the 12th instant to our Swavesey representative, a Swavesey man, who has been at the front many months, says: In reading last week's "Cambridgeshire Weekly News" my eye caught the reports of the Local and Appeal Tribunals, as that is a part of the paper we boys out here keep our eyes on and criticise. Well, I think there are some men in Swavesey that everybody might be proud of. The excuses they urged are enough to make one weep. I dare not say in this letter what we think and say about them, but I can tell you we use real soldiers' language.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 21st April 1916

Our Swavesey representative writes: The paragraph headed "School Staff Changes" in last Friday's "Weekly News", which presumably was an extract from the minutes of the Elementary Education Sub-Committee presented at a recent meeting of the Cambs. Education Committee, is considerably out of date, and, moreover, is not strictly accurate. The "Weekly News" of 18th February contained the announcement that Mr. George Hicks had been appointed headmaster of Swavesey National School for the period of the war, in place of Mr. C. Wood, absent on active service. Mr. Hicks commenced his duties on February 14th. As Swavesey National School is a non-provided school, the appointment of the headmaster did not rest with the Education Committee, but with the managers, by whom Mr. Hicks was appointed. Mrs. Wood for family reasons resigned her post as an uncertificated assistant on the 22nd February, and therefore Miss E. Robinson remains at Swavesey undisturbed.

NARROW ESCAPE. 21st April 1916

The house occupied by Mr. Peters near the National School had a narrow escape from fire on Monday night. During the day it appears that there had been some trouble with smouldering soot in the kitchen chimney, but by evening it was thought that all was right. On going upstairs to bed about 10 o'clock Mr. Peters detected a smell of burning, and on feeling the wall of the chimney found it hot. Further indication convinced Mr. Peters, who is a bricklayer, that something was amiss, and he called up his neighbours, Messrs. W. F. and R. Gleaves, and then fetched his employer, Mr. Robinson Mitham. Part of the ceiling of the staircase and adjoining first floor room was pulled down, and the alarming fact was disclosed that the woodwork was alight. The fire was soon extinguished, but if it had not been detected before Mr. Peters

retired to rest, he and his family would in all probability have been cut off in the upper rooms, as the staircase must have got alight.

WHAT SOLDIERS SAY. 21st April 1916

Letters have been received this week from two Swavesey men who have been doing their bit “Somewhere in France” for some time, and both express appreciation of the “Weekly News.” One of them says: “I was delighted to see what was in the ‘Weekly News’ about slackers; it was to the point. We boys out here in the trenches, between life and death, as it were, are trying to bring victory as soon as we possibly can. Then to think of those slackers at home! – well, I can assure you it makes one feel a bit dull at times. We boys are as happy and cheerful as we can be, trying to do our little bit in the great struggle, and we are not going to get down-hearted, although we have had to put some of our pals under the sod. I would not be at home as the times are now, not if I was getting £3 a week. No doubt I surprised some of the Swavesey people when I went, seeing that I always stuck at home, but I saw a red light, and I went after it.” The other Swavesey man writes: “The lads out here from Swavesey and district who are in the same company as myself have been very interested in ‘What the soldiers want to know’ and in ‘Prayers for the Slackers’ in the ‘Weekly News’ As soon as the mail arrives with the papers, there is a rush, and the next thing one hears is, ‘Hulloa, Swavesey again,’ but when the fellows read about the praying for the stay-at-homes and the pious hopes that they would not have to come, it was more than they could stand – in fact, I felt the same, and if cursing would have fetched them, there would not have been one left behind. But to come to the point. Have they no sense of honour? Will nothing move them? What is it that is keeping them back? Are they afraid to leave their paltry businesses behind? What have some of us left – home, wife, and children – to fight for a lot of cowards. In scores of places just behind the firing lines are rough-made crosses with just ‘Here lies an unknown British soldier.’ Who knows but he left a widow and children to mourn his loss? The average ‘Tommy’ expects the cold shoulder after the war, and to be placed on a level with, if not a step below, the man who stays at home. So he thinks that every man who is able should help to bear the brunt of the war. Then we can all be on the level at the end.”

PARISH CHURCH. 28th April 1916

The sermon at the evening service at the Parish Church on Easter Day was preached by the Rev. C. B. Simpson, a late Government Inspector of Prisons, on behalf of the Church Army Naval and Military (Devotional and Recreation)

Huts, which are doing such useful work in various parts of the world. The collection was devoted to the Hut Fund.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 28th April 1916

The members of the Mothers' Meeting and of the Band of Hope held at the Friends' Meeting House brought their winter season to a close with a joint tea, followed by an entertainment on Monday evening in last week. The room was crowded and a long and interesting programme contributed by the children and some of the mothers was much appreciated.

ORGANISING AGRICULTURE. 28th April 1916

A meeting was convened by the Swavesey District Agricultural Organisation Committee and held at the National School, Swavesey, on Thursday evening, 20th inst. Mr. F. Kirby, Over, presided, and was supported by Mr. Jacob Frohock (Lolworth), Mr. R. Mailer (Boxworth), Ingle Hemington (Over), A. Day (Swavesey), and Mr. C. W. Elliot (Boxworth), secretary. An address was given by Mr. Christie, a representative of the Board of Agriculture. Messrs. J. S. Goad and Albert Payne were added to the committee.

VESTRY MEETING. 28th April 1916

The annual Vestry meeting was held under the tower in the Parish Church on Easter Monday evening. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided, in the absence of the Vicar, who is serving in France as a chaplain to the Forces. A letter was read from the Vicar thanking last year's churchwardens, Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp, for their services and nominating the former as vicar's warden for the ensuing year. On the motion of Mr. J. Gilbey, seconded by Mr. Cecil Dean, Mr. Thorp was unanimously re-elected people's warden, and last year's sidesmen were re-appointed, on the proposal of Mr. Key, seconded by Mr. George Clarke.

"THE MESSIAH." 28th April 1916

On Good Friday a most successful effort was made in aid of the Renovation Fund of Bethel Baptist Church. A public tea was provided at 5 o'clock, when upwards of a hundred friends sat down. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. A. Norman, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. W. Savage, Mrs. Spearman, Miss C. Goad, and Miss E. Parish. At 6.15 the United Free Church Choir gave in the presence of a large and appreciative congregation selections from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah." At the close the Pastor (the Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher) voiced the sincere appreciation of the entire audience.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th April 1916

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on Tuesday evening, 25th inst., and was attended by all councillors now in this country. The first business was the passing of last year's accounts, and then the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, viz., chairman, Mr. Arthur Norman (re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. J. S. Goad (re-elected); pindar, Mr. S. Wilderspin sen. (re-elected); overseers, Messrs. R. Williamson, and A. J. Willson. Mr. Goad called attention to the fact that the recently sworn in parish constable was liable for military service, and said that the new Chief Constable had intimated that no such men would be accepted as constables. The Chairman expressed his opinion that the Council could do nothing in the matter. A councillor remarked that the parish constable had been granted conditional exemption on account of his private business. The matter then dropped. Mr. Scard inquired whether Mr. Thurston, the roundabouts proprietor, had paid the money he agreed to pay for the sole use of the Recreation Ground at last Swavesey Feast, or had answered the letters sent to him by the Council. The Clerk replied that nothing had been heard or received from Mr. Thurston. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should inform Mr. Thurston that if the money was not paid within 14 days the Council would take action. Mr. Scard reported that the reserve public water supply pipes had been removed from the Pound to the Council's property in High-street, and said that there were three or four pipes which he believed belonged to the parish in a private yard, the occupier of which would, he understood, be glad if they could be removed. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries, and report to the next meeting.

Mr. Scard also called attention to the new trees on the Recreation Ground, and he and Mr. Burton were appointed to have the ground round them dug and the guards put in order. The memorial cedar trees at the Swan Pond and in Market-street were also mentioned, but nothing was done in regard to them, as they had previously been looked after voluntarily. Lastly Mr. Scard brought up the dangerous condition of the pebble footpath on one side of High-street, and he proposed that the County Council should be written to on the subject and this was agreed. The Captain of the fire engine was instructed to obtain a rear lamp for use on the engine at a cost not exceeding 3s. 6d., and a gallon of oil for the leather hose pipes. The Council's notice board on the High-street had, besides the official notice displayed recently only ancient documents varying from 1914 to August 1915. Mr. Challis was to be instructed to clear the board, replacing the recent notice and carrying out any repairs needed.

During the meeting the fact that the annual parish meeting had not yet been held was mentioned incidentally, but no decision was arrived at. By Act of Parliament "the annual assembly of the parish meeting shall be held on the 25th March in each year, or within seven days before or after that day."

WEDDINGS. 28th April 1916

STUBBINGS – CULPIN

On the afternoon of Easter Eve, the marriage of Private Reginald Stubbings, Cambridgeshire Regiment, second son of Mrs. Herbert Stubbings of Sawston, and Miss Florence May Culpin, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millice Charles Culpin, of Swavesey, took place at the Parish Church, Swavesey. The Rev. J. Cooksey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly dressed in cream silk poplin, with veil and wreath of orange blossom. She carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. Attending her were two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Gladys Culpin, and Miss Doreen Stubbings, the bridegroom's sister. The former wore blue silk poplin, with black hat and blue feather, and the latter was in brown velvet, with black hat trimmed with a brown feather. Sergt. Percy Stubbings, Cambridgeshire Regt., acted as best man. The bride's father is serving with the Supernumerary Company of the Cambridgeshires.

WRIGHT – COOTE

The Parish Church, Swavesey, was on Easter Monday afternoon the scene of a wedding of considerable local interest, as was shown by the large attendance of friends and villagers. The happy couple were Miss Elizabeth Coote, of High-street, Swavesey, and Mr. Henry Wright, a platelayer, employed by the Great Eastern Railway Company at Swavesey. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Coote. She was attired in fine mauve serge, trimmed with silk of the same colour and cream lace, with hat to match trimmed with flowered silk. She carried a mauve set of prayer books. In attendance upon her were three children, the Misses Ivy Coote (her niece), Louie Green (her cousin), and Queenie Spolton. Their pretty frocks were of white embroidery, and their white hats were trimmed with silk, and each wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bride, and carried bouquets, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Fred Prior was best man. The bells were rung after the ceremony. Subsequently a reception was held at the bride's residence. (List of presents in newspaper)

INTERESTING MARRIAGE. 5th May 1916

News has reached Swavesey that Mr. Fred Wilderspin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, was married in March at Innisfail, North Queensland, to an Australian young lady. Mr. F. Wilderspin has been in Australia some years.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 5th May 1916

Private Arthur Prior, 1/1st Cambridgeshire Regt., arrived in Swavesey on Sunday evening on short leave from the front. He went through the Boer War with the Devonshire Yeomanry, and joined the 1st Cambs. shortly after the outbreak of the present war. He has been at the front since February, 1915.

FROM A KITCHENER'S KITTEN. 5th May 1916

A Swavesey man doing his bit at the Western front writes to our Swavesey representative:- "I suppose the Derby scheme is clearing the men out of Swavesey. For my part, I think it is better to be one of Kitchener's kittens, as they call us, than one of Derby's lambs, as Kitchener's kittens are scratching very hard at present, and there is nothing for meek and gentle lambs to do out here."

PERSONAL. 5th May 1916

Many Swavesey people will be interested to learn that Mr. Willie Clarke, who was a pupil for several years at Swavesey Vicarage, is now a lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, and has been doing good work at the front. He recently engaged and brought down a German aeroplane at the height of 7,000 feet, returning to his own lines in safety, though his machine was so badly damaged that it has had to be rebuilt. – Miss Vidler, elder daughter of the Rev. A. C. Vidler, late Vicar of Swavesey, and now Rector of Tewin, Herts., has been for some time working as a nurse in a military hospital in Malta.

THE MEMORIAL CEDARS. 5th May 1915

A correspondent writes: It was disappointing to read in the report in last Friday's "Weekly News" of the Swavesey Parish Council annual meeting that the councillors do not accept any responsibility in regard to the care of the four beautiful cedars which were given by Mr. Dunn, of Milton, then a Swavesey resident, as a memorial of Queen Victoria, and were planted on the day of her funeral. Two of the trees died mysteriously, and were replaced by Mr. Dunn, but all have since thriven. Mr. Dunn also provided massive iron guards at considerable expense. The spaces within the guards need occasional attention, and now and again at lengthening intervals as the years go by something has been done by voluntary effort, but this is a far from satisfactory way of doing

things. Surely if the Council can look after the horse chestnuts on the Recreation Ground, they can with propriety undertake the care of the cedars. One of the cedars in Market-street was partly blown over in a blizzard at the end of March, and is in need of immediate attention. To neglect the trees, one cannot help thinking, shows want of respect to the memory of the great Queen, and ingratitude to Mr. Dunn. If the Council can do nothing, I suggest that the matter should be brought forward at the overdue annual parish meeting.

JOINED UP. 12th May 1916

Mr. James Harold Parish, son of Mr. David Parish, Boxworth end, joined the Royal West Kent Regiment last week.

THE VICAR AT THE FRONT. 12th May 1916

The Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who has been serving as a chaplain to the Forces in France since last January is now working at a large hospital almost all under canvas, but expects to "go up the line" very soon. On Easter Day he and another chaplain held about 20 services, the first at 5 a.m. and the last at 8.30 p.m.

KILLED IN ACTION. 12th May 1916

Mrs. Bishop, of Askew-row, has received information that her husband, Pte. T. Bishop, Bedfordshire Regt., has been killed in action. He went to the front about five months ago. He leaves five little boys under ten years of age, the eldest of whom is the famous Swavesey Water Baby, whose exploits in the Swan Pond caused a sensation a few years ago.

A MUCH-TRAVELLED PARCEL. 12th May 1916

Amongst the Christmas parcels, the proceeds of a village collection, which were sent to every Swavesey man known to be at the front, was one addressed to Pte. A. F. Welch, Yorkshire Regiment, at the Dardenelles. Pte. Welch was stricken down with fever about that time, and was sent home, and after spending some weeks in hospitals, he returned to duty at a town in England, where the parcel was delivered to him about a week ago. He was very pleased to get it.

THE LADIES HELP. 12th May 1916

Women labour is being used to some extent by Swavesey farmers, and the lady-folk are doing various jobs on the land. One young lady has earned the gratitude of her brother by useful work with a horse hoe. On a small holding the other day the wife of a farm labourer and small holder was seen following

the drill. Her husband had recently undergone an operation, and was unable to attend to his land, so Mr. Alfred Day, his employer, very kindly sent one of his men with a drill and horses to help on with the work, and the wife, who comes from an old agricultural family, did her bit, and did it very well – so the male critics who were looking on said.

DEATH OF MRS. LUCY SAVAGE. 12th May 1916

After a long and painful illness, borne with great patience, Mrs. Lucy Savage, widow of the late Mr. Charles Savage, of Swavesey, passed away on the 4th inst., at the age of 83 years. She was a native of Swavesey, and had lived in the village all her life. Her husband died many years ago. She leaves two sons. The funeral took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. W. Savage (sons and daughters-in-law). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

DEATH OF MR. EDMUND GLEAVES. 12th May 1916

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 85 years, of Mr. Edmund Gleaves, on Thursday, 4th inst. Mr. Gleaves, who had been in failing health for about six months, had lived in Swavesey for some years. He belonged to an old Willingham family. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. Joseph Gleaves, farmer, of Willingham, in which village he resided for many years and held various public offices. Mr. Gleaves has left a widow, four sons and one daughter. The funeral took place in Willingham Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Swavesey, officiating. The mourners included Mrs. Gleaves (widow), Mr. Edmund Gleaves (son), Miss Gleaves (daughter), Messrs. Sidney, Ralph and Walter F. Gleaves (sons) and Mrs. W. F. Gleaves (daughter-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham of Swavesey.

JOINED UP. 19th May 1916

Walter Metcalfe (Group1) joined the Royal West Kent Regt. last Saturday.

EX-SWAVESEY MAN'S DEATH FROM WOUNDS. 19th May 1916

Pte. Albert E. Golding, Royal Fusiliers, son of Mr. Golding, late signalman at Swavesey Station, died last Friday from wounds received in action. Pte. Golding was wounded in both legs.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 19th May 1916

Under the superintendence of Mr. G. Hicks, the acting headmaster, the boys of Swavesey National School are making good progress with their plots in the school garden, notwithstanding the late start this year.

THE LATE MR. W. C. COLE. 26th May 1916
IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT SWAVESEY.

Amidst manifestations of sympathy and respect, the funeral of the late Mr. William Carter Cole, whose death on the 17th instant at the age of 58 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey on Monday afternoon.

The funeral cortege left "The Farm", the deceased's residence, at 2.45 p.m., and had to traverse the entire length of the village, about 1½ miles. Blinds were drawn and shops were closed. The body, enclosed in a polished oak coffin, with brass furniture, and covered with beautiful flowers, was met at the entrance of the parish churchyard by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. On each side of the pathway were ranged officers and members of the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association, of which body Mr. Cole was president until the time of his death.

The first part of the service was said in the church. So large was the number of persons attending that many were unable to get near the grave, which is in the south-western corner of the churchyard, adjoining the graves of Mr. Cole's parents.

The mourners were: Mrs. Cole (widow), Mr. C. W. H. Cole (only son), Miss Cole and Miss M. Cole (daughters), Mr. H. Cole of Whittlesea (cousin), Miss King, of Cambridge (sister-in-law), Mr. A. E. King, Cambridge (brother-in-law), Dr. Ellis (cousin) and Mr. G. King (nephew).

JOINED UP. 26th May 1916

Mr. Frank Norman, elder son of Mr. Arthur Norman, farmer, has recently joined the Army Service Corps.

FROM THE FRONT. 26th May 1916

Sergt. Surrey Caine, Canadian Infantry, arrived at his home in Swavesey on short leave from the front. He is in the pink of condition.

CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS. 26th May 1916

Swavesey school children have contributed 10s. to the Overseas' Club Fund for providing comforts for sailors and soldiers of the British Empire.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 26th May 1916

The Commandant, Mrs. Ellis Long, has received notice to re-open the Hospital on Wednesday, 24th. She will be much obliged if the Staff and Orderlies will take note and commence their duties from that date.

SCHOOLBOYS ON FARM WORK. 26th May 1916

Five or six boys from Swavesey National School just over 12 years of age, have been released from further school attendance in the interest of agriculture. They are exceptionally fitted for farm work, and the farmers much appreciate the kindness of the Education Committee in allowing the boys to leave school.

BAPTIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY. 26th May 1916

Successful anniversary services were held at the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, when the Rev. F. C. Spurr, of Regent's Park Chapel, London, preached in the afternoon and evening to good audiences. A public tea was held in the spacious chapel at 5.30 at which there was a good assembly. The trays were provided and presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Ussher, Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mrs. Arthur Norman, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. H. S. Aldred, Mrs. W. Savage, Mrs. Spearman, Mrs. Goad, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. J. Rule.

EMPIRE DAY. 26th May 1916

May the 24th, Empire Day, was duly observed at Swavesey National School. A Union Jack was hoisted in the playground, and towards the end of morning school the headmaster addressed the children on the reasons for keeping the Day, pointing out how much the Empire is beholden to the Colonies for help from which even Swavesey children would benefit. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey added a few words. Patriotic songs were then sung, after which the children assembled in the school yard and solemnly saluted the Empire's flag. Then they sang the National Anthem. A half-holiday was granted in honour of the day. The flag and pole were kindly lent by Mr. R. Mitham, and were rigged up early in the day, mainly by Stoker Berry Dodson, H.M.S. Antrim, an old scholar, at home on a few days' leave. As the last chorus of "When the boys come home again" was being sung in the school, a lusty voice singing the same chorus was heard from outside. Stoker Dodson was doing his bit. During the afternoon the schoolboys were taken by the headmaster, Mr. G. Hicks, for a walk to the river, where they bathed and had a picnic. They had a very happy time. – A Union Jack was also displayed over the Roll of Honour for the parish of Swavesey – an Empire document, seeing that it records the

names of men who joined the Empire's forces in Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as well as of those who enlisted in Great Britain.

PARISH MEETING. 26th May 1916

The annual Parish Meeting was held at the National School on Monday evening, Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Parish Council, presiding. The Overseers', Parish Council, and Galon's Charity accounts were read. The Clerk mentioned that the rates would be lower during the ensuing year, that the Parish council expenditure was the smallest since the Council had been in existence, and that, acting on instructions, no rates were levied on the Old House, which had been lent by Captain J. D. Daintree, R.N., for a Red Cross Hospital. The Commandant, however, paid rates on the garden, and the sub-tenant of a close of pasture land, which went with the house, also paid rates. It was agreed that the balance of about £18 in the bank from the balances of the street lighting and recreation ground should be invested to earn interest. Mr. R. Mitham called attention to the case outside the school, which had been very kindly provided by the Swavesey District Conservative and Unionist Association for the Roll of Honour for the parish of Swavesey. He had been told, he said, that it was the best for many miles around, and he moved a vote of thanks to the Association. The Chairman seconded the resolution, which was carried.

SUMMER TIME. 26th May 1916

Swavesey people have adopted the Summer Time Act, 1916, though some have exercised their right as Britons and have grumbled. Many declared "it was all nonsense," but it was noticed that last Sunday's dinners were fetched away from the bakehouses by the new time. One youth who was carrying the Sunday joint home about one o'clock was asked if he felt as hungry then as he did at 1 p.m. on the previous Sunday. He replied that he noticed no difference. An old lady vehemently asserted that she would not, and could not, get up any earlier. The Government might lock her up if they liked, but she simply would not obey their orders. She was easier in her mind when she was assured that the Government would not be likely to prosecute her for high treason, and that so far as the authorities were concerned she could, if convenient to herself, get up at midnight and go to bed at noonday. On Sunday a gang of permanent way men, who came from the neighbourhood of Cambridge, and were working on the G.E. Railway at Swavesey, related an amusing experience. One or two of them had put their watches on overnight, but had forgotten that they had done so, and got up next morning an hour before the "advanced" time. They had to walk about four miles to catch the train to take them to their

work. The parish church clock was altered at 9 p.m. on Saturday. It is reported that it immediately uttered a protest by striking twice. Hardly anyone notices the difference beyond the fact that the days seem longer.

JOINED UP. 2nd June 1916

Mr. Fred Clarke, elder son of Mr. George Clarke, joined the Army Service Corps on the 25th May. Mr. Walter Spolton, butcher, also joined up on the same day.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 2nd June 1916

It is stated that all Swavesey applicants who appeared before the Swavesey District Tribunal at St. Ives on Monday succeeded in obtaining relief from immediate military service, the majority being granted conditional exemption.

WOUNDED. 9th June 1916

Pte. Thomas Howlett, 5th Cheshire Regt., T.F., has been wounded in the leg.

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY. 9th June 1916

The Particular Baptists of Swavesey held their anniversary services and tea at the Old Chapel on Tuesday. Mr. Colcutt, of Coventry, was the special preacher.

LORD KITCHENER. 9th June 1916

The news of the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire reached the village early on Tuesday evening, and caused general consternation.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 9th June 1916

At the Swavesey District Local Tribunal, held at St. Ives on Monday, Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, was granted conditional exemption; Mr. Joseph B. Parish, fruit grower, four months; and Mr. C. Eason, carrier, two months.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 9th June 1916

Miss Marjorie G. Scard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scard, High-street, a pupil of Mr. G. H. Skeeles, of St. Ives, organist of Swavesey Parish Church, has gained a pass certificate in pianoforte playing (preparatory division) in the recent examination held by Trinity College of Music, London.

JOINED UP. 9th June 1916

The following Swavesey residents have joined up during the last few days: Messrs. W. Coulson (County Council roadman) and James Kester, who are with the 3rd Suffolks, and Albert G. Parish. Twenty-two men have left Swavesey for the Army since January 1st last.

NEWLY-BORN FOAL IN POND. 9th June 1916

When Mr. Bert Hodson visited a mare the other morning which had been left in a field, he discovered that it had foaled during the night, and that the foal was lying in a pond, but alive. By prompt, careful and persistent attention, Mr. Hodson brought the little animal round, and it is doing well.

OBITUARY. 9th June 1916

Mr. Edmund Williams, son of the late Mr. Edward Williams, of Swavesey, died early on Sunday morning at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Williams, Market-street, Swavesey. Mr. Williams, who was 68 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, but the end came rather suddenly. He had lived in Cambridge for many years, but had spent the last few months of his life in his native village. The funeral took place in Cambridge on Wednesday.

PROMOTION. 9th June 1916

Corpl. Albert A. Girling, only son of Mr. A. Girling, farm bailiff, Swavesey, of the Royal Flying Corps, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Although only 21 years of age, his rise in the Army has been rapid. He joined the R.F.C. on January 5th, 1915, as a second class air mechanic, and went to France on the 19th of the same month. In August he was promoted to first class air mechanic, and in December to corporal. At the time of his joining up he was an apprentice at Messrs. Saint's Motor Works, Cambridge.

THE FEAST. 9th June 1916

This year's village feast, which opened last Sunday, has been a very insignificant affair, and is said to have been eclipsed in smallness only once previously in the memory of living man, viz., four years ago, when there was an epidemic of fever. Market-street, usually well-filled with stalls, roundabouts and other attractions, had three or four sweet stalls, a shooting gallery and a cocoanut shy at one end. There was no roundabout, and consequently no "music". Visitors were few in number, and there were no cricket matches.

SWAVESEY MAN WOUNDED. 9th June 1916

Mrs. Taylor, Church End, Swavesey, has received news, dated 4th inst., that her husband, Pte. Charles Taylor, Suffolk Regt., has been wounded.

THE THIRD YPRES BATTLE. 16th June 1916
SWAVESEY CANADIAN'S THRILLING EXPERIENCES.
"ANZAC A PICNIC IN COMPARISON."

In a letter to his mother, written on 6th June, a Cambridgeshire man serving as a sergeant in the Canadian Infantry, gives an interesting, though necessarily incomplete, account of his experiences in the terrible third battle of Ypres. After about eight months at the front he had been spending a few days' leave with his family in this country, and had rejoined his regiment on the 2nd June just in time to take his share in the fight. He says:-

"I will first of all tell you that I am one of the fortunate ones who have come through the severe ordeal which our regiment has just experienced, safe and sound as when I was with you last week.

"I arrived back in Flanders at the camp where I found my regiment about 10 a.m. on the 2nd. By noon news began to come into camp from the front line, where other regiments of our brigade were engaged, and a few minutes later we got the 'Stand to' order. Just a little later we were on the move going to their relief, and as we went away our band marched a short distance with us playing our regimental tunes, and then moving to the roadside, played us 'Bonnie Dundee,' our march, as we filed past. By easy stages we proceeded through heavy shell fire towards the front, where we were under cover of darkness to take up a position. You have read in the papers of the daylight charge, and the great fight, and the terrible times of the next two days and nights. You saw the accounts of the regiment – ours – who did the good work. I could not describe it to you even if the Censor would permit me to do so.

"The experiences of the hours we were up there – . we came out, tired and worn, last night, those of us that remained – were terrible beyond all power of description. The landing of the Anzacs on the beach at Suvla Bay was a picnic in comparison. Every form of frightfulness possessed by the Huns was poured over on to our position, and such a concentration of artillery fire on our small front has not been witnessed in the whole war. In spite of all this, though they succeeded earlier in taking our front line, we held firmly to the lines immediately behind, and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. Many of the finest and bravest of the boys in our fine regiment are lost, but they were simply murdered by the terrible shell fire and not in actual fighting. Had it been the latter the results would have been very different. As it is, we have won honour and glory for ourselves, and all kinds of praise from all other

regiments who have heard of us, and now that it is over I would not have missed it for anything, terrible though it was. The boys are resting quietly to-day after the severe nerve strain, and to-morrow we move away for a good rest and reorganisation.

"I feel awfully lucky to-day, though a bit shaky, in common with the rest of the boys, and if anything am more that ever a confirmed fatalist.

"It was grand to see and be with the boys in action, and I shall never forget the thrills and horrors of it all. I found myself in the hottest places most of the time, and otherwise tried to prove myself worthy to wear the badges of the regiment of which I am proud to be a member."

THE SCHOOL. 16th June 1916

Work was resumed at the National School on Tuesday morning after the usual village feast holiday.

WOUNDED. 16th June 1916

Pte. George Beaumont, London Scottish, has been wounded, but it is believed that his injuries are not serious. He is a son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for very many years the highly-respected schoolmaster at Swavesey. An elder brother, Pte. Henry Beaumont, Canadian Infantry, has been missing since the great battle of Ypres on April 24th 1915, and has recently been recorded as having been killed on that date. A younger brother, Pte. Frank Beaumont, 7th London Regiment, was wounded at the Battle of Loos on September 25th last.

THE CLOSING OF SHOPS. 16th June 1916

A correspondent writes: On Whitsun Monday the Swavesey shopkeepers, to the surprise of some of their customers, closed their establishments for the whole of the day, notwithstanding that the Bank Holiday had been postponed. As far as I am aware no one suffered serious inconvenience by the closing, and I therefore venture to suggest that the shopkeepers should consider whether it would not be advisable to curtail the hours during which their shops are open on other days. Why should not the plan adopted with success by so many businesses in Cambridge and other towns be tried, of closing for an hour in the middle of the day for dinner? And why is it necessary to keep open until 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays? If business ceased at 5 or 6 p.m. the tradesmen and their staffs would be able to do useful work in their gardens, allotments, and small holdings, or they might render valuable help in the fruit gardens and fields, especially during haytime and harvest. Customers would quickly adapt themselves to the curtailed hours of opening, and some of them would greatly appreciate help in the gardens and farm work. The post

offices in some villages have for some time been closed during certain hours of the day, and I am not aware that any serious inconvenience has been caused to the public.

ADVERT. 23rd June 1916

Soldier's Companion, containing Lemonade, Tea, Coffee, Milk, Sugar in concentrated form; package 1s. 3d. – H. S. Aldred, Swavesey, Cambs.

CLOSING OF SHOPS. 23rd June 1916

The suggestion in last Friday's "Weekly News" that Swavesey shopkeepers should consider whether it would not be advisable to curtail the hours during which their shops are open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, has been acted upon to a certain extent by one tradesman. Last Saturday morning the following notice appeared in his window: "This shop closed from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT. 23rd June 1916

A Swavesey soldier who has been at the front for many weary months when last at home said to his mother, "You would not like to see me knocking about the village in civilian clothes, would you?" "No, my boy, I certainly should not," promptly replied the proud mother, in the true spirit of self-sacrificing patriotism. And the son added, "I should be ashamed to walk about; I am glad to be fit and able to do my bit."

THE VICAR. 23rd June 1916

The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, who has been serving in France as a chaplain to the Forces since the end of January, having obtained a few days' leave, paid a flying visit to the village on Sunday afternoon. He took the greater part of the evening service at the parish church, and preached an admirable sermon. The news that he was expected had leaked out, and a large congregation attended, including several persons from neighbouring villages. At the end of his sermon, in which he made a telling reference to the late Lord Kitchener, Mr. Sharp said he wished to shake hands with everyone present after the service, as some time would probably elapse before he was in Swavesey again. Mr. Sharp was in the best of health. One verse – the first – of the National Anthem was sung before the Blessing, in accordance with the practice that has obtained during the war, but it is difficult to understand why the other two verses, which are specially appropriate in these days of stress, were omitted.

THE WASP PEST. 23rd June 1916

It is stated that there is every prospect that wasps will be unusually numerous this summer – when it comes – and some people have been complaining that steps have not been taken to destroy the queen wasps. A few years ago Mr. Aldred, assisted by Mr. A. J. Willson, used to collect subscriptions from fruit growers in the parish and from other persons interested, and children were encouraged to catch the queens, for which they were paid a small sum for each carcase. By this means the wasp pest was kept in check, but the plan had to be dropped from want of financial support. This season it was specially desirable that wasps should be reduced to a minimum. Not only will fruit growers suffer, but grocers cannot afford to have their restricted supplies of sugar depleted; butchers will lose meat, a serious matter now prices are so high; confectioners will have their dainties attacked; and housewives will be groaning over depredations on household stores. Something might be done to minimise the evil by a systematic destruction of nests, but next year it is to be hoped that the old system will be reverted to, and that the organiser and collector, whoever he may be, will receive substantial and ample financial support.

ANNIVERSARY. 23rd June 1916

On Sunday last successful anniversary services in connection with Bethel Baptist Sunday School were conducted by the pastor (the Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher). The attendances throughout the day were most encouraging. In the afternoon there was a flower service with an address by the Pastor. The floral offerings, with scripture texts attached, made a pleasing sight, and were afterwards sent to St. Ives Infirmary. During the afternoon recitations were most creditably given by Ida Spearman, Ethel Daisy Savage and Nelly Prior. At the evening service a framed first-class certificate, gained in connection with the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, was presented by the Pastor to Ronald Prior. Throughout the day's services, the scholars, augmented by the choir, rendered special hymns, Mr. Jas. Williams presiding at the organ. The collections for the day amounted to £3 4s. It is interesting to note from the Roll of Honour exhibited in the vestibule of the chapel that 32 former scholars of this Sunday School have joined H. M. Forces.

WEDDING. 23rd June 1916

Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, was tastefully decorated with flowers on Thursday, 15th inst., the occasion being the marriage of Miss Ellen Thorp Day,

daughter of the late Mr. William Day, of Swavesey, and Mr. Arthur James Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Norman, also of Swavesey. The wedding was a quiet one, on account of a recent death in the bride's family and of relatives being on service at the front. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Ernest Day, wore a grey costume, with hat to match. She was accompanied by two bridesmaids, Miss H. Norman (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Ruby Nellie Brown (niece of the bride), the former in saxe-blue and the latter in white silk. Mr. Sidney Prime was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride.

FUNERAL. 30th June 1916

The funeral of the late Mr. Alfred Newman, whose death at the age of 86 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher officiated.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 30th June 1916

The Swavesey Rural District Tribunal sat at St. Ives on Monday afternoon at the office of Mr. G. D. Day, solicitor and Clerk to the Rural District Council. Six appeals from Swavesey were dealt with, and temporary exemption was granted in each case, viz., Messrs. Cecil Dean, Wallis Parish, A. T. Scard, H. H. Williams and R. Williamson were allowed six months, and Mr. Percy Parish three months. All are married men.

ANOTHER SWAVESEY CANADIAN ENLISTS. 30th June 1916

Mr. Harry Lawrence Caine, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, High-street, Swavesey, has recently enlisted in the 101st Edmonton (Alberta) Fusiliers. He went to Canada 16 years ago, and has not been home since, but he hopes soon to revisit the old country with his regiment. An older brother, Sergeant Martin Surrey Caine, is serving with the 49th Canadian Infantry in France, and returned to the front after a few days' leave in this country just in time to take his share in the third battle of Ypres on the 2nd June.

RECOVERED FROM WOUNDS. 30th June 1916

Pte. Charles Taylor, Suffolks, who was wounded in several places on his head and body by a rifle grenade when in the trenches on the 2nd June, arrived in Swavesey on Monday, having been discharged from a military hospital at Bath on that day. He attributes his rapid recovery to the prompt and efficient treatment rendered by stretcher bearers and doctors. Within three hours of his being hit his injuries had been fully attended to, and he was on his way by

motor ambulance to a base hospital. On the 7th inst. he reached Bath. Pte. Taylor has to report himself for duty early next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. 30th June 1916

On Thursday week the scholars of Bethel Sunday School had a most enjoyable afternoon and evening in Mr. J. Day's meadow. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom at 4 o'clock, when fifty-six young people sat down. At 5.30 there was a well-attended public tea for adults. Soldiers from the Red Cross Hospital had been invited to this, and were accorded a hearty welcome. After tea the programme included games, swings, races, tugs-of-war, etc., also a cricket match, Ladies v. Soldiers. This was an exciting game, the gentlemen in khaki scoring 43 to the ladies' 44. The children assembled at the Schoolroom at 9.30, when cake, sweets, etc., were distributed and prizes awarded. Having sung and given cheers for kind helpers, the young folks left for their homes.

FOUND AFTER MANY YEARS. 30th June 1916

Between 40 and 50 years ago the late Mrs. T. Daintree lost a gold ring set with precious stones. She thought she must have mislaid it in the house in which she lived from the date of her marriage until her death nearly three years ago. Search was made high and low, but with no result. During her life she often spoke of the ring and described it. Last week her son-in-law, whilst hoeing amongst some young fruit trees in an orchard at the back of the house, turned up a ring caked with earth, which tallied with the description of the missing one in every respect. Some of the stones are missing, but otherwise the ring is in good condition. During the last 50 years the land where the ring was found had been ploughed and dug up over and over again.

RECOVERY. 7th July 1916

Lieut. Caine, who was recently wounded, has recovered.

PROMOTION. 7th July 1916

Sergt. Martin Surrey Caine, 49th Canadian Infantry, has been promoted lieutenant in his battalion for services in the field.

CHILD INJURED. 7th July 1916

The 12-year-old daughter of Mr. W. Symonds, Boxworth End, crushed a finger on her left hand in a mangle on Tuesday evening. Dr. King was called in at once, and the child was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday morning.

SERGT. W. HEPHER, D.C.M. 7th July 1916

In the King's Birthday Gazette, published on June 3rd, Sergeant Wilfred Hepher, 74th Field Company, Royal Engineers, was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal. The following is the official record given in a subsequent Gazette of the gallant services for which the decoration was awarded: "For consistent good work. He has frequently commanded his section and carried out his duties with skill and determination."

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 7th July 1916

The following Swavesey cases were dealt with by the Swavesey Rural District Tribunal on Monday afternoon. The tribunal sat as usual in private at the office of Mr. G. D. Day, solicitor and Clerk of the District Council, in St. Ives. Messrs. A. T. Duce and D. Wilderspin were granted six months' exemption, Mr. E. J. Linford, jun., three months, and Messrs. H. G. Graves and E. Mitham one month. The case of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, jun., was adjourned for one month.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL COUNTY ORGANISATION FUND. 7th July 1916

Mrs. Long, the President of the Swavesey Division, has received a gratifying return of the recent house-to-house collection in the villages in her district, and has sent Mrs. Hicks, the honorary secretary and treasurer of the fund, £37 1s. 4d., against £36 5s. 9d. last year. Swavesey contributed £8 7s. 5d.

SWAVESEY CANADIAN WOUNDED. 7th July 1916

News has reached Swavesey that Sergt. M. Surrey Caine, Canadian Infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, High-street, Swavesey, has been wounded, but it is understood not very seriously. Sergt. Caine went through the heavy fighting on June 2nd and subsequent days, and then escaped without a scratch.

WOMAN FARM WORKER INJURED. 7th July 1916

Mrs. Crouch, wife of William Crouch, Boxworth End, Swavesey, fell from the top of a load of clover on Thursday afternoon, whilst working on Mr. Thomas Prior's land in Bucking Way, and was seriously injured. After receiving attention in Swavesey, she was taken in Mr. Ben Thorp's motor car to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where she was detained. Mrs. Crouch is a middle-aged woman, and has several sons and daughters, some of whom are invalids, needing constant attention.

AN OFFENSIVE DRAIN. 14th July 1916

A correspondent writes: Attention has been called in the "Weekly News" on several occasions to the offensive odour emitted from the public drain in High-street, Swavesey. Of late the smells have been most objectionable, and doubtless are injurious to health, but as no epidemic illness has resulted the sanitary authorities have not moved in the matter. It is alleged that one at least of the gratings is not trapped. This small but not unimportant fact has been mentioned to the sanitary inspector more than once, but, beyond either doubting the accuracy of the allegation or saying that he would see what could be done, he has done nothing. Are the sanitary authorities aware that the ventilation shaft attached to the High-street drain at its junction with the new sewer at Turn Bridge was blown down some time ago, and that the ventilation hole is now below the level of the road? The High-street drain was repaired the other day close to the bridge, but nothing was done to replace the ventilation shaft.

DEATHS. 14th July 1916

Letters have reached Swavesey from comrades who were present at the time that Lance-Corpl. James William Prior (No. 11333) and Pte. Jonas Dodson (No. 16374) of the Suffolks, were killed in action side by side early on the 1st of July. The former appears to have been killed instantaneously, but the latter when found by Lance-Corpl. A. A. Linford, another Swavesey man, was saying the Lord's Prayer, and then passed away. Both men joined the Suffolks in the autumn of 1914. Lance-Corpl. Prior, who was 22 years of age and unmarried, was the elder surviving son of Mr. William Prior, of Swavesey. Pte. Dodson was the youngest son of the late Mr. Charles Dodson, well known in the Swavesey district and St. Ives as a bricklayer and great skater in days gone by. Pte. Dodson was 39 years of age and leaves a widow and ten children, seven of whom are under 14 years of age.

SWAVESEY FARMER'S WILL. 14th July 1916

Mr. William Carter Cole, of Swavesey, Cambs., farmer, who died on May 17th left estate valued at £11,139.

JOINED UP. 21st July 1916

Mr. Walter Burton, of Boxworth End, a married man with seven children, joined up on Thursday, 13th inst., and Mr. Hugh Smith on Monday.

GATEWAY BLOCKED. 21st July 1916

A correspondent writes: - The post of the Swing gate at the Brooklands end of Church Green collapsed a few weeks ago, and the gateway has since been blocked with a pole to keep animals feeding on the green from straying. The public using the path have to creep under the pole – an awkward business for persons getting on in years. May I call the attention of the District or Parish Council, whichever body is responsible, to the matter, and respectfully suggest that a new post should be provided without further delay.

WASPS NESTS. 28th July 1916

Wasps have found strange places for nests in Mr. Burton's Mill Field orchard. One as big as a football, and increasing in size daily, is hanging in an apple tree, while another nest has been discovered in a gooseberry bush.

ACCIDENT. 28th July 1916

Arthur Kester, second son of Pte. James Kester, Suffolk Regt., about eight years of age, fell from a gate on Thursday in last week and broke his collar bone. He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Mr. Ben Thorp's motor car, but was not detained, though he remains under treatment there.

MILITARY NOTES. 28th July 1916

Lieut. M. S. Caine, Canadian Infantry, who has recently been promoted to a commission for service in the field, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday night on a short visit to his parents. He was quite unexpected. He returned to the front to-day (Friday). – Lance-Corpl. Alfred A. Linford, Suffolks, has been promoted to corporal. – Pte. George Beaumont, London Scottish, who was wounded on June 11th, and was under treatment at Torquay, has spent a few days with his mother in Swavesey, and returned to his regiment on Monday. His younger brother, Pte. Francis Beaumont, City of London Regiment, who was wounded at the battle of Loos on September 25th last, was discharged from the Army on Tuesday, being unfit for further military service. He will return to duties in the Accountant General's Department, General Post Office, shortly.

FOOD STOLEN. 4th Aug. 1916

Mrs. James Coulson, whilst engaged in farm work near Bucking Way on Monday, had her day's food appropriated by a tramp. The culprit was promptly followed and taken in charge by P.C. Smith, but as Mrs. Coulson declined to prosecute, he was allowed to go on his way.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 4th Aug. 1916

Arthur Ernest Beales, aged 12 years, has been awarded a County Council Minor Scholarship. He is the younger son of the Swavesey stationmaster. Since his removal to Swavesey about 16 months ago he has been a pupil at Over Council School, under Mr. G. H. Kitchener. Prior to this he was educated at Walsoken, Norfolk, Boys' School.

AN UNFORTUNATE LOSS. 4th Aug. 1916

Whilst cycling from his house in High-street along the Fen Drayton-road to Witton Quarter on Wednesday, 26th ulto., Mr. Arthur J. Norman lost his pocket book, containing, amongst other things, Treasury notes of the value of £4. The pocket book apparently fell out of Mr. Norman's coat which he was carrying on his handlebar.

POLICE CHANGES. 11th Aug. 1916

Police-Constable Sidney Smith, who has been stationed at Swavesey for the last three years and three months, has been transferred to Willingham, his place at Swavesey being taken by Police-Constable Breed, of Willingham. The exchange was effected yesterday (Thursday).

THE LATE LANCE-CORPL. PRIOR. 11th Aug. 1916

Miss C. Prior, sister of Lance-Corpl. James William Prior, has received the following letter, dated 4th August, from Lieut. D. M. Miller, Suffolk Regt.: "I have made careful inquiry as to what has happened to your brother, and I very deeply regret to have to write that there can be no doubt that your brother was killed on July 1st. He was hit by a piece of shell very early in the morning, before the battalion commenced to attack. I am truly sorry that I cannot give you any better news, but I am afraid there is no doubt, and I would not be doing right if I were to pretend that there was."

NEWS OF THE VICAR. 11th Aug. 1916

Our Swavesey readers will be interested to learn that their vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who went to France as a chaplain to the Forces in January last, and has since been engaged at a large base hospital, has now been moved up to the line. Writing on August 1st, he says: "You may be interested to hear that I went up the line a week ago and am now somewhere in France, not a great distance from the firing line. I had, as you know, expected to get up some time ago, but one had to wait one's turn. We have had a good deal of marching, and this hot weather and the dust have made things not always too pleasant. However, I have had no cause to grumble so far. We had some services under strange conditions on Sunday last. I managed to hold five in

all, three celebrations and two parades – open-air, of course. I would have given anything to have had Gilby there to start the hymns. The tail board of a farm cart served as an altar for one of the celebrations, and I utilised a fallen tree for another. For the present at any rate I am attached to a battalion of the Buffs.”

A CONSEQUENCE OF WAR. 18th Aug. 1916

Owing to the withdrawal of bigger lads from Swavesey National School to work on farms, the woodwork class (of which Mr. Walter Thorp is the able instructor) has latterly consisted of only two small boys, and it is understood that there is little prospect of an increase in the number of woodwork pupils when the school re-opens next month.

DRAINS. 18th Aug. 1916

A correspondent writes: A few weeks ago attention was called in the “Weekly News” to the offensive smell frequently emitted from an apparently untrapped public drain grating in High-street, and to the disappearance some time previously of the sewer ventilation shaft at Turn Bridge. As yet nothing has been done by the sanitary authorities to remedy matters. Time after time during past years notice has been drawn in the local Press and by personal representation to the offensive drain. The Sanitary Inspector has made vague promises, but has done nothing. If the ventilation shaft is not necessary, no one would suggest the re-erection of a far from slightly object in our main street, but surely it is not desirable that the opening of the sewer should remain uncovered. The opening is below the level of the road. It is remarkable that children who are fond of playing around and under the bridge have not used the hole as a receptacle for stones, etc. In urging that these sanitary defects should be attended to without further delay, we are asking for nothing unnecessary nor for luxuries. In their present condition both points are possible sources of danger to the public health, and the cost of putting things right would be very small.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 18th Aug. 1916

Official news has reached his family that Pte. E. F. (Fred) Tompkins, Suffolk Regiment, of Swavesey, has been wounded in the recent fighting on the Western Front. Of the five Swavesey men who have been serving in this particular battalion of the Suffolks, two have been reported officially as missing, though private letters from comrades have stated that they were killed on 1st July, and two have been wounded.

STACK FIRE AT SWAVESEY. 18th Aug. 1916

HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD FIRE ENGINE DOES GOOD WORK.

Highfield Farm, better known locally as Warner's Farm, in the outlying part of the parish of Swavesey, between the Huntingdon main road and the Swavesey-Longstanton road, was the scene of a stack fire on Sunday. The farm, which is tenanted by Mr. R. Ellis Long, of Redlands, Lolworth, is under the immediate charge of a resident bailiff, Mr. George Spearman.

About 4.45 p.m., Mr. Spearman, whilst in his house, noticed a smell of burning, and on proceeding to the stack yard, discovered that a new stack, containing between 45 and 50 tons of mixed hay and clover, was on fire. He immediately gave the alarm and sent Mr. E. Dodson, one of the workmen living on the farm, to the village of Swavesey to summon help and to order the attendance of the fire engine.

Mr. S. Challis, the captain, on receiving the call, proceeded with the engine to Highfield Farm, about two miles distant with the utmost promptitude, taking with him fire hooks, which were found of considerable use. Mr. Long's bailiffs from Swavesey and Lolworth, Messrs. Girling and Goodchild, hastened to render assistance, with plenty of willing and capable helpers of both sexes. Police-Sergeant Day hurried up from Longstanton, and was speedily followed by Police-Constables Breed (Swavesey) Bell (Boxworth) and Kenzie (Over).

Within a yard or two of the burning stack was another large hay stack, which was in imminent danger. It was, however, speedily protected by stack cloths, and was played on by the engine, and by these means and careful watching, was prevented from catching fire. There was, fortunately, no shortage of water, for a partly full pond was close at hand, and water carts were employed to bring up further supplies from elsewhere.

The century-old fire engine, which came in for much adverse and undeserved criticism at the time of the great fire, was most effective, and was worked by willing teams of men and ladies – the latter were most energetic and are deserving of high praise. The fire continued to burn throughout Sunday night and Monday, but the second stack was saved.

A large concourse of people from Swavesey and neighbouring villages was attracted to the scene on Sunday evening.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. 25th Aug. 1916

Bananas appear to be very popular this year with youthful villagers, who are in such haste to attack the succulent fruit that they eat it in the streets, and throw the skins about the road – a practice fraught with danger to the limbs of pedestrians.

DRAINS. 25th Aug. 1916

A correspondent writes: The communication respecting a foul smelling drain and a missing ventilation shaft in High-street, Swavesey, which you were good enough to publish in the "Weekly News" last Friday, has evidently been brought to the urgent notice of the Sanitary Inspector of the Swavesey Rural District. This official on Sunday morning came over to Swavesey in his motor car, and alighted at Turn Bridge, where the ventilation shaft should have been – it disappeared in a winter storm. After an inspection he looked at a drain grating close by, and then drove on. It may be observed that the grating through which the offensive odour complained of is emitted is not near Turn Bridge, but is further along the street, within a yard or two of the Rising Sun Inn.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 1st Sept. 1916

The name of Arthur Beaumont, youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont and Mrs. Beaumont, of Swavesey, a pupil of the County Boys' School appears in the list of successful candidates in the Cambridge Senior Local Examinations published this week.

WEDDING. 1st Sept. 1916

A quiet wedding took place at Swavesey Parish Church last Friday, when Trooper Robinson Mitham, Suffolk Yeomanry, second son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, farmer and builder, Swavesey, was married to Ada, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, High-street, Swavesey. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who was assisted by the Rev. B. Oliver, vicar of Over. Mr. James Caine, eldest brother of the bride, gave her away, and Miss L. Mitham, sister of the bridegroom, was in attendance. Trooper Mitham's honeymoon was very brief, for he had to rejoin his regiment on Monday. The bride had been a teacher in Over Church School for upwards of 12 years.

DRAINS. 1st Sept. 1916

A correspondent writes: The Sunday visit of the Sanitary Inspector to which I referred last week has had one result: the opening of the missing ventilation shaft at Turn Bridge has been closed with cement, but nothing has been done in regard to the offensive untrapped public drain in High-street. A week ago the stench was so bad that a householder covered the grating with a sack. We have complained of this nuisance for years, but our complaints have been ignored. The drain is, it is understood, under the control of the Swavesey

Rural District Council. This Council is, we believe, the sanitary authority, and we not unreasonably want to know why the sanitary authority which compels private owners to trap all drains on their premises, does not obey its own rules. Surely this is a case where example is worth a lot more than precept. Unfortunately neither of our district councillors lives in this part of the village – both resides, as a parish councillor once happily expressed it, at the West End. Do they know that when the drain is specially active – say, after a heavy shower of rain – windows in neighbouring houses have to be closed to keep the stink out?

FRUIT EVAPORATION. 8th Sept. 1916

A demonstration in methods of fruit evaporation was given in Swavesey National School from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday last by Mr. T. Stone, County Horticultural Adviser.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT. 8th Sept. 1916

Mrs. J. Selwyn Sharp, wife of the vicar of Swavesey, gave birth to a son and heir on Monday, 4th inst., at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Nixon, Stansted Mountfichet, Essex. Mr. Sharp has been serving in France as a temporary chaplain to the forces since the end of January.

JOINED UP. 15th Sept. 1916

Mr. Ernest Mitham, son of Mr. George Mitham, Middle Watch, has joined the Royal Naval Air Service.

LITTLE HOME MADE JAM. 15th Sept. 1916

Owing to the restricted supply of sugar, Swavesey housewives are unable to make the usual quantity of jam. One or two ladies are adopting Mr. Lawton's advice and are using a certain proportion of salt with a considerably reduced allowance of sugar. Fruit has been plentiful.

RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC. 15th Sept. 1916

A correspondent writes: Will the authorities of the parish of Swavesey, presumably the Parish Council, kindly say (a) whether any, and, if so, what, public rights of way exist, or ought to exist, between the village and the river Ouse; (b) whether all of the rights of way, if any, are available to the public at all periods of the year (flood-times excepted); (c) whether any have been barred with barbed wire or other obstruction, and, if so, by whom, and by whose authority; and (d) whether all stiles, bridges, etc., are in proper position and fit for use?

VILLAGE RE-VISITED. 22nd Sept. 1916

A late resident, on re-visiting Swavesey this week for the first time since he left the village eight years ago remarked to an acquaintance: "They may say a fire ruins a place, but that is not the case in Swavesey. Just look at the nice new houses that have been built in place of the old tumble-down cottages." He specially commended the "pinkish coloured" block of cottages opposite the Swan Pond, and was much interested to learn that they were the old age pensioners' houses built out of the unexpended balance of the great fire relief fund.

DEATH. 22nd Sept. 1916

A telegram was received in Swavesey on Monday from Warley stating that Private Walter Neal, Swavesey, of the Bedfords, died at 10.30 a.m. on September 12th in No.1 New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Amiens. It was added that he had sustained a compound fracture of the humerus, but in the official list of casualties issued from the War Office on the night of the 12th inst., it was reported that Pte. Neal was suffering from shock (shell). He was 24 years of age, and unmarried. He was in the Bedfordshire Regiment before the war, and was called up on mobilisation in August 1914. After three months' training in this country he joined another battalion in France, and went through much hard fighting without mishap. He was in Swavesey on short leave last November.

OBITUARY. 6th Oct. 1916

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Letitia L. Smith, wife of Mr. James Smith, of High-street, Swavesey, at the age of 73 years. She had been in failing health for a long time, and passed away quietly at a quarter to one o'clock on Tuesday morning. In addition to her husband, two daughters and one son survive her.

CONVALESCENT. 6th Oct. 1916

Private David Sutton (Royal West Surrey Regt.), a younger son of the late Mr. David Sutton, Boxwoth End, has been paying a short visit to his native village this week. He was wounded by a fragment of shell in the chest on August 9th, and is now convalescent. He and a party of his battalion were billeted about a mile and a half behind the firing line when a shell struck the building in which they were, and every man was killed or wounded except six, who were in the cellar.

PUTTING BACK THE CLOCK. 6th Oct. 1916

As far as can be ascertained, Saturday night passed in Swavesey with no untoward happening of serious consequence. No clocks have been reported to have been ruined irretrievably by being put back, but more than one parishioner rose two hours too soon through having advanced the clock an hour instead of putting it back. The sexton, for example, put in an appearance at the Parish Church shortly after 5 a.m., whereas he was not due until two hours later, and it is said that another villager reproached his women folk for not providing his breakfast until 10 a.m. He was letting his clock run down, and instead of deducting an hour from the time shown by the clock face, had added one hour. The ladies soon put him right and reduced him to silence.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 6th Oct. 1916

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the Parish Church, Swavesey, on Sunday, and the sacred building was decorated for the occasion. Contributions of flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., were unfortunately not as numerous as usual, and Addenbrooke's Hospital will therefore suffer, but the fault lies with the shortage of supplies rather than with the people. Owing to the lighting restrictions no evening service in the Parish Church was possible, and evensong was said at 3 p.m. A fair congregation attended, but not as good as when the service was at night. At 6.30 p.m. there was evensong at the Mission Church. The offertories throughout the day were, as usual, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and amounted to £3 16s. 9d., viz., £3 7s. 9d. at the Parish Church, and 9s. at the Mission Church. The fruit and vegetables have also been sent to the hospital.

DRAINS. 6th Oct. 1916

A correspondent writes: On more than one occasion during the past few years attention has been called in the "Weekly News" to an offensive smell in High-street proceeding from the public drain or sewer. The last complaint was made not long ago, but nothing has been done so far. It now transpires that the Sanitary Inspector proposes to remedy the evil by erecting a ventilation shaft at the end of a house about thirty yards from the grating through which the objectionable odour is emitted. It is difficult to see how matters will be mended by the proposed ventilation shaft, seeing that the smell escapes through the grating because there is reason to believe that the opening to the drain has not been trapped. Complaint was made some time ago respecting the vile odours from the next grating, that close to a butcher's shop next door to the Post Office. When the opening was trapped the nuisance ceased, and there has been no cause for complaint since. Why cannot the opening at the

other grating be dealt with in a similar way? The plan would be inexpensive, and in all probability effective, whereas a ventilation shaft would be purely an experiment, and more costly than a trap. Further, assuming that the offending opening has not been trapped, how is it that the sanitary authorities do not apply to themselves the rule they so strictly enforce on the public? One more question. If a ventilation shaft is a desirable and necessary adjunct, why was not the shaft belonging to this drain at Turn Bridge, which was blown down in the spring, replaced? When the attention of the sanitary authority was called a short time ago in the "Weekly News" to the fact that the shaft had gone, and that the opening to the drain was close to and below the level of the bridge, the opening was closed with cement. If the shaft was of no use at Turn Bridge, of what good would one be where the Sanitary Inspector now proposes to erect one – not far distant from the bridge?

SAVED BY HIS COLONEL. 13th Oct. 1916

SWAVESEY OFFICER'S MARVELLOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

In the following letter, written from Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, London, Lieut. M. S. Caine, Canadian Infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Caine, Swavesey, gives a vivid description of the circumstances in which he was wounded on the 16th ult.:-

"Since my last letter my Colonel's wife has been to see me. She tells me that the Colonel saved my bacon. I knew nothing as to how I was injured or when. All I remembered was that at 3.30 a.m., after we had taken four German trenches and been at it pretty hot all night, I went to find the Colonel to take some important messages to him, and found him in a captured German dug-out. I stayed there then, and he laid down to take a nap. There were about eight men, runners, signallers, etc., in the dug-out, and I was sitting beside a table studying a German trench map we had got off a Hun officer. This was about 4 a.m.

"Next thing I knew I was on a motor ambulance at a dressing station on the way out, soaked with blood and mud, and as crazy as a lunatic, and the time was 9.30 a.m. So I went to sleep for about five hours. I don't think I'll ever be afraid of getting killed by a shell again, for I positively did not feel it or hear it coming. Of course they were our way pretty thick all night long, and I had many close shaves previous to this. The Colonel's wife tells me a big shell landed square on the dug-out and blew it in, killing the whole bunch except the Colonel and myself. He didn't get a scratch, though badly dazed.

"As soon as he could recover himself he crawled out through an opening he made and dragged me out. He thought I was a 'gonner'. Then later on I began to show signs of life, and they sent me out, and here I am. I am getting along

all right, but my jaw is rather painful the last few days, on account of several small pieces of bone having to be taken out. It was all closed up once, but has since been opened, and now that the small fragments of broken bone are away it will soon be better. I am eating and sleeping well, and apart from a little unavoidable pain and discomfort in connection with my jaw, I am feeling as well as I ever felt in my life."

DEATH. 13th Oct. 1916

The village of Swavesey received with deepest regret on Tuesday morning the sad news that Pte. George Henry Norman, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norman, Trinity College Farm, had been killed in action. George Norman, who would have been 21 years of age had he lived until the 19th of this month, joined the Suffolk Yeomanry on the 10th April last. He went to France a few weeks ago, and was transferred to a battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Writing on the 3rd October to Mr. R. Norman, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, who is serving as a chaplain of the Forces says:- "I regret that it is my duty to write and tell you that your son, Pte. G. H. Norman (R.W. Kent Regiment) has been killed in action. His death was caused by severe wounds in the leg and arm, and by shock. He died this morning, and was buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock. His body was covered with the Union Jack and laid to rest in the British Soldiers' Cemetery some few miles behind the line. I conducted the funeral service. He died the death of a gallant soldier, and his memory will always be had in honour: he died for his country- you can think of no nobler epitaph than that. Please accept my deepest sympathy yourself, and convey the same to Mrs. Norman. I cannot now tell you the exact spot where he is buried, but I have made a careful note of it. His grave will be well cared for. All his personal belongings have been packed up, and will be forwarded to you through the usual source."

Sergt. Goad, of Swavesey, who was wounded in France from a bullet passing through his lungs, is now in hospital in Weymouth, and is progressing, although at present unable to leave his bed.

Pte. Archie Prior, of the New Zealanders, who sustained a head wound in action, is in hospital at Oxford, and is also making progress.

RED CROSS WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 13th Oct. 1916 SKEELES – MITHAM

A wedding of more than usual interest took place in the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Wednesday. The bride was Miss Louisa Mitham, elder daughter of Mr. Robinson Mitham, farmer, builder, etc., and the holder of many public offices in Swavesey, and the bridegroom Mr. George Herbert

Skeeles, of St. Ives, son of Mr. George Skeeles of that town. The bridegroom has for some years been organist at Swavesey Church, while the bride has been a member of the auxiliary ladies' choir.

The villagers attended the ceremony in force, together with the Commandant, Quartermaster, V.A.D. nurses in uniform, and wounded soldiers from the Swavesey Red Cross Hospital, where the bride had been a nurse. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. Miss Swain, of Fenstanton, presided at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a tailor-made champagne cotele coat and skirt and black velour hat trimmed with white ospreys – her travelling dress. She carried an ivory prayer book. Attending her were two bridesmaids – her sister, Miss Phoebe E. Mitham, in a tailor-made cobalt blue cotele coat and skirt, and the bridegroom's little niece, Miss Constance L. Whitethread, prettily dressed in a white Japanese silk frock and mob cap of net and Bedfordshire lace. The little girl carried a basket of flowers. Mr. R. Edgar Skeeles, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

As the newly-married couple left the church, they had to pass between the nursed and wounded soldiers drawn up on either side of the path, the soldiers holding aloft Red Cross flags to form an arch. After the ceremony the relatives, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp) were entertained at luncheon at the residence of the bride's parents. No other invitations were issued as two of the bride's brothers are on active service in France.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skeeles left Swavesey Station by the 6.17 p.m. train for Weymouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. The wedding presents were numerous, and included a silver centre-piece from the staff and scholars of Huntingdon Church of England School, where the bride had been a teacher for some time, a clock from members of the congregation of Swavesey Church, a silver hot water jug from the Commandant, Quartermaster, Assistant Quartermaster, Sister and nurses at the Swavesey Red Cross Hospital (V.A.D. Cambs. 12), and a Crown Derby jam dish from wounded soldiers at the Hospital.

WOUNDED. 20th Oct. 1916

Sapper Arthur Parish, Royal Engineers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Parish, High-street, Swavesey, has been wounded in the leg. It is understood that the injury is not very serious.

COMFORT FOR RATEPAYERS. 20th Oct. 1916

Eight boys from Over Church of England School are attending Swavesey National School for instruction in woodwork and drawing, to save the holding of a class at Over and afford a slight relief to the ratepayers.

CORNWELL FUND. 20th Oct. 1916

The children of Swavesey School have contributed seven shillings and sixpence to the fund that is being raised for a memorial to the heroic sailor lad, Jack Cornwell, V.C. The money has been sent to Admiral Lord Beresford.

PROMOTION. 20th Oct. 1916

Corpl. H.J. Spriggs, Royal Flying Corps, son-in-law of Mr. James Smith, market gardener, Willow House, Swavesey, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. His rise in the service has been rapid as he did not join up until the 27th June 1915. He was previously for some years foreman for Mr. Woolston, builder, Stamford.

JOINED UP. 20th Oct. 1916

Mr. Edward Herbert Peters joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on the 12th inst., making the fifteenth Swavesey resident who has joined up since the outbreak of war. Four resident Reservists and six Territorials were called up on mobilisation in August, 1914, bringing the total number of Swavesey residents who have left the village to serve their country in the Navy or Army to sixty. Of these sixty, two have been killed in action, two have died of wounds, and six have been wounded.

HIS DUTY STOOD FIRST. 20th Oct. 1916

A letter received in Swavesey from a non-commissioned officer of the Bedfordshires gives some information as to how Pte. Walter Neal received the wounds which resulted in his death in hospital in France on the 13th September. The writer says:- "Walter Neal was hit rather badly while doing some very good work in digging out a platoon sergeant who had been buried alive." He adds: "I cannot say how much I miss him, as I was in charge of his gun (machine), and he was the only man I had to leave in charge of the gun when I was called away to take over another gun and position in another part of the line. He was my right-hand man in trench and out. You could not find a better chap for doing his duty and doing whatever was asked of him. He was always willing to do his bit, and I must say his duty stood first with him."

MEMORIAL SERVICE. 20th Oct. 1916

Bethel Baptist Chapel was crowded last Sunday evening, when a memorial service was held for the late Pte. George Henry Norman, Royal West Kent Regiment, who died on the 3rd inst. of wounds received in action whilst being conveyed to a field ambulance. The Pastor (the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher) preached an appropriate sermon, in which he paid a very high tribute to the gallant young soldier, who had made the great sacrifice, and spoke in feeling terms of his sterling character. Mr. G. E. Canham, who presided at the organ, played the Dead March.

DEATH OF MR. W. CRISP. 20th Oct. 1916

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 69 years, of Mr. William Crisp, Swavesey, which occurred on Friday last. He had been in failing health for some time, but was seriously ill for only three weeks. He was born in the house in Middle Watch, Swavesey, in which he lived all his life, and out of which he had slept not more than a fortnight in the whole of that time. He was in business as a butcher in Swavesey until his death, and had stood in Cambridge Market on Saturdays since he was a lad. He gave up his Cambridge business about five years ago. He was a deacon at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, for very many years, becoming senior deacon about 20 years ago, and he was superintendent of the Sunday School for at least 40 years. He was one of the chief mainstays of the connexion in Swavesey and will be greatly missed at the chapel and by many people. Mr. Crisp devoted his time and energies to the Baptist cause, and never sought nor accepted any public offices in the parish. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large attendance of sympathising friends and neighbours. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ernest Crisp (eldest son), Sergt. Walter Crisp, R.G.A. (son), Miss A.L. Crisp, Mrs. J. W. Parish, Miss H. Crisp and Mrs. B. L. Williams (daughters) and Mr. J. W. Parish (son-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. There were no flowers, by request. Mr. Robinson Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker. A memorial service was held on Wednesday evening in Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, which was conducted by Mr. Rowell, and at which specially-selected hymns were sung.

FROM THE TRENCHES. 27th Oct. 1916

Corpl. Alfred A. Linford, Suffolk Regiment, son of Mr. Jethro Linford, Swavesey, arrived home last Friday on short leave from the front. He looked very fit and well, though he had had his share in the hard fighting on the 1st July and subsequently.

A HEIFER'S PILGRIMAGE. 27th Oct. 1916

A heifer belonging to a Swavesey farmer went a-wandering the other night, and met with strange adventures. Early in the day she had been taken with her calf to St. Ives Market to be offered for sale conditionally on the calf being sold with her. The heifer did not find a purchaser, but the calf was sold by mistake. The heifer was taken away and put in a field on the Overcote-road, in the parish of Over, between three and four miles distant, as the crow flies. During the night she broke out of the field and made for the River Ouse, across which she swam, and then appears to have wandered through Needingworth, and was heard to jump the gates of the railway crossing there. Finally she arrived in St. Ives Market, where she was found next morning and locked up. She was covered with mud, but beyond the abrasion of a small piece of skin on her back had suffered no damage.

INJURED. 27th Oct. 1916

Pte. Charles H. Parish, Suffolk Regiment, younger son of Mr. William Parish, Swavesey, is lying in hospital in Leicester suffering from a broken leg. Whilst on duty in or in front of the trenches he fell into a shell hole in the darkness. Some time elapsed before he was brought in, as the stretcher-bearers when they found him lost their way in the dark.

Sapper Arthur Parish, R.E., who was reported wounded in the leg last week, is in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.

JOINED UP. 3rd Nov. 1916

Mr. Henry George Graves, High-street, Swavesey, Messrs. Bailey and Tebbutt's agent for the Swavesey district, joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on Tuesday.

MAMMOTH MARROW. 3rd Nov. 1916

A vegetable marrow, weighing 32lbs. 10oz., 31 inches in length, and 31 5/8 inches in girth, has been on view this week in Mr. Scard's shop window in High-street. The marrow was grown by Mr. Tom Froment in the Hale Allotments, without any artificial feeding.

FUNERAL. 3rd Nov. 1916

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Smith, High-street, Swavesey, whose death at the age of 73 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Churchyard on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Smith (husband), Mrs. T. Edwards and Mrs. H. G. Graves (daughters), Mr. T. Edwards and Mr. H. G. Graves (sons-in-law),

Master Henry J. Graves and Misses C. Edwards and C. Graves (grandchildren) Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 3rd Nov. 1916

Mr. Edward Short, the pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, was taken seriously ill whilst doing duty at Southill, near Biggleswade, on Sunday, 1st inst. He was attended by a medical man there, who advised his going into hospital for treatment. On the following Tuesday he was conveyed to Swavesey by motor car, and later in the day taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained. He had since undergone two operations and is going on satisfactorily. The services at the Swavesey Chapel on Sunday last were taken by Mr. Zachariah Parish, of High-street. On Tuesday the harvest festival was held at the chapel. The special preacher at the afternoon and evening services was Mr. Curtis, of Southill, and between the services there was a public tea. The attendances throughout the day were good.

SYMPATHY. 3rd Nov. 1916

Mrs. Beaumont, of Swavesey, has received the following letter from Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B., Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, respecting her eldest son, the late Private Henry Beaumont, of the Canadian Infantry:- "Militia and Defence Minister's Office, Ottawa, September 8th 1916. Personal. Dear Mrs. Beaumont, - Will you kindly accept my sincere sympathy and condolence in the decease of that worthy citizen and heroic soldier, your son, Private Harry Beaumont, previously reported missing, now for official purposes presumed to have died on or since April 24th 1915. While one cannot too deeply mourn the loss of such a brave comrade, there is consolation in knowing that he did his duty fearlessly and well, and gave his life for the cause of liberty and the upholding of the Empire. Again extending to you my heartfelt sympathy - Faithfully (signed) Sam Hughes, Major-General, Minister of Militia and Defence for Canada."

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 3rd Nov. 1916

On Thursday week a successful harvest thanksgiving service was held at Bethel Baptist Church, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The rostrum and platform presented a very pleasing appearance, part of this being the work of some of the wounded soldiers from the Red Cross Hospital. A public tea was provided at 5.30, when about eighty friends sat down, including several wounded soldiers who were welcomed as guests by the pastor (the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher). The service was conducted and the sermon preached by the Rev. W. F. Harris, of

Willingham Tabernacle. The pastor at the close of the service thanked the preacher and all who had so kindly helped to make the service so successful, not forgetting the Commandant of the Red Cross Hospital for the extension of time granted to the soldiers; also for fruit etc., so kindly given. The collection taken amounted to £8 15s. 6½d., and was on behalf of the Renovation Fund. The fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., were, as usual, sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

DISTRICT COUNCIL, PLEASE NOTE. 10th Nov. 1916

The iron box of a hydrant connected with the water supply near the Swan Pond, which has been in an unsafe condition for some time, is now a serious danger to pedestrians using the raised causeway.

DRAINAGE. 10th Nov. 1916

Referring to our Swavesey representative's communication in last Friday's issue respecting drainage questions in Swavesey, it is of interest to note that the newly-appointed district Medical Officer of Health, Dr. R. Grove, personally investigated the matters complained of on Saturday morning.

OBITUARY. 10th Nov. 1916

News has reached the village that Mr. Edward Hepher, a native of Swavesey, and until recently a resident, died at Hemingford, Hunts., on the 7th instant. He had been a widower for many years. Mrs. Sarah Rule, wife of Mr. Robert Rule, Boxworth end, also passed away on Tuesday, at the age of 80 years.

JOINED UP. 10th Nov. 1916

Thomas Charles Froment, son of Mr. Joseph Froment, Market-street, Swavesey, a tall, stalwart youth, not quite 19 years of age, has just joined the Grenadier Guards, and as a small schoolboy remarked when inspecting the Swavesey Roll of Honour, is the only Swavesey man who has the honour of serving in his Majesty's Foot Guards.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 10th Nov. 1916

At the Swavesey Rural District Tribunal, held in St. Ives on Monday afternoon, many cases were brought up for revision. Of the Swavesey cases, Messrs. W. J. Hepher, E. J. Mitham, David Parish, jun., and H. D. Froment were, it is understood, granted exemption until April 1st next year, and Mr. E. J. Linford, jun., until the end of the year. Messrs. Charles Eason (carrier) and James Prior were refused further exemption.

A POSSIBLE DANGER. 10th Nov. 1916

A correspondent writes: Are the Swavesey District Council satisfied that foot, and especially vehicular traffic, is sufficiently protected from danger when passing over the bridge on the Ramper-road now under reconstruction? A horse came to grief there this week in the daytime, and was rescued with difficulty. What would have been the result if the incident had occurred at night it is easy to imagine. It should not be overlooked that the mail cart has to pass over the bridge between 8 and 9 p.m. and again before daybreak.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th Nov. 1916

Swavesey parish councillors appear to have forgotten their first Standing Order, which requires that "four statutory meetings of the Council shall be held as follows: The annual meeting on April 15th in each year, or on the Monday immediately following, and the three remaining meetings on the third Monday in July, October and January respectively." The Council has not met since its annual meeting on Tuesday, 25th April last, when more than one matter was dealt with which rendered a further meeting at no distant date desirable.

FUNERAL. 10th Nov. 1916

The funeral of the late Mr. Fred Parish, son of the late Mr. Benjamin Parish, whose death at the age of 39 years at Edmonton, London, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs. Parish (widow), Masters Fred and Charles Parish (sons), Mr. Jas. Parish (brother), Mrs. W. Edwards (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Stocker (father and mother-in-law) and Mrs. James Parish (sister-in-law). The undertakers were Mr. Horlock of Edmonton, and Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN GERMAN DUG-OUT. 10th Nov. 1916

The Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who has been serving as a chaplain to the Forces in France since last January, writing to a friend in Swavesey on the 30th ult., says: "We had a fearful journey getting back (Mr. Sharp had paid a flying visit to England in October) and were on the road altogether four days and four nights, with little food and less sleep. However, it is great being able to get home on leave, and it is worth any discomfort. I seem to have been on horseback ever since I got back here – it is the only means of progress, as the mud is unspeakable; up by the guns it is simply terrific, and not infrequently a man has to be literally pulled out – it is feet deep. The rain and wind are incessant. One gets wet through and tired out

every day, and yet somehow one does not catch cold. I touch wood as I write this. I had five services yesterday, and rode about 14 miles, besides tramping a mile or two; so I had a bit of a strenuous day. Two of the services were held in old dug-outs by the guns, and one especially was most encouraging. It was held in an old German dug-out. I celebrated the Holy Communion, and we had three hymns. The dug-out was quite full, and men were standing half-way up the steps; it was a strangely impressive service.

FUNERAL. 17th Nov. 1916

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Rule, whose death at the age of 80 on the 7th inst. was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Robert Rule (widower), Mr. James Ingle and Mr. George Johnson (sons), Mrs. J. Ingle and Mrs. G. Johnson (daughters-in-law) and Mrs. W. Edwards (step-daughter). Mr. George Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

WAR ITEMS. 17th Nov. 1916

Pte. Arthur Prior, Cambridgeshire Regiment, who has been at the front since February, 1915, has been promoted lance-corporal. He served in the Boer War with the Devonshire Yeomanry, and was awarded the King's Medal with two bars. His four brothers are serving in the Army. Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., arrived in Swavesey from France on short leave on Tuesday night. Official intimation has been received from the Territorial Record Office (Warley) that Corpl. Arthur J. Coulson, Cambridgeshire Regiment, was wounded in action on October 14th, but that he was able to remain on duty. His brother, Corpl. Albert G. Coulson, Royal Marine Artillery, is in hospital with a broken leg. News has also reached the village that Pte. Fred Kester, Army Service Corps, is in hospital suffering from an injured hand.

JOINED UP. 24th Nov. 1916

Mr. Everett Thixton, bootmaker, High-street, joined up on Friday last.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND. 24th Nov. 1916

A meeting of the Swavesey Belgian Relief Fund Committee was held on the 16th inst. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, chairman, presided, and it was decided to wind up the fund, as M. Stickere and family, the Belgian refugees who have been in Swavesey for the past two years, were to move to Cambridge on Wednesday. The other refugee families left the parish some time ago. It was further agreed that all furniture, etc., that had been brought for M. Stickere's use should be presented to him, together with articles lent by private

individuals, who did not desire their return, and that the balance of the fund, about £4, should also be handed to M. Stickere after removal, etc., expenses had been deducted. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cooksey for his services as chairman and treasurer, to the secretary, Mr. Robinson Mitham, and to Mr. H. S. Aldred, who has been indefatigable in looking after the comfort of the refugees.

JOINED UP. 1st Dec. 1916

Mr. Arthur C. Garner, younger son of Mr. Charles Garner, harness maker, Swavesey, joined up last Saturday.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 1st Dec. 1916

Wheeler J. W. Goad, A.S.C., and 1st Class Air Mechanic Dennis W. Williams, R.F.C., are at home in Swavesey this week on short leave from the front.

NATIONAL MISSION. 1st Dec. 1916

Sermons in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope were preached on Sunday last at the morning and afternoon services at the parish church and in the evening at the Mission Church, Boxworth end, by the Bishop's Messenger, the Rev. J. R. Pawley Smith, of Ramsey, Hunts. There were good congregations.

CASUALTIES. 1st Dec. 1916

Corpl. Arthur J. Coulson, Cambridgeshire Regiment, who was officially reported to have been wounded on October 14th, but to have remained on duty, has been wounded a second time, and was admitted into the Red Cross Hospital, Hove, on November 15th suffering from shot wound in right arm. Mrs. James Kester, jun., has been informed that her husband, Pte. J. Kester, Lincolnshire Regt. is in hospital in France.

CONVALESCENT. 8th Dec. 1916

Corpl. Arthur J. Coulson, Cambridgeshire Regiment, who was wounded a second time on November 8th (sic), and had been in hospital at Hove, arrived in Swavesey on ten days' leave on Tuesday evening.

DEARER THAN IN SWAVESEY. 8th Dec. 1916

A Swavesey baker now doing his bit at the front with rifle and bombs, writing home, says he has had to pay one shilling and twopence for a loaf of bread about three-quarters the size of a Swavesey loaf.

DEATH OF MRS. HODSON. 8th Dec. 1916

We regret to announce the death at the age of 72 years of Mrs. Rose Hodson, wife of Mr. John Hodson, thatcher, Church End, Swavesey, which occurred on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hodson had not been in good health for some time, but only was seriously ill since Saturday last. Her husband, four sons, and three daughters survive her.

VOLUNTEER FORCE. 8th Dec. 1916

A correspondent writes:- Cannot something be done to interest Swavesey people in the new Volunteer Force? As far as I can ascertain nothing has been done beyond sending a man from another village armed with a bell, who announced that a meeting would be held at Over. We hear there are drills at Over and Willingham, but that the only Swavesey men who attend them are those to whose temporary exemption from military service was attached the condition that they should join the V. F. Surely a village with our population (904 at the last census) is worth more attention.

OLD AGE PENSIONER DEAD. 8th Dec. 1916

The first occupant of the Old Age Pensioners' Cottages – now known as Frere Cottages – to be removed by death was Mrs. Alice Ann Ding, wife of Mr. William Ding, who passed away on Saturday at the age of 72. She had been in indifferent health for some years, but was not taken seriously ill until last Thursday. In addition to her husband, she leaves one son and two daughters. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. W. Ding (widower), Miss E. Ding and Miss A. Ding (daughters), Mr. Joseph Ding (grandson), Mrs. S. Daisley, Mrs. Netherwood and Mrs. P. Ding (sisters-in-law), and Miss Daisley (niece). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

FOR SOLDIERS. 8th Dec. 1916

A whist drive in aid of the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, and proved a huge success, villagers being strongly reinforced by visitors from other parishes. Some 20 soldier patients from the hospital also attended. There were 32 tables. During the evening there was an interval for refreshments. The prizes were given away by Mrs. R.E. Long, Commandant of the hospital. On the proposal of Mr. Twist hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. G. Long and the Commandant respectively. The latter, in responding, thanked the committee for the very welcome aid the drive would render the hospital financially. The money

would, she said, be used to provide games, comforts, etc., for the patients. The hospital will benefit to the extent of about £4 10s.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th Dec. 1916

Special sermons on behalf of the National Society for the Education of the Poor were preached in Swavesey Parish Church at the morning and afternoon services on Sunday last by the Rev. H. Martin Thorpe.

PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS. 15th Dec. 1916

Over fifty parcels containing toothsome trifles beloved of soldiers have this week been sent to Swavesey men fighting their country's battles on sea and land, and also to Swavesey wounded men in hospital. The parcels were the result of subscriptions collected in the village by the Misses E. and G. Dodson, Alice Norman and P. Mitham. The general management of the effort has been in the capable hands of Miss Capper, who was greatly assisted by her mother.

WOUNDED NEW ZEALANDER. 15th Dec. 1916

Rifleman O. A. Prior, New Zealand Rifle Brigade, son of Mr. Benjamin Prior, Swavesey, arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday evening on four days' leave. He was wounded in the head in September last, and has just been discharged from the New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst. It is understood that he will shortly be returned to New Zealand, as he is no longer fit for active service. Rifleman Prior joined the Trentham, N.Z. Regiment in May, 1915, was sent to Egypt in the autumn of that year, and thence in April last to France.

INVALIDS. 15th Dec. 1916

There is a considerable amount of illness in Swavesey just now, and few, if any, households are escaping scot free. Amongst the invalids are Mrs. Robinson Mitham, who was suddenly taken seriously ill on Wednesday in last week. We are glad to say that she is better. Mrs. Ussher, wife of the pastor of Bethel Chapel, is very unwell. Mrs. Cooksey, the devoted and beloved Quartermaster of the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital, was confined to her house for some days, but is now about again. Her husband, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, is on the sick list. Many children are away from school, and most of those who attend are far from bright and well. The Infant Schoolmistress is amongst the victims and has to keep to her house.

THE LATE MRS. HODSON. 15th Dec. 1916

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Hodson, whose death on the 5th inst., at the age of 72, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Hodson (husband), Messrs. W., B., and H. Hodson (sons), Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. E. J. Linford, and Mrs. Macrae (daughters), Mr. C. Burling and Mr. C. Metcalfe (brothers-in-law), Mrs. C. Crisp (sister-in-law), Messrs. Butterworth and E. J. Linford, jun. (sons-in-law), Mrs. W. Hodson, Mrs. B. Hodson and Mrs. H. Hodson (daughters-in-law). In spite of the wet and inclement weather, there were also several old friends and neighbours in church and at the graveside to pay their last tribute of respect. There were no flowers. The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Dec. 1916

Our Swavesey representative writes: - A short time ago attention was called in the "Weekly News" to the disregard by the Swavesey Parish Council of their statutory obligation to hold meetings at certain stipulated times. The Swavesey Village Parliament has not yet met. May I, with all diffidence and respect, place before the councillors, individually and collectively a possible contingency which ought not to be lost sight of? The Council consists of nine members. One councillor has been absent on active service since August 1914. Three of the remaining eight are of military age, and though exempt at present are liable for military service. The quorum necessary for holding meetings is five. Now if the three councillors of military age should be called up, only five councillors would remain, and if anything should happen to one of these five, what position would the Council be in? Four would not be a quorum. No meetings could be held and no fresh councillors could be co-opted.

EARLIER CLOSING. 22nd Dec. 1916

All licensed houses in Swavesey have been closed at 9 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. since Friday last in accordance with the recent decision of magistrates.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 22nd Dec 1916

Corpl. Arthur Froment, Military Mounted Police, paid a flying visit to Swavesey at the end of last week whilst on short leave from the front. At the time of his enlistment, in December 1914, he was a constable in the Metropolitan Police.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S THOUGHT FOR SOLDIERS. 22nd Dec. 1916

The sum of 4s. has been contributed by the children in Swavesey Infants' School to the Overseas Club's Comforts' Fund for providing tobacco and cigarettes for sailors and soldiers on active service. The hon. secretary of the Overseas Club has duly acknowledged the receipt of the money.

NO QUORUM. 22nd Dec. 1916

Summonses were issued on Friday last for a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, but notwithstanding the fact that the previous meeting was held as long ago as the 25th April, only four councillors and the Clerk put in an appearance. The faithful quartet were the Chairman, Mr. Arthur Norman (who cycled over awful roads from his house, upwards of three miles) and Messrs. W. Burton, A. T. Scard and W. Twist. No business could be done as there was not the quorum of five required by the Council's standing order. After a long and weary wait the councillors went home at 8.20 p.m., but before separating the Chairman requested the Clerk to call another meeting on Thursday, 28th inst. As this was not the first occasion of recent years on which a meeting could not be held owing to five councillors not being present, and as in these busy and abnormal times it may be difficult to secure the necessary attendance, the question arises whether the Council would not be well advised to consider the expedience of reducing the quorum from five to four or three. The Local Government Act, 1894, which created Parish Councils, requires that "no business shall be transacted at any meeting of a Parish Council unless at least one third of the full number of members are present thereat, subject to this qualification, that in no case shall the quorum be less than three." (First schedule, Part II, (71.) The Swavesey Council should consist of nine members, and therefore three could form a quorum. Part III. (5) of the same schedule gives authority to a Parish Council, subject to the provisions of the Act, "to make, vary and revoke standing orders." If the Council should look with favour upon this suggestion, they might perhaps, whilst "varying" standing order No. 2, consider whether alterations are desirable in any of the other standing orders. For example, the first standing order lays it down that "the four statutory meetings of the Council shall be held as follows: The annual meeting on April 15th in each year, or on the Monday immediately following, and the three remaining meetings on the third Monday in July, October and January respectively." This regulation appears to have been more honoured in the breach than the observance for a long time past. It should, however, not be overlooked that "no alteration of the standing orders shall be made except at a special meeting called for the purpose."

FLOODS 29th Dec. 1916

During the Christmas season water has been pouring over the river bank and over the bank of Covell's Brook, near the railway. Much of the land is inundates.

THE VICAR. 29th Dec. 1916

According to the latest news that has reached the village, the Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who has been acting as a temporary chaplain to the Forces in France since last January, is suffering from an attack of trench fever.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE. 29th Dec. 1916

No soldiers on short leave from the front have been in Swavesey during the Christmas season, and only five, two of whom have recently recovered from wounds, from home stations. The village has been very quiet, civilian visitors have been few, and there have been no entertainments other than family gatherings.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1916

Much to the disappointment of some members of the congregation, no carols were sung at the afternoon service at the Parish Church on Christmas Day, and the first celebration of the Holy Communion, which for many years had been at 6 a.m. on this festival, and had invariably been well attended, was discontinued.

FOUND. 29th Dec. 1916

An 18-round ladder belonging to Mr. W. H. Key, which had been borrowed without his knowledge or permission during the blackberry season in September, and respecting which he and the police had made many futile inquiries, was found lying under the hedge of Constable's Rood on Boxing Day. Constable's Rood is a small close adjoining Mr. Key's orchard, from which the ladder had been removed.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. 29th Dec. 1916

Notwithstanding the fact that he had disposed of nearly the whole of his Swavesey property, including all of his cottages, three or four years ago, Captain J. D. Daintree, R.N., once again sent a sum of money for distribution amongst the widows and widowers of the parish. Thirty-four persons, some of whom were old tenants, benefited. He also provided a good supply of cigars and cigarettes for the use of the wounded soldiers at the V.A.D. Hospital at the Old House, generously lent by him free of charge to the Red Cross Society.

Mr. Alfred Day provided each man and woman employed on his Swavesey and Boxworth farms with a joint of meat for their Christmas dinner.

FROM THE FRONT. 5th Jan. 1917

Private Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regt., son of Mr. William Howlett, arrived unexpectedly in Swavesey by the first train on Saturday morning on short leave from the Western front. He is in excellent health.

SEASONABLE CHEER. 5th Jan. 1917

In our last issue we omitted to state that Mrs. T. W. Carter, "The Poplars," Swavesey, very kindly sent out parcels of grocery, which were much appreciated by the happy recipients.

BELGIAN REFUGEES. 5th Jan. 1917

The family of De Stickeres, who resided for about two years in Swavesey, are now living in Cambridge. The children – Marie and George – attend the Belgian School. Marie (the eldest), has just gained second prize for English. This is very satisfactory, as the family when they arrived in Swavesey had no knowledge of the English language.

MONTHLY SERVICE. 5th Jan. 1917

At the monthly service on Sunday afternoon last, under the presidency of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, the special speaker was Mr. Read. Miss Chapman, of Longstanton, very pleasingly rendered two solos.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 5th Jan. 1917

Medals and a bar for perfect attendance during the twelve months ended 31st March last have been awarded to the following children attending Swavesey National School, viz., medals to Charles Dodson, Carrie Froment and Ivy Thorp, and a bar for four years' perfect attendance to Alfred Culpin. At the request of the headmaster, the presentation was made by Miss Pook.

PARISH COUNCIL. 5th Jan. 1917

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on the 28th ulto. and was attended by Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), and Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., J. S. Goad, A. T. Scard, W. Twist and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The minutes of the last meeting, held on April 25th last, were read, and after a slight amendment confirmed. The Clerk reported that he had not paid in the cheque for the precept of £10 issued at the last meeting as the sum of £14 2s. had unexpectedly become due to the Council last

summer. It was decided that the cheque should be kept for future use if needed. – The Clerk reported that on April 29th he had, in accordance with the Council's instructions, written to the roundabout proprietor who had hired for £2 the sole right to stand on the Recreation Ground at the village feast in May, 1915, informing him that if the money was not paid within a certain period the Council would take proceedings against him. He had had no reply. A resolution was carried to take out a County Court summons without delay.

The question of the disposal of several public water supply pipes which had been placed in Mr. Godfrey's yard were dealt with. The Council discussed the condition of the premises in High-street hired by Mr. W. J. Hephher, and it was agreed that a fresh agreement should be prepared and signed forthwith.

The dangerous condition of the pebble footpath in High-street was then discussed. The county road authorities had instructed the Clerk to effect the necessary repairs. (The Clerk's only bricklayer joined the Army on October 12th). It was found satisfactory that the matter was in hand and would be dealt with.

A lamp-post in Market-street which had nearly fallen down would be dealt with by the man responsible for the damage. The District Council Surveyor was to be written to concerning the snow-plough, usually employed in the parish, which had been broken in pieces, so another could be made available.

Mr. Twist said that Mrs. Long, of the Priory, had asked him to bring before the Council the disgraceful condition of the property in High-street which had been bequeathed to the parish by her husband, the late Mr. George Long. After some discussion it was decided that the Council would inspect the property at 3.30 p.m. on Monday. Instructions were given for the payment of half-year's salary due to Mr. Challis last September as captain of the fire engine, and of a small amount owing to him. The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

JOINED UP. 12th Jan. 1917

Mr. Charles Prime, eldest son of Mr. David Prime, Hog Pasture Gate House, has joined the Bedfordshire Regt.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 12th Jan. 1917

Sergt. Cyril Day, Northants Yeomanry, and Sergeant Albert A. Girling, Royal Flying Corps, arrived in Swavesey last week on short leave from the front.

CONVALESCENT. 12th Jan. 1917

Sapper Arthur Parish, R.E., son of Mr. Z. Parish, who was wounded in the leg in October, and has been under treatment in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, arrived home, convalescent, on Friday last.

PROMOTION. 12th Jan. 1917

Pte. Edward Williams, Suffolk Regiment, who prior to his joining up on the 21st. January, 1916, was sexton and clerk at Swavesey parish church, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He has been in France since the beginning of August, and has had the experience of going “over the top.”

MISSIONARY TEA. 12th Jan. 1917

The annual missionary tea and lecture were held in the National School on the 4th instant, under the presidency of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The lecture was given by the Rev. J. G. Clark, who interested his audience in missionary work in Burma, in which country he had laboured for upwards of eight years. The proceeds from the tickets for the tea, collection, and subscriptions, amounting in all to ££ 2s. 6d., were in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts. The attendance was good, and the behaviour of the younger portion of the audience admirable, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Churchwarden Key.

AN UNEXPECTED HOLIDAY. 12th Jan. 1917

When teachers and children arrived at the National School on Monday morning it was discovered that no fires had been lighted, and further, that there was no wood with which to set them going. The thermometer showed a temperature of 38 degrees in the rooms, and some of the children were crying with “hot ache” in the fingers. It was useless then to forage around for kindling, as it would take some time for the rooms to gain the necessary degree of warmth. The Headmaster, therefore, sent the children home, and reported the state of affairs by telephone to the Education Secretary in Cambridge. His action was approved, and it was promised that a supply of firewood should be sent from Cambridge without delay. It appears that wood for the school fires has hitherto been obtained from St. Ives Union through a local tradesman. An order for a consignment was recently given, but instead of wood an intimation was received that the Union stock was exhausted. During last week the fire had been lighted with wood taken to school by the children, and in course of Monday Mr. W. H. Key, a manager, Mr. G. Spearman, and other kind friends provided sufficient kindling to last for a few days.

PARISH FINANCE. 12th Jan. 1917

Our Swavesey representative writes:- At the last meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council there was some conversation respecting the disposal of the

rents accruing from the parish property in High-street, and it was suggested that they should be paid into a separate banking account instead of being applied to the reduction of the rates as at present. Unfortunately the Clerk raised some objections to the suggestion, and the matter dropped. When the late Mr. George Long, who died in 1902, bequeathed the property to the parish, it is believed that he had in view the erection at some future time of a village hall on that part of the ground which abuts on High-street. At any rate, it is far from clear that his intention was that the income should go towards a reduction of the rates. A separate banking account was opened a few years ago for the herbage rent of the Recreation Ground, but the money deposited therein has earned no interest so far as the parish is concerned. At last year's annual parish meeting, held on the 22nd May, the question was discussed, and it was agreed that the balance standing to the credit of the Recreation Ground account, then amounting to about £18, should be so invested as to earn interest. This was duly mentioned in the report of the meeting in the "Weekly News" of 26th May. It would be interesting to know what has been done in the matter. It would seem desirable that the rents of the High-street property, after allowing for current expenses, should also be invested in a separate interest bearing account, and allowed to accumulate for use when needed on the property in accordance with what is believed to have been the late Mr. Long's wishes. The Post Office Savings Bank would allow 2½ per cent. interest, and that, though small, would be better than nothing.

BREAD. 19th Jan. 1917

The price of bread in Swavesey was on Tuesday raised from 9½d. to 10d. per quartern loaf.

A DANGEROUS FOOTPATH. 19th Jan 1917

We have received the following: As one who has occasion to walk along High-street morning, noon and night, will you allow me to ask, through the medium of your paper, when the County Council intend to repair the pebble footpath on the western side of the street? I see from your report of the last Parish Council meeting that our local Parliament drew attention to the dangerous condition of the path eight months ago, and that subsequently an order was give for the repairs to be executed. But nothing has been done unless the removal of some of the loose stones is to be taken as the first step. The Parish Council apparently think they have done all that is required of them. The pebbles – some of them of good size – are kicked into the roadway, and in the dark – the street is often very, very dark now that not a glimmer of light is allowed – are a danger to pedestrians, cycles, motor cars and horse

vehicles. So far I have only heard of a cripple having come to grief, but I suppose he does not count. Several people have also had narrow escapes from sprained ankles. Are we to wait until disaster has befallen a County Councillor or a road official before anything effective is done? I may add that the path has been considerably weakened by steam rollers and traction engines with heavy loads passing close alongside.

JOINED UP. 26th Jan. 1917

Mr. Henry Wilderspin, eldest son of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, joined up on Saturday.

THE VICAR. 26th Jan. 1917

The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, having completed his year's service as a temporary chaplain to the Forces in France, arrived in England on Tuesday, and will resume duties in Swavesey on Sunday.

PROMOTION. 26th Jan. 1917

In recent Battalion Orders of the 2nd Cambs. Volunteer Regiment, Pte. Joseph B. Parish, of Swavesey, who is attached to the 16th Platoon, "D" Company, was promoted to the rank of corporal.

CONVALESCENT. 26th Jan. 1917

Pte. Charles H. Parish, Suffolk Regiment, who has been suffering from a broken leg, caused by falling in the dark into a shell hole when advancing to the front line of trenches, arrived in Swavesey last weekend from Uppingham V.A.D. Hospital. He has made a good recovery, and is to return to duty on Monday.

AMATEUR STOKERS. 26th Jan. 1917

It was discovered between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday that no fires had been lighted in the parish church, in consequence of the person whose duty it is to attend to the stoves having been taken ill. Mr. Churchwarden Key, with the help of his grandson, Master Alfred Hawkes, at once set to work, and was later joined by Mrs. J. Hawkes and Miss M. Parsons. The stoves were set going after some difficulty, and were attended to until nearly midnight by this gang of amateur stokers with such success that a prominent member of the congregation on Sunday morning remarked that the church, the coldness of which had recently been the subject of complaint, had not been so well heated all the winter.

ENTERTAINMENT. 26th Jan. 1917

On January 11th a repetition of the Over Christmas entertainment was given in Swavesey Schools, in aid of Cambs. 12 V.A.D. Red Cross Hospital. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good audience, who were most appreciative. The total proceeds amounted to £7 13s. 10d., including donations. The expenses were met by private subscription.

THE LATE MRS. JOHN PARISH. 26th Jan. 1917

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Parish, who passed away at the age of 73 years, at Kettering, where she had been living since her husband's death some years ago, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Friday morning. The chief mourners were: Mrs. J. Parish (daughter), Messrs. F., E., T., S., and J. Parish (sons) and Mr. J. Parish (son-in-law). Mrs. Parish was the widow of the late Mr. John Parish, who was well known in Strict Baptist circles, and daughter of the late Mr. James Radford. Both husband and wife were natives of Swavesey, and are buried in the same grave.

WAR SAVINGS AND POTATOES. 26th Jan. 1917

A parish meeting called to consider whether a War Savings Association should be formed in Swavesey, and whether application should be made for seed potatoes for allotment holders and small cultivators, was held in the Infants' School on Monday evening. Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and there were between 40 and 50 men present. The Chairman opened the proceedings with a brief and earnest appeal in support of saving to provide silver bullets. After some discussion Mr. Prime Godfrey moved a resolution that a War Savings Association be formed in Swavesey. Mr. J. B. Parish seconded and nine voted in favour, and none against. It was decided that the committee making the necessary appointments and arrangements should be the nine who voted for the resolution. The names of the nine were recorded and then it was found that there were ten.

In the matter of the seed potatoes, after some discussion the Clerk was requested by the Chairman to take the names of those who desired a supply of seed potatoes, and provisional orders for upwards of two tons were received. (Long report in newspaper).

AN ABANDONED SERVICE. 26th Jan. 1917

ACCIDENTS TO VICAR & ORGANIST ON WAY TO CHURCH.
ANXIOUS PROSPECTIVE BRIDEGROOM.

The usual morning service at 10.30 was not held on Sunday in Swavesey Parish Church in consequence of a serious accident which befell the Rev. John

Francis Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, who has had charge of the parish since last January in the absence of the vicar. The congregation waited patiently, but neither Mr. Cooksey nor the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, put in an appearance. The latter, however, arrived about 10.45. Whilst cycling from St. Ives, where he lives, he had met with an accident and had been thrown over the handlebars of his machine. Fortunately, he escaped with no more serious damage than bruises and shock to his system.

Still there were no signs of Mr. Cooksey, so Mr. William T. Thorp, churchwarden, asked one of the maids from Swavesey Manor, who was in the congregation, to go and inquire what was amiss. On her way home she met a messenger hurrying to the church with the news that on leaving the house for the service Mr. Cooksey had slipped on his doorstep and had seriously injured his leg.

In the absence of any clergyman, the service was abandoned and the congregation went home.

Mr. Cooksey lay where he fell for a short time, but was soon able to attract the attention of Mrs. Cooksey, and he was assisted into the house, where Mrs. Cooksey, who is Quarter-master at the V.A.D. Hospital, rendered first aid. Dr. Bayne was fetched from St. Ives, and on examination it was discovered that the tibia (the smaller leg bone) was broken. The afternoon service at the Parish Church was taken by the Rev. R. B. L. Oliver, vicar of Over, and the evening service at the Mission Church by the Rev. A. P. Senior, of Fen Drayton.

One member of the morning congregation was considerably perturbed at the absence of the officiating clergyman, as his banns of marriage were to have been published for the "second time of asking," and as he was most anxious that his marriage should not be postponed, they were duly published in the afternoon.

On inquiry at Swavesey Manor on Monday morning it is stated that Mr. Cooksey had had a fairly comfortable night, some sleep, and was doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Cooksey before going to live at Swavesey in retirement was Vicar of Upwood, Hunts. He is an M.A. of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and when an undergraduate he had the distinction of being the tallest man of his day. He is about 6ft. 4in. in height.

ILLNESS OF MRS. LONG. 2nd Feb. 1917

We are sorry to say that Mrs. George Long, of the Priory, was taken seriously ill on Thursday morning, and at noon had not regained consciousness.

A CHECK TO CLEANLINESS. 2nd Feb. 1917

A correspondent is anxious to know when the washing basins at the National School, which have been broken some time, will be replaced. Perhaps the managers will kindly say.

THE REV. J. F. COOKSEY. 2nd Feb. 1917

We are glad to learn that the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, who fell on the doorstep of his house on his way to church on the Sunday before last, and fractured his leg, is progressing favourably.

SKATING. 2nd Feb. 1917

The ice on flooded land at Swavesey, especially on Mere Fen, has not been exceptionally good this week. There have not been many skaters, and visitors have been conspicuous by their absence.

DEATH OF MRS. L. PARISH. 2nd Feb. 1917

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Sophie Parish, wife of Mr. Arthur Leonard Parish, elder son of Mr. Ebenezer Parish, J. P., and daughter of Mr. William Parish, which occurred on Thursday morning at Swavesey. Mrs. Parish leaves three little boys.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 2nd Feb. 1917

The churchwardens, as trustees of the late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity, on Monday last, the anniversary of Mr. Payne's birthday, distributed one hundredweight of coal, half-a-pound of tea, and a pound of sugar in accordance with the terms of the bequest, to each of twenty-three needy widows and widowers in Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 2nd Feb. 1917

The Vicar, who is in excellent health, has resumed duty in the parish after his twelve months' service as a temporary chaplain to the Forces in France, and officiated at all services on Sunday last.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 2nd Feb. 1917

The Swavesey District Military Tribunal sat in a room at Mr. G. D. Day's Office, St. Ives, on Monday afternoon, Mr. Jacob Frohock being in the chair. The following Swavesey applicants attended: Messrs. Cecil Dean, A. Duce, and J. Wallis Parish, granted conditional exemption; Messrs. Percy Parish and H. H. Williams, six months' exemption; and Messrs. Dick Wilderspin and Dennis Williams three months' exemption.

A DANGER TRAP. 2nd Feb. 1917

Complaint is made that the form in High-street near Black Horse-lane provided for the use of wounded soldiers at the V.A.D. Hospital, is a danger to the public in its present position. It stands against a wall between a telegraph post and the end of the lane, and projects some 18 inches or more into the lane. Persons passing into High-street from the lane in the dark are liable to come into collision with the form, with painful results to their shins. On a recent night children or other thoughtless and mischievous individuals drew the form farther across the lane, and an insurance agent hastening about his business, ignorant of the obstacle, had an awkward fall. An elderly woman is also reported to have come to grief. It is suggested that the form might with advantage be shortened and made a fixture.

ACCIDENT TO MAIL CART. 2nd Feb. 1917

As the Over to Cambridge mail cart was passing the Little Rose, High-street, Swavesey, about 8 o'clock on Tuesday night, a dog ran between the horse's legs, causing the horse to shy, stumble and fall. The driver was thrown from his seat on to the horse, rolling thence to the ground, which was lightly covered with snow. Mr. George Clarke, of the Little Rose, hearing the smash, ran out of his house and rendered what aid he could. He sent for further assistance, and several men accustomed to horses were on the spot within a few moments. Some difficulty was experienced in releasing the horse from the shafts and harness, but after nearly half-an-hour's delay the horse, which fortunately was only slightly grazed about the knees, was re-harnessed, and the cart proceeded on its journey. A saddle in place of one broken, and also knee-caps were lent by Mr. R. Williamson, butcher, to whom, strangely enough, the horse had originally belonged, and whose stables were opposite the scene of the mishap. The driver escaped with a few bruises.

JOINED UP. 9th Feb. 1917

Mr. Frederick Andrew Prior, son of Mr. William Prior, High-street, who has for some time been employed on munition work at Coventry, joined the Royal Field Artillery last week.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 9th Feb. 1917

Mr. Charles Raymond, of the Friends' Mission Van, has this week been holding evangelistic services at the Friends' Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, and has shown some effective lantern pictures.

DINNER-HOUR CLOSING. 9th Feb. 1917

Owing to depletion of staff, due to the nation's call for men, another Swavesey grocer and draper has found it necessary to close his shop during the dinner hour. It is difficult to understand why the other shopkeepers do not adopt the same plan.

GOOD WEIGHT. 9th Feb. 1917

A correspondent writes: Whilst wandering along the village the other morning I saw the County Inspector of Weights and Measures testing loaves of bread out of a baker's cart that he had intercepted. Curiosity led me to look on and see the bread weighed, and I was much gratified to hear the Inspector instruct the lad who was in charge of the cart to tell his master, a Swavesey baker, that "it was a good record for weight." In subsequent conversation, the Inspector remarked to me that this was a usual occurrence in the county. Since the 1st January 360 loaves have been weighed "by surprise" by Mr. Bellamy, with the following result: Correct 236, overweight 62, light weight 62."

WAR LOAN. 9th Feb. 1917

The Vicar and churchwardens of Swavesey have decided to invest the unexpended balance of the fund raised for the repair of the Parish Church in the War Loan. Nearly £40 is available for the purpose. It will be remembered that extensive repairs were in progress at the time the war broke out, and that work had to be suspended. It is to be feared that no steps have been taken to extend the membership of the War Savings Association which was formed at a recent Parish Meeting. The nine or ten parishioners who then signified their intention to join the Association do not include amongst their number a single labourer or representative of a labourer's household.

CONCERT. 9th Feb. 1917

On Thursday, February 1st, a successful effort was made by the Young People's Guild, in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel, assisted by friends from St. Ives, Over, Longstanton, and Sergt. Parsons, from the Red Cross Hospital, Swavesey, on behalf of the Renovation Fund. The financial result was most encouraging, the entire proceeds (£3 2s.) being paid over to the treasurer (Mr. A. Norman). The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided over a large audience. Each item of the programme was greatly appreciated. The audience included soldiers from the Red Cross Hospital, who kindly responded to the invitation sent to the Commandant by the Secretary of the Guild. (Full programme in newspaper).

THE LATE MRS. A. L. PARISH. 9th Feb. 1917

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sophie Parish, wife of Mr. Arthur Leonard Parish, whose death on the 1st inst., at the age of 39 years, was announced last week, took place on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the severe weather, the greater part of the burial service was taken in the Particular Baptist Chapel, which Mrs. Parish had attended all her life, and where until the last year or two she had been organist since she was about 12 years of age. In addition to the mourners there were many sympathising friends from Swavesey, Over, St. Ives, and the district, in the chapel, and at the graveside. Addresses and prayers were delivered by Mr. Wiles (St. Ives) and Mr. Z. Parish (Swavesey), and one hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way," was sung. The body, enclosed in a polished oak coffin, was then conveyed to Swavesey Cemetery, followed by the mourners and friends. Mr. Wiles officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. A. L. Parish (husband), Mr. and Mrs. W. Parish (parents), Mr. J. W. Parish and Pte. C. H. Parish (brothers), Miss M. Parish (sister), Mr. and Mrs. E. Parish (father and mother-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Parish (brother and sister-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

WAR LOAN. 16th Feb. 1917

The trustees of the Old Age Pensioners' Cottages, having a balance of about £10 in hand, decided at a meeting last week to invest the amount in the War Loan.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 16th Feb. 1917

Miss Maud Johnson, daughter of Mrs. John Johnson, Post Office, Fen Drayton, and a teacher in Swavesey Infants' School, has been successful in passing the Preliminary Certificate Examination of Teachers. This is very creditable to Miss Johnson, as she is only 17 years of age.

PARISH COUNCIL. 16th Feb. 1917

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., Robert Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The minutes of the last meeting on 28th December were read and signed. Various matters arising out of the minutes were then dealt with. The Clerk reported that he had taken certain steps as directed by the Council in regard to the Recreation Ground case, and that he had not been able to draw up the agreement in connection with Mr. W. J. Hephew's tenancy of the Council's property in High-street, but promised to have the agreement ready when the next meeting was held. The

Clerk further reported that he had been in communication with the District Council respecting a snow plough, and mentioned that he had been given instructions to make a new one. The Chairman reported that he had seen a snow plough used at the wrong time, after the snow had been well trampled down, and that it had made the road very dangerous for horses. The Chairman thought the attention of the County Council should be called to the improper use of the plough. Eventually the subject was dropped.

The Clerk announced that he had arranged with Mr. E. Furniss, of Fen Drayton to repair the pebble footpath in High-street. There was then discussion about several broken lamp-posts in the village, which had been removed. The investment of the Recreation ground money in either Post Office Savings Bank or in the War Loan resulted in a vote to invest in the latter. Further discussion followed on the setting up of an Association with regard to the War Loan. The subject of seed potatoes followed in the course of which the Clerk said he thought someone other than himself should be appointed to take the money and arrange for the distribution, etc., of the potatoes. It was agreed that Messrs. Scard and Twist should be appointed to attend to the matter.

(Very long report in newspaper).

DEATH OF MRS. LONG, OF SWAVESEY. 16th Feb. 1917

It is with deep regret that we announce the death at the age of 75 years, of Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Long, widow of the late Mr. George Long, which occurred at her residence, The Priory, Swavesey, on Saturday last. Mrs. Long was seized with sudden illness on Thursday, the 1st instant, and passed away ten days' later without regaining consciousness. One sister, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, St. Ives, survives her. She leaves no children. Her husband died on the 6th April, 1902. Mrs. Long will be sadly missed in Swavesey. Every good cause had her warm and generous support, and many people in the parish will have lost in her a kind and beneficent friend.

On Sunday last the Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, referred to the great loss the parish and the church had sustained. He spoke of how the village would miss her. He stated that he would make no attempt to describe in detail what she had done, but how unceasing was her interest in those who worked for the church, in the choir, in the bellringers, and all those who worked actively in the service of the church.

"In the village and in the church she filled a large place, but I, in saying this, would not let you think that her sympathy was thus limited, or her activities thus confined. Her outlook was wider than this, her support more widely given. She took the keenest interest in the local V.A.D. Hospital, and gave the

most generous help. She was indefatigable in her efforts for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and was in charge of the ladies' organisation fund for this district of the county. She took an active part in the work of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. She has been taken from us, and we cannot but feel the loss, and with the consciousness of our loss there comes a remembrance of the deeper and more intimate sorrow of those who were most near and dear to her. We offer to them our truest sympathy."

JOINED UP. 23rd Feb. 1917

Mr. William Henry Metcalfe joined up on Monday.

PARISH CHURCH. 23rd Feb. 1917

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, vicar of Over, preached at the afternoon service on Ash Wednesday.

CLOSED FOR DINNER HOUR. 23rd Feb. 1917

Another Swavesey grocer and draper is now closing his shop during the dinner hour. Only one shop of the kind in the village has not adopted the plan.

WAR SAVINGS. 23rd Feb. 1917

The Swavesey War Savings Association have commenced operations. To-night (Friday) the treasurer and secretary will be in attendance at the National School from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. to receive subscriptions. All persons, whether they have given in their names already or not, who wish to do their duty by their country by subscribing to the Association, and at the same time benefit themselves, are asked to attend. The subscriptions are limited to sixpence or multiples of sixpence.

BREAD UP AGAIN. 23rd Feb. 1917

On Tuesday, January 16th, Swavesey bakers raised the price of a quartern loaf of bread from 9½d. to 10d. On Tuesday last, five weeks later, they increased the cost to 10½d. per quartern. This is the highest price for bread in Swavesey since the Crimean War, when 11½d and afterwards 1s. per quartern was charged. At one time since – in the seventies – bread rose to 9d. "A Father of a Family" asks the pertinent question how the present Swavesey price compares with that charged by Cambridge town bakers, whose expenses for rent, rates, labour, etc., must be considerably higher than those of Swavesey bakers.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SCHOOL. 23rd Feb. 1917

As Messrs. Walter Thorp and Girling were passing the National School on Saturday evening they noticed an unusual light in the large room, and on looking through a window saw that something was burning. They obtained the keys, and on entering the room found that some firewood which had been left to dry in front of a stove by the cleaners had by some means got alight. The drier portion had been burnt out and the damper was smouldering. A little water quickly put out the fire. Mr. W. H. Key, one of the managers, went by the school whilst Messrs. Thorp and Girling were engaged inside, and observing the light, entered to see what was the matter. A cleaner's apron left hanging on the iron guard of the stove was burned to a cinder, but otherwise practically no damage was done.

THE LATE MRS. GEORGE LONG. 23rd Feb. 1917
FUNERAL AT SWAVESEY.

Amidst universal manifestations of sorrow and respect, the funeral of Mrs. George Long of the Priory, Swavesey, whose death was announced last week, took place on Friday afternoon, the 16th inst. All blinds were drawn and shops closed on the line or route from the Priory to the church. Outside the National School the children were drawn up in line under the command of their Headmaster, Mr. G. Hicks, and solemnly saluted as the funeral procession passed by. The hearse was followed by five carriages conveying the chief mourners and a long line of other mourners and friends came next on foot.

The bells of the parish church were ringing, fully muffled, when the procession reached the churchyard gates, and here the Vicar, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, and the Rev. A. C. Vidler, late Vicar of Swavesey, and now Rector of Tewin, Herts., were waiting with the choir. Upon the coffin was one cross of heather, from Mrs. J. B. Ellis, Mrs. Long's only sister.

The Vicar said the burial sentences as the body was borne towards the church. After a hymn and the lesson, the Rev. A. C. Vidler said the collects usually read at the grave, and as the choir left the chancel for the churchyard the bells, now only half-muffled, rung.

Mr. Vidler read the sentences and a prayer at the grave, and the Vicar said the committal prayers, and concluded the service. Again the bells broke out for a brief space, this time unmuffled.

(Long list of mourners in newspaper).

The general arrangements at the church were in the hands of the churchwardens, Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp. The brick grave, which adjoined that of the late Mr. George Long, was lined with moss and daffodils by Mr. Walter Thorp. The body was enclosed in a shell and a massive coffin of unpolished English oak, panelled and moulded, with heavy

brass furniture, and a breast-plate with the inscription: "Anne Elizabeth Long, died 10th February, 1917, aged 75 years."

(Long list of floral tributes)

Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker, in conjunction with Messrs. Bryant and Bryant, St. Ives.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 2nd March 1917

Private Fred Kester, Army Service Corps. arrived in Swavesey on the evening of the 22nd ulto., on ten days leave from the Western front. He was in good health.

CONVALESCENT. 2nd March 1917

Sergt. George Goad, Suffolk Regiment, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goad, Ryder's Farm, who was shot through the lungs in September, and has been in hospital ever since, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday, having been granted ten days' leave. He is still far from "fit."

POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 2nd March 1917

Commencing yesterday, March 1st, the following alterations in the delivery and despatch of mails at Swavesey came into force. The first delivery now begins at 7.45 a.m. instead of at 7 a.m. as hitherto, and the box at the Post Office is cleared for the night mail at 7 p.m. instead of at 7.40 p.m. The mid-day delivery and despatch have not been altered. There will in future be no delivery or despatch of letters on Sundays, but the Post Office will be open from 8.30 to 10 a.m. for telegraph business and sale of stamps. The wall box in Middle Watch will be cleared at 9 a.m., 1.30 p.m., and 6.35 p.m. on week-days.

WAR SAVINGS. 2nd March 1917

The first meeting of the Swavesey War Savings Association for the receipt of subscriptions was held at the National School on Friday evening. Sixteen members were enrolled whose contributions amounted to £3 5s. 6d. Meetings will be held at the school every Friday from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., and it is expected that there will soon be a considerable increase in the number of members. It is understood that members of the committee attended, with the secretary and treasurer, last Friday, but it is open to question whether this unnecessary publicity will find favour with all persons who may be desirous of investing their war savings in the Association.

MUD. 2nd March 1917

Notwithstanding protests in these columns, the senseless plan of scraping mud into heaps in High-street and Church End, and leaving the heaps to dry for two days, and sometimes longer, still continues. High-street is a narrow thoroughfare, and nowadays is extremely dark on moonless nights. The heaps of mud are so arranged that persons groping their way to the Post Office, or to shops, etc., no matter how careful they may be, rarely ever escape without mudded boots and often mire-splashed clothing. One of the roadmen has been heard on more than one occasion to complain that people are so wanting in consideration for him as to walk through his heaps and give him extra trouble when it is convenient for him to complete his job by carting the mud away. There appears to be an obvious way out of the difficulty which may commend itself to the road authorities, because it is simple, and would involve neither extra expense nor extra labour. It is this. Two days appear now to be needed for the job. Why not scrape half the distance and remove the mud one day, and do the other half next day? This suggestion was put to one of the roadmen recently, but did not find favour in his eyes. On the contrary, he appeared to resent it as an improper interference with the rights of roadmen.

WAR SAVINGS. 9th March 1917

The membership of the Swavesey War Savings Association has now increased to 22, and it is hoped that more patriotic Swaveseyites will join now that the advantages of the Association are being better understood.

OBITUARY. 9th March 1917

We regret to report the following deaths which have occurred this week in Swavesey: After an illness of some length Miss Alice Sutton, third daughter of the late Mr. David Sutton, of Boxworth End, passed away early on Monday morning, her 37th birthday. On Tuesday evening Miss Susan Mitham, of High-street, who had been unable to leave her bed for about a year and seven months, died, at the age of 72 years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Robert Mitham.

BOY SCOUTS. 9th March 1917

A meeting was held last week at the National School to establish a troop of Boy Scouts in the parish. The Vicar presided, and the Rev. C. T. Wood, Queens' College, Cambridge, District Scoutmaster, gave an address. Fifteen boys gave in their names to join the Scouts, and 13 the Cubs (boys who are under Scout age). The following appointments have been made: Boys Scouts: The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Scoutmaster; Mr. G. Hicks, Assistant Scoutmaster; Wilfred Church and George Oakman, patrol leaders. The Cubs: Miss Jean

Capper, Scoutmaster; Alfred Pettett, patrol leader. There have been several drills since the meeting, and there is every prospect of the movement being successful.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th March 1917

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C.W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., Robert Norman, A. T. Scard, and W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The meeting was called specially to select the names of four parishioners as qualified to act as parish constable for submission to the justices in petty sessions, but after the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, several matters arising therefrom were discussed. The matter of replacing the fallen lamp-posts was to be left until after the war. Mr. Twist proposed that the wooden lamp-posts other than the fallen ones be repaired and repainted and that the work be done by Mr. S. Challis. This resolution was carried. The following parishioners were then selected as qualified and suitable for the office of parish constable: Messrs. Edward Bull, C. J. Shepperson (this year's constable), R. Williamson and Prime Godfrey. It was also decided that the constable's remuneration should be £1 19s. 6d, and that there should be no deduction of 5s. for the constable's rood as in previous years. After the resolution was carried, the Clerk explained that the vote was in respect of the constable's pay for the year expiring this month. Eventually the resolution was amended to apply to the past year. The incoming constable will therefore take office without any guarantee of remuneration for his services. The agreement in connection with Mr. W. J. Hephher's tenancy of the parish property in High-street was signed on behalf of the Council. The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

REV. J. F. COOKSEY. 16th March 1917

We are glad to state that the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, who met with an accident on his way to church on Sunday, 21st January, breaking his leg, is well on the way to recovery. He has not only been able to leave his room, but has managed a short walk in his garden.

UP AGAIN. 16th March 1917

The stale bread edict, which came into force on Monday was quickly followed by a further rise in the price charged by bakers to their customers in Swavesey. On Tuesday a 4lb loaf cost 11d. At the time of the Crimean War the charge was 11½d. and then 1s. per quartern. The highest price until recently was 9d. for one short period during the seventies. At the beginning of this year a loaf

cost 9½d.; on the 16th January the price was raised to 10d., and five weeks later to 10½d.

FUNERAL. 16th March 1917

The funeral of the late Miss Susan Mitham, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Mitham, who died on the 6th inst., aged 71, took place at the parish church, Swavesey, on Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (Vicar) officiating. The chief mourners were: Miss Anne Mitham (sister), Mrs. Robert Mitham (sister-in-law), Bradford, Yorks. and Miss N. Mitham (niece). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE LATE MISS SUTTON. 16th March 1917

The funeral of the late Miss Alice Sutton, whose death on the 5th inst. was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Friday 9th inst. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. R. Sutton (brother), Mrs. Pontefract and Miss K. Sutton (sisters) and Mrs. R. Sutton (sister-in-law). Owing to the feeble health and the inclement weather, Mrs. Sutton, mother of the deceased, was unable to be present, and Pte. David Sutton, brother, was with his regiment in France. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

JOINED UP. 16th March 1917

Mr. George Edwin Canham, grocer and draper, High-street, and Mr. Percy J. Beaumont have joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, the former on Saturday and the latter on Tuesday. Mr. Canham leaves a one-man business in the hands of his wife. He has two brothers already serving in the Army, one of whom has been in France for sixteen months. Mr. Beaumont is the oldest of five brothers, sons of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, and Mrs. Beaumont, Swavesey. The family can show a fine record. Henry Beaumont, next in age to Percy, enlisted in the Canadian Infantry at the beginning of the war. He went to France early in February 1915, and was returned as "missing" after the famous Canadian fight on 24th- 26th April 1915. He has since been recorded as killed. George, a Civil Service clerk, joined the London Scottish in November, 1915, and was wounded at Gommecourt on the 12th June last. He is now in a Cadet Battalion in training for a commission. Francis, also in the Civil Service, enlisted in another battalion of the London Regiment, and was wounded at Loos on the 25th September, 1915. He was discharged as no longer physically fit for war service in consequence of his injury on 25th July last. Arthur, the youngest, just 18 years of age, is to join up immediately. Mr., or as he should be called now, Gunner P. J. Beaumont, is a graduate of the

University of Cambridge, and has for the last few years been a classical master at Wyggeston School, Leicester.

JOINED UP. 23rd March 1917

On Monday last Mr. Harry Prime, son of Mr. Alfred Prime, and Mr. John Parish, son of Mr. Z. Parish, joined up. The latter attained his 18th birthday on the day he joined.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 23rd March 1917

On Sunday morning the Pastor (The Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher) in his usual sermonette to the children, spoke in simple language on Russia: Past and Present. The address was listened to with great interest.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD. 23rd March 1917

The meeting of the Young People's Guild on Thursday week in the Bethel Schoolroom took the form of a social gathering, under the chairmanship of the President (the Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher). The various games were entered into heartily by the young people, Mrs. Ussher efficiently carrying out the duties of M.C. Before closing the President wished "God-speed" to one of the young friends who is just joining his Majesty's Army.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION. 23rd March 1917

The Rev. Dr. T. B. Allworthy, Diocesan Inspector of Religious Knowledge, who inspected Swavesey National School on the 14th instant, has made the following satisfactory report: "The religious instruction is carefully given. A good foundation is laid in the Infants' Class and in Standard I. The children in Standard II have an intelligent knowledge of what they have been taught and answer readily. The same may be said of most of the children in Standards III – VI. The children, who are taught the Catechism in these groups, understand the meaning of what they have learned, and answer thoughtfully. There is a reverent tone throughout the school."

PARISH CHURCH. 30th March 1917

The evening service at the Parish Church will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday next, instead of at 3 p.m.

POST OFFICE. 30th March 1917

Swavesey Post Office will be open for postal and telegraph business from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on and from Monday next. Hitherto the office has been open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LOCAL TRIBUNAL. 30th March 1917

It is understood that the Swavesey District Military Tribunal, who sat at St. Ives on Monday afternoon, granted conditional exemption to Mr. A. L. Parish, farmer, and Mr. W. J. Hephher, butcher, the latter being required to join the Volunteer Force. Mr. Arthur Beaumont was given one month.

JOINED UP. 30th March 1917

Mr. E. J. Linford, junior, joined up on Tuesday, and Mr. Isaac Parish on Wednesday. Mr. Parish is a son of Mr. Z. Parish, butcher, High-street, and has two brothers already serving, one of whom has been wounded. Mr. Harry Prime, who was stated last week to have joined up, failed to pass the doctor, and was sent back to Swavesey for a time.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE. 30th March 1917

At the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening, in the presence of a large congregation, a baptismal service was held. Three candidates for church fellowship were baptised by the pastor (Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher).

AN UNFORTUNATE FAMILY. 30th March 1917

Florence Symonds, the three-year-old child of Mr. William Symonds, Boxworth End, fell down in a room last Friday and broke her thigh. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital and detained. A year ago she spent 18 weeks in the hospital. This makes the fourth accident in the Symonds' family in about a year. Twelve months ago Mr. Symond's broke his arm, two months later a son fell off a machine and hurt his shoulder, and a month afterwards his daughter Evelyn had a finger cut off.

CHILDREN TO THE RESCUE. 30th March 1917

On Monday morning the supply of firewood at the National School once again ran short. The temperature was very low, and the weather threatening, and fires were absolutely necessary. The headmaster, Mr. G. Hicks, cudgelled his wits, and being a man of resource and imagination, soon hit upon a plan of supplying the deficiency. Addressing the children, he reminded them that it had been his painful duty sometimes to have to "give them the stick" when they were naughty, and he suggested that each child should return the compliment by giving him a stick every time he or she came to school. The suggestion "caught on", nay, it was received with enthusiasm, for in the afternoon the youngsters arrived at school laden not with single sticks, but

with bundles. The crisis therefore passed happily, the situation having been saved by the children.

SACRED CONCERT. 30th March 1917

On Thursday 22nd, under the presidency of the Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher, a sacred concert was given by Bethel choir, ably assisted by friends from St. Ives, Over and Longstanton. Amongst the audience, all of whom apparently appreciated the various items, were 20 of the wounded soldiers from Swavesey Red Cross Hospital.

(Full programme in newspaper.)

BOY SCOUTS. 6th April 1917

The newly-formed Swavesey Troop of Boys Scouts attended the afternoon service at the parish church last Sunday, and each member solemnly made the Scout's Promise.

CHILDREN HELP. 6th April 1917

The children of the Upper School Needlework Class at Swavesey National School are knitting socks and mufflers for the use of soldiers. The wool has been supplied by the Quartermaster at Swavesey V. A. D. Hospital (Mrs. Cooksey), and the work is being done under the superintendence of Miss Ethel Robinson. Some of the articles have already been delivered.

DROVE LETTING. 6th April 1917

By order of the Swavesey Rural District Council, the herbage of the roadsides and droveways for the coming twelve months was let by auction at the White Horse Inn on Thursday, 29th ult., and realised £21 10s., against £22 last year. At the same time the herbage of the Recreation Ground was let, by direction of the Parish Council. This fetched £3 5s., five shillings less than twelve months ago. Mr. Clarence Underwood, of Willingham, was the auctioneer.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION. 13th April 1917

Miss L. Pook has been appointed secretary of the Swavesey War Savings Association in place of Mr. Arthur Beaumont, who is about to join the Army.

FOR THE FIGHTING MEN. 13th April 1917

Illuminated cards of Easter greeting have been sent by the Vicar to about 80 Swavesey men serving in the Navy and Army.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th April 1917

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday and Easter Day were well attended. On Good Friday evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Senior, of Fen Drayton.

OVERLOOKED? 13th April 1917

The annual parish meeting appears to have been forgotten by the parochial authorities. According to Act of Parliament, it should have been held on March 25th or within seven days before or after that day. Last year the meeting was held at the end of May.

EASTER VESTRY. 13th April 1917

At the annual Vestry meeting held under the tower at the Parish Church on Tuesday evening, Mr. William T. Thorp was re-elected people's churchwarden, and the Vicar again nominated Mr. W. H. Key as vicar's warden. On the proposal of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, a vote of condolence was passed with Mr. James Taylor on the death of his wife.

PROMOTIONS. 13th March 1917

After four months' training with No. 4 Cadet Battalion at Oxford, Cadet George Beaumont, late of the London Scottish, has obtained a commission as second lieutenant, and has been posted to the East Surrey Regt. He was wounded on the 11th June last, but returned to his regiment in September. — Pte. Fred Kester, Army Service Corps, after many arduous months in France, has been advanced to the rank of corporal.

AN APPRECIATION. 13th April 1917

In the April number of "The Wyggestonian," the magazine of Wyggeston School, Leicester, the following appreciation appears of Mr. Percy J. Beaumont, now serving as a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery: "We regret to state that the school has lost yet another most popular master. Mr. Beaumont has left us to join the colours. He was always perfectly fair to the boys and generally took a lot more trouble with them than they deserved. He takes with him the best wishes of the entire school for a successful career in the new sphere of activities.

SUDDEN DEATH. 13th April 1917

Another occupant of Frere Cottages for old age pensioners has passed away. Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor, wife of Mr. James Taylor, was found dead in bed on Good Friday afternoon during the absence of her husband who was attending to his duties at the parish church. She was 79 years of age, and had been in ill-

health for a long time, but had not been attended by a doctor. The matter was reported by P.C. Breed to the Coroner, who decided that in the circumstances no inquest was necessary. Mrs. Taylor, who was a daughter of the late Mr. John Mortlock, left one daughter and four sons, one of whom (Charles) was wounded last June in France and is now at Salonica, and another (Simon) is serving with the Hunts. Cyclist Battalion. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. James Taylor (husband), Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Charles Taylor (daughter-in-law) and Misses Beatrice and Mabel Taylor (grandchildren). Mr. Robinson Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

CANTATA. 13th April 1917

Under the conductorship of Mr. C. York, of St. Ives, a most enjoyable musical evening was given in the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Good Friday by a St. Ives united choir, assisted by a string band. The cantata "Christ and his Soldiers" (Henry Farmer) was ably rendered, followed by a miscellaneous programme. There was a large audience. Previous to the musical evening a public tea was provided in the schoolroom.
(Programme in newspaper)

JOINED UP. 20th April 1917

John Alexander Symonds, eldest son of Mr. William Symonds, Boxworth End, who has recently been employed by the Great Eastern Railway Co., joined the Army on Wednesday.

MARINE MARRIED. 20th April 1917

Gunner Albert G. Coulson, Royal Marine Artillery, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Coulson, Boxworth End, was married to Miss Eveline Wiggins of Southsea, on Easter Tuesday.

WOUNDED. 20th April 1917

Mrs. David Sutton, of Boxworth End, has received information that her son, Pte. David Sutton, the Queen's (Royal) West Surrey Regt., was wounded in the thigh on Easter Monday. He was wounded in the chest on 9th August last at La Bassee.

A CORRECTION. 20th April 1917

Some misapprehension appears to have arisen as to the source from which the wool comes that is being knitted into articles for the soldiers by Swavesey

school children, and we are asked to say that the money is provided from the District Red Cross Fund, and that the wool is given out by the village representative, Mrs. Cooksey. The original paragraph to which exception has been taken appeared in our issue of the 6th April.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 20th April 1917

The members of the Friends' Meeting House Band of Hope and Mothers' Meeting held a joint tea and entertainment at the Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, on Monday evening to bring their winter season to a close. Upwards of 60 members and friends sat down to an ample tea, the trays at which were presided over by Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Miss Vinerall (St. Ives) and Miss F. Gaunt. At the entertainment that followed Mr. C. Raymond, of the Friends' Mission Van, presided, and Miss Gaunt played the accompaniments. Most of the items in the long programme were given by the Band of Hope children, but solos were also sung by Mrs. Mann, Mrs. F. Clark and Mrs. Whybrow. The room was crowded for the entertainment, as many persons who were not at the tea were present.

WAR SAVINGS: AN APPEAL. 20th April 1917

Those who are actively exerting themselves in the promotion of War Savings Associations have been very busy during the last few weeks in the Swavesey County Council area. A local committee was formed at a meeting held so long ago as March 26th with the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp as president, and Mr. Henry Capper as secretary. In a very short time it is expected that a number of new societies will be formed in the district, in addition to the earlier-established Associations in Over and Swavesey, which have been doing good work for some time past. Mr. Henry Capper will be glad to give every information to any person as to the advantages gained by joining an Association, and to indicate a suitable Association. The War Certificates, of course, offer terms hitherto beyond the dreams of the small investor, but the main call is to patriotism, and it is hoped that everyone will purchase all the Certificates in their power, and thus help to win the war.

PUBLIC TEAS AND THE FOOD SHORTAGE. 20th April 1917 TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, - From all sides one hears of public teas, social evenings, dances and whist drives, the last three functions having as an attraction "Light refreshments." Yet Lord Devonport and others in authority who know the critical state of our food supplies beg us day after day to make the most sparing use of all foodstuffs; and meals in public eating-places have been strictly curtailed.

What is the good of urgent appeals for self-denial and rigid economy in eating and drinking from the pulpit and the rostrum on Sundays when the members of the congregations are on week-days encouraged – I might use a stronger word – to attend “annual teas” and similar functions? At a tea held in a chapel recently, I am told there was plenty to eat and ample supplies of sugar. Where did the sugar come from, one wonders, as most housekeepers find great difficulty in obtaining even a small quantity, often inadequate for absolute needs? The sickening part of the business is that the entertainments are frequently connected with religious bodies or are ostensibly in aid of war charities. Lord Devonport, we are told, desires that no school treats should be held this year. Why does he not take adult entertainments in hand? They should be prohibited where they involve the provision of food. – Yours, etc.,
X.Y.Z.

April 18th 1917

JOINED UP. 27th April 1917

Mr. Percy V. Maltby joined the South Staffordshire Regiment at Chesterfield on Thursday last week. For the past three years he has been in the employ of the Midland Railway Co.

IN A SUNKEN HOSPITAL SHIP. 27th April 1917

Corpl. Edward Williams, Suffolk Regiment, youngest son of Mrs. John Williams, Market-street, who has been ill in hospital in France for some time had the bad luck to be in one of the hospital ships recently sunk by the Germans. He is now in hospital at Bristol, and suffered no ill-effects from the sinking of the ship.

WASTE OF PUBLIC WATER. 27th April 1917

For some time past there has been a leakage from the pipes of the public water supply in the main road at the southern end of the Swan pond, opposite Mr. Robinson Mitham's premises. That the leakage has been observed is shown by a channel having been made to enable the water to run into the pond. As it is understood that this wasted water has to be paid for by the ratepayers, it is desirable that the pipes should be repaired at once.

FARMER'S RED CROSS EFFORT. 27th April 1917

Preparations are in progress for holding a jumble sale on a large scale at Swavesey by the British Farmers' Red Cross Association. The sale will be held on June 7th, and leave has been obtained from the owner and tenant of the Manor Farm to make use of one of their fields. Mr. Jacob Frohock is

Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Swavesey rural district, and Messrs. Aldred and Capper, together with Miss Jean Caper, are acting as joint secretaries. Sub-committees have been formed in Swavesey, Over, Boxworth, Lolworth, Conington, and Fen Drayton, which are actively engaged in the organisation of the sale. A number of promises of gifts have already come to hand, including a bullock from Mr. Ellis Long, and some animal from Mr. F. Kirby, of Over.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th April 1917

The annual meeting of members of the congregation at the parish church was held under the tower after the weekly intercession service on the 19th inst. The Vicar presided, and the attendance was good. At the commencement of the meeting the Vicar gave expression to his gratitude to the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who had taken his place during his year's absence as an Army chaplain in France, to the churchwardens, other officers, and church workers for all they had done during the past twelve months. The year's accounts were submitted and proved quite satisfactory. The churchwardens' accounts showed a balance in hand of £2 19s. 8½d., instead of a deficit as had been anticipated, the happy result being due to two or three donations and to the Lent savings boxes producing the respectable sum of £9 11s. 11½d. The Sick and Needy Fund also showed a balance in hand. Last year's sidesmen were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Ephraim Stocker. A vote of thanks to, and of sympathy with, Mr. John Gilby in his long and distressing illness was passed. Mr. Gilby has been a tower of strength in all matters connected with the church. He has been an efficient and most regular choirman and sidesman, and for some months last year before being laid aside by illness, and even when the state of his health made work or exertion painful and irksome, acted as temporary church clerk, etc. And he was always in the forefront when any help, no matter of what kind, was needed. A vote of sympathy with Mr. Edward Williams, the late acting clerk and sexton, who is ill in hospital, was also passed.

ANOTHER PATRIOTIC SWAVESEY CANADIAN. 27th April 1917

Mr. Frank Day, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, Swavesey, has joined the Canadian Forces for overseas service. Two more of Mr. Day's sons are also in the Army, Sergt. Cyril Day in the Yeomanry, who was called up on mobilization and has been in the recent desperate fighting in France, and Pte. Christopher Day, R.A.M.C., who, enlisting in June, 1915, has served in Egypt, and is now in France. Mr. Frank Day left Swavesey ten years ago for Canada with Messrs. Henry Beaumont (who was reported missing, and believed killed, in April, 1915). W. Lawson Hephner (now with the Canadian

Engineers in France), and Harry Wells. Mr. F. Day, after working for a farmer for about a year to "learn the ropes", set up for himself, and before very long took unto himself a wife, the daughter of the farmer for whom he had worked, and is now the proud father of three children. He worked hard, and deservedly prospered, but notwithstanding the ties of family and of home, and the claims of his farm, the call of his King and country was so strong and insistent that it could not be denied. He decided to dispose of his farm and stock and join the Canadian Forces. Twice he was turned back as medically unfit, but at length was accepted. The bill of Mr. Day's clearing sale on March 26th is an interesting document, and if proof were needed, clearly shows the extent of his patriotic sacrifice, quite apart from the breaking up of a happy home and the parting from those he loves best. Since the war began eight Swavesey Canadians have joined the Imperial Forces, one of whom, sad to say, has made the great sacrifice, and two are known to have been wounded.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th April 1917

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School last Friday evening, and was attended by Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, W. Burton, A. Day, jun., J. S. Goad, Robert Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The minutes of the previous meeting having been signed, various matters arising thereout were dealt with. The Clerk reported that the fee allowed to the parish constable had been fixed by the magistrates at £1 8s., a reduction of about ten shillings on the amount previously paid. It was reported that only two tons of Government seed potatoes had been supplied, instead of four tons, as finally ordered, and that the potatoes had come from Ireland instead of from Scotland. It appeared that the quantity supplied was in accordance with the provisional order given in the first instance, and not in accordance with the final and complete order sent in subsequently, and that the potatoes had been delivered to those persons whose names were included in the first list. The Street Lighting Committee were empowered to have the necessary repairs done to the street lamps. The Clerk said he proposed that the annual meeting should be held on Monday, 30th April, and that he had unfortunately overlooked the fact that, according to Act of Parliament, the meeting should have taken place on the 25th March, or within seven days before or after that day. The Council agreed. Mr. A. Norman, in vacating the chair for the election of a chairman for the ensuing year, said he did not offer himself for re-election, as he lived at some distance from the village, and was strongly of opinion that the Chairman should live in the village. The Clerk for a time acted as chairman. However eventually Mr. Norman was re-elected, and again took the chair. Mr. Goad

was re-appointed vice-chairman, and Mr. S. Wilderspin, sen., was again chosen pindar. Messrs. R. Williamson and A. J. Willson were re-elected overseers. The annual accounts were then passed. It was agreed that the old Parish Council representatives on the Committee of the Fire Relief Fund Old Age Pensioners' Cottages (Messrs. A. Day, sen., J. S. Goad, A. Norman, and W. Twist) should be continued in office for another year. On questioning about repairs to the High-street footpath, the Clerk replied that as his bricklayer had joined the Army, he proposed to give up the job. He also proposed to complete the repairs to the parish property on High-street by the end of May. It was also decided to use a duplicate book in order to keep exact records of every letter written by direction, on behalf of the Council.

OLD INN CLOSED. 4th May 1917

The Swan With Two Necks, an ancient inn at Church End, Swavesey, well known in days gone by to anglers and skaters, has been closed as a licensed house for, it is understood, the duration of the war.

PROMOTION. 4th May 1917

Corpl. Alfred A. Linford, Suffolk Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, has been promoted to sergeant for service in the field. He joined the Cambridgeshire Battalion of the Suffolks early in the war, and has been at the front since January, 1916

AN HOUR'S SWIM. 4th May 1917

Writing under date of 16th April, Sergt. B. G. Mann states that the ship in which he was making a voyage to the East was sunk, and that he was swimming about for an hour before he was picked up. With the exception of a cold, he was none the worse for his immersion, but had lost all his belongings beyond the scanty clothing he was wearing.

PARISH MEETING. 4th May 1917

The Annual parish meeting was held in the National School on Monday evening. Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and the attendance was better than usual. The minutes of the two previous meetings having been signed, there was some discussion respecting the supply of Government seed potatoes. The explanation of why certain persons who had ordered potatoes had not been supplied were accepted. The annual accounts of the Overseers, Parish Council and Galon's Charity were submitted and there was a short discussion as to outstanding rents due for land let by the Charity Feoffees, the non-payment of which, it was contended affected the

quantity of coal distributed in the parish. Attention was called to the waste of public water due to a leak in the new supply pipes near Swan pond. Mr. Twist also called attention to the posting of bills above and below the case containing the Roll of Honour on the wall of the School. Two small bills about war savings, the type of one being too small to be readable from the road, had lately been pasted above the case, and underneath there were the tattered remains of a bill concerning a fruit demonstration on the 1st and 2nd September last. It was not treating the Roll of Honour with the respect that was due to it to surround it with posters of all kinds. A resolution was passed to send a letter from the meeting to the Vicar, who was one of the trustees of the school, calling attention to the matter, pointing out that the posting of bills round the case diminished the respect due to the Roll, and asking him to have the three posters removed.

JOINED UP. 11th May 1917

Mr. T. W. Savage (single), son of Mr. William Savage, joined up on the 2nd inst., and Mr. Ernest Prior (married) on the following day. News has reached the village that Mr. Harry Hart Wells, only son of Mr. Harry Wells, who left Swavesey for Canada ten years ago with three other young Swavesey men, all of whom have enlisted, joined a Canadian Foresters' Battalion on 22nd March last, after trying four times. He is a married man with one child. Since the 1st January, 1916, 36 men resident in the parish of Swavesey at time of enlistment have joined up, viz., 23 single men and 13 married. The married men have 27 children.

PROMOTION. 11th May 1917

Sergt. Albert A. Girling, Royal Flying Corps, son of Mr. Arthur Girling, Carter's-lane, has been promoted Flight Sergeant.

THE FEAST. 18th May 1917

That time-honoured anniversary, the village feast, should be held next week, but there are few, if any, indications at present that it will be more than a shadow of what it was in pre-war days. On Sunday the services at the parish church will be of a special character, and on Thursday an entertainment will be given in the school by Swavesey Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs.

A DISAPPEARING SNOWPLOUGH. 18th May 1917

An interested ratepayer writes: A snowplough, believed to belong to Swavesey Rural District Council, which has been lying since last used at the edge of the Recreation Ground close to the high road, has, within the past few days, been

knocked to pieces by some person or persons, and is disappearing bit by bit. To leave the plough in such an exposed place was not wise, nor did it show much thought for the pockets of the ratepayers. As a ratepayer, I emphatically protest against the neglect and wanton destruction of property for which I have helped to pay.

WEDDING. 18th May 1917

At Swavesey Parish Church on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 9th, Lce.-Corpl. Percy Smith, Army Veterinary Corps, only son of Mr. Jonas Smith, of Over, was married by special licence to Miss Clara Symonds, daughter of the late Mr. George Symonds of Over, and Mrs. Symonds, Church End, Swavesey. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiated, and the bride was given away by her mother. The bridegroom, who has been stationed in Huntingdon for some time, was on draft leave, and the marriage was a very quiet one. Lce.-Corpl. Smith had to rejoin his unit on the following day, and the bride, who has been engaged in nursing in London for the last two or three years, is returning to her work. The happy couple received numerous useful presents, including several cheques.

DESTRUCTION OF SPARROWS. 18th May 1917

A parish meeting “to consider the advisability of destroying sparrows,” should have been held at the National School on Monday evening, but as only the Chairman (Mr. A. Norman), the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) and Mr. J. S. Goad (parish councillor) put in an appearance, no business could be done, and the Chairman decided to call a meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 p.m. to-day (Friday) to deal with the matter. The system of calling parish meetings adopted in Swavesey, although in strict conformity with legal requirements, is inadequate. On this occasion, a notice written on a rather small piece of paper was affixed to the boards at the parish church and two Nonconformist Chapels. Such notices do not attract attention, as the boards are usually crowded with other documents more or less out of date. Sometimes the parish notice board in High-street is used and sometimes it is not, but even here small announcements in manuscript are usually overshadowed by ancient and more imposing notices. It has been suggested that proper notice papers should be provided with the words “Parish Meeting” printed in bold type at the top. But above all the boards should be kept clear of out-of-date notices, and it is important that the board in High-street should be regularly used.

A GOOD IDEA. 25th May 1917

A correspondent writes: In preparation doubtless for the feast, a Swavesey young lady was seen early one morning last week painting the framework of a first floor bedroom window. She was standing in the roadway, and her paint-brush was tied to a clothes prop.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 25th May 1917

Successful anniversary services were held on Thursday, 17th instant, when two sermons were preached by the Rev. N. H. Patrick (Ipswich). A conference bearing on the work in connection with and administration of the Baptist Sustentation Fund followed the afternoon service, and interesting information was given by Mr. Patrick. After the conference tea was served in the schoolroom by the following ladies: Mrs. Ussher, Miss M. Carter, Mrs. Goad, Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. W. Savage, Misses E. and S. Ridley and Miss E. Prior. At the close of each service collections were made on behalf of church funds, the total result, including a cheque for ten guineas, being most encouraging.

A WIDOW'S FIVE SONS. 25th May 1917

Arthur Beaumont, youngest of the five surviving sons of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for about 40 years headmaster of Swavesey National School, joined up on Thursday, 17th inst. He was 18 years of age last December. The record of his family is a splendid one. Percy James, the eldest, is serving in the R.G.A.; Henry, who enlisted early in the war in the Canadian Infantry, has been returned as "missing believed killed" in April, 1915; George, who was wounded on 11th June last when in the ranks of the London Scottish, has recently obtained a commission in the East Surrey Regt., and is expecting to return to the front immediately; Francis joined a battalion of the London Regt. in 1914, was wounded at Loos on 25th September, 1915, and was in consequence discharged in July last as no longer fit for war service.

THE FEAST. 25th May 1917

As visitors to Swavesey Feast know full well, the large room at the White Horse Inn, Market-street – the hub of the festive area – was in days before the war accustomed to be crowded on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday with dancers and revellers. Last Monday evening, instead of the strains of a concertina and the stamping of dancers, the voice of an auctioneer was heard endeavouring to sell some copyhold property. This incident is sufficient to show that this year's feast can barely have had an existence. There were no dancing and no roundabouts. Two stalls at which toys, etc., were on sale, a cocoanut-shie, a small shooting gallery and a penny in the slot Wizard's box

practically comprised the feast. To the sorrow of the children, no vendors of sweets or rock attended. Visitors were as conspicuous by their absence as golden sovereigns. A scratch cricket match on Tuesday, between wounded soldiers and villagers, took the place of old-time games with neighbouring village teams, which in the eyes of local sportsmen raised feast matches to the dignity of a Canterbury Week. The stalls closed down at 8 p.m., but the few public houses left in the village kept open until 10 o'clock in consequence of the magistrates' order. Early in bed, however, was the rule this year.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th May 1917

A meeting of the Parish Council, called specially to deal with the question of the destruction of sparrows, was held at the National School last Friday evening. As the Chairman (Mr. Arthur Norman) was prevented by another engagement from attending until towards the end of the meeting, Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman) presided, and the other councillors present were: Messrs. W. Burton, A. Day, jun., R. Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) stated that he had not been able to obtain the duplicate book ordered by the Council at the last meeting, but added that he would get one as soon as possible. Mr. Scard said that at the request of the Chairman he had procured a duplicate book from Cambridge and would hand it to the Clerk. The Chairman introduced the question of destroying sparrows, and urged that steps should be adopted to deal with these birds which did so much mischief. Mr. Burton remarked that he had already lost at least £20 worth of gooseberries in one garden. He proposed that the Council should buy sparrows and sparrows' eggs until the 31st March next. Mr. Twist seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. Norman, the following rates of payment were, after discussion, agreed upon: 4 old birds (including fliers) 1d., 8 young birds 1d., and 12 eggs 1d. Messrs. Burton and Twist were appointed to act as receivers, and it was decided that Mr. Burton should take in and pay for birds and eggs on Saturdays and Mr. Twist on Wednesdays between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Mr. Scard called attention to the snowplough which had been left since the last snowstorm on the Recreation Ground and was being knocked to pieces. He disclaimed having been prompted to bring the subject forward by the letter of complaint from a ratepayer which had appeared in that day's issue of the "Press and News." He protested against the neglect and destruction of property which had been paid for by the ratepayers. The Clerk expressed strong disapproval of complaints being made in newspapers. Ratepayers and others with a grievance should approach the proper authorities direct.

FARMERS' RED CROSS FUND. 25th May 1917

FORTHCOMING JUMBLE SALE AT SWAVESEY. 25th May

The organisation of the Farmers' Red Cross jumble sale to be held in the Manor Field adjoining Swavesey Railway Station on June 7th, is still in full swing. It is understood that Mr. Fryson will be present with Iris V.C. cockerel, and it is to be hoped that the bird will add another large amount to his now famous record. There are to be competitions of the most amusing nature, and everything is being done to make the time pass in a thoroughly enjoyable manner. The jumble sale will not be confined to agriculture, but every kind of goods will be included, and it is hoped therefore that no one will be deterred from offering anything that is likely to bring in money. What is wanted is to raise as large a sum as possible for the Red Cross Society.

EMPIRE DAY. 1st June 1917

Owing to the National School being closed for Feast Week, Empire Day was not observed in Swavesey this year.

CANADIAN VISITOR. 1st June 1917

Sapper W. Lawson Hephher, Canadian Engineers, youngest son of the late Mr. Jesse Hephher, registrar of births and deaths, Swavesey district, is paying a visit to his sister in Swavesey. He has been serving in France for the last two years. He is in good health.

AN ANNIVERSARY. 1st June 1917

Mr. George Hicks, who is acting as headmaster of Swavesey National School during the absence on active service of Mr. C. Wood, will celebrate his 70th birthday on Monday. In early life he was master of one of the schools at Over, and then for many years at Fenstanton, where his success as a teacher was recognised by his appointment as a member of the Huntingdon County Education Committee.

SCOUTS' ENTERTAINMENT. 1st June 1917

The Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of Swavesey, who have recently blossomed out like flowers in spring in new uniforms and gay ribbon streamers, gave their first entertainment at the school on the evening of Empire Day. The large room was crowded with an audience that showed its keen appreciation of the boys' efforts to entertain their elders, and at the same time to bring grist to their own mill, for the profits were to go to the troop funds. The first part consisted mainly of Scout and Wolf Cub songs, and a sketch entitled "Father's

Mistake” by three of the Scouts. This was a great success. In the second part of the show the Wolf Cubs appeared as a pierrot troupe and scored heavily. Scouts gave a very humorous sketch, called “Scout Barbers,” and introduced impromptu gags of their own invention, which tickled that audience immensely. Songs and recitations followed, and the entertainment was brought to a close by the Scouts singing the patriotic song “The Empire Flag,” followed by the National Anthem, sung by Scouts and Cubs. During the interval Mr. H. Capper gave an address on food economy, and explained the object of the Food Pledge, which he urged that every patriotic English man and woman should sign. The Scouts were trained by the Misses G. and E. Dodson, and the Cubs by Miss Capper, all of whom can be warmly congratulated on the success of their work. Miss Muriel Parsons was an efficient accompanist. The entertainment resulted in the satisfactory addition of £5 to the funds of the troop.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 1st June 1917

Dr. Ellis, of Swavesey, has received a wire from the War Office stating that his eldest son, Lieut. B. J. Ellis, was wounded on Sunday last (May 27th).

Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford have received official notification that their second son, Sergt. A. Linford, Suffolk Regt., has been posted as missing on April 28th. He was, according to letters received from France, seriously wounded when last seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, have also had official news that their eldest son, Pte. James William Hepher, who was in the same battalion and company as Sergt. Linford, has been reported missing on April 28th. Pte. Hepher went to France early in March of this year, and after a period in a base camp, was transferred to the battalion with which he went into action – his first apparently. He joined up on the 24th January, 1916, and served for a time in a garrison battalion in this country.

Any information respecting either of these young men would be gratefully received by their parents, for whom great sympathy is felt in their terrible anxiety.

Pte. Hugh Smith, Suffolk Regt., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Willow House, Boxworth End, is suffering from gunshot wounds in the right hand, right leg, head and left temple, received in action on 19th May. He arrived in this country on Tuesday and is believed to be going on satisfactorily.

FARMERS' RED CROSS FUND. 1st June 1917

THE COMING SALE AT SWAVESEY.

Appeals to our generosity are so numerous in war time that events which in normal times would be of absorbing interest are sometimes in danger of being overlooked. It is greatly to be hoped that the jumble sale organised by the local committee of the Farmers' Red Cross Fund at Swavesey will not suffer in this respect.

The proceeds will go entirely to the Red Cross Society, and that should be sufficient inducement to all patriotic people to give all the support in their power. At the same time the sale is in reality an important event from an agricultural point of view. A large number of implements and dead stock will be offered for auction, and the live stock and poultry section will be of considerable interest. Mr. Scambler, of Conington, has given a red Lincoln bull, fit for service, and in the poultry section there are several cockerels with a history that should draw attention. There are a number of pigs, sheep and beasts that are likely to excite keen competition, and in addition there are swedes, mangolds, hay, straw, etc.

Then there will be all sorts of entertainments, including guessing competitions and other pastimes. A refreshment stall will be provided, and there will be a special department devoted to food saving and substitutes for wheaten bread.

COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS. 8th June 1917

The children of Swavesey National School have contributed 6s. 6d. to the Overseas Club Fund for providing sailors and soldiers on active service with tobacco and cigarettes.

JOINED UP. 8th June 1917

Mr. Harry Prime, son of Mr. Alfred Prime, joined up on 31st ultimo. He was 18 years of age not long ago. Two of his brothers have been serving in France for some time, viz., Pte. Alfred Prime, the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regt.), and Pte. James Prime (London Regt.).

FOR THE RED CROSS. 8th June 1917

SUCCESSFUL AGRICULTURAL SALE AT SWAVESEY.

COL. HARDING'S OPENING BID.

A very successful agricultural sale, which was opened by Col. T. W. Harding, of Madingley Hall, was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Swavesey under the auspices of the Swavesey Rural District Branch of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund. The sale was held in the Manor Field and was attended by very many people from the surrounding district. Beautiful weather favoured the commencement, but later in the afternoon very heavy thunderstorms broke over the village and somewhat spoilt proceedings. An

interesting feature of the sale was the presence of the well-known V.C. cockerel, belonging to Mr. F. C. Fyson, of Warboys. The cockerel which was in a wicker cage bedecked with red, white and blue ribbons, by being sold many times over, fetched the sum of over £66. This brings the total that the bird has realised at such sales throughout the country to nearly £3,800. The cockerel created a record at Evesham, where it raised £302.

The sale was conducted free of charge by Mr. A. G. Dilley, of Messrs. Dilley, Son, and Read.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

Mr. Frohock presided at the opening ceremony. After the singing of the National Anthem, the Chairman, in introducing Col. Harding, said all who know Col. Harding knew that immense amount of good county work he had done. He had also done a very great deal of war work. He was a very busy man, and their thanks were due to him for coming to open the sale.

COL. HARDING'S APPEAL

Col. Harding said he had been invited there that day to attend the sale, and he was very happy that it had been possible for him to be there. The last three years of war had been a time of sacrifice to many of us – to nearly all in different ways – and he thought the war was going to last a considerable time longer. But we must be faithful to the end. What was any little sacrifice of time or money that they could make that day compared with the sacrifice of our sons and brothers in the trenches of France? If they gathered there that day, happy and safe, was it not because of the heroic conduct of our troops, who were fighting the ruthless foe in France? If they could carry on their agricultural duties in those peaceful villages, and endeavour to raise the food at this critical moment for the people, was it not because, by day and by night, in fair weather and in foul, our gallant sailors were watching the North Sea and guarding our shores from the ruthless invader? Let them, therefore, not grudge any money that day that they could spend.

A NOBLE CAUSE.

He knew the farmers of Cambs. had done their duty, and the farmers of England had not been behind other people in doing their duty in connection with the war. They had subscribed generously towards the fund for our unfortunate Allies, whose towns, villages, and fields had been devastated by the Huns, and had contributed £10,000 last week. If in buying the articles that day they gave more than the value of the goods, let them not feel that they had been foolish, but remember that they were helping a noble cause.

BIDDING FOR THE V.C. COCKEREL.

Col. Harding then commenced the auction by putting up Mr. Fyson's cockerel. He had, in the first instance, he said, to act as auctioneer. He would start the

bidding himself at £10. There was no higher bid than that of Col. Harding, to whom the bird was knocked down. The bird was then put up again and changed hands many times, until it had realised the sum of slightly over £66. Mr. Dilley then proceeded with the auction, and obtained fairly good prices for all manner of agricultural implements and live stock. A fat bullock presented by Mr. Ellis Long fetched £35. A Lincolnshire red bull, presented by Mr. J. Scambler, Conington, was bought for £16 5s.

THE STALLS

There were also various stalls tastefully laid out, and in charge of ladies from the different villages. Sixpenny "ration" teas were provided at the refreshment stall, and here a busy trade was done. Considerable interest was shown in a food economy stall, where various substitutes for wheat, etc., were exhibited, and pledge cards were on view and people invited to sign them.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND NURSES ASSIST.

Wounded soldiers and Red Cross nurses from Swavesey Red Cross Hospital had no small share in the success of the sale. The soldiers had all sorts of schemes in hand for increasing the funds. The Swavesey Hospital pony and cart were there and gaily decorated, and did a roaring trade taking children round the field at a penny a ride. The wounded men also conducted guessing competitions, a shooting gallery, bran tub, "Aunt Sallies," etc., and helped the nurses in the selling of flags and roses. One of them also collected money with the help of "Black Man," the beautiful retriever dog, owned by the Vicar of Swavesey, which went about with a collection box round its neck and made friends with everybody. In the morning the soldiers did good work by canvassing the villages of the branch with collecting boxes. The soldiers were entertained to tea by the Quartermaster of the hospital (Mrs. Cooksey) and the Assistant Quartermaster (Mrs. Cole). A beautiful bedspread, presented by Mrs. Ussher, of Swavesey, was raffled by Sister Beale, and drew the handsome sum of over £11.

It will be some days before the result of the sale is known.
(Full report in newspaper).

BOY SCOUTS. 15th June 1917

The Swavesey Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs went to Cambridge on Wednesday to attend the great Scouts' Rally before Lieut.-General Sir R. Baden-Powell, K.C.B., K.C.V.O. The Scouts were in charge of Mr. G. Hicks, Assistant Scoutmaster, and the Cubs of Miss Capper.

GOOD NEWS. 15th June 1917

Mr. David Prime, Hog Pasture Gate House, who was informed officially last week that his eldest son, Pte. Charles William Prime, Bedfordshire Regt., had been wounded, on Wednesday received news, also official, that his son had returned to duty. In his last letter Pte. Prime mentioned that he had been buried by the explosion of a shell, and probably his injury was due to this cause. Prior to joining up, Prime was employed on the Great Eastern Railway Company, for whom his father has worked for many years.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY. 15th June 1917

At their last meeting the Swavesey Parish Councillors decided to encourage the destruction of sparrows by buying the birds and eggs from enterprising youngsters, but unfortunately the majority of the Council fixed the price of remuneration at too low a figure, and the result has been very poor trade. The councillors, strongly imbued with the necessity for rigid economy, forgot, when they based the present rates of payment on those which attracted boys twenty or thirty years ago, that the purchasing power of a penny nowadays is much less than it was in their young days. The prize offered now for twelve eggs is only one penny, and a dozen eggs mean on an average the contents of three, if not four, nests. A captious critic, who has been reading the newspapers, suggests that hedge-sparrows, which boys can get at, do good rather than harm, and that the destructive bird is the house-sparrow, which boys cannot reach.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GILBY. 15th June 1917

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 66 years, of Mr. John Gilby, which occurred shortly before midnight on Friday last, after a long, painful, and distressing illness. He was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. William Gilby. As a young man he went to London and joined the Metropolitan Police, and for some years was engaged in connection with the Criminal Investigation Department. On his retirement with a well-earned pension, he was for a time employed in private investigation work, and in September, 1897, returned to his native village. Blessed, until the last two or three years, with a robust constitution, and freedom from the ills and weaknesses which so frequently accompany advancing age, and with boundless energy and a kind heart, he threw himself with enthusiasm into many village enterprises. His excellent bass voice was the mainstay of the parish church choir, and he could be depended upon not only for Sunday, but for week-day services, and he rarely missed a practice. Latterly he had been a sidesman, and until laid aside by physical pain and weakness, took the place of the acting church clerk and sexton when that official joined the Army. For

some years he was a Parish Councillor. He was a good all-round cricketer, could be relied upon to get some runs, and was a useful change bowler. Of late years he was the Swavesey umpire in many league and cup matches. He joined the Committee of the Swavesey Conservative Association on its formation in October 1903, and remained on the committee until his death. For a while he was assistant secretary, and in the absence of the secretary at election times, took his place with conspicuous ability and success. His last activity was to help the wounded and sick soldiers. When the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital was opened he became one of the night orderlies, and stuck to his work in spite of ill-health until increasing pain and bodily weakness compelled him to retire. He leaves a widow, but no children. Delayed an hour by a heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by rain in torrents, the funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon. The body, enclosed in a polished elm coffin, covered with flowers, was met at the churchyard gate by the vicar and choir. The greater part of the church, which was choral, was taken in the church. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Gilby (widow) and Mr. and Mrs. S. Challis (sister and brother-in-law). Owing to ill health, two sisters of Mr. Gilby were unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey.

JOINED UP. 22nd June 1917

Mr. James Prior, who was well known in the district as a furniture dealer, insurance agent, etc., but who had latterly been managing his grandfather's farm, joined up last week.

HORSE KILLED BY LIGHTNING. 22nd June 1917

During the severe thunderstorm which visited the district on Sunday evening a valuable mare belonging to Mr. E. J. Warboys, of Fen Drayton, was struck by lightning and killed. It was in a field adjoining the Swavesey to Longstanton road. A foal about two months old escaped uninjured.

MILITARY ITEMS. 22nd June 1917

Pte. James Kester, Lincolnshire Regt., who was invalided home from the front some months ago, has rejoined his unit in France. Pte. Sidney W. Wright, Machine Gun Corps., is in a military hospital at Bath, suffering from severe blood poisoning, the result of injuries to his legs caused by barbed wire entanglement. He is somewhat better. In another ward in the same hospital, Pte. Hugh Smith, Suffolk Regt., is recovering from gun-shot wounds in the right hand, leg, head and left temple.

DEATH OF MRS. ROWCLIFFE. 22nd June 1917

We regret to record the death on Saturday last of Mrs. Susan Sarah Rowcliffe, wife of Mr. Henry Rowcliffe, Market-street, after an illness of many years' duration. She was 69 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Rowcliffe removed from Cambridge to Swavesey about 14 years ago, the doctors having ordered the latter to live in the country. Their house was one of the earliest to get alight in the great Swavesey fire, when they lost practically the whole of their belongings, and the disaster had a bad and lasting effect on Mrs. Rowcliffe's impaired health. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church. The Vicar officiated.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 29th June 1917

Corpl. John Savage, R.F.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, Middle Watch, arrived in Swavesey on Monday night on short leave from the front. He is in excellent health and spirits.

PROTECTION OF GOD'S ACRE. 29th June 1917

The authorities responsible for the wall of the churchyard abutting on the main road evidently do not believe in the ancient proverb that a stitch in time saves nine. The wall near the small gate has been gradually tumbling to pieces for at least two years, yet nothing has been done. Although the churchyard authorities appear to be unaware of the fact, not all the bricklayers in the district have yet joined the Army.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 29th June 1917

On Sunday last successful anniversary services were held in connection with Bethel Baptist Sunday School, when the Rev. W. F. Harris, of Willingham, conducted three services. The afternoon service took the form of a flower service, and included recitations and a solo. The floral offerings, with kind messages attached, were on Monday sent to St. Ives infirmary. At the evening service, which was well attended, prizes gained at an alphabetical hymn-reciting contest were presented by the Rev. W. F. Harris to Annie Norman, Sallie Daintree, Ethel Savage, Molly Duce, Joyce Dodson, Dolly Coulson, Hilda Dodson, Doris Aldred, Willie Duce and Frank Aldred. Special hymns were sung at each service by the scholars, ably assisted by the choir. The result of the day's effort, £2 18s. 1d., was added to the Sunday School Fund.

IN MEMORIAM. 29th June 1917

In ever-loving memory of LANCE-CORPORAL J.W. PRIOR, Suffolk Regiment of Swavesey, killed in action on 1st July, 1916

One year has passed, my heart still sore,
As time rolls on I miss him more,
His cheerful smile, his loving face,
There's none can take that vacant place.

-From his broken-hearted fiancé Daisy, and Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters.

MILK HO! 6th July 1917

The retail price of milk in Swavesey was on Sunday raised to fivepence a quart.

IN HOSPITAL. 6th July 1917

Trooper Alfred Large, Yeomanry, is in hospital in France, suffering from trench fever, and Pioneer Arthur J.K. Inglett, R.E., has been invalided from the front, and is under treatment at Leeds.

CONVALESCENT. 6th July 1917

Sergt. Edward Williams, Suffolk Regiment, after a long spell in hospital in France and Bristol, is now convalescent. He arrived in Swavesey last week-end on ten days' leave.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL COUNTY ORGANISATION FUND. 6th July 1917

Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, who has succeeded the late Mrs. George Long as President of the Swavesey Division of the County Organisation Fund, has received a satisfactory return of the recent house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital in the villages in her division, and has sent Mrs. Hicks, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the fund, £37 7s. 8d. £37 1s. 4d. was contributed last year and £36 5s. 9d. in 1915. The contribution from Swavesey was £8 1s. 6d.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT. 6th July 1917

Our Swavesey representative has received the following letter from Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E.: - "Being a reader of the 'Weekly News', and always glad to read your interesting pieces from the boys out here, I thought I must write you a few lines to tell you I have had the pleasure of meeting one of the Swavesey lads out here - Henry Key, of the Sherwood Foresters. I was walking up the street of this little village a few nights ago, and I saw someone looking in a small shop window at some picture postcards. I went up to him and patted him on the shoulder. He looked round and exclaimed, 'Good God, it's Sam

Mitham!' I gave him quite a surprise, as he had given up all hopes of meeting anyone from Swavesey. He has been out here nearly twelve months, and I was the first Swavesey man he had seen. We were both very pleased to meet one another, and we have had several little walks together since and talked of the dear old place. I was going up to see him this evening, and take the "Weekly News" for him to read, but it has turned out a very wet night, and I am writing this letter instead. He was looking a bit older, but said he was in the best of health. He thought I was looking exceptionally well. He is down from the line on 14 days' rest. I took him over to see George Dean (another Swavesey man in the R.A.M.C.) last Sunday, and we gave him quite a surprise. Dean is about nine miles from here. I have been transferred to this new company about a week now, and am expecting to be drafted up the line any day, after two years' base work. I must turn in to 'kip' now, as it is nearing 'lights out,' but I thought I must write and let you know that the boys have not forgotten the old village." Pte. Henry G. Key joined up as a volunteer on 15th March, 1916, and was sent to France on 15th July last, leaving his baker's business in charge of his wife, who is gamely "carrying on," with the assistance of a small girl.

HAY HARVEST. 13th July 1917

Rain fell on Sunday and Monday and was very acceptable, but rather hindered hay work. The Swavesey hay crop is as a rule very light this year.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 20th July 1917

Trooper John Taylor, Yeomanry, arrived in Swavesey on Sunday evening on ten days' leave from France. He is in good health.

OBITUARY. 20th July 1917

News reached Swavesey on Sunday morning that Mrs. Jane Parish, wife of Mr. Ephraim Parish, had died at her home in Manchester in her 68th year. The funeral took place on Wednesday. Mrs. Parish, prior to her marriage, was a Miss Crisp, of Longstanton. Her husband was a native of Swavesey, where two of his brothers, Mr. Ebenezer Parish, J.P., and Mr. Z. Parish, are residing.

GONE TO THE FRONT. 20th July 1917

Pte. S. J. Froment has been transferred to the infantry from the Army Service Corps, in which he enlisted as a baker on 6th August, 1915, and is now serving with the Border Regiment in France. Pte. Froment was well known locally as a cricketer. Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., has also gone to France within the

last few days. His grocery and drapery business in High-street, Swavesey, is being carried on by his wife.

ACCIDENT. 20th July 1917

On Tuesday Mr. Albert Holmes, eldest son of Mr. Harry Holmes, Middle Watch, met with an accident whilst engaged with a steam plough at Bluntisham. He was sitting on the plough, which was tearing up grass land, and was jolted off as the shares struck an old and overgrown road. One share caught his foot and cut through his boot from side to side, shaving off a piece of the sole of his foot. It took some time to release him. He was taken to his home in Swavesey, and is under treatment there.

YOUTHFUL GARDENERS COMMENDED. 20th July 1917

Mr. T. Stone, the County Inspector of Gardening, recently paid an official visit to Swavesey National School, and after a thorough inspection of the boys' gardening, expressed his entire satisfaction with the way in which the plots had been cultivated. Ten boys, averaging eleven years of age, are under instruction, and they have seven plots in the garden attached to the schoolhouse. At present there are 36 different varieties of vegetables under cultivation, ranging from potatoes to radishes. Mr. George Hicks, the temporary headmaster, is acting as instructor, and his great aim is to make his boys intelligent, tidy and practical cottage gardeners, and he appears to be succeeding.

LEST WE FORGET. 20th July 1917

It is rumoured that the reason the repairs to the dilapidated Parish Council property in High-street have not been completed – they were to have been finished by the end of May – is because of the shortage of wood owing to the war, but it is not clear whether the same excuse applies to the absence of the roofing. It is suggested that the buildings have been left uncompleted to remind the parishioners of Swavesey that there is a war on, and for the same reason it is presumed the repairs ordered something like a year ago to the cobblestone pathway in High-street, have not been executed, and the churchyard wall allowed to crumble away. Unless this is the explanation of the neglect of public property, it is difficult to understand why private repairs can be, and are being, attended to.

A DRIVER'S ESCAPES. 20th July 1917

Writing to our Swavesey representative from Bath War Hospital, where he has been a patient for some time, Driver Sidney W. Wright, Machine Gun Corps,

gives an account of some of his narrow escapes when at the front. After he had been a week in Belgium he went up to the trenches for the first time at night with a water cart. He says: "The Germans opened machine guns on us, and six bullets hit the back of the water cart, and as I lay full length on the mule's back a bullet went through my hat, just missing my head. When we left Belgium for the Somme I was hit by a shrapnel bullet on the muscle of my right arm. Then I got entangled in his (the Hun's) old barbed wire, which has caused me much pain, for blood poisoning set in." Driver Wright wishes to be remembered to all his Swavesey friends.

TO THE FRONT. 27th July 1917

Pte. George Seekings, Cambridgeshire Regt., has joined his battalion in France, and Pte. Isaac Parish has also "gone over the water."

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. 27th July 1917

The managers of Swavesey National School decided on Tuesday that the school should be closed for the harvest holidays on the 17th August, and not re-open until Monday, 1st October.

A BREWER'S RIDDLE. 27th July 1917

The following printed notice, issued by a well-known firm of brewers has been exhibited in a Swavesey publichouse: "no bottled goods will be supplied from this establishment unless empties for the same quantity are exchanged at the time." One customer on reading the notice shook his head, and asked the pertinent question, "How am I to start? I have no empty bottles!" Another critic expressed the opinion that the rule penalised the customer who has habitually promptly returned empty bottles, and favoured those careless persons whose retention of bottles has caused brewers, bottlers, and retailers expense and inconvenience and contributed to the shortage of bottles.

SWAVESEY RED CROSS SALE. 27th July 1917

Sir, - When are we to hear the financial result of the Agricultural Jumble Sale promoted by the Swavesey District Branch of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund? The sale was held at Swavesey on Thursday, 7th June – seven weeks ago. – Yours, etc.,

ENQUIRER.

25th July, 1917

CORRECTION. 3rd Aug. 1917

The late Mrs. Ephraim Parish was in her 58th year at the time of her death, and not as stated previously.

THE CUCKOO. 3rd Aug. 1917

A cuckoo has been hatched by robins in a nest close to the back door of Mr. H. Capper's house in Middle Watch, in full view of persons passing in and out of the house. Another cuckoo has been hatched by robins at the V.A.D. Hospital.

THE WEATHER. 3rd Aug. 1917

Writing on Wednesday, our Swavesey representative says:- Heavy rain falling almost continuously since Sunday has completely stopped all fruit gathering, and farm work is also at a standstill. Some wheat was cut last week, and plum gathering commenced on Thursday. People in the village are wondering why the School Managers decided not to break up for the harvest holiday until Friday, the 17th instant, as with fine weather boys will be wanted long before that date.

A THREE YEARS' RECORD. 3rd Aug. 1917

Three years ago – on the 4th August, 1914 – Great Britain declared war on Germany. On the following day four Reservists and six Territorials resident in Swavesey were called to the Colours on mobilisation. Of the Reservists, Pte. Walter Neal, Bedfordshire Regt., died of wounds on the 12th September, 1916; Pte. A. Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, was severely wounded towards the close of 1914, but has since returned to his regiment; Sergt. B. G. Mann, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was in a torpedoed transport in the Mediterranean last April, but was rescued after a long swim. The six Territorials have so far escaped inclusion in the casualty lists. Since the declaration of war 63 Swavesey residents have enlisted in the fighting forces of the country, namely 24 between August, 1914, and the end of 1915, 28 during 1916, and 11 during the present year. Of these Lance-Corpl. J. W. Prior and Private Jonas Dodson, Suffolks, were reported missing on the 1st July, 1916, and have since been recorded as believed to have been killed on that date. Private George H. Norman, R.W. Kents, died on the 3rd October, 1916, of wounds received in an attack on the Schwaben Redoubt (Thiepval), and Sergt. A. A. Linford and Pte. J. W. Hephner, Suffolks, have been missing since 28th April last. Nine of the remaining 58 men have been wounded, and some have suffered, or are suffering, from illnesses resulting from exposure and the hardship of life in the trenches.

ARMY NOTES. 3rd Aug. 1917

Pte. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers, arrived in England on Wednesday night in last week on leave from the front, and has been spending a few days in Swavesey. He is in excellent health. Private Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers (another battalion), reached home on Monday evening, fit and well. He joined up as a Reservist on 5th August, 1914, was in the retreat from Mons and subsequent hard fighting and arduous marching, was wounded in the abdomen very severely in the autumn of 1914, and after months in hospital and at home, rejoined his regiment and returned to France on the 13th February, 1916. He has since seen much service with his old battalion, to which he was fortunate enough to be sent back. Trooper Alfred Large, Yeomanry, who has been in hospital in France and England, suffering from trench fever, has been discharged convalescent, and is in Swavesey on ten days' furlough. Private Henry Wilderspin has been transferred from the Suffolk Territorials to the Northumberland Fusiliers, and has been in France for the last month. Private S. J. Froment, who joined the Army Service Corps as a baker on 6th August, 1915, and in March last was transferred to a Training Reserve Battalion, was temporarily attached to the Border Regiment on arrival in France. He has now found a permanent billet with a battalion of the Queen's R.W. Surrey Regiment. Serving in the same company is another Swavesey man, Private Alfred Prime, who was serving out tea when surprised by being challenged by his old friend, Pte. Froment. Pte. Prime has been at the front for nearly a year, and has been "over the top" more than once. Acting-Sergt. Edward Williams, Suffolk Regt., having recovered from his illness, returned to France on the 26th ult. – Pte. Christopher Day, R.A.M.C., arrived in Swavesey on leave from France on Wednesday evening.

FLOODED LAND. 10th Aug. 1917

In consequence of Middle Fen being flooded owing to last week's continuous rain, stock had to be removed on Saturday morning.

BANK HOLIDAY. 10th Aug. 1917

There were more visitors in Swavesey for the Bank Holiday week-end than there had been at similar times for the last year or two. Some of the visitors are employed on munition work.

OBITUARY. 10th Aug. 1917

Mr. George Edwards, son of the late Mr. George Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, Boxworth End, died at Woodford, Essex, last Friday, aged 49 years. He was a native of Swavesey, his birthplace being Slate Hall Cottages, Huntingdon-road.

A CRICKETER'S LETTER. 10th Aug. 1917

Writing on 30th July to our Swavesey representative from "Somewhere in France," Pte. S.J. Froment, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regiment, says:- "We are resting behind the line. We had a cricket match the other day, and had a band playing, but it was our big guns playing on the Germans. I hope I shall be able to bowl over as many Germans as I have taken wickets in my time, and then I think the war would soon be over. We have 'declared' and put them in, and we will soon have them all out. We are still winning. I receive the 'Cambs. Weekly News' every week, and it is good to know all the news from home. We have had a lot of rain the last few days, so it is very nice to sleep in the mud – I don't think. (Pte. Prime was wounded two days after the letter was written.)

MILITARY NOTES. 10th Aug. 1917

Pte. Charles S. Hepher, Suffolk Regiment, son of Mr. Samuel Hepher, the carrier from Swavesey to Cambridge and St. Ives, has been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal. He has been in France since the beginning of last December. His brother, Trooper Frank Hepher, Yeomanry, who joined up in November, 1914, and has been in France for some time, has met with an accident. Through his horse slipping into a shell-hole, the gallant trooper was thrown, and dislocated his shoulder. He is going on well. Gunner E. H. Peter, R.G.A., has been sick in hospital in France, but when last heard of was nearly convalescent. Sergt. Charles Wood, Royal Fusiliers, arrived in Swavesey on ten days' leave from France on Tuesday night quite unexpectedly, but in the best of health. In the piping days of peace Sergt. Wood is headmaster of Swavesey National School. He joined up on 14th October, 1914, and this is his second furlough from France.

SALE OF WORK. 10th Aug. 1917

The grounds of Trinity College Farm, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Norman, were the scene of a successful sale of work and the usual side-shows on Bank Holiday. The weather, fortunately, was kind. There was no sun, and threatening clouds floated overhead, but the rain kept off – and that was a great thing. The sale and its money-scooping accessories, were in aid of Bethel Baptist Chapel Renovation Fund, and the fund benefited to the extent of nearly £60. Owing to uncertain weather conditions, the stalls were wisely placed in a large barn. There were stalls of plain and fancy needlework, rummage, fancy articles, flowers and produce. The refreshment stall was well patronised, and so were the bran tub and Aunt Sally. Guessing competitions

included the usual bean, doll, cake, and smelling competitions, and the ever-popular hat trimming. One side-show deserves special mention, the "Fine Art Gallery or Cave of Mystery" – a title which suggested the work of painters of the Futurist school, and it is understood that the patrons of the cave had the privilege of gazing on some of the sublimest products of the genius of artists who work, despised to-day, will be treasured as priceless gems by our grandchildren. In the evening there was an outdoor concert, in the programme of which Swavesey songsters were assisted by friends from Longstanton, Fenstanton, Over and St. Ives.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 10th Aug. 1917

We learn that Corporal (Shoeing Smith) John Savage, R.F.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, Middle Watch, has been wounded in the left thigh, and is in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Corpl. Savage was a Reservist, and was re-called to the colours on mobilisation in August 1914. He arrived in Swavesey on ten days' leave at the end of June, and returned to France on the 6th ult., fit and in the best of spirits. Corpl. Arthur J. Coulson, Cambridgeshire Regiment, was wounded in the left arm in the big push on the 31st July. He went to France with his battalion in February 1915, and is already the possessor of two gold stripes for wounds, received in October and November, 1916, respectively. On the second occasion he was hit in the right arm. Writing to his mother, Mrs. James Coulson, on the 3rd inst., from the Canadian General Hospital, France, Corpl. Coulson says: "I am going on well at present. I think I am lucky getting out of the scrap as I have, but still we had a bit of our own back this time with the Hun. We drove him about four miles before I got hit." Corpl Coulson has since been removed to England, and is now in hospital in Leicester. Pte. Alfred Prime, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey Regiment) was wounded in the leg on August 1st. Writing to his wife from a hospital in France he says he is going on as well as can be expected, and assures her that she has no reason to worry about him. He went to France about eleven months ago.

DANGEROUS MUSHROOMS. 17th Aug. 1917

Two families in Swavesey have been suffering from illness this week through eating mushrooms, or what were supposed to be mushrooms.

FROM THE FRONT. 17th Aug. 1917

Lance-Corpl. Jethro Linford, Military Foot Police, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, arrived home on Monday morning early on ten days' leave from France. He is in the best of health and spirits. Prior to joining up on the

22nd November, 1915, he was a constable in the Cambs. Constabulary, and was stationed at Eltisley.

KEEPING THE FLAG FLYING. 17th Aug. 1917

Three or four years ago William Welch, son of Mr. Arthur Welch, Boxworth End, climbed one of the highest trees in the parish, and fastened a Union Jack to the loftiest branches. Every year since young Welch has replaced the flag with a new one, and within the past few days he has hoisted a still larger flag, attached to a pole, and fastened it to still higher branches. May this be an augury of the Allies coming out of the war "top dog" at an early date.

ARMY NOTES. 17th Aug. 1917

Corpl. (Shoeing Smith) John Savage, R.F.A., who was reported wounded last week, was gassed a fortnight before he was hit on the 29th July. He received his wound shortly after noon on that day when returning after having taken ammunition up to the line. A shell burst, a piece of which went into his horse just in front of his riding saddle, while another penetrated his left thigh, and then went into the horse. One of the wheel horses had its legs blown to pieces. After going a few yards, Corpl. Savage instructed a man to shoot the wheeler horse, and the party went on again until the Corporal found himself "going." Six of his men lifted him from his horse, bound him up, and took him to a field ambulance. He is now at a Red Cross Hospital at Guildford, and is going on nicely. – Pte. Alfred Prime, The Queen's, who, as stated last week, was wounded on 1st August, is in the military hospital at Bagthorpe, Nottingham. He was struck by shrapnel behind the knee, and was also slightly gassed. In less than a year he has been five times "over the top."

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 24th Aug. 1917

The collections at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Sunday, 12th inst., were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Last Sunday it was announced that £4 had been contributed.

QUESTION FOR PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Aug. 1917

A parishioner is anxious to know whether the bye-laws controlling the Recreation Ground have been rescinded or suspended, and if so, on what date, under what circumstances, and by whose authority? He asks the question because on Tuesday evening a gentleman was having a very happy time exercising his horse by cantering round the Recreation Ground.

WAR ITEMS. 24th Aug. 1917

Pte. David Sutton, the Queen's, who was wounded in the thigh on 9th April last, and has been in hospital ever since, has had his leg amputated above the knee. He was previously wounded in the chest in August, 1916. Private James Prime, London Regt., has been promoted lance-corporal and has been awarded the Military Medal. Private Isaac Parish, Suffolk Regt., is serving with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, and Sapper Arthur C. Garner, R.E., left England last week for "somewhere." Private Charles W. Prime, Bedfordshire Regiment, is sick in hospital in France, and Sergt. B. G. Mann, Royal Welsh Fusiliers when last heard of was down with dysentery in Egypt.

SWAVESEY RED CROSS SALE. 24th Aug. 1917 MAGNIFICENT FINANCIAL RESULT.

The Executive Committee of the Swavesey District Farmers' Red Cross Jumble Sale held their final meeting at Swavesey National School on Thursday evening in last week, Mr. Jacob Frohock presiding.

The treasurer, Mr. Parker, Capital and Counties' Bank, St. Ives, presented the accounts, which had been audited by Mr. G. Dennis Day, St. Ives, and they showed that the sale on June 7th had realised the splendid sum of £674 8s. 2d., after payment of expenses. A cheque for this amount was drawn and has been forwarded to headquarters.

THE LATE PTE. S. J. FROMENT. 31st Aug. 1917

The following letter has been received by the widow of Pte. S. J. Froment, the Queen's, from an officer of his company: "It is with extreme sorrow that I have to inform you that your husband, Pte. S. J. Froment, was killed in action on 5th August while doing his duty. He had not been with the company very long, but it was long enough to prove him a good and willing soldier, and his loss will be felt by all the company. He was killed instantaneously, and was buried within our lines."

WAR NOTES. 31st Aug. 1917

Sergt. Edward Williams, Suffolk Regt., arrived in Swavesey from France last week-end on a fortnight's leave preparatory to joining an officer's cadet battalion. Trooper Frank Hephner, Yeomanry, roused his parents at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday. He had reached Cambridge from the front on Saturday night to late to journey on the Swavesey by train, and had therefore cycled home. He dislocated his shoulder a short time ago through his horse falling into a shell hole, and his arm is still stiff, but otherwise he is in excellent health. He was last home 19 months ago. Private Isaac Parish is in the Royal Sussex Regiment, not the Suffolks, as stated last week. Private H. G. Key, Sherwood

Foresters, in a letter received this week, says he continues fit and well. He is never so happy as when in the trenches. He has had a year at the front, and is looking forward to a spell of rest at home. Gunner Frederick A. Prior, R.F.A., crossed over to France on the 23rd inst. Private Alfred Prime, the Queen's, who was wounded on 1st August, and is doing well in the military hospital at Bagthorpe, Nottingham, distinguished himself in action in June. He was in the trenches and the German fire was intensely severe, and a retirement appeared necessary. His lieutenant called for volunteers to stay with him to hold the trench, and a corporal and two privates promptly answered his call. The gallant quartette held the position for a day and a night, and all came out unscathed. At a subsequent parade of the battalion the four heroes were highly commended by the General, who spoke of their conduct as worthily upholding the splendid traditions of their famous regiment, and he announced that he had "mentioned" their names in his despatch.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG WOMAN. 31st Aug. 1917

As the result of an accident met with at Tottenham Court-road Tube Railway Station on Thursday evening, 23rd inst., Miss Beatrice Savage, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, of Swavesey, died in hospital early on the following morning, without having regained consciousness. She was 24 years of age, and was in service at Golder's Green. The body reached Swavesey Station at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, and the funeral took place immediately at Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated, and the service had to be curtailed owing to the bad weather. Wounded soldiers from the V.A.D. Hospital close by lined the cemetery path from the gateway, and saluted as the body was borne past them. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. John Savage (parents), the Misses A. and S. Savage (sisters) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage (brother and sister-in-law). Unfortunately, through missing a train, Corpl. (Shoeing Smith) J. Savage, R.F.A., wounded in July and released from hospital for the day, his eldest sister, and Mrs. Brown of Walthamstow (aunt) did not reach Swavesey until too late for the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. J. Savage and family wish to convey their sincerest thanks to their many kind friends for the greatly appreciated expressions of sympathy in their trouble and grief.

WOUNDED. 31st Aug. 1917

Mr. David Parish, Boxworth End, has been officially informed that his son, Pte. James H. Parish, Royal West Kent Regt., was wounded on 1st August. No further tidings of him have been received, and neither the nature of his injury nor the hospital at which he is under treatment is known.

WATER WASTED. 7th Sept. 1917

In two or three places in the village water from the new public water mains has been running to waste owing to leaks for some time. Ratepayers are complaining and wondering when a District Councillor will find time to have repairs executed.

WAR NOTES. 7th Sept. 1917

Pte. Henry Wilderspin, Northumberland Fusiliers, is in hospital in France suffering from a sprained ankle, the result of an accident. Driver Sidney W. Wright, Machine Gun Corps, has been in Swavesey on a few days' leave after discharge from hospital. He had been ill for many months in various hospitals in France and this country, and he appears still to be far from fit. He rejoined his depot yesterday (Thursday). Pte. George E. Hepher, late Yeomanry, has been home on short leave from France and was looking very fit. He has recently been transferred to a kilted battalion (the Liverpool Scottish) of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment.

SUGAR. 7th Sept. 1917

A meeting was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week to explain the conditions under which a further issue of Government sugar would be made to persons growing their own fruit for jam, and to take the names of eligible applicants. Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Aldred explained matters and Mr. Aldred acted as clerk or secretary. Several housewives went away disappointed and dissatisfied, their applications having been rejected as they grew no fruit. One lady in a similar position also attended. She had had some fruit given her during the day, and before leaving home for the school she had put it on the fire in a stew pan so as to be ready for the sugar on her return. She was under the impression that the sugar would be distributed that night. She did not wait until the end of the meeting. On Wednesday evening the Village Crier announced with much ringing of his bell that the sugar would be distributed at the school on the following afternoon.

FOOD CONTROL. 7th Sept. 1917

With the addition of a lady and a Labour representative, the Food Control Committee for Swavesey Rural District will consist of the whole of the eight members of the District Council, viz., Mr. J. Frohock (Lolworth), chairman of the Council, Messrs. F. Kirby and I. Hemington (Over), A. Day and E. Parish (Swavesey), J. Scambler (Conington), H. Baldwick (Fen Drayton), and R. Mailer (Boxworth). The Council selected Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, as

the lady member, and Mr. C. Webster, Over, to represent the Labour interest. Mr. Reynolds, Inspector of Nuisances, has been appointed inspector. It is open to question whether the District Council would not have been well advised if they had sought assistance from outside their own ranks. They represent one class only – the farmers. Our Swavesey representative has been informed by Mrs. Cooksey that owing to serious demands on her time and energies she has been compelled to decline the invitation to serve on the Food Control Committee. Apart from other duties, Mrs. Cooksey devotes many hours every day to her onerous work as Quartermaster at Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital.

ADVERT. 14th Sept. 1917

Aldred's 22nd Annual Harvest Sale commences Saturday, September 22nd, to Saturday, October 6th. Special lines in Drapery. Terms Cash.

DISAPPOINTED. 14th Sept. 1917

People who anticipated cheaper meat when ordering their week's supply last Friday, were disappointed. The local butchers made no reduction in their charges.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADE. 14th Sept. 1917

The scholars and friends of Bethel Baptist Sunday School have contributed £1 4s. 0½d. to the Sunday School Union Crusade Fund.

A GIANT MARROW. 14th Sept. 1917

A green and yellow striped vegetable marrow of the same girth throughout (grown by Mr. Jethro Linford) measures one yard in length and one yard in circumference. It is said to be the champion.

WAR NOTES. 14th Sept. 1917

Trooper Frank H. Wilderspin, Yeomanry, after a short time with the Dragoon Guards, has been transferred to the infantry, and is now serving in the Manchester Regiment. Corporal Arthur J. Coulson, Cambridgeshire Regiment, has been discharged from hospital, and is in Swavesey on ten days' leave before rejoining his unit. He has been three times wounded, the last occasion being on July 31st. Private George E. Hepher, just transferred to the Liverpool Scottish from the Yeomanry, with whom he had been serving in France for some time, writes to say that he does "look a nib in a kilt, but the comfort is surprising." He adds that he does not like the bagpipes, but supposed that he will soon get used to them. Sapper Lawson W. Hepher, late

Canadian Engineers, is now with an Officers' Cadet Battalion at Exeter, in training for a commission in the Royal Artillery. Rejected on medical grounds in Canada at the beginning of the war, he came to this country and underwent an operation. In February, 1915, he joined the Canadian Infantry in England, went to France three months later, and was subsequently transferred to the Engineers. His brother, Sergt. Wilfrid Hephher, R.E., was awarded the D.C.M. in June, 1916, and was killed in action on 15th September following. Another brother, Sergt. Frank Hephher, London Rifle Brigade, has been in France for a long time. They are the sons of the late Mr. Jesse Hephher, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Swavesey District.

DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SUGAR. 14th Sept 1917

Five hundred lbs. of Government sugar, obtained through the Horticultural Sub-Committee of the County War Organisation Committee, were distributed at the National School on Thursday afternoon in last week. Owing to the limited quantity supplied, no persons who had already had Government sugar could obtain any more, and the successful applicants, 85 in number, were not allotted anything like as much as they had asked for. One applicant received 11lbs., and the remaining 84 had from 10lbs. to 3lbs. each, according to size of family and their ability to buy jam. The distribution was made by Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Aldred, assisted by Mr. Aldred and Mr. W. Twist, to none of whom was allotted any sugar. Every ounce of sugar was disposed of. To save cost of carriage on the return of the empty bags, they were sold to Mr. Twist at 4d. each, the amount charged to the Swavesey Committee as per invoice. It is understood that 800lbs. of sugar was ordered for Swavesey, and when only 500lbs. arrived at the railway station, Mrs. Cole immediately wired to the committee in Cambridge asking if any more would follow. To this telegram she received no reply. The small and inadequate quantity to be distributed aroused much dissatisfaction in the village and dissatisfaction soon changed to indignation when it became known that surrounding villages had been treated far more generously. Sugar was allotted to the parishes in Swavesey Rural District as follows: Boxworth (population 1911 census 233), 300lbs.; Conington (pop. 127), 300lbs.; Fen Drayton (pop 237) 300lbs.; Lolworth (pop. 160), 500lbs.; Over (pop. 900), 2,500lbs.; Swavesey (pop. 904), 500lbs. Outside the Swavesey district Willingham (pop. 1,695) had 6,700lbs., about three tons, and Longstanton (population of combined parishes 411), 1,000lbs. The above figures speak for themselves. In the four smaller parishes in the Swavesey district, with a total population in 1911, but now probably less, of 757, received 1,400lbs, 900lbs. more than Swavesey with 150 more population. Over, with practically the same population, was allotted five times

as much as Swavesey. At Lolworth, it is alleged that one cottager was given six stone of sugar, the cost of which at 7d. a lb. would be £2 9s., and if used in accordance with the conditions of allotment, would make at least 140lbs. of jam. A rumour, believed to be well founded, is a float that in another village sugar not wanted by applicants was disposed of to old age pensioners with the consent of the authorities in Cambridge. There are also rumours that the system of distribution in some villages did not comply with the conditions under which the sugar was supplied by the Sugar Commission. It is felt that the matter calls for stringent inquiry. It is presumed that the officials in Cambridge were well aware of the population of the different parishes, and should have noticed, and inquired into, the great disparity in the quantities applied for as compared with the population. For example, if 500lbs was sufficient for 904 Swavesey people, why should the same quantity of sugar be required by 160 Lolworth inhabitants?

JOINED UP. 21st Sept. 1917

Alfred Charles Hephher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hephher, Market-street, having attained the age of 18 years, joined up on the 13th inst.

BREAD. 21st Sept. 1917

Swavesey bakers reduced the price of bread to 9d. per quartern loaf on Monday, and decided to make no extra charge for delivery. Flour is being sold at 2s. 10d. per stone over the counter.

THE VOLUNTEERS. 21st Sept. 1917

Corpl. J. B. Parish, Ptes. H. Capper and F. Clark, 2nd Cambs. Volunteer Regt., appeared in uniform for the first time at drill at Willingham last Sunday. The remainder of the Swavesey Volunteers in A and B classes will be in khaki very shortly. The next drill will be held in the Manor Field, Swavesey, at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

GOVERNMENT SUGAR. 21st Sept. 1917

In common with the rest of the county, a further supply of Government sugar is to be allotted to Swavesey. Intending applicants were requested by the village crier to attend at the school on that evening to give in their names and the quantity of sugar they desired. The sugar will, it is hoped, be distributed very soon.

WAR NOTES. 21st Sept. 1917

Gunner Thomas W. Savage, R.G.A., landed in France on the 8th inst. Pnr. A.J.K. Inglett, R.E., who was invalided from France in the spring, has been discharged from the army as unfit for further war service. He is under treatment in a sanatorium at Ipswich, and is reported to be somewhat improving in health and is putting on weight.

WASTE OF WATER. 21st Sept. 1917

The defective public water main in High-street, which had been leaking seriously for about three weeks, was repaired last Friday. Ratepayers are inquiring what is the cause of these frequently-occurring leakages in pipes which had been in use for five or six years only. Are the pipes defective or unsuitable? they ask, and if so, who were responsible for their acceptance? It is also thought that a leakage should be attended to with promptness. Delay involves waste of water and waste of the ratepayers' money.

FOOD COMMITTEE. 21st Sept. 1917

A correspondent writes: It is to be hoped that the Swavesey Food Control Committee will not hold their meetings in a private room at St. Ives as is the case with the Swavesey Tribunal. The Tribunal's action in sitting in private, and out of the district, has given rise to great dissatisfaction. The Labour representative should take the matter up if he wishes to be considered the workers' representative, and insist on the meetings of the committee being held within the Swavesey Rural District. To be really effective the Committee should have the full confidence of the public, but this confidence they will not have if their proceedings are shrouded in mystery, as are the proceedings of the Tribunal. The local War Organisation Committee and the Farmers' Red Cross Jumble Sale Committee meet, or met, in the district; why cannot the Food Control Committee do the same?

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 21st Sept. 1917

We regret to announce the death on Saturday last, after six weeks' illness, of Mrs. Mary Wright, widow of the late Mr. William Wright. Mrs. Wright, who was 81 years of age, left three sons and three daughters. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Abblett and Miss H. Wright (daughters), Mr. Horace Wright (grandson), Mrs. J. Wright (sister-in-law) and Mr. J. Bridgeford (brother-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, and Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE MEAT PROBLEM. 21st Sept. 1917

A leading Swavesey butcher has informed our Swavesey representative that the paragraph in last week's "Press and News" respecting the price of meat was not strictly accurate. Whilst it had not been possible to charge less for prime cuts, commoner joints are being sold at a reduction of 2d. a lb. for beef and 1d. a lb. for mutton on the previous prices. Pork, however, remained unaltered. He added that it will not be possible for local butchers to conform strictly with the Food Controller's rates, except at serious loss to themselves so long as the cost of live beasts etc., remains as high as it is at present. At St. Ives Market on Monday, he said, no cattle or sheep could be bought at a price to meet the Controller's requirements. Having to pay these excessive prices, and if not paid no suitable animals are obtainable, how could a butcher, he asked, sell meat retail at the prices fixed by the Food Controller? In his opinion the difficulty could be met by the adoption of a system of purchase by the butcher by live weight at fixed prices, and by the grading of different kinds of cattle. The matter has been represented to the Swavesey District food Committee, and as eight or nine of the ten members of that body are interested in farming, they will, doubtless, approach the subject with the knowledge of experts.

FROM THE FRONT. 28th Sept. 1917

Gunner John R. Smith, Canadian Heavy Artillery, son of Mr. James Smith, Boxworth End, arrived in Swavesey on ten days' leave from France on Friday. He is in excellent health.

SUGAR. 28th Sept. 1917

A second distribution of Government sugar was made at the National School on Monday, and this time there was general satisfaction, as the quantity supplied was 2,400 lbs., all of which was disposed of.

MISPLACED WATER. 28th Sept. 1917

A considerable tract of land near the river in Middle and Mow Fens is under water, and Mow Fen and River droves were impassable for pedestrians this week. Blackberry gathering has in consequence been interfered with.

A GOOD YIELD. 28th Sept. 1917

Potatoes grown by the Swavesey Stationmaster at the side of the railway line have yielded excellently this year. Two stone of Arran Chief seed, rather large, have produced on two poles of land 38 stone of potatoes, all in the best

condition. This is at the rate of 19 tons to the acre. Some King Edwards on an adjoining plot yielded equally well.

WAR NOTES. 28th Sept. 1917

Writing home from France this week Sergt. C. Wood, Royal Fusiliers, the Swavesey schoolmaster and bowler, says: "I have kept up the Swavesey name here. This is my bowling record: 1st match, 8 wickets for 10 runs; 2nd, 7 for 21; and 3rd, 3 for 14." Sergt. Wood met Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters by accident shortly before writing, and had half-an-hour's chat with him. Pte. Fred Carrier, Suffolk Regt., who has been at his home in Over on short leave, has been looking up his old friends in Swavesey, his native village. He has been on the Western front for a long time. Pte. Isaac Parish, Royal Sussex Regt., has been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. He landed in Egypt in August. His younger brother, Pte. John Parish, Training Reserve, has been promoted Lance-Corporal, and is now at a school of instruction for N.C.O's. Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., and Pte. P.V. Maltby, South Staffords, have been home this week on draft leave. Letters have at last been received from Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A. He is on his way to a distant "somewhere."

LETTER FROM FRANCE. 28th Sept. 1917

Writing to our Swavesey representative, under date September 17th, Pte. H. G. Key, of the Robin Hoods (Sherwood Foresters), says: "I always think about you when I receive the 'Press and News,' which is the best thing I get out here. I think most of the boys think so too. S. Mitham says just the same. I was pleased to see him and George Dean while I was at Boulogne. I was very pleased with what was said about the Swavesey Roll of Honour in the paper. We have a warm time of it here, and so does the Bosche – only a little bit warmer at times. It is a pity we were not prepared as we are now, but we know whom we have to thank for the beginning of this war. I was so sorry to hear about S. J. Froment (killed on August 5th), but there are a lot like him, and will be while this lasts. He was a very nice fellow indeed. I have heard that P. Maltby is in the Staffords. They have done great in this war. I hope it won't be long before I see you. I am all right, and never felt any better. There's not much beer, but we live well." Pte. Key joined up voluntarily on 15th March, 1916, and went to France on the 15th July following. His business as a baker in Swavesey is being carried on by his wife.

WAR NOTES. 5th Oct. 1917

Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regiment, when heard of recently was in hospital in France. Mr. A. J. K. Inglett, who has been invalided out of the

Royal Engineers, has greatly improved in health since he has been under treatment at the sanatorium at Ipswich.

WAR SAVINGS. 5th Oct. 1917

The subscriptions to the Swavesey War Savings Association during the three months ended 30th September amounted to £16 19s. There are thirty members. The nineteen members of the Savings Association connected with the National School contributed £5 2s. 8d. during the same period, the total sum subscribed by the children being £8 9s. 7d.

RISE IN MILK PRICES. 5th Oct. 1917

The retail price of milk sold in Swavesey was raised to 6d. a quart on Monday. Housewives are wondering what is the need for the increase, seeing that there is, and has been, plenty of feed, involving no additional expense, and that the rents of land have not gone up. Perhaps the matter will be taken into consideration by the Food Control Committee, who have the power of varying the price, subject to the veto of the Food Controller.

FANTASTIC POTATOES. 5th Oct. 1917

Two potatoes of fantastic shape have been dug up by Mr. William Burton and Mr. J. B. Parish respectively. Mr. Burton's specimen, an Eclipse weighing nearly 1¾lbs., is like an aeroplane, and a facetious person has suggested that the parent tuber was frightened in its early stage by a flying machine passing overhead. Mr. Parish's potato, which scales 2lbs. 7oz., resembles a crab – a large central body surrounded by six good-sized excrescences.

A PATRIOTIC FAMILY. 5th Oct. 1917

Mr. Cyril Hepher, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, joined up on Tuesday. Thirteen months ago he was put back for a year by the Medical Board at Bury. This September he succeeded in passing, and refused to allow his employer to appeal for him. His two brothers are already in the Army. The elder, Pte. J. W. Hepher, Suffolk Regiment, has unfortunately been missing since April 28th, and the younger, Pte. A. C. Hepher, who joined up on the 13th ult., is with a Training Reserve Battalion.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 5th Oct. 1917

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the parish church on Wednesday, Sept. 26th, and were continued on Sunday, Sept. 30th. The preacher at Evensong on Wednesday was the Rev. R. P. Moline, rector of Cottenham, who preached an excellent sermon. The church was beautifully decorated by

the ladies of the congregation. The offerings of fruit and vegetables were exceptionally plentiful, and were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The offertories throughout the day on Wednesday and Sunday morning were on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and amounted to £10 11s. 8d. A thanksgiving service was also held at the Mission Church on Sunday at 2.30 p.m., when the children brought their offerings of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The offertory, which amounted to 6s. 6d., was for Addenbrooke's Hospital. The Mission Church was tastefully decorated. The vegetables were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and the fruit and flowers to St. Ives Infirmary.

FOOD TRADERS ON COMMITTEES. 12th Oct. 1917

Complaints have been lodged with the Food Controller against several of the Committees set up by local Rural Councils, on the ground that they are composed mainly of farmers, who are, of course, food traders. In a letter to Clare Rural Council the Assistant Commissioner for the Eastern Division inquires how the Council propose to conform to the wish of the Food Controller that not more than one-third of the Committee should be food traders. The difficulty, of course, is that the majority of public men in any agricultural district are agriculturists, and we do not quite see how Lord Rhondda – or anyone else – can get over it. The Swavesey and Caxton Councils are in similar case, and are both, we understand, in the Controller's black books. The Caxton Committee threaten to resign in a body if they are interfered with, and the Swavesey Committee will probably follow their example. Incidentally, it is interesting to note from the letter alluded to, that "co-operative traders" are not regarded by the Controller as "food traders."

A BELATED OFFICIAL SUGGESTION. 12th Oct. 1917

The County Education Secretary has issued a circular under date of 8th October to the correspondents of schools under his supervision, calling their attention to a letter, dated 3rd October, from the Board of Education, written on behalf of the Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture, in which it is requested that certain local education authorities should be asked to give facilities for the collection of blackberries through the children in the elementary schools for the purpose of making jam for the Army and Navy. It is pointed out that it is desired to obtain a very large quantity of berries, as they have a special medicinal value for the health of the troops, and, although the season for blackberrying is well advanced, the Food Production Department think that good results could be obtained, especially if the children were granted one or two half-holidays per week for the purpose. Full type-

written instructions, including information as to dispatching the fruit and the payment which is to be made for the same (1½d. per lb.), were enclosed with the circular. The idea is an excellent one, but, as usual, too late to be successfully carried into effect in this district. Blackberries have been plentiful, but there has been a great demand for them for domestic jam, and the recent frosts have damaged the few remaining on the hedgerows. When the suggestion was put before the children in one school in the county, they declared that they did not think they could get half a pint of berries, yet the berries had been unusually plentiful in the district, and the youngsters would have been only too pleased to have availed themselves of one or two half-holidays a week. The same is no doubt the case in other parts of the country. What evil genius presides at the Boards of Agriculture and Education? Why are they so often behind the times? Not long ago the Board of Agriculture suggested herrings as an excellent food when herrings were out of season, and now it is blackberries.

AN ANOMALY. 12th Oct. 1917

The woodwork class held on Friday afternoons at Swavesey National School consists entirely of boys from one or other of the schools in Over, as, owing to the claims of agriculture, there are no Swavesey boys eligible for the class at the present time.

THEFT OF A BAG. 12th Oct. 1917

At the County Police Station, Cambridge, on Tuesday, before Mr. H. F. Cook and Mr. J. Chivers, a tramp named Mary Smith, no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a brown leather bag, the property of Edward Spatchott, of Swavesey, on the same day, and was sentenced to one day's imprisonment.

A KIND-HEARTED SCHOOLMASTER. 12th Oct. 1917

Through the kindness and generosity of their headmaster (Mr. G. Hicks) the older boys attending Swavesey National School paid a visit to St. Ives last Friday and spent a very happy time at a circus then in the town. After the performance Mr. Hicks entertained his young guests at tea and then sent them home rejoicing.

CHESTNUTS. 12th Oct. 1917

Cannot a better use be found for horse chestnuts in Swavesey than making them into body belts and bandoliers for small boys? These chestnuts are urgently needed in connection with munition work. They take the place of grain which can be used for food. Swavesey children should follow the

example of youngsters in Fen Drayton, and do their bit in aid of their country's needs.

WAR NOTES. 12th Oct. 1917

Sapper Arthur Garner, R.E., arrived at Salonica on 7th September in good health. Travelling by the same ship were Miss Kirke Smith, of Boxworth, and other Red Cross nurses. Pte. Henry Wilderspin, Northumberland Fusiliers, who accidentally sprained his ankle in August, has again been in hospital in France. He is now convalescent, but not yet fit for duty. Lance-Corpl. Peter Ding, Yeomanry, son of the late Mrs. Joseph Ding, paid a short visit to his native village on Wednesday whilst on ten days' leave from France, where he had been for over two years. He was in the best of health and spirits. Between 1st October and 31st December, 1916, five men joined the Army from Swavesey. Four of them are serving abroad, viz., two in France, one with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, and one at Salonica.

THE FOOD QUESTION. 12th Oct. 1917

Two questions relative to the increased price of milk in Swavesey are being asked: (1) What is Mr. C. Webster, the Labour representative on the Swavesey District Food Control Committee, doing in regard to the matter? Nearly a fortnight has elapsed since the price was raised to 6d. a quart, one penny a quart more than the maximum charge allowed in the Newmarket district, and a half-penny more than in the Lancashire town of Darwen. It is felt the Mr. Webster's position on the Committee, if he does his duty by the class he is supposed to represent, will be a difficult and perhaps an unpleasant one, as all his colleagues are more or less interested in farming, and therefore directly or indirectly in the supply of milk. If he does his duty he ought to have, and no doubt will have, the support of those he is placed on the Committee to represent, the workers. (2) What is the lady member of the Committee doing? Milk is an essential part of the food of children, and her responsibility is therefore great, for the question of the food supply of the little ones ought to be one of her chief duties. The Food Committee may have met and taken the matter into their serious consideration, but as is the case with the Local Tribunal, their proceedings appear to be wrapt in mystery. It is understood, however, that they are meeting in St. Ives on Monday for a conference with the local butchers, and perhaps they will then come to some decision in regard to milk. But a fortnight is a long time to allow to pass before taking action on so important a matter as the supply and price of the children's food.

STTRANGE SWAVESEY CASE. 12th Oct. 1917

FARMER CHARGED WITH THREATENING TO SHOOT HIS SON.

At the County Police Station, Cambridge, on Wednesday, before Mr. H. F. Cook, H. W., sen., farmer, of Swavesey, was charged with threatening to shoot his son on the previous night.

The evidence showed that on the night of the 9th Mr. W., jun., went to the house of his father, who presented a gun at him and threatened to shoot him. A warrant was obtained, and Mr. W., sen., was arrested.

Accused was bound over in his own recognisances in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 12 months.

MISSING. 19th Oct. 1917

Pte. Walter Metcalfe, R.W. Kent Regiment, has been reported missing since 20th September. Writing on the 9th inst. to Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, Pte. Metcalfe's grandfather, his platoon officer says: "it is with deep regret that I have to inform you that your grandson, Pte. Walter Metcalfe, has been reported to me as missing since the attack on September 20th. He is greatly missed by his comrades and by myself as his Platoon Commander, as he was of such a cheerful and willing disposition and courageous under the most trying circumstances. Both his comrades and myself are expecting his return any day now, and should I receive any news of him I shall be only too pleased to communicate with you at once." Pte. Metcalfe joined up on 13th May, 1916, went to France on the 13th October, was invalided home during the spring of this year, and returned to France in June. His younger brother, Pte. William Metcalfe, is expecting to be sent abroad any day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. 19th Oct. 1917

THE PRICE OF MILK.

Sir, - I am writing this letter (trusting you will publish same), in reply to a paragraph entitled "The Food Question," which appeared in the "Cambs. Weekly News" on October 13th, under the heading of Swavesey. Our good correspondent seems quite hurt by the fact that the price of milk was raised on October 1st to 3d. per pint, and mentions milk as being the children's food in a most touching manner.

Although cows are still out to grass, rent has to be paid for the fields, which are practically not used during the winter. I know a good many people labour under the delusion that cows cost nothing to keep in summer, quite overlooking the rents. The reason why the price of milk was advanced in October was because the quantity of milk falls off very much at that time of the year.

Winchester, a parish made famous by having had John Keble as its vicar from 1836 until his death thirty years later. Pte. Howlett's parents in Swavesey have received satisfactory news of his condition this week. Pte. Albert G. Parish, King's Royal Rifles, has been in Swavesey on draft leave. He rejoined his unit on Wednesday. Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, attached to the transport of his battalion, has had another horse shot under him. He was a Reservist, recalled to the colours on mobilisation and was seriously wounded in October, 1914, but recovered and returned to his battalion in France on 13th February, 1916.

LECTURE. 26th Oct. 1917

Mr. Barnett, of the Band of Hope Union, gave a lecture on temperance to the children at Swavesey National School on Tuesday afternoon.

WAR NOTES. 26th Oct. 1917

Pte. Percy V. Maltby, South Staffordshire Regiment, crossed over to France last Friday. A letter has been received from Pte. William Harden, Shropshire Light Infantry, who is seriously ill in France, stating that he is rather better. Pte. Charles W. Prime, Bedfordshire Regiment, who was invalided home from the Western front in August, and has been in hospital since, arrived in Swavesey on ten day's leave on Wednesday. Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., landed in Mesopotamia in August. Pte. Hugh Smith, Suffolk Regiment, who was severely wounded on 19th May, is still in hospital at Bath. He is looking forward to being discharged in a short time.

FOR THE RED CROSS. 26th Oct. 1917

In connection with the Red Cross effort a whist drive was held in the Swavesey Schools, and flags were sold throughout the district. The demand for flags was so great that the usual supply proved inadequate.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT. 26th Oct. 1917

Writing on the 17th instant to our Swavesey representative from "somewhere in France," Lance-Corpl. George Dean, R.A.M.C., says:- "I have just been enjoying last week's 'Press and News'. and as it is a long time since I last wrote I decided to send you a few lines to let you know how much we appreciate your energy in collecting, and informing us of all news from the dear old village. May you continue for a long time to carry on with the good work. I received a letter from Jim (his eldest brother, a veteran of the South African War, who answered the call to serve in this war in December, 1915, when living in Australia) to-night, and he also said how much he enjoyed

reading the Swavesey news. He has been rather unfortunate lately. As you probably know, he is a corporal in the Australian section of the Imperial Camel Corps. Well, after many months in Palestine, he was granted eight days' leave, and journeyed down to Port Said to have a good time. He reached there all right, but on the second day he was taken ill and was admitted to hospital with a temperature of 101.3. It has since been proved that he has diphtheria, and although he was improving when he wrote, he was still on semi-fluid diet. Naturally, he is not at all pleased at having his leave spoilt like that. You will notice that I am attached to a convalescent camp now, and a very busy time we are having, the casualties in the recent stunts having been in the majority of cases only slight wounds. I was very sorry when Sam Mitham (another Swavesey young man in the R.E.) left here, as we were often able to spend the evening together. I had a letter from him the other night, in which he stated that he was having a busy time dodging the Bosche shells. I am glad the Hun aeroplanes don't visit Swavesey. He was often over here during the fine weather two or three times a day, but never succeeded in doing much damage. I am expecting to get over to see you in a few weeks, as it is fourteen months since I had my last leave." Lance-Corpl. G. Dean and his gallant Australian brother are the sons of the late Mr. James W. Dean and Mrs. Dean, Swavesey.

CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Oct. 1917

The Swavesey Parish Council should, in accordance with their Standing Orders, have met on the third Monday in July and October. Both dates have passed. Their last meeting was on May 18th.
(Long report in newspaper.)

MILK. 26th Oct. 1917

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, - With your permission, I should like to reply to "Swavesey Farmer's" letter of last week. In the first place, the letter from your correspondent of the previous week fitted the case exactly, and in drawing public attention to the price of milk at Swavesey he performed a public service much appreciated by local resident.

"Swavesey Farmer's" reply is singularly unconvincing. We all quite understand the rent has to be paid for the fields, but we are also told that the rents have not been raised since the commencement of the war.

We are also aware that supply and demand have a lot to do with prices, but will "Swavesey Farmer" please explain how it is possible for small cowkeepers in the village to sell milk at 11d. per gallon to local retailers?

Surely the cowkeepers are not doing so at a loss, and why do the local retailers charge 2s. per gallon for the same milk delivered in the same village, with no more cost of labour to meet than before the war, and no railway or other charges to pay?

Surely there is some profiteering going on somewhere which should be investigated by the authorities. – Yours etc.,

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

Swavesey, October 23rd. 1917

FOOD CONTROL. 2nd Nov. 1917

Sugar cards were delivered in Swavesey on Monday morning.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 2nd Nov. 1917

Driver Henry Carter, R.F.A., and Corpl. James Prime, London Regiment, arrived in Swavesey from Bourn on Wednesday evening. Driver Henry Carter was a Reservist called up on mobilisation. He went to France with some of the earliest British troops, was in the retreat from Mons, and in subsequent deadly and glorious battles, and was mentioned in despatches by Lord French (“London Gazette,” 1st January, 1916). He is in good health, but his late arduous work with the guns in seas of mud has reduced his once somewhat corpulent frame to far more meagre dimensions. Corpl. Prime also is in excellent condition and the best of spirits. He was awarded the Military medal last May, and is the first Swavesey man to win that distinction. Both men had a warm reception from their friends.

WAR NOTES. 2nd Nov. 1917

Pte. William H. Metcalfe is sick in hospital. He has only recently gone to France, and it is not known to what regiment he belongs. His elder brother, Pte. Walter Metcalfe, Royal West Kent Regt., was reported “missing” on September 20th. Mr. James W. Williams, who joined up on October 17th, has passed his tests for the Royal Flying Corps, and is now a Second Air Mechanic. Gunner Percy J. Beaumont, R.G.A., has been in hospital in France, suffering from swollen feet, etc., but is now convalescent. He went to the front on May 20th.

PROMOTION. 9th Nov. 1917

Corpl. Joseph B. Parish, 2nd Battalion, Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

WAR NOTES. 9th Nov. 1917

Pte. Harry Prime, Manchester Regiment, went to France on 15th October, and Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., on the 1st inst. Corpl. John A. Symonds has been transferred to the East Kent Regiment (the Buffs).

A PRICKLY VISITOR. 9th Nov. 1917

Mr. J. B. Parish the other evening found a hedgehog feeding from a cat's plate of food placed close to the back door of his house. The prickly visitor showed no signs of shyness, and evidently wished to finish its meal before moving on.

FOR THE FALLEN. 9th Nov. 1917

A memorial service for Swavesey men who have fallen in the war was held at the parish church on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance, and the congregation included wounded soldiers and nurses from the V.A.D. Hospital, and a contingent of Swavesey Volunteers (under command of Sergt. J. B. Parish) and Boy Scouts.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 9th Nov. 1917

Lance-Corpl. Arthur Prior, Cambridgeshire Regiment, and Pte. Henry G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on 14 days' leave from France. Both were in excellent health and spirits. Lance-Corpl. Prior, who served in the South African war with the Devon Yeomanry, joined the Cambridgeshires on 5th September, 1914, and went to France with the regiment in February 1915. He is attached to the Quartermaster's stores. Pte. Key also enlisted voluntarily on 15th March, 1916, and went over the water on the 15th July, 1916

EGGS FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED. 9th Nov. 1917

A representative from the War Office attended at Swavesey National School on Wednesday morning, and spoke to the children about collecting eggs for British wounded men in base hospitals in France and in home hospitals. He pointed out how necessary eggs were for the food of the wounded, many of whom were only able to take that kind of nourishment, and he begged the youngsters to do their utmost to collect eggs, or money to buy eggs. The collection will be taken in hand at once under the supervision of Mr. Hicks, the Headmaster, and though late in starting, it is hoped that Swavesey children will do even better than the young people in neighbouring villages, who have been collecting for some time. We know Swavesey children will do their best, and if they do better than the children of other villages near by, they will indeed do well.

SWAVESEY MILITARY MEDALLIST. 9th Nov. 1917

It was briefly recorded in these columns a short time ago that Corpl. James Prime, London Regiment, then a lance-corporal, had been awarded the Military Medal. It was not then known for what service the distinction had been given. Early in the morning of 25th May the Huns heavily bombarded the trenches on Messines Ridge held by Corpl. Prime's battalion in preparation for a raid. Anticipating the attack, Corpl. Prime mounted the parapet with his Lewis gun and opened a machine-gun barrage for all he was worth, thus preventing the enemy from reaching the British trench. Although knocked over several times, he kept up his barrage for the whole of the time the bombardment lasted, about an hour, and providentially escaped unhurt, though battered and bruised. A few weeks later, when the battalion was resting behind the lines, he was presented with the Military Medal at a church parade by his Divisional General. He was promoted corporal in August. Corpl. Prime is the second son of Mr. Alfred Prime, Taylor's-lane, Swavesey. His eldest brother, Pte. Alfred Prime, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regiment, was wounded in France on 1st August, and a younger brother, Pte. Harry Prime, went to France last month. Corpl. Prime has been in Swavesey this week on short leave, but returns to the front to-morrow.

WELL-EARNED REST. 9th Nov. 1917

Between Swavesey Railway station and the viaduct over the River Ouse are three gate-houses, picturesque and built of wood, in design resembling Swiss chalets. These houses are attached to railway crossings at Hog Pasture and Mow Fen Drove, Swavesey, and on the roadway from Fen Drayton to Holywell Ferry. For thirty years Mr. Alfred Spolton, the foreman platelayer of the "length," has lived and reared his family in the Mow Fen house, and here his devoted wife passed away rather more than three years ago. These pretty dwellings are remote from other houses, and in times of flood are frequently isolated. When the water rises high, the lower rooms are flooded, and a hurried retreat to shelter in the villages is necessary. Five times has Mr. Spolton had to move in thirty years. On Friday, 26th October, Mr. Spolton retired from railway service with a well-earned pension, after 37 years' faithful work, and is removing with his daughter and her family to a house in Swavesey village. Mr. Spolton entered the service of the Great Eastern Railway Company on the 24th September, 1880, as a platelayer, and seven years later was promoted to foreman platelayer. Not once during the 37 years was there any occasion for him to have an unpleasant interview with a superior official. He kept his record clear from first to last. He was never absent from work, not even for a day, but an accident on duty once laid him

aside for some weeks. In spite of his nearly seventy years, Mr. Spolton is still hale and hearty, and that he will continue to enjoy good health for years to come is the earnest hope of his friends.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 9th Nov. 1917

The Swavesey Parish Councillors were summoned to meet last Friday evening. At the appointed time the Chairman (Mr. A. Norman), Mr. W. Burton and Mr. R. Norman attended, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) and patiently waited for nearly an hour and a half, but no other councillors put in an appearance, and as a quorum of five was required by the Standing Orders no meeting could be held. It was, however, agreed that the Council should meet on Monday. On that evening six councillors attended viz., Messrs. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., A. T. Scard and W. Twist. Mr. Goad presided. After the minutes of the meeting on May 18th and of the meeting on Friday last which was not held had been read and signed, Messrs. Burton and Twist reported the result of the raid on sparrows. The former had paid 3s. 2½d. and the latter 2s. 7d to the raiders. The Clerk was instructed to refund this money to Messrs. Burton and Twist. Mr. Burton complained that the reward offered was not sufficient, and later in the meeting it was agreed to offer a penny for three full-grown birds and a penny for six young ones. After a complaint by Rev. J. F. Cooksey about the condition of the footpath across Church Green it was decided to write to the District Council asking that the path might be repaired with gravel. A letter was also read from Mr. J. W. Williams, who has recently joined up, resigning his post as sub-captain of the fire engine. Mr. George Clarke was appointed to the vacant office, with a retaining fee of 10s. a year. Payment of Mr. Challis's bill for repairing and reprinting the wooden street lamp posts, £4 8s., was authorised and a lock was ordered for the door of the shed in which the lamps are stored. The Clerk reported as to the repairs he had executed to the buildings on the parish property in High-street, and mentioned that a portion of the roof still had to be attended to. It was decided that Mr. John Hodson be instructed to thatch the piece of roof now uncovered and that he should find his own straw. A tour of inspection would be made of the property and the fence at the back.

PTE. JACK WILDERSPIN. 16th Nov. 1917

Information has been received from the Canadian Record Office, that Pte. Jack Wilderspin, Canadian Infantry, is in a Field Hospital in France, suffering from a shrapnel wound in the right leg. Pte. Wilderspin emigrated to Canada some years ago, and at the beginning of the war answered his country's call and

enlisted in a Canadian battalion with which he has served ever since. In April, 1915, he was in hospital in France suffering from burns. From information that has reached the village from other Swavesey men at the front, Jack Wilderspin appears to have earned the reputation of being absolutely devoid of fear.

MILK AND MEAT. 16th Nov. 1917

As far as is known to the public the Swavesey District Food Control Committee have taken no steps to deal with the retail price of milk, which remains at 6d. a quart. The butchers were supplied by the Committee last week with a maximum price list.

JOINED UP. 16th Nov. 1917

Mr. Dick Wilderspin, oil merchant, cycle agent, general dealer, etc., Swavesey, joined up on Tuesday. Mr. Wilderspin, who is well known for many miles around Swavesey, has been obliged to dispose of the bulk of his stock-in-trade, and practically close down a thriving and increasing business.

SHORTAGE OF TEA. 16th Nov. 1917

Swavesey people are feeling the inconvenience of the shortage of tea. For the last ten days or so every retailer in the village has at one time or another been unable to supply his customers, and when there was tea at disposal it has been doled out in restricted quantities. Tea rationing may therefore be said to have begun.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 16th Nov. 1917

By the death of Mrs. Susan Day on Friday last, the oldest woman parishioner of Swavesey has passed away. Mrs. Day, who attained the great age of 88 years last January, was the widow of the late Mr. Samuel Day, who died upwards of 20 years ago. Her illness was protracted, painful and very distressing, and she was confined to her bed for 15 weeks, but all her sufferings were borne with wonderful patience and resignation. She leaves one son and one daughter. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Herbert Day (son), Miss Elizabeth Day (daughter), Miss Emma Day (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, and Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day (nephews and nieces).

THE LATE MR. PHILIP STOCKER. 16th Nov. 1917

“Robin Goodfellow,” writing in last Saturday’s “Cambridge Daily News,” says:- “The doyen of Cambridge cabmen has passed away in the person of Phil. Stocker, leaving “Lame Walter,” with whom he often argued the point, in undisputed possession of the title. Which man owned the slowest horse has often been debated, but I am inclined to award the palm to Phil. Since the introduction of motor buses and taxis, Phil. specialised as a night cabman, and many an arrival by the last train on a wet night has been glad to avail himself of the refuge of his ancient four-wheeler. On wet nights, too, he was often to be found outside the New Theatre on the look-out for a late fare. R.I.P.” Mr. P. Stocker, who was 68 years of age, belonged to an old Swavesey family, being the son of the late Mr. Thomas Stocker. He was born in a house at Boxworth End, opposite the residence of the late Mr. W. C. Cole. This house was destroyed by fire many years ago. The younger brother, Mr. Ephraim Stocker, still resides in Swavesey. Philip Stocker left his native village upwards of forty years ago, and went to seek his fortune in Cambridge. After two or three years at Moden’s in Market-street, and the Wrestlers, near the Guildhall, he took up cab-driving, and was a cabman to the last. An older brother, Thomas, who is still living in the town, was also a well-known Cambridge cab-driver for many years. Mr. P. Stocker had been in bad health for some time, and had been under treatment at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, but his end was sudden. He died at home on Monday, 5th inst., and the funeral took place at Mill-road Cemetery last Friday, three of his four surviving brothers being present, with other members of the family

SWANS. 23rd Nov. 1917

Swans have made their appearance again on Mere Fen and adjacent flooded land.

CLERICAL PREFERMENT. 23rd Nov. 1917

The Rev. Anderson W. Wells, curate of All Saints’, Middlesborough, has been appointed vicar of St. Bartholomew’s, Whitworth, Rochdale, by Keble College Council, Oxford. Mr. Anderson Wells is a son of Mr. James Wells, of Swavesey, and is a graduate of the University of Durham.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 23rd Nov. 1917

Sapper S.F. Mitham, R.E., youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, arrived in Swavesey last Thursday on 14 days’ leave from the front. He is in good health. He joined up on 4th November, 1914, went to France in the following June, and was home on short leave in November of last year.

PTE. G. SEEKINGS. 23rd Nov. 1917

Official news has been received that Pte. George Seekings, Cambridgeshire Regt., has been "gassed." He is now a patient in the Military Hospital, Sycamore-road, Nottingham.

BELLS OF VICTORY. 30th Nov. 1917

The bells of the Parish Church were rung after the morning service on Sunday in honour of General Byng's victory.

THE SUGAR MUDDLE. 30th Nov. 1917

No instructions relative to the new system of sugar cards had reached Swavesey grocers on Wednesday. It is suggested that the village representatives on the Food Control Committee would render useful service if they would explain the latest arrangements to the perplexed householders.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 30th Nov. 1917

Pioneer Walter Coulson, R.E. (Road Construction Company), arrived home on Sunday on 14 days' leave from France. After a stormy sea voyage he reached Cambridge late at night; the last train to Swavesey had left, and he had to walk some ten weary miles home. He is in excellent health and spirits. Prior to joining up on the 1st June 1916, Pnr. Coulson was a Cambs. County Council roadman. He trained with the Suffolks, but on his arrival in France in October, 1916, was transferred to a battalion of the Lincolns, and saw service in the trenches. In March of this year he joined a Road Construction Company, R.E., and his last job before leaving for home was the preparation of roads for General Byng's great advance on the 20th inst.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 30th Nov. 1917

An address, entitled "The Romance and Reward of fifty years' work in the mission field" was given by Mr. Albert Carter, Birmingham, a retired missionary, at the Friends' Meeting House on the evening of the 21st inst. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Bethel Baptist Chapel, presided over a crowded audience. The address, which was very interesting, was in connection with a special effort on behalf of the Jubilee Fund of the Friends' Foreign Missions, and a collection in aid of the fund was made at the conclusion of the meeting. Several hymns were sung, Mrs. Ussher kindly playing the accompaniment on the organ. Mr. Carter exhibited articles made by native Indians, Americans, etc., some of which were sold and realised £1. During the afternoon Mr. Carter spoke at the Mother's Meeting in the same building.

WAR NOTES. 30th Nov. 1917

Pte. Jack Wilderspin, Canadian Infantry, who, as already announced in these columns, has recently been wounded, was removed to the Red Cross Hospital, Netley, Southampton, on the 21st inst., from the Military Hospital, Hursley, Hants., where he had been under an operation for appendicitis. He is now convalescent. Pte. Howlett went to France in October, 1915, was wounded in the knee in May 1916, but was not sent to this country, and was home on short leave at the beginning of this year. Swavesey is now represented in Italy. It is understood that Sergt. Cyril Day and Trooper Frank Hephher, Yeomanry, and Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., have gone there with General Plumer's force. A Swavesey man writing from France says he was very pleased to see in the "Press and News" that Corpl. James Prime, London Regt., had won the Military Medal, and would be glad to hear that other Swavesey men had gained that or an even higher distinction.

DEATH OF MRS. RULE. 30th Nov. 1917

We regret to record the death, at the age of 71 years, of Mrs. Mary Ann Rule, widow of the late Mr. Joseph Rule, which occurred at her residence, Church End, Swavesey, on the 22nd inst., after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Rule, whose husband died at Swavesey in September 1913, leaves thirteen children, two sons and eleven daughters. The funeral took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Frank Rule (son), Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Nichols, the Misses Rosa, Hettie and Nellie Rule (daughters), and Mr and Mrs. A. E. Daintree, Mr. and Mrs. E. Prime, Mr. Sidney Prime, and Mrs. Golding (nephews and nieces). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey.

WAR NOTES. 7th Dec. 1917

It is understood that Pte. Dean, R.A.M.C., and Pte. Harry Prime are now in Italy. Pte. Cyril G. Hephher has been transferred to the Yeomanry, but rides a bicycle, not a horse.

JOINED UP. 7th Dec. 1917

Mr. H. H. Williams, High-street, Swavesey, joined up last Saturday, and is serving with the Royal Flying Corps. He is the second grocer and draper in Swavesey who has had to leave his business in charge of his wife.

FOR THE FIGHTING MEN. 7th Dec. 1916

The children of Swavesey National School have contributed 7s. 6d. to the Overseas Club Fund for providing comforts for our sailors and soldiers, and this sum has been sent to headquarters by Miss Pook, the infants' schoolmistress.

EVENING CLASS. 7th Dec. 1917

A class to instruct boys who have recently left school, in woodwork, etc., was opened at the National School on Friday last, and will be continued on Monday and Friday evenings until further notice. Mr. E. J. Mitham is the instructor. Twelve boys are attending.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 7th Dec. 1917

Three Swavesey warriors have come home on 14 days' leave from France within the past few days. Pte. Robinson Mitham, jun., Suffolk Regt., arrived at Cambridge Railway Station late on Friday night, and after along and weary tramp, reached home about 2 a.m. on Saturday. He is in the best of health. He joined up in April, 1916, and went to France in the following September. On Sunday, Pte. H. C. Howlett, Suffolk Regt., surprised his family by walking in about breakfast time, having cycled from Cambridge. He also is in excellent health and spirits. He joined up in March, 1916, and left for France on the 7th September, 1916. Second Lieut. George Beaumont, East Surrey Regt., reached London on Saturday on short leave, and on Wednesday arrived in Swavesey on a visit to his mother. He enlisted in the London Scottish on 24th November, 1915, went to France on 12th March, 1916, and was wounded at Gommecourt on 11th June, 1916. He was sent to England, and on recovery rejoined his battalion at the front in September, 1916, but shortly afterwards received a nomination for a commission. After training with an officers' cadet battalion at Oxford, he was gazetted to a second lieutenancy in the East Surreys, and returned to France on the 24th May last.

ENTERTAINMENT. 7th Dec. 1917

For the purpose of assisting the fund which is being raised to provide Christmas presents for Swavesey men on active service, an entertainment was held in the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Miss Capper was the organiser in chief, and was ably assisted by Miss Elsie Dodson. Miss Parsons was an efficient and indefatigable accompanist. The excellent programme might be termed "varied." There was a musical play by six children, a humorous ballad by three juvenile sailors, and a sketch by the Boy Scouts wherein the Swavesey men were depicted receiving their Christmas parcels when in billets in France. Three soldiers from Swavesey V.A.D.

Hospital gave songs, as also did Miss Elsie Dodson (comic) and Miss Connie Goad. Two songs by Miss Doris Aldred were likewise rewarded by hearty applause. The Vicar acted as chairman until the interval, when he had to leave to take up duty as orderly at the hospital, and the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher took his place. The proceeds amounted to £7 15s. 9d., of which 13s. was a collection made at the door after the entertainment was over. The committee arranging the parcels are Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Aldred, Miss E. Dodson, Miss B. Day and Miss Capper. Miss Grace Dodson has nobly undertaken the making of ½lb. of biscuits for each man in France; it is to be hoped that the men in Italy will not be overlooked. Men in England will receive a small remembrance.

PTE. THOMAS C. FROMENT. 14th Dec. 1917

Mrs. Joseph Froment, Market-street, has been officially informed that her son, Pte. Thomas C. Froment, Grenadier Guards, has been wounded, and is in hospital in France. He is suffering from gunshot wound in his right leg. It is believed that the injury is not serious, and that he is doing well.

GALON'S CHARITY. 14th Dec. 1917

Mr. Walter Thorp was elected a Feoffee of Galon's Charity on Monday evening in place of the late Mr. W. C. Cole, who died in May, 1916.

AT LAST. 14th Dec. 1917

The Churchyard wall has at last been repaired, and some mischievous person or persons have already disfigured it by cutting their initials in the coping.

WAR NOTES. 14th Dec. 1917

Gunner Frederick A. Prior, R.F.A., and Pte. Frank H. Wilderspin are with the British Expeditionary Force in Italy. Corpl James Dean, Imperial Camel Corps, who was stricken down with diphtheria in Egypt when on a few days' leave from Palestine, is convalescent, and when last hear of was able to perform light duty.

NO BEER. 14th Dec. 1917

A Swavesey housewife, unable to obtain any beer in the village owing to there being none on sale, went to St. Ives to purchase half a pint. She took with her an empty bottle and applied at the publichouses in succession, but was told at each that she could have no beer to take away, though she could have some to drink on the premises, an offer she declined. So the bottle returned to Swavesey empty.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM PRIOR. 14th Dec. 1917

We regret to announce the death at the age of 59 years of Mr. William Prior, which occurred at his house in High-street on Tuesday afternoon after three weeks' illness. He leaves a widow, one son and five daughters. His eldest son died in 1910, and his second son, Lance-Corpl J. W. Prior, who joined the Suffolk Regt. in November, 1914, was reported missing on the 1st July, 1916, and has since been recorded as believed to have been killed on that date. His only surviving boy is now with the Royal Field Artillery in Italy.

SEED POTATOES AND SCRATCH BANK. 14th Dec. 1917

A specially called Parish Meeting was held at the National School on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Norman, chairman of the Parish Council, to consider a letter from Mr. R. H. Adie, Secretary of the County War Agricultural Committee, respecting the supply of seed potatoes for next year. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), read Mr. Adie's letter, from which it appeared that the Board of Agriculture were prepared to supply seed potatoes from Scotland to small growers, no person to receive more than 5 cwt. The Chairman said that he had ascertained that the price would be at the rate of about £10 10s. to £11 per ton. As Mr. Adie asked that he should be informed as to the approximate quantity required by the 15th inst. at the latest, it was decided that the village crier should announce on Thursday that applicants should notify the quantities of potatoes required by them to the clerk not later than this (Friday) evening.

The very bad condition of Scratch, or Cradge, Bank, in consequence of which Middle Fen has been seriously flooded, was then discussed and it was decided that a meeting of owners and occupiers in Middle Fen should be held at the School at 7 p.m., next Wednesday, 19th inst., to consider the question and arrange for the repairs to the bank with the least possible delay. The bank is not under the control of the Swavesey Rural District Council.

WAR SAVING. 14th Dec. 1917

A lantern lecture, entitled "From the Front, or modern warfare in the air, on sea and land," was given in the National School on Thursday evening in last week by the Rev. M. De Courcy Ireland, vicar of Melbourn and late rector of Somersham, Hunts. The lecture was under the auspices of the Swavesey District War Savings Committee, and the chair was taken by the Rev. J. S. Sharp, Chairman of the Committee. He was supported by Mr. H. Capper, district secretary, and Mr. Prime Godfrey, Chairman of the Swavesey War Savings Association. The lecture was instructive and interesting, and the pictures were admirable, and afforded Mr. Ireland many opportunities to make

telling points when urging the necessity for saving in order to meet the enormous cost of the war. Mr. Capper also spoke earnestly in support of the need for war savings. The audience, although numerous, was disappointing. None of the leading people of the parish showed their interest in the great and most urgent savings movement by being present, with the notable exceptions of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and Mr. Robinson Mitham.

KILLED IN ACTION. 21st Dec. 1917

Sergt. Alfred A. Linford, Suffolk Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, Swavesey, who has been "missing" since the 28th April last, has now been officially recorded as having been killed in action on that date.

POST OFFICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. 21st Dec. 1917

As no train is due to reach Swavesey on Christmas Day until 12.17 p.m., arrangements have been made for the letter and parcel mails to be conveyed from Cambridge by road. A delivery of letters and parcels will be effected on Christmas morning at the usual time, but the letter-box at the Post Office will be cleared for despatch at 1.5 p.m.

WAR NOTES. 21st Dec. 1917

Trooper Alfred Large, Yeomanry, who was invalided from France last June, suffering from trench fever, has returned to France. Pte. Isaac Parish, Machine Gun Corps, who has been serving in Palestine, when last heard of was in hospital with tonsillitis. Pte. Hugh Smith, Suffolk Regt., arrived in Swavesey from Bath Military Hospital last Friday. He was severely wounded on the 19th May, has been in hospital ever since, and has now been discharged from the Army, as no longer physically fit for service. Stoker Berry Dodson, R.N., is in Swavesey on ten days' leave, his ship having been paid off. Pte. Frederick C. Hepher has been transferred to the Middlesex Regt.

THE LATE MR. W. PRIOR. 21st Dec. 1917

The funeral of the late Mr. William Prior, whose death was recorded last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (Vicar) took the service. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. W. Prior (widow), Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. T. H. Holder, Mrs. J. Simpson, Miss C. Prior and Miss E. Prior (daughters), Mr. John Prior (brother) and Mrs. John Day (sister).

(Full list of mourners in newspaper)

NEWS FROM ITALY. 21st Dec. 1917

Pte. Harry Prime, writing from Italy to his sister in Swavesey under date 28th November, says:- “You will, I dare say, be surprised to hear that I am in Italy. We got on the train a week ago yesterday, and did not get off until Sunday. We had a lovely journey, and the weather was very bright; it was a real picture. We passed through the place where Aunt – lives. It is a very pretty place, big high mountains at the back, with houses built on the side among beautiful fir trees, and in front there is the sea. Now for a little news. On Friday night, as we were passing through one station in Italy, I saw a train load of Yeomanry, and I called out and asked if any Cambridgeshire lads were there. They said, ‘Yes, from Swavesey.’ The next morning we were stopped, and they caught us up, and as I was looking out of the window, I saw Frank Hephher, so I was soon out of the door – you may bet your life on that. While I was talking with him, who should come up but Sergt. Cyril Day, and on the same train was John Taylor as well. So I met three Swavesey lads all together. It was a surprise. I had a nice long talk with them. I saw W. Goad one day before I left France, but I was riding on a motor-van, so could not talk to him. I don’t think he saw me. I did not shout, as I did not recognise him until we were right by. I have an idea he is out here too, and close to us. Cheer up, we shall soon be home for good.”

DEATH OF MR. J. TRUNDLEY. 21st Dec. 1917

After an illness of three weeks’ duration, Mr. James Trundley, Market-street, passed away on Friday, 14th inst., in his 70th year. He was the son of the late Mr. George Trundley, of Swavesey, and had lived in the village all his life. He was a good all-round and most useful agricultural worker, and was employed for many years by the late Mr. Steward Johnson, of Fen Drayton, and by his son, Mr. T. Johnson. He also worked for Mr. Alfred Day, Swavesey, and rendered good service in sinking deep wells for Mr. Edmund Furniss, Fen Drayton, and his father before him. During the last few years Mr. Trundle was employed as a roadman by the Swavesey Rural District Council. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Trundley (widow), Messrs. James, Charles and Samuel Trundley (sons), and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Attwood, Mrs. Medlock and Miss Lizzie Trundley (daughters). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The late Mr. Trundley left four sons and four daughters.

WAR NOTES. 28th Dec. 1917

Sapper E. H. Hodson, R.E., is in France. Gunner Dick Wilderspin, R.G.A., has been transferred to the Royal Engineers as a despatch rider; he has been in Swavesey this week on draft leave.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 28th Dec. 1917

Lce.-Corpl. Charles S. Hepher, Suffolk Regt., son of Mr. Samuel Hepher, arrived home on the 19th inst. on 14 days' leave from the front. He is in the best of health. He joined the Yeomanry on April 10th 1916, went to France on the 5th of the following December, and was then transferred to the infantry. In July last he was promoted lance-corporal.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 28th Dec. 1917

The Parish Church was decorated with evergreens for the Christmas festival, and round the cards bearing the names of Swavesey men who have fallen in the war, were laurel branches and chrysanthemums. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6 a.m. with hymns, 7.30 a.m., and after matins. Evensong with anthem and short sermon by the Vicar was at 3 p.m. The collections, as usual, were in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

SCRATCH BANK. 28th Dec. 1917

A meeting of the owners and occupiers of land in Middle Fen, Swavesey, was held at the National School on the evening of the 19th instant, to consider what steps should be taken to repair Scratch, or Cradge, Bank. Mr. Robinson Mitham presided, and in addition to owners and occupiers, Mr. Alfred Day, one of the Swavesey representatives on the Rural District Council, was present. The Chairman stated that there were 244 acres in Middle Fen, and he thought that a levy of 10d. or 1s. an acre would produce sufficient money to carry out the most urgent repairs to the bank. His proposal was agreed to, and two or three of the occupiers promised to lend men to do the work, and others offered tools, wheelbarrow, etc. Additional men will be engaged if necessary. Messrs. J. Parsons and W. Twist (owners) and J. Dodson and R. Mitham (occupiers) were appointed a committee of management. Mr. Day made some valuable suggestions as to the future upkeep of the bank, which should protect an important area of land from flooding. Now that private enterprise has taken in hand a small section of the banks in the Swavesey district, it is to be hoped that the Rural District Councillors, who are responsible for the defensive banks and drains generally, will wake up to a proper sense of their duty.

SAD DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD. 28th Dec. 1917

Our last issue contained a report of the funeral of the late Mr. William Prior on Saturday 15th inst. To that funeral came Mrs. T. H. Holder, of 2 Percy-street, Thomley, co. Durham, a daughter, accompanied by her little son, Wilfred Harry, aged 1 year and 10 months. The little fellow was in the best of health, but on Thursday afternoon, 20th inst., he was suddenly taken ill with convulsions, and in spite of every attention, died about 9.30 a.m. on the following day. On Thursday Mrs. Holder received a telegram from her husband calling her home as her other child, a son aged 4 years, was not well, and when Wilfred was taken ill she was ready to leave Swavesey for Thomley. Keen sympathy is felt for the sorrow-stricken family. Within 18 months Mrs. Holder has lost by death a brother, Lce.-Corpl. J. W. Prior, Suffolk Regt., reported missing, believed killed, on July 1st 1916, and now her father after three weeks' illness, and her baby boy. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Holder (parents), Mrs. W. Prior (grandmother), Miss C. Prior and Mrs. G. Day (aunts) and Mr. George Day (cousin).

JOINED UP. 4th Jan. 1918

Mr. Alfred J. Willson joined up on New Year's Day. He was very well known in the district, having been with Mr. H. S. Aldred for many years.

FOOD COMMITTEE. 4th Jan. 1918

Mr. Beales, the Swavesey stationmaster, has been invited to join the Swavesey District Food Control Committee, and attended a meeting of the committee for the first time on Monday. The meeting was held at St. Ives.

WEDDING. 4th Jan. 1918

A pretty wedding took place at Swavesey parish church on the 27th ult., when Mr. Charles Alfred Martin, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, was married to Miss Florence Annie Ingle, eldest daughter of Mr. Herbert Ingle, of Willingham. The Rev. Selwyn Sharp (Vicar) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Norman Ingle, was dressed in white, prettily trimmed with point lace. She wore a bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet. In attendance on her were two bridesmaids, Miss C. Smith and Miss Doris Ingle; the former was in Wedgewood blue, and the latter in white, embroidered with Wedgewood blue. They carried bunches of lilies and white chrysanthemums. Sergt. George Goad was best man. After the ceremony there was a reception at the residence of the bridegroom's grandfather, Boxworth End. The bridegroom served in the Suffolk Regiment

for rather more than a year, but was discharged last March as no longer physically fit for war service.

WAR NOTES. 4th Jan. 1918

Second Lieut. George Beaumont, East Surrey Regt., who has been in France for some time, has been promoted Captain. Corpl. George Dean, R.A.M.C., writing to our Swavesey representative under date 14th December, says: "I arrived in Italy on the 20th November, so am getting a bit used to the country now. It makes a very big change after so long in France, and I think myself extremely lucky to get away just now. Two winters in France were quite sufficient for me. The weather is much nicer here; we have only had two wet days so far. We had a great reception when we arrived in this country. The people gave us all kinds of fruit, etc. The most unfortunate thing about leaving France just now is that my leave is knocked on the head for the time being. I believe I may get home from here eventually, but expect I shall have to wait some months. I was second on the leave list when I left my unit, and would have been home within a week." Corpl. Charles S. Hepher, Suffolk Regt., left Swavesey on his return to France on Tuesday evening. He was promoted corporal in November. Gunner Percy J. Beaumont, R.G.A., has been invalided home from France, and is in hospital at Neath. Pioneer Dick Wilderspin, R.E., was expected to go over the water on Tuesday. He joined up on 13th November last.

MARGARINE AND THE VILLAGES. 4th Jan. 1918

Our Swavesey representative writes: "A serious situation has arisen in this district so far as the supply of margarine is concerned. For years past Swavesey carriers have been in the habit week after week of procuring for regular customers margarine from the Maypole Company in Cambridge. These customers belong not only to Swavesey, but to other villages. On Wednesday no margarine was procurable by carrier in Cambridge, and it is feared that all available supplies in the town will be kept for Borough customers only. Swavesey grocers cannot obtain sufficient margarine of any brand for their regular customers for this commodity. Butter is very scarce, a quarter being supplied instead of one pound, and very dear. What are the people to do who have depended for years on Cambridge for their margarine? The Chesterton Food Committee has, I understand, approached the Cambridge Borough Food Committee on behalf of those persons in the Chesterton district who have made a practice of shopping in Cambridge. What has the Swavesey Food Committee done in the matter? The members of that Committee might have a surprise if they ascertained from the local carrier the large quantity of

margarine that has been procured from Cambridge by carriers, not only recently, but for years past.”

PTE. FRANK WILLIAMS. 4th Jan. 1918

Pte. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers, has been wounded in the ankle, and is in a base hospital in France. From a letter received from a chaplain, it is believed that Pte. Williams' wound is not very serious.

SCRATCH BANK. 11th Jan. 1918

Work of repairing Scratch (or Cradge) Bank was begun on Monday morning, under the supervision of a committee appointed at a recent meeting of owners and occupiers of land in Middle Fen. The necessary funds are being provided by a voluntary levy of 1s. an acre on the owners and occupiers of Middle Fen.

SNOW. 11th Jan. 1918

Snow fell heavily during Monday night, and on Tuesday morning the roads in the district were in places well-nigh impassable. The postman from Swavesey to Fen Drayton and Conington with night mail correspondence was unable to get very far along the Swavesey-Fen Drayton road on Tuesday morning owing to snowdrifts, and had to return. The mid-day delivery, was, however, effected in due course.

MISSIONARY EFFORT. 11th Jan. 1918

For the last 30 or 40 years it has been the custom in Swavesey to hold an annual missionary tea in the National School, followed by a lantern lecture. This year the tea had to be abandoned owing to the exigencies of the day, but the lantern lecture was given on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Green, lately Vicar of Horningsea. His subject was “Home Missions of the Church of England.” Some excellent pictures were shown by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Over. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, presided. A collection was made at the close in aid of the A.C.S., and £1 8s. was realised.

INTERCESSION DAY. 11th Jan. 1918

Sunday, the Festival of the Epiphany, was duly observed at the parish church, and in the evening at the Mission Church, Boxworth End, as a Day of Intercession on behalf of the nation and the Empire in this time of war. The King's Proclamation was read by the Vicar, and the special forms of prayer and thanksgiving issued under the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York were used. The collections throughout the day were for the British Red Cross Society. At Bethel Baptist Chapel a meeting of intercession was

held in the afternoon in the schoolroom. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, presided, and Mr. H. S. Aldred, Sunday School Superintendent, and Messrs. B. Prior and J. Payne also took part in the service. The Roll of Honour containing the names of men connected with Bethel Chapel, and including those who have made the supreme sacrifice, was read at the beginning of the meeting. There was a good attendance of adults and scholars.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 11th Jan. 1918

Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, and Corpl Fred Kester, Welsh Regiment, have arrived in Swavesey on leave from France, the former on Sunday evening, and the latter on Monday morning. Both are in excellent health. Pte. Whybrow is a "Contemptible," and a man of Mons. A Reservist, he was recalled to the colours on August 4th, 1914, and quickly found himself in France. His brigade was one of the first, if not the first, to come to grips with the enemy. He was severely wounded in the abdomen in October, 1914, and after months in and out of hospital in this country, he recovered, and returned to France on the 13th February, 1916, and has been there ever since, except for ten days last July, when he was in England on short leave. He is now at home for a month's "time expired" leave, due last February, when he completed thirteen years' service, having enlisted on 11th February, 1904. Pte. Whybrow was in the charge on St. Eloi on 27th March, 1916, when the Rev. E. N. Mellish, the parson V.C., who was and still is attached as chaplain to his battalion, won the bronze cross. Corpl. Kester enlisted in the Army Service Corps on the 26th September, 1914, and proceeded to France in February, 1915. He was promoted corporal last March, and was transferred to the Welsh Regt., carrying his stripes in August.

WAR NOTES. 11th Jan. 1918

Pte. Percy V. Maltby, South Staffordshire Regiment, is in Queen Mary's Military Hospital, Whalley, Lancashire, having been invalided from France with trench fever. Just before being taken ill he had a rough spell in the trenches, his company having sustained heavy losses, and Pte. Maltby being the only sound man left in his platoon. — Pte. Jack Wilderspin, Canadian Infantry, who was wounded in November, is reported to be going on well. He hopes to get his ten day's convalescent leave shortly. Pte. David Sutton, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regiment, who was wounded in the chest at La Basse in August, 1916, and again in the thigh in April last, has been paying a visit to his mother at Boxworth end. In August last his leg was amputated, and he is now waiting for a mechanical limb. — Sergt. C. Wood, who, before joining the Royal Fusiliers in October 1914, was headmaster of Swavesey National

School, writing from France on the 2nd inst., says: "We have been having some rough work for the last six weeks and are expecting soon to go out on rest. We have earned it too, I give you my word. The weather is terrible; frost and snow, and plenty of it, especially frost, from 30 to 40 degrees many mornings. We are camped in tents, and often find hoar frost on our blankets in the morning. We are not allowed fires or lights after dark on account of Fritz bombing the camp, so we are in the blankets by six o'clock. The place where we are now is part of a great plain, undulating country, ridge after ridge, valley after valley, as far as one can see, snow-covered and ice-bound. Not a village standing intact and no sign of life except soldiers.

CAPTAIN G. BEAUMONT OF SWAVESEY WINS MILITARY CROSS. 11th Jan. 1918

Under authority granted by his Majesty the King, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., has awarded the Military Cross to Capt. George Beaumont for devotion to duty and gallant conduct. Capt. Beaumont is the first Swavesey man to win the Military Cross. In last Friday's issue, his promotion from 2nd-lieutenant to captain was announced. Capt. Beaumont is the third son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont and Mrs. Beaumont of Swavesey. He enlisted in the London Scottish on 24th November, 1915, and joined his battalion in France on the 12th March, 1916. Wounded at Gommecourt on the 11th June following, he returned to England, but went back to France in September, 1916. Later in that year, on receiving a nomination for a commission, he joined an Officer's Cadet Battalion at Oxford, and was gazetted second-lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment on the 4th April last. He was again in France on the 24th May, and has since won his Company and the Military Cross.

AN UNFORTUNATE MISHAP. 18th Jan. 1918

Mr. William Burton, the well-known Swavesey fruit grower, has had to have his left eye removed in consequence of a seemingly slight accident in November, when a small thorn or splinter of wood penetrated his eyeball. The operation was successfully performed on Sunday at a Nursing Home in Newmarket-road, Cambridge, by Dr. Wherry, and the latest accounts of Mr. Burton's condition are satisfactory.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK HEPHER. 18th Jan. 1918

We regret to record the death, at the age of 73 years, of Mr. Frederick Hepher, which occurred after a fortnight's illness, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Sidney Prime, Middle Watch, Swavesey, on the 8th inst. Mr. Hepher

was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. Richard Hephher. He leaves a widow, but no children. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. E. Short, Pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Hephher (widow). Mr. Sidney Prime, Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Prime (brothers and sister-in-law), Mr. Samuel Hephher (nephew), Mrs. S. Hephher, Mrs. J. Payne, Mrs. A. E. Daintree (nieces) and Mr. J. T. Daintree (cousin). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

WEIGHING OF YOUNG PERSONS. 18th Jan. 1918

Cards have this week been distributed in the village by the local Food Control Committee, giving the maximum prices of meat and milk and certain information respecting voluntary rationing, at the end of which the following instruction appears: "Children and young persons should be weighed before a meal, and record kept of their net weight without clothes." Will the Food Committee kindly tell us, writes a correspondent, how and where the weighing is to be done, seeing that no householder is likely to possess a suitable machine. Have the Committee arranged for the weighing machine in the school to be used, or are the children and young persons to go to the railway station? As the machine there is on the platform, it will be extremely awkward, to say the least, for children and young persons to be weighed without clothes. Not only might Mrs. Grundy be shocked, but the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children would probably have something to say in the matter, especially in inclement weather like the present. What is the use of issuing instructions which cannot be obeyed?

WAR NOTES. 18th Jan. 1918

Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., serving in Italy, has been suffering from slight blood poisoning, the result of cutting his right hand with a tin. In other respects he is fit and well. Letters dated the 1st and 10th November respectively have reached Swavesey from Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., who has been in Mesopotamia since August. He was in good health and spirits, and had just been moved up country from Basra. Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) is ill in hospital in France. Sergt. C. W. Gray has been stationed at Khartoum in the Soudan for about a year, and was still there when heard from three weeks ago. He was quite well, in spite of the excessive heat. His daughter Dorothy has been serving with the W.A.A.C. since March. Pte. Thomas Froment, Grenadier Guards, who has been suffering from a gunshot wound in his leg, and has been in hospital in France, has been moved to the base. His is progressing satisfactorily. Pte. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers,

was more seriously wounded on the 22nd ult. than at first reported. He was struck in the right ankle by a shell, and the bones were so much injured that it has been necessary to amputate his foot. He is in hospital in France, and is reported to be going on as well as can be expected.

SNOW. 18th Jan. 1918

On Wednesday morning Swavesey was snow-bound. Snow began to fall heavily between 6 and 7 o'clock the previous evening, and between daybreak on Wednesday everything was covered to the depth of from nine inches to a foot. The County Council snow plough was got to work on the roads under the control of the Council, but no roadmen were at work, as being old age pensioners, they cannot be employed on one day of the week, and Wednesday is the appointed day. No Council plough had been used on the Huntingdon-road by noon between Lolworth-road and the New Inn (Swavesey-road's end). The roads under the Swavesey Rural District Council were practically impassable for cyclists and pedestrians, as that Council does not possess a snow plough. Men were, however, employed with shovels on some of the roads. Postal arrangements were upset. The night mail, which should arrive by train due at 7.15 a.m., did not reach Swavesey until the next train, shortly before 9 o'clock, and the postmen could not use bicycles. Correspondence for Fen Drayton and Conington had to be kept back for the mid-day delivery. The day mail service to outlying villages was seriously interfered with, thanks to the neglect of the Swavesey District Council. Bicycles were impracticable, and the postmen had to walk to Fen Drayton, Conington, Boxworth, Elsworth, Knapwell, Lolworth, etc. The day mail collections from these villages could not be brought in, and the man who went to Elsworth and Knapwell had to walk there and back. Swavesey is cut off from the outside world by telegraph and telephone, as wires have been broken near the Swan Pond and in Middle Watch.

WAR NOTES. 25th Jan. 1918

PTE. JAMES WILLIAM HEPHER, Suffolk Regiment, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, who was reported missing on 28th April last, has now been officially recorded as believed to have been killed in action on that date. His two brothers are serving, Pte. Cyril Hepher (in the Yeomanry), and Pte. A. C. (Fred) Hepher (in the Middlesex Regiment). SAPPER ARTHUR C. GARNER, R.E., who has been at Salonica since September, and has been suffering from blood poisoning in the leg, has quite recovered, and reports that he is fit and well.

PTE. FRANK WILLIAMS, Royal Fusiliers, is in hospital at Oxford. He was wounded by a shell in the ankle on the 22nd ultimo, and his right foot was amputated in France.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Jan. 1918
RECREATION GROUND BYELAWS.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening, the third Monday in this month. The only item on the agenda was "to consider a letter received as to the canning of fruit during next season." The councillors present were: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. A. Day, jun, J. S. Goad, A. J. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the Clerk said that he had not received accounts of the money paid by Messrs. Burton and Twist for sparrows last year. Mr. Twist replied that he would send in his claim. The Clerk also reported that Mr. John Hodson, who had been instructed to repair the thatched roof of a building on the parish property in High-street, had been unable to procure the necessary straw. No report was made to the meeting of the visit of inspection of the property which the Council agreed to make on November 12th. There had been no reply to the Clerk's letter to the Rural District Council concerning the gravelling of the footpath across Church Green. The Clerk further reported that a supplemental assessment list had been sent in by the overseers to the Assessment Committee, and that he had written to Mr. R. H. Adie that 3cwt. of King Edward and 3 cwt. of Arran Chief potatoes would be required, and that Mrs. Mirrlees, Hon. Secretary of the Horticultural Sub-Committee had replied that they would be supplied in due course.

A letter from Mrs. Mirrlees respecting the canning of fruit was then considered, and the Clerk read, by request, various recipes for the making of carrot, marrow, and other jams. Mr. Goad was anxious to know whether any information was give as to where sugar and sugar substitute could be obtained, and Mr. Twist asked whether the Council would incur any expense if a demonstration were given. After discussion a resolution was carried that a demonstration be given in Swavesey some time in March on a date convenient to the lecturer. A lecture on potato culture would be given at the same time. A supply of leaflet No. 2 would be applied for and distributed.

There was no discussion on the village snow plough as the question of providing two ploughs was now under consideration of the Rural District Council.

Mr. Scard then gave notice that at the next meeting of the Parish council he would submit a resolution that the by-laws governing the Recreation Ground should be exhibited on a board on the ground.

Mr. Goad asked who was responsible for the footbridges which should be placed across the openings of the raised causeway by the Swan pond in times of flood. Bridges were necessary to enable people to get to the station. The original bridges had, he knew, been destroyed in the great fire. The Clerk said that he had during that afternoon, on his own initiative, placed scaffold boards over the openings, but that he had received no authority or request to do so. The general feeling of the councillors was that Mr. Mitham should be recompensed for his public-spirited action and for the use of his materials. A resolution was passed that a letter be written to the District Council asking that footbridges be provided in place of those destroyed in the fire.

ENTERTAINMENT. 1st Feb. 1918

On January 24th a most successful repetition of the Over Christmas entertainment was given in the schools in aid of Cambs. 12 V.A.D. Red Cross Hospital. The attractive programme of local talent brought a crowded audience, who were most appreciative. The total proceeds amounted to £10 2s. 2d, including a donation of 5s. from Fen Drayton. The expenses were considerably lessened by the Rev. Sharp granting the free use of schools and mission room chairs, by Mr. R. Mitham lending and putting up the stage and carting chairs free, and by Mr. Williamson lending his large lamp for the stage. The Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs gave great assistance in preparing the room and in many other ways.

“PRESS AND NEWS” AGAIN OF USE. 1st Feb. 1918

Writing to our Swavesey representative from Italy, under date January 19th, Lce.-Corpl. George Dean, R.A.M.C., says: “You may be interested to hear that the ‘Press and News’ has once again proved how valuable it is to us boys out here. One of the sisters in this hospital, a Cambridgeshire woman, going round the ward, asked if any of the boys would like to see the ‘Cambs. Weekly.’ One fellow happened to belong to Swavesey, and on reading in the paper that I was in the R.A.M.C., and on this front, asked the sister if by any chance I was on this unit. The result was that I had the pleasant surprise of a visit from Ernest Prior. He had been in the hospital for several days with a severe cut in the right hand caused by a jack knife and a bully beef tin. Had it not been for you it is very doubtful if I should ever have seen him. He is much better now, but he won’t be fit for duty for several weeks, as it is his right hand, and he can’t use his fingers yet. You can imagine how pleased we both

were at seeing each other again. I had not seen him for three years and neither of us had met any Swaveseyites in Italy.” In a postscript, written on the following day, Lance-Corporal Dean adds: “I have just been up to see Ernest Prior as he has been worse. Last night he had a temperature of 102, so has been confined to bed again. He is a bit better now, but still feels rotten.”

ENTERTAINMENT. 1st Feb. 1918

A talented company of entertainers belonging to Over, assisted by clever children from Over National School who gave a very successful variety entertainment at Over on Boxing Day and the following evening, repeated their excellent “show” in Swavesey National School on Thursday evening, 24th ult. They attracted a bumper “house”, and once again scored a huge success. The proceeds were devoted to Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital, and it is understood that the institution has benefited to a considerable extent.

FRIENDS’ MEETING HOUSE. 8th Feb. 1918

An entertainment, consisting of solos, recitations, readings, hymns, etc., was given in the Friends’ Meeting house on the 31st ulto by members of the Mothers’ Meeting, assisted by a few friends. Miss Gaunt presided. A collection was taken during the evening in aid of Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital. The room was filled to overflowing.

MORE APPRECIATION. 8th Feb. 1918

Writing to our Swavesey representative on Sunday from Waterloo station on his way back to France after 14 days’ furlough, Pte. Frank Day, Canadian Forestry Corps., says: “I would like to thank you personally for the interest you have always taken in Swavesey boys, and for the way you keep us in touch with the old village as the local correspondent of the ‘Press and News.’

1914 STAR. 8th Feb. 1918

The under-mentioned men of Swavesey, or where dead, their representatives, are believed to be entitled to the 1914 Star which is to be accorded to men who served under Lord French in France and Belgium during the earlier phase of the war in 1914 up to midnight November 22-23, 1914: Pte. George Brooks, East Lancashire Regt. (killed in action Nov. 14th 1914); Driver Henry Carter, R.F.A.; Bombardier Arthur Crisp, R.F.A. (now A.S.C., M.T.); Sergt. Cyril Day, Yeomanry; Pte. Charles Savage, Bedfordshire Regt.; Corpl. John Savage, R.F.A.; Corpl. Watson Trundley, Royal Scots Fusiliers (killed in action Sept. 25th, 1915); Pte. A. F. Welch, Yorkshire Regt.; Pte. A. Whybrow, Royal

Fusiliers; Trooper Herbert Wilderspin (late Yeomanry), and Farrier-Sergt. G. W. B. Wright, Hussars.

WAR NOTES. 8th Feb. 1918

Pte. Arthur Whybrow, after a month's time-expired furlough, returned to France on Monday. Lce.-Corpl. H. H. Wells and Pte. Frank Day, Canadian Forestry corps, also left the village for France, the former on Monday and the latter on Sunday. Private Arthur Beaumont, Machine Gun Corps, the youngest of five brothers, all of whom have served or are serving in the Army, went over the water on Monday. Pte. T. C. Froment, Grenadier Guards, who was wounded at Cambrai, is better, but is still in a convalescent camp in France. Pte. Harry Prime, Manchester Regt., is ill in hospital in Italy, but was better when last heard of; and Pte. Isaac Parish, Machine Gun Corps, is again unwell and in hospital at Cairo. Driver Frederick G. Clarke, A.S.C., was one of the first Britishers to enter Jerusalem. He has sent home some interesting photographs of groups taken in the Holy City in which he is easily recognised.

MARGARINE. 8th Feb. 1918

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- The Swavesey Food Control Committee would allay considerable anxiety and uncertainty in their district if they would make some public announcement regarding the steps they are taking to meet the margarine difficulty. As I have previously stated, an appreciable number of people in Swavesey and other villages served by the Swavesey carriers have for years obtained Maypole margarine from Cambridge. It is now understood that no margarine will be supplied in Cambridge except on production of sugar cards, and the carriers decline to collect these cards, or be responsible for their safe return to the holders. Have the Food Committee made any provision for the people who used to get margarine from Cambridge to be supplied by the local shopkeepers? If they have done so a public announcement on the subject would be opportune. Rumours have reached me that there is dissatisfaction amongst some of the grocers in the district as to the distribution of margarine allowed them for sale. It is alleged that some grocers are able to obtain larger relative supplies than others. If this is the case the Food Committee should arrange for an equitable distribution to retailers, and bring in a scheme of rationing without further delay.

WAR AIMS MEETINGS. 8th Feb. 1918

THE DANGERS OF AN INCONCLUSIVE PEACE.

MR. HEMSLEY IN WEST CAMBS.

The series of War Aims meetings in West. Cambs have been successfully continued this week, the principal speaker being Mr. Tom Hemsley. Having begun life as an agricultural labourer, then served his country as a soldier in India and elsewhere, and as one of the gallant garrison of Kimberley in the Boer War, and lastly, though well overage, again saw active service in France during the early months of the present war, Mr. Hemsley has spoken from the standpoint of the worker and the soldier.

On Tuesday Mr. Hemsley was at Swavesey, where the Schoolroom was packed, under the presidency of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey.

After dealing with the motives that actuated Germany in starting the war when she did, Mr. Hemsley pointed out that a peace now arranged by negotiation would simply mean a breathing space for Germany during which she would be engaged in repairing the mistakes which she had made in this attempt. Unless Germany's military forces were defeated, we had no guarantee that a negotiated peace would be observed. Then this country would be brought face to face with those horrors of war which up to now, thanks to our geographical position and our Navy, we had so far escaped. Queues outside shops were bad enough, but he had seen more terrible queues than that. As our forces re-occupied territory formerly in possession of the Huns, long streams of women and children had passed through our lines back into France, and on those women's faces were the signs of the agonies they had endure. He hoped that never would he see similar signs on the faces of our women, but unless Germany was defeated in the field, she was not likely to abandon her original plans, and though further sacrifices would be necessary to defeat her, those sacrifices would be nothing to what in a few years we should probably be called upon to face, if now, when everything was in our favour, we gave up the struggle, because there were certain difficulties in obtaining food supplies, difficulties which he felt sure would be successfully dealt with in the near future. Force was the only power that Germany recognised, so force must be applied until she recognised that the whole of the civilised world were determined that never again would she be allowed to plunge us into such a war as we had gone through during the last three and a half years, and when the bright days of peace dawned once more, and justice and righteousness were re-established, they would have the lasting satisfaction of knowing that by their sacrifice and determination they had done their share in bringing it to pass.

(Long report)

OTTER KILLED ON RAILWAY. 15th Feb. 1918

A fine otter was cut in halves by a train near Swavesey station one night last week.

JOINED UP. 15th Feb. 1918

Albert George Coulson, who was discharged from The Royal Machine Artillery in June last in consequence of injuries received on duty, joined the Army Service Corps as an engine driver (home service) on the 7th inst.

WAR NOTES. 15th Feb. 1918

Pte. Alfred Prime, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regt., who was wounded in the leg on August 1st last, went back to France on the 23rd ulto. Pte. Alfred Large, since his return to France in December has been transferred to another Yeomanry regiment, the unit with which he had previously been serving having been moved to Italy. Gunner Percy Beaumont, R.G.A., invalided from France in December, arrived in Swavesey on Wednesday on hospital leave; he is much improved in health.

A SUGGESTION. 15th Feb. 1918

A correspondent writes: "I wonder if it has struck the customers of our butchers that with very little trouble or inconvenience to themselves they can help the tradesmen out of a difficulty, and at the same time assist in a small way in relieving the shortage of paper. The butchers, I have reason to know, are very short of paper in which to wrap up meat. May I suggest that their customers should go to the shop with a basket or dish in which to take home their meat. Old newspapers are badly wanted to pulp into fresh paper."

THE FOOD COMMITTEE. 15th Feb. 1918

Our Swavesey representative writes: The Swavesey Food Control Committee, have, it is believed, taken no steps to deal with the margarine difficulty to which I referred last week. They met on Monday, 4th inst., at St. Ives, and have held no meeting since. The question of the supply of margarine is urgent and calls for immediate attention. The people want to know what the Food Committee are doing, and they ask for a public announcement. In working in the dark I might also point out that the Committee are ignoring Lord Rhondda's memorandum to Committees on this question of publicity. The Chesterton Food Committee at their meeting on Saturday, decided to adopt the London and Home Counties scheme of rationing, and it was announced that a supply of margarine would be secured for the grocers in the district. What the Chesterton Committee can do, surely it is possible for the Swavesey Committee to attempt.

MARGARINE. 22nd Feb. 1918

The Swavesey Food Control Committee have not yet issued any public announcement as to the steps they propose to take to deal with the margarine difficulty in their district.

PROMOTION. 22nd Feb. 1918

Cadet W. Lawson Hephher, Swavesey, has been posted Second Lieutenant, Royal Field Artillery. He enlisted in the Canadian Infantry in February, 1915, went to France, two months later, and was subsequently transferred to the Canadian Engineers, with whom he saw much service. He returned to this country last August for training with an Officers' Cadet Battalion.

RAT IN RABBIT HUTCH. 22nd Feb. 1918

Mrs. C. Wood, School House, on going to feed her little son's rabbit one day recently found to her dismay a large and fierce-looking rat in possession of the hutch. The rabbit, no larger than the rat, was crouching trembling with fear, but uninjured, in a corner. Mrs. Wood, feeling unequal to the task of tackling the intruder, and her husband being at the front, had to call in aid from outside. Fortunately Mr. Arthur Froment was close at hand, and he soon made an end of the rat.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 22nd Feb. 1918

Mr. J. Strapps, baker, Middle Watch, has with most commendable spirit places a Roll of Honour of Swavesey men serving in the Navy and Army in his shop window. The Roll, in which the names are nicely and clearly inscribed, is illuminated at the top, and is enclosed in a remarkably well covered massive frame, the work, it is understood, of a relative. Mr. Strapps' Roll cannot, however, supply the place of an official Roll of Swavesey men serving in the war which ought to be exhibited in some prominent place in the village. It should be compiled by a person duly appointed for the purpose, and should be under official protection. The neglect of the authorities to provide this simple tribute to the men who are serving and suffering in different parts of the world can be regarded as little short of a scandal.

WAR NOTES. 22nd Feb. 1918

Writing to his parents in Swavesey, Pte. Thomas C. Froment, Grenadier Guards, who was wounded at Cambrai, says that he has been removed from the convalescent camp in France, where he had been latterly, to a farm a few miles distant. Here he and a comrade are engaged in ploughing, each having

charge of a team of horses. Pte. Froment adds: "There are some nice French people on the farm and we get on well with them. They have never had soldiers there before, so that makes it better for us. I keep thinking about my old dog every day, because there are some rabbits and hares on the farm, and I often wish I had him with me so that I could have a bit of sport, which you know I like as well as the old dog. You have no call to trouble about a parcel, as I get plenty of food and plenty of drink and a decent bed to lie on. When I don't get enough to eat I will write and tell you. I know from the papers that things at home are very dear now." Corpl. George Dean, R.A.M.C., who has recently been given his second stripe, is laid up in hospital in Italy to which he was attached. Writing on the 8th instant, he says: "I get up now, but have my leg in a splint. This is the first spell I have had in hospital since I joined up three years ago, so I can't grumble; in fact, I am enjoying the rest after working thundering hard. We have quite a lot of Italian ladies round to see us who bring us all kinds of nice things, especially in the way of fruit. We are having glorious weather down here now, and the sun is quite hot in the day time." Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., is better, and has been removed from hospital to a convalescent camp in Italy. Corpl. Charles S. Hepher, Suffolk Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hepher, Swavesey, arrived home from France on Friday, looking fit and well. He is to join an Officers' Cadet Battalion on the 2nd proximo to train for a commission. He joined up on the 10th April, 1916, and went to France on the 5th December following. Gunner John R. Smith, Canadian Heavy Artillery, who has been serving on the Western front since November, 1916, has had some of his teeth knocked out by a fragment of a shell, and has been sent to the base. He was previously wounded in March last.

ADVERT. 1st March 1918

Reliable Garden Seeds just to hand, terms cash. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey. Ctls. Free.

THE GREAT FIRE. 1st March 1918

Sunday next is the fifth anniversary of the great fire in Swavesey, which broke out at 2 p.m. on Monday, 3rd March, 1913, and in about one hour destroyed some 30 houses.

FOOD COMMITTEE. 1st March 1918

A meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Food Control Committee was held on Monday afternoon at Mr. G. D. Day's office, St. Ives. As usual, the

proceedings were in camera, and no announcement has been issued for the benefit of the public.

WAR NOTES. 1st March 1918

Pte. Arthur Beaumont, Machine Gun Corps, went to France on 5th February. Air Mechanic Harry H. Williams, R.F.C., has been promoted Second Air Mechanic. Sergt. C. Wood, Royal Fusiliers, writing home from France, says he has recently met Captain Cyril Frohock, Cambs. Regt., of Willingham, and also Lance-Corpl. Arthur Prior, Cambs. Regt., of Swavesey.

FROM THE FRONT. 1st March 1918

Corpl. George Dean, of the R.A.M.C., arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on 14 days' leave from Italy. His leg was practically well again. Corpl. Arthur Froment, Military Mounted Police, paid a brief visit to the village last week, when on short leave from France. He was in good health. Corpl. Froment joined up from the Metropolitan Police on the 5th December, 1914, and went to France soon afterwards.

MARRIAGE. 1st March 1918

Miss Florence Victoria Ding, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ding, High-street, Swavesey, was married in London on Tuesday, 19th February, to Lance-Corpl. Fred Chaddock, Gloucester Regt. The marriage took place at 10.30 a.m., and Lance-Corpl. Chaddock left London on his return to France during the same afternoon. He has had 11 years' continuous service in the Army, mostly abroad, in Malta, China, and India, and during the present war in France. He wears two good conduct stripes, and hopes soon to get a third, and two stripes for wounds. His first wound was received on the 26th April, 1915, and was the work of a sniper.

HOME NOTES. 1st March 1918

The times being out of joint, strange happenings are not to be wondered at. A harassed house-mother, troubled with thoughts of boys at the front and with worries contingent on short supplies, healthy appetites, and long prices, when engaged the other day in her weekly wash, discovered to her dismay that she was taking clean clothes from the copper with a coal shovel. – Straw is practically unobtainable. Even the Clerk of the Parish Council had perforce to announce at a recent meeting of the Council that there was none to be found with which to mend a hole in the thatched roof of a building belonging to the parish. A striking example of the straits to which this shortage has put people can be seen in a garden in Swavesey, where a superannuated straw hat is being

used to force early rhubarb. The grower of the rhubarb can be congratulated on possessing initiative and resource.

AN ANNIVERSARY. 8th March 1918

Mr. Philip S. Spring celebrates his 36th birthday to-day (Friday).

WEDDING. 8th March 1918

Mr. Frederick Dodson and Mrs. Drusilla Sneesby, both of Swavesey, were married at St. Ives on Wednesday morning.

PROMOTION. 8th March 1918

Cadet Edward Williams, late sergeant in the Suffolks, has successfully passed his course of training for a commission, and is waiting to be posted to a regiment.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 8th March 1918

Pte. Henry Wilderspin, Northumberland Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday morning on 14 days' leave from France. He is in good health. He has recently been transferred to another battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Pte. James W. Wright, Duke of Wellington's Regt., son of Mrs. Wright, Gibraltar-lane, has paid a flying visit to Swavesey during his short leave from France. He also was in excellent health and spirits. He was in the Battle of Cambrai, where his battalion suffered heavily at Bournon Wood, and in May was in action at Bullecourt.

MARGARINE. 8th March 1918

The following notice, signed by the Clerk of the Swavesey Food Control Committee has been sent to the grocers in the district: "Margarine Distribution. – In view of the fact that the first distribution of margarine will be made commencing the 11th March, and the rationing scheme will not in all probability be ready by that time, please let me know by return the number of customers and persons you will be expected to supply in the first week." Have the Committee taken into account those people in the district – an appreciable number – who for years have been in the habit of obtaining their supplies of margarine from the Maypole shops in Cambridge? A public announcement on the subject, as urged more than once in these columns, would be opportune.

MILITARY MEDAL. 8th March 1918

Sergt. B. G. Mann, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who, after an adventurous voyage, during which he was twice wrecked (on one occasion his ship was torpedoed), landed in Mesopotamia last summer, has been awarded the Military medal for gallantry in the field. His wife, who is living in Swavesey, has this week received letters from him dated the 8th and 18th January. His experiences in the trenches were not altogether pleasant. After a turn in them, he remarks, he has had to burn his shirt as he has brought away too many companions, and after a long spell, sometimes lasting a fortnight without being able to take off his clothes or boots, his feet have firmly stuck to the latter. Sergt. Mann was one of the burial party at the funeral of the later Lieut.-General Sir Stanley Maude.

WAR NOTES. 8th March 1918

Stoker Albert Wilderspin, R.N., paid a short visit to his native village last week. He was well. Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, who has been in France since July, 1916, has been transferred to another battalion of his regiment. In a recent letter he said he was in good health, but was working hard. Driver Fred G. Clarke, A.S.C., writing home on January 29th from Palestine, reported that he was in the pink of condition, and had just received his Christmas parcels, for which he was very grateful. Letters, dated late in December, have been received from Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., who has been serving in Mesopotamia since August. He said he was fit and well. Five letters have reached Mrs. A. Roberts, Market-street, this week from her husband, Pte. Roberts, The Buffs, stationed in India. Two of the letters had evidently been salvaged from a sunken ship, and were barely decipherable.

MILITARY WEDDDING. 8th March 1918

The marriage of Miss Georgina Rolfe, 12, Bondgate, Ripon, and Corpl. (Shoeingsmith) John King Savage, Swavesey, took place at the Cathedral, Ripon, on the 2nd inst. The bride, who was given away by her godfather, wore a saxe blue gabardine costume, with a spray of orange blossom and a French sailor hat. She carried an ivory-backed Prayer Book, with a gold cross, the gift of Dr. And Mrs. Greenwood. She was attended by one bridesmaid – Miss Nora Rolfe (her sister) – attired in a bottle-green gabardine coat dress and a fawn-coloured hat. She wore an amethyst and pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Albert Wray, cousin of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was held in St. John's Mission Room. The honeymoon is being spent at Stackhouse, Settle, the home of the bride. There were about 50 wedding presents.

NEWS FROM SOMEWHERE. 8th March 1918

Pte. James Prior, Machine-Gun Corps, in very cheerful letters dated the 1st to the 6th January, written from a far distant seaport at which he had broken a long voyage to a part of the British Empire some thousands of miles away, speaks in glowing terms of the kind and hospitable reception given to him and his comrades by the inhabitants. One letter is dated from the – Army and Navy Institute, and the others from the Y.M.C.A. Soldiers' and Sailors' Institutes. Pte. Prior's Christmas Day was a disappointment. He had hoped to have had his Christmas dinner on dry land, but the fate ordered otherwise, for the ship was two days behind time, so he had to be content with frugal fare – rabbit, plum pudding (very poor), and one apple. He got some recompense to days' afterwards, when he managed during a short visit on shore to secure a substantial free feed followed by an excellent concert and an enjoyable chat with a little Scotch girl in kilts, who sang four songs beautifully. The Christmas dinner provided for him and his comrades had disappeared, having been given to hospitals. His New Year was spent under most pleasant conditions, quite un-Blighty like. The sun was blazing with tropical intensity, and his clothing had to be reduced to a minimum. "We have nearly all of us" says he, "had our trousers cut off above the knees, and just wear puttees; it is laughable to see our fat legs." He had rides in a rickshaw, which he describes as a large go-cart drawn by a decorated native, and he sent a snapshot of himself gracefully reclining in one of these conveyances. Free rides on electric cars all over the town, such a pretty place with which nowhere he had seen in Blighty could compare, helped the pleasant hours pass away all too quickly. Pte Prior describes a visit to a gentleman's garden, where he picked some very nice black grapes grown over the wire netting of a fowls' shelter, and saw foreign fruits growing in their natural state, including bananas, oranges, coffee beans, etc. People of all colours were to be seen in the streets, and the fashions of dress were very smart with the ladies. The sight of the local office of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society reminded him of home, for in private life Pte. Prior is an agent of that office. He recorded with a note of satisfaction that he "still goes a nice little 12 stone," that he felt A1, and that he was seeing some of the wonderful sights of the world. By this time Pte. Prior will in all probability have reached the end of his long voyage, and perhaps have seen still more wondrous sights. His friends wish him the best of health, a successful career as a soldier, and a speedy and safe return to his home and business.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th March 1918

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the classroom of the National School on Thursday, 28th February. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, Robt. Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the Clerk reported that official leaflets respecting the culture of potatoes and vegetables had been obtained, and had been distributed by members of the Council. The Clerk was instructed to erect a suitable board with the by-laws of the Recreation Ground properly affixed. The Clerk further reported that Swavesey Rural District Council had decided to provide footbridges to span the openings in the raised causeway at the Swan pond in times of flood, and that three snow-ploughs for use in the district had also been ordered by the District Council. The ironwork belonging to an old plough was being used for one of the new ploughs. It was unanimously agreed that the names of the following parishioners should be submitted to the Justices in Petty Sessions as those of suitable persons to act as parish constables during the ensuing year: Messrs. E. Bull, C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), R. Williamson and P. Godfrey. It was also unanimously agreed that the constable's salary should be the same as in 1916-1917. It transpired that the necessary gravel for the path across Church Green had been dug and was waiting to be carted. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the County Horticultural Sub-Committee the date on which it would be convenient for the promised lectures, etc., on fruit canning and potato culture to be held in the village. The inspection of the parish property on High-street on November 12th had not taken place as no-one had turned up except the Clerk. The Chairman expressed the opinion that the hole in the thatched roof of the building containing Mr. W. J. Hephew's butcher's shop should be repaired without further delay, and the Clerk was instructed to apply for a permit to purchase one ton of wheat straw.

ADVERT. 8th March 1918

Mangolds for Sale, free on rail Swavesey Station, G.E.R., 23/- per ton. – Apply R. MITHAM, Swavesey.

DEATH OF A SEPTUAGENARIAN. 15th March 1918

After a very long illness, Mrs. Rebecca Eason, widow of the late Mr. William Eason, died on Sunday at the Old Age Pensioners' Cottages, aged 79 years. She has left one son and one daughter. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday).

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 15th March 1918

Sapper Arthur Parish, R.E., son of Mr. Z. Parish, arrived in Swavesey on Monday evening on fourteen days' leave from France, looking fit and well. He was wounded in September, 1916, and after treatment at Netley hospital, returned to France about a year ago.

BIRTHDAYS. 15th March 1918

Three aged parishioners have kept their birthdays this week. Mr. George Thorp, Wallman's-lane, was 84 on Sunday, and on Tuesday Mr. Humm, High-street, attained the great age of 91 years, and Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, Askew-row, who was at one time carrier from Swavesey to Cambridge and St. Ives, was 83. He is still the village pindar and "town crier."

BOYS TO THE RESCUE. 15th March 1918

Last Friday a party of Swavesey schoolboys, assisted by their headmaster, replaced the plank bridge at the end of the Recreation ground. It had been washed away into an adjoining field during a flood a few weeks ago, and until it was restored the footpath from the centre of Swavesey to Over could not be used.

VOLUNTEER NEWS. 15th March 1918

Platoon No. 16, 1st Cambs. Volunteer Regiment, held their weekly drill at Over on Sunday morning. Two officers and 46 rank and file attended. Lieut. Young, O.C. "D" Company, put the platoon through both platoon and company drill, and at the close congratulated the men on the way they had done their work. He urged as many as possible to join Section B. without delay.

SUGAR FOR JAM. 15th March 1918

The ladies who attended last week's meeting at the National School on the divorce question, and there signed a memorial respecting the provision of Government sugar for jam-making, will be disappointed if they think that by signing the paper they have ensured for themselves a supply of sugar. It is understood that the memorial merely asked that Government sugar might be supplied to persons who *purchase* fruit for jam making as well as those persons who grow their own fruit. Last year sugar was granted to fruit growers only.

MARGARINE. 15th March 1918

In a circular dated the 27th February, the Swavesey Food Committee informed the grocers in their district that the first distribution of margarine would be

made commencing the 11th March, and called for a statement from each tradesman showing the number of customers to be supplied. This statement was to be sent in by return of post. The grocers' hopes were raised only to be dashed to the ground, for down to Wednesday evening no margarine had reached the Swavesey shops, nor had anything been heard of any being on the road. An application to the local Food Office by one Swavesey grocer met with no reply.

WAR NOTES. 15th March 1918

Pte. Albert Homes, R.W. Kent Regiment, has gone to France. Sergt. B. G. Mann, M.M., R. Welsh Fusiliers, serving in Mesopotamia, has been slightly wounded, but has recovered. Gunner Sidney Smith, R.G.A. (Mountain Battery), writing from India on 21st December, said he had been sick in hospital, but hoped to be discharged before Christmas. Gunner Smith was a constable in the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and was stationed at Swavesey for some time. A few months before joining up he was transferred to Willingham. Lance-Corp. John Parish, son of Mr. Z. Parish, has been seriously ill with rheumatic fever in a camp in this country, but is now slightly better.

SEED POTATOES. 15th March 1918

Six hundredweight of Government seed potatoes from Scotland have reached Swavesey through the County Horticultural Committee, viz., 3cwt. Arran Chief and 3cwt. Edward VII. They arrived by railway in two lots on different days. No objection has been raised to the price charged for the seed, 8s. 6d. per cwt., but the levy of 3s. 6d. per cwt. for railway carriage is felt to be excessive, and to call for explanation. It is presumed that the potatoes were sent by the truck load from Scotland to Cambridge, and were there divided out into smaller lots for the various villages. It is thought that the charge of 3s. 6d. per cwt. is probably the rate per cwt. from Scotland, and that the charge per ton would be a cheaper rate. If this is the case, why should village growers be called upon to pay the higher rate throughout?

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 22nd March 1918

Sergt. Cyril Day, Yeomanry, son of Mr. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, is at home on 14 days' leave from Italy. His is in good health. He was called up on mobilisation in August, 1914, and proceeded to Italy in November, 1917. He was last home in January, 1917.

WAR NOTES. 22nd March 1918

Second Lieut. Edward Williams has been posted to the Northamptonshire Regiment, and is under orders to join his unit on Tuesday next. Gunner H. G. Graves, R.G.A., writing home from France this week, says that he had been up the line for seven days, and had had several narrow squeaks. Some of his comrades close by him were knocked over, but he escaped with a peppering of dirt.

ACCIDENT. 22nd March 1918

Mr. William Crouch met with an accident on the 14th instant, which has confined him to his bed. Whilst engaged with a harrow, a troublesome horse caused him to stumble over a large clod of earth, and he fell on the harrow, dislocating his shoulder. He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and was detained there until the following day, when he was sent home. He is going on well.

FUNERAL. 22nd March 1918

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Eason, whose death at the age of 79 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on the 14th inst. The Rev. F. Cooksey officiated. The mourners were Miss Eason (daughter), Mr. Edward W. Eason (son), Mrs. George Trundley (sister) and Mr. W. Mackness and Mr. Thomas Mackness (brothers).

POTATO CULTURE. 22nd March 1918

Mr. Rogers, of the Food Production Department, Board of Agriculture, gave an interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated by diagrams, on the culture, diseases and spraying of potatoes, at the National School on the 14th inst. At the close of his lecture Mr. Rogers answered various questions. The attendance unfortunately was poor, the audience consisting of half-a-dozen ladies who were more interested in potato cooking than in potato culture, about the same number of lads, three parish councillors, and eight or nine other men – a far from satisfactory attendance considering the vital importance of the potato question, and the fact that the population of Swavesey was 904 at the last census. Perhaps not enough was done to interest or attract people, or to counteract the prevalent idea that a man who had been in the habit of growing potatoes had nothing to learn as to improved methods of culture, or the most effective way to combat disease. Just before the meeting began a man passing the school was heard to call out to a friend, "What! Are you going to the meeting? I should have thought you would have known how to grow spuds after all these years!" None of the leading people of the parish, with the notable exceptions of three parish councillors and the Clerk, were present.

CHASING THE TURKS. 22nd March 1918

A SWAVESEY MAN'S EXPERIENCES WITH THE GUNS.

Gunner G. E. Canham, a signaller in the R.G.A., writes from somewhere in Mesopotamia, an interesting and amusing description of his first experiences in action. In civil life, Gunner Canham is a grocer – a one-man business, now carried on by his wife. He joined up on 10th March, 1917. Before taking the business at Swavesey he was at Messrs. Henry & Co., in Cambridge. He is a member of the local Baptist community.

“The call came on Sunday, December 2nd, and at 9.30 p.m., after receiving a small tube of iodine and placing our field dressing in the allotted pocket, we (signallers) took our places on the motor lorries on top of stores, etc. We are cautioned against singing and smoking whilst on our journey, and at 10 p.m. the battery is heading for one position for action. Our way is taken through desert and wild country until 6 a.m. Progress has been slow but sure. And we have advanced some 18 or 20 miles. We arrive at our position at the break of day, only to learn that the Turks have learned of our increased energies and have retreated a number of miles. This is a great disappointment for the boys, as the report was that we had come on purpose to drive the Turks out of the hills, but our disappointment was soon turned to delight, as after ‘breaking our fast,’ we continued over more ground chasing the enemy. More miles of sandy desert are covered, not only by the battery, but by infantry, cavalry, pack mules, moving hospital, etc., etc. To see this moving across the plain is the sight of a lifetime.

“We (so we think) are moving in the flank of the enemy, but again the retreating enemy has spoilt our chances and has again retired further back. We are ordered to pack up after just waiting for the order to load and fire. We again think of the inner man, and partake of a tin of rabbit (between three) and Army biscuits. We again move off waiting instructions, arriving at a place to sleep soon after 9 p.m. We soon get out tea over, and lie down to rest in the open under the lorries and in any sheltered spot we can find. On Tuesday morning, after breakfast, we are earnestly seeking the road through the hills in pursuit of the Turks. We reach the entrance shortly before 11 a.m. Water is our next requirement before proceeding further, also a wash, which we have not had since Sunday evening. We travelled some three miles on foot there and back for this particular luxury and necessity, and found upon our arrival back at the lorries that tea had been issued, and I was fortunate enough to get the last two cups for my friend and myself.

“Our journey again continued through the hills, and frequently we are struggling with the lorries owing to the softness of the sand, and arrive at a

village just after darkness has fallen. We now await the 'ration lorry' which is delayed through some reason, and we are very glad when it arrives and thoroughly enjoy a tea of 'bully' and some biscuits and a cup of tea. Ere an hour has passed we are again off on our mission over hill, down dale, through the hills (walking), hoping to come up with the enemy in the morning. Somewhere about midnight you would have seen us still struggling with lorries and guns over the highest peak. Each time we arrived at the top the men dropped off to sleep for a few moments they were waiting. The last car is up, and again we are on the march some seven or eight miles on foot, and we are in sight of the camp at 7.30 a.m., having covered some 20 odd miles since entering the hills. We now enjoy hastily-prepared breakfast of bacon and biscuits and a cup of tea. Again we snatch a much needed wash – only two of us, all others were stopped – as we were waiting to cross the river, rather a difficulty seeing the enemy had blown up the centre of the bridge.

“Again that determined spirit wins, and little did the Turk think we should go through the water with our guns. We continued until stopped by the ‘Higher Command,’ and away we went across the desert some six or seven miles to the help of our infantry, only to see them chase the Turks up the slopes and over the top; and so for the second time our attempts at coming to grips with the enemy were frustrated. Here we were congratulated by H.Q.S. for our part in the attack, and though no shells were fired by us the enemy must have known of our intention and thus saved us expense. How much I should have loved for you all to have seen us ‘going into action,’ some eating their bacon on biscuits, some without coats or rations for the day, and not one of them, I am sure, had one thought of fighting. This was Wednesday and we had not slept for 48 hours, and we were some eight or nine miles from camp. We still had enough strength to walk back to find a bridge had been built, and we were able to walk straight across to the camp, arriving there near to 7 o’clock. You may be sure after tea we were soon down to sleep (in the open) and up again at 7.30 on Thursday morning.

“After breakfast we were told to parade with towel, and away we go for a lovely dip in the river. The sun was shining and under the shelter of the bank we had an enjoyable bathe, and thus closed our part of the ‘action.’”

WAR NOTES. 29th March 1918

PTE. A. G. PARISH. - News has reached Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Swavesey, that their only son, Pte. Albert G. Parish, King's Royal Rifles, has been gassed and blinded, and is in hospital in France. In a letter received on Tuesday he stated that he was recovering sight and was going on well.

GUNNER E. H. PETERS. – Mrs. Peters, Swavesey, has been informed that her husband, Gunner E. H. Peters, R.G.A., has been wounded in the head in France, and is in hospital in this country.

PTE. A. HOLMES. – In a private letter written in a base hospital in France to his parents in Swavesey, Pte. Albert Holmes, R.W. Kent Regiment, states that he was wounded in the arm on St. Patrick's Day. He only went to France at the beginning of the month.

DECORATED. 29th March 1918

Mrs. W. Symonds, Boxworth End, the mother of eight children, one of whom is serving with the Buffs in France, was the only Swavesey woman farm worker who was given a badge on Saturday by the Princess Mary. She received three striped. Mrs. Symons is employed by Mr. A. Day as a milker.

LADIES AND POTATO CULTURE. 29th March 1918

Exception has been taken to the statement in the notice of a lecture on potato culture, etc., which appeared in last week's issue that the half-dozen ladies who were present "were more interested in potato cooking than in potato culture." It is stated that the ladies, or at any rate some of them, were interested in the culture of potatoes.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 29th March 1918

Two of Swavesey's gallant lads were welcomed home on short leave last week-end, and both, it is satisfactory to record, were in good health and spirits. Flight Sergt. Albert Girling, R.F.C., arrived from France, where he had been since January, 1915, on Friday, and Wheeler J. W. Goad, A.S.C., from Italy on the following day. The latter went to France about three years ago, and proceeded to Italy with the British Expeditionary Force last November.

WAR NOTES. 29th March 1918

Lance-Corpl. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers, who was wounded by shell on the right ankle in France on 22nd December, and whose foot was subsequently amputated, was discharged from hospital on Saturday. He is paying a brief visit to Swavesey this week. Pte. Alfred Large, Yeomanry, is now serving with a cyclist battalion in France. He says in a letter dated 18th inst. that he is in first-class health, and thinks he will be quite as well off with a cycle as with the horses. Corpl. James S. Dean, Imperial Camel Corps, writing from Palestine to his brother in Italy on 3rd March says: "We are camping at present on some beautiful grazing country, so the camels are having a great time. We are on brown bread now and expect you are too." Corpl. Dean enclosed a

programme of the Imperial Camel Brigade sports, held “somewhere in Palestine” on 12th and 13th February. The programme contained a large number of events of various kinds, including bayonet fighting, 100 yards championship race, high jump, hop, step and jump, camel races, wrestling on camels (Indian and European), officers’ pony races, tugs-of-war, musical chairs, etc.

MARGARINE. 29th March 1918

At a meeting of the Swavesey Food Control Committee, held at St. Ives on the 11th inst., the margarine question was the principal item under discussion, and the members of the Committee were asked to nominate the wholesalers. The matter of nominating Cambridge wholesalers was proposed, but it was announced that the Swavesey district was outside the Cambridge district, and that there was no alternative but to nominate St. Ives wholesalers. The absence of a wholesaler in the Swavesey district was objected to by a member of the Committee, who made a definite proposition to the Committee that Mr. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, should be appointed wholesale dealer in margarine for the district served by the Swavesey Food Committee, and it is satisfactory to state that this suggestion found favour with every member present, and was carried. Unfortunately Mr. Aldred’s time is so taken up that he cannot see his way clear to accept the appointment, and at Mr. Aldred’s suggestion Mr. C. H. Bloom, Over, has consented to be registered as a wholesaler, and do his best for all concerned. The Committee will allocate the margarine to the retailers. It is hoped that by the time rationing comes into effect the arrangement suggested above will be in force, and that the serious complaints of shortage will have been put an end to. The decision to appoint a local wholesaler will, writes our Swavesey representative, no doubt be greatly to the advantage of the district. If supplies of margarine were taken to St. Ives for distribution to the retailers of the Swavesey district, delay would inevitably occur, whereas by delivery direct at Swavesey railway station, the distribution could, and no doubt would, be made without loss of time. In the meantime I understand Swavesey, etc., retailers have received forms on which to nominate their wholesalers, and they would do well to bear in mind the fact that Mr. Bloom has been chosen as local wholesaler.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL. 29th March 1918

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening. There were present; Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., J. S. Goad, and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The Clerk said that he had

not yet erected the board containing the by-laws of the Recreation Ground. The Chairman stated that he had had no notice of the date of the recent lecture on potato culture. Had he received notice he would have made a point of being present. Some conversation followed in regard to the proposed demonstration on fruit canning, which it is understood is to be given in April, and the Chairman was anxious to know how the demonstration could be effectively advertised. He also expressed the opinion that the parish notice board should be cleared of old bills. The Clerk undertook to advertise the demonstration to the best of his ability.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Mr. Goad temporarily took the chair. Mr. Norman was unanimously re-elected, despite his proposal that Mr. Goad become chairman. Mr. Norman resumed the chair. Mr. Goad was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Messrs. Parsons and Williamson were appointed Overseers after a vote. Messrs. A. Norman and Twist retired from the office of Trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity, and were re-appointed for a term of four years. Mr. S. Wilderspin, sen., was re-appointed pindar, and some conversation ensued relative to the office of village crier. The meeting then terminated. - Our Swavesey representative writes: The Swavesey Parish Council continues on its eccentric way. According to its Standing Orders the annual meeting of the Council should be held "on April 15th, or on the Monday immediately following," and the Local Government Act, 1894, requires that the meeting should be on April 15th, or within seven days after. The annual parish meeting should, however, according to law, be held on 25th March in each year, or within seven days before or after that day. No less than seven clear days' notice is required of this annual assembly of the parish, and, as at the time of writing, no such notice has been published, the meeting this year cannot take place within the specified period.

VESTRY MEETING. 5th April 1918

At the annual Vestry meeting held at the Parish Church on Easter Monday evening, Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp were re-elected churchwardens.

NO BEER. 5th April 1918

With the exception of a public house at Boxworth End, every licensed house in the parish of Swavesey has been without beer for the Easter holidays. There were very few visitors in the village!

BETHEL CHAPEL. 5th April 1918

Under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour Society, a social evening, without refreshments, was held in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom on Good Friday evening. The Rev. H. J. N. Ussher, pastor, presided, and the room was crowded. An excellent miscellaneous programme was provided.

THE FOOD QUESTION. 5th April 1918

As we anticipated, the absence of a Food Control Office within the Swavesey district is causing inconvenience. If it is necessary to make personal inquiry, or application, on any matter, a journey to St. Ives is involved at a cost of ninepence for railway fare – to say nothing of loss of time. It is suggested that if it is not practicable for the office to be in the village of Swavesey, the centre of the district, a branch office should be opened there on one or two days a week.

FALSE RUMOURS. 5th April 1918

Persistent rumours have been in circulation during the last fortnight that Pte. Dick Wilderspin, R.E., who is serving in France as a despatch rider, had come to an untimely end. It may be of interest to the circulators of these sinister tales, and to Pte. Wilderspin's very large circle of friends, to know that his wife has been receiving letters from him every day lately, the latest dated Saturday reaching her on Wednesday. Pte. Wilderspin was then in good health.

SUGAR. 5th April 1918

A false impression is hard to kill. Many housewives in the parish recently signed a memorial asking that sugar for jam-making should be granted to persons who buy fruit as well as to those who grow their own fruit. Some persons who signed this memorial are under the altogether mistaken impression that by affixing their signatures they have made application for sugar. They have done nothing of the kind, but have merely asked that the privilege of obtaining sugar for jam-making may be extended to persons who do not grow fruit.

CORPORAL JAMES PRIME. M. M. 5th April 1918

Corporal James Prime, M. M., son of Mr. Alfred Prime, Swavesey, was wounded in the back by shrapnel on the 21st March, and is in Springburn-Woodside Hospital, Glasgow. He is going on well. Corporal Prime was awarded the Military Medal in June last for gallantry at Messines Ridge on 25th May. His portrait appeared in the "Press and News" on February 1st.

SAPPER S. F. MITHAM. 12th April 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Mitham are in great anxiety respecting their youngest son, Sapper Samuel G. Mitham, R.E., who has been posted as missing since 23rd March. He was attached to the famous Highland Division which fought so bravely and suffered so heavily in the earlier days of the present battle, and when last seen was retiring with a clean wound in his arm. His sergeant, writing on the 2nd inst., states that no report has been received from the R.A.M.C. Sapper Mitham joined the Royal Engineers on 4th November, 1914, and had been serving in France since 12th June, 1915.

GUNNER H. G. GRAVES. 12th April 1918

Mrs. Graves, High-street, Swavesey, has been officially informed that her husband, Gunner Henry George Graves, R.G.A., died of wounds on 25th March in a field ambulance in France. The chaplain of his Brigade writing to Mrs. Graves on April 2nd to convey "the deep sympathy of us all," states that her husband's end was the "noblest a man can have," and adds: "His body was reverently and properly buried in a cemetery near here." Gunner Graves, who was 35 years of age, had been agent for Messrs. Bailey and Tebbut in the Swavesey district since January, 1910, and was well known in the neighbourhood. He was at one time in the Herts. Yeomanry, but had left the regiment before the outbreak of war. He joined the R.G.A. on 10th October, 1916, and went to France on 5th January last. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter for whom great sympathy is felt. – Mrs. Graves desires to express her sincere thanks to her many friends for their kind and greatly appreciated sympathy in her bereavement.

AN OCTOGENARIAN. 12th April 1918

Mrs. Sutton, Middle Watch, widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Sutton, was 87 years of age on the 5th inst.

FRUIT PRESERVING. 12th April 1918

A demonstration in the best methods of canning fruit will be held, under the auspices of the County Horticultural Sub-Committee, in the National School on Tuesday, 22nd April, at 7 p.m. All interested in fruit preserving, a most important matter in these days, should make a point of attending – ladies especially.

FOOD COMMITTEE. 12th April 1918

No meeting of the Swavesey Rural Food Control Committee has been held since Monday, 11th March, more than a month ago. Many persons anxious to

obtain sugar for jam-making have not received the necessary form of application, the supply of forms having been exhausted. The inconvenience caused by there being no Food Office in Swavesey, the centre of the district, is felt more and more as time goes on. In these busy days and when the cost of necessaries is rising, people can afford neither the time nor the money to go to St. Ives.

NEWS FROM MESOPOTAMIA. 12th April 1918

In a letter just received in Swavesey Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., who has been serving in Mesopotamia since last August, says that the Christmas parcel from friends in Swavesey posted on 10th November, reached him safely, though minus the string, on 2nd February, and that the edible contents were thoroughly enjoyed by himself and others. The pocket wallet, also enclosed, he hopes to bring back to England very soon, for he believes his return home will not be long delayed. It is, he says, "a recognised fact that Turkey is already beaten. Prisoners are daily passing through our camp in shocking condition, coming in of their own accord."

DEATH OF MR. J. NORMAN. 12th April 1918

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Norman, which occurred at 3 a.m. on Monday at his house in Carter's-lane, Swavesey. Mr. Norman had been in failing health for some time, but had continued at his work. About noon on Saturday whilst engaged a mile or more away from home, he was suddenly taken very seriously ill. He managed with difficulty to reach his house about an hour later, was assisted to his bed, and, as stated, passed away early on Monday morning. He was a native of Swavesey, being the son of the late Mr. Robert Norman, Boxworth End, and for the last 24 years had been employed on the same farm by the late Mr. George Long and his successors. Mr. Norman, who was 67 years of age, leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters.

FLOODS. 19th April 1918

Much land in and around Swavesey is under water, and it has been necessary to remove stock from many fields.

AN OVERWORKED OFFICE. 19th April 1918

It is stated that the pressure of work was so great at the local Food Office, St. Ives, last week-end, that the officials were kept busily engaged until the small hours of Sunday morning, and were again at work during Sunday.

MARGARINE. 19th April 1918

An announcement was recently made in these columns that a grocer at Over had been appointed margarine wholesaler for the Swavesey district, but it now appears that, although the Swavesey Food Committee have held no meeting, the arrangement has been altered, and that margarine is being supplied to retailers in the district by grocers in St. Ives. The shops of all the retailers in the district are within easy distance of Swavesey Railway Station, whereas distribution from St. Ives involves a long journey by road, and is likely to entail delay, to say nothing of additional expense. The Food Committee should explain why the alteration was necessary, and why it was carried out without their authority.

SUGAR FOR JAM. 19th April 1918

A Swavesey resident received by post on Wednesday from the Local Food Office, St. Ives, a copy of the official form on which to apply for sugar for making jam for home-grown fruit. The resident in question has no fruit trees of any description, and had made no request for a form of application for sugar, but it is understood that his wife signed a memorial a short time ago praying that Government sugar for jam-making might be supplied to persons who purchase fruit as well as to persons who grow their own fruit. Perhaps the Swavesey Food Committee will furnish some explanation in the matter? It will be recollected that many people who signed the memorial referred to thought that by affixing their signature they were "putting their names down" for a supply of sugar.

FUNERAL. 19th April 1918

The funeral of Mr. James Norman, Carter's-lane, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Norman (widow), Mr. And Mrs. A. J. Norman (son and daughter-in-law), Miss H. Norman (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norman (cousins), Mrs. J. Trundle, sen. (sister-in-law) and Messrs. W. and C. Adams (brothers-in-law).

WAR NOTES. 19th April 1918

Pte. William Harden, Shropshire L.I., has been discharged from the Army, being no longer physically fit for war service. He had spent the last nine months in hospital at Cork, suffering from bronchitis. Pte. Dick Wilderspin, R.E., concerning whose safety ugly rumours had been in circulation, writing to our Swavesey representative on 9th April, says: "No doubt you will be pleased to hear from me after the news which has been going about re me. I am still

alive and in the best of health, and feeling fit. I have not met anyone I know out here yet. I should not care who it was, but I should like to see someone I know, just to get a chat about Swavesey. Tell our death-hunter I am keeping well, and if he lay beside me in our hut he would have to go through it, for I would turn his bed upside down and see what he was made of. We have a bit of sport sometimes, but I would rather be in the ----- just to hear who does all the work. I guess there is just as much done there on 'pop' as there used to be on beer." Pte. Wilderspin is a despatch rider, and has been in France since 1st January last.

DRIVER S. W. WRIGHT. 19th April 1918

Driver Sidney W. Wright, Machine Gun Corps, has been wounded by a bullet in the thigh, and is in hospital in France. In a letter received by his wife on Wednesday Driver Wright says that he is going on well.

JOINED UP. 26th April 1918

Mr. Francis Parish, youngest son of Mr. David Parish, has joined the Army Service Corps. He had been on munition work for the last two years.

FOOD CONTROL. 26th April 1918

The inconvenience caused to the public by the Swavesey Food Control Office being located in St. Ives is being keenly felt just now by persons who have had to have their children's meat ration cards changed. In order to have this done a journey – sometimes more than one – has had to be taken to St. Ives (railway fare 9d.) or letters written, involving delay and expense for postage.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION. 26th April 1918

A lady lecturer from the Food Production Department gave an interesting and instructive demonstration of the best way of canning fruit and vegetables in the National School on Tuesday evening. The audience was composed mainly of ladies, some of whom belonged to Over, but it was not as large or representative as it ought to have been. The unsatisfactory attendance cannot in this instance be attributed to inadequate advertisement, but rather, it is feared, to the prevalent notion that our womenfolk know already how to make jam and cook vegetables. Those who did not attend missed many valuable and useful hints in culinary matters, quite apart from the information given respecting canning. After the lecture Mrs. Mirrlees, Chairman of the County Horticultural Sub-Committee, gave a short address, in which she was understood to say that the canning apparatus used in the demonstration would be left at Swavesey for the benefit of canners in Swavesey and surrounding

villages if satisfactory arrangements could be made for its proper use. Mr. Robinson Mitham presided, and on behalf of the audience thanked the lecturer and Mrs. Mirrlees for the demonstration, which was greatly appreciated by those who were present. The Parish Council, under whose auspices the demonstration was held, was represented by Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman) and Mr. Twist.

WAR NOTES. 26th April 1918

PTE. C. W. PRIME. Information has reached Mr. David Prime, Hog Pasture Gate House, that his eldest son, Pte. Charles W. Prime, Bedfordshire Regt., has been wounded in the hand during the recent fighting in France, and is in hospital in this country. He is reported to be doing well. He was previously wounded in May of last year.

PTE. W. G. PRIOR. Mr. Charles Prior, Taylor's-lane, has received news that his eldest son, Pte. Walter George Prior, North Staffordshire Regt., has been posted as missing. He joined up in September, 1916, and had been in France for some time.

LANCE-CORPL. J. A. SYMONDS. The Quartermaster-Sergeant of his company has written to say that Lance-Corpl. John Alexander Symonds, East Kent Regt. (The Buffs), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Symonds, Boxworth end, was posted as missing on 21st March. He joined up on 18th April, 1917, and went to France early in December.

CAPT. G. BEAUMONT, M.C. Mrs. Beaumont, Swavesey, has been informed by telegram from the War Office that her son, Capt. George Beaumont, M.C., East Surrey Regt., died of wounds on April 9th, aged 29. Capt. Beaumont entered the Civil Service in 1905, and after serving in the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, G.P.O., and in the National Debt Office, was appointed to the Secretary's Department of the Customs and Excise in 1909. On the outbreak of war he was selected for duty in the War Trade Department, and acted as Secretary of the Admiralty Committee. He was anxious to join the Army, but could not be spared by his Department until November, 1915, when his persistent appeals for release from his civil duties were at length acceded to. He enlisted in the London Scottish, and after a few months' training in this country joined a battalion of that famous regiment in France on March 12th, 1916. He was wounded at Gommecourt on 11th June, 1916, and was sent home, but rejoined his unit at the front in September. Two months later he was nominated for a commission, and after training with the 4th O.C.B. at Oxford, was gazetted second lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment on 4th April, 1917. On the 24th May he was in France once again. His battalion was in the thick of the fighting at Bourslon Wood from 23rd to 25th November last,

and for his devotion to duty and gallant conduct Capt. Beaumont was awarded the Military Cross and promoted captain. George Beaumont was the third of the five sons of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for some forty years headmaster of Swavesey School, all of whom have served or are serving in the Army on the Western front. The eldest, Gunner P. J. Beaumont, R.G.A., has been invalided from France, Henry, the second, enlisted in the Canadian Infantry at the beginning of the war, and has been missing since April, 1915, and his body doubtless lies in "some corner of a foreign field that is for ever England," George, the subject of this notice, Francis, also a Civil Servant, who joined the London Regiment on 15th September, 1914, was wounded at Loos on 25th September, 1915, and has been discharged as unfit for further war service. And, lastly, Arthur, the youngest, a lad of 19, in the Machine-Gun Corps, of whom no tidings have been received since the terrible struggle begun on 21st March. Mrs. Beaumont may rest assured that she has the heartfelt sympathy of all, especially of those persons who themselves are weighed down with sorrow and anxiety for dear ones who have made the great sacrifice, or are missing or wounded.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 3rd May 1918

Medals awarded by the County Education Committee for perfect attendance during last year were on Friday presented to the undermentioned children at Swavesey National School: Harry Brooks, Stanley Brooks and Winifred Godfrey.

POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 3rd May 1918

Owing to the alterations in the train service, which took effect on Wednesday, the letter-box at Swavesey Post Office is now cleared at 10.45 a.m. for the mid-day despatch, and the day mail delivery is being made 25 minutes later. The wall posting box in Middle Watch is now cleared at 10.40 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.

DEATH OF AN EX-SOLDIER. 3rd May 1918

We regret to report that Mr. William Harden died on Monday morning, aged 34 years, at his home in Middle Watch, Swavesey. Mr. Harden joined the Suffolk Regt. on the 2nd March, 1916, and went to France on the 28th November of the same year, being transferred to the Shropshire L.I. on arrival. After a time his health broke down, and he was sent back from France. He spent nine months in hospital at Cork, but was discharged from the Army last month as unfit for further war service. He arrived in Swavesey on the 9th ultimo, and was granted a pension dating from the 14th ulto. The funeral took

place in Swavesey churchyard yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Mr. Harden was unmarried.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT. 3rd May 1918

A Swavesey man in a R.E. Road Construction Company, writing from France, says: "We are just getting settled after all our excitement. We were marching for a week. We lost most of our kit, but we are all right again now. We finished our two miles of sleeper track, and it was a good job we did. Our platoon was repairing it in the morning, taking the broken sleepers out and putting new ones in as Fritz came over the hill. We were the last lot to leave. I stood looking on while a battery of 18-pounders was in action against our camp before we had the order to move. It was most exciting. Fritz came down on us with his planes and fired at us with his Lewis guns, but did not hit any of our fellows. One had a lucky escape, for a bullet hit one of the buttons on his tunic and knocked it off. It just grazed his skin, but did not hurt him. We have lost our sleeper track – Fritz claims that – but it is all blown up by our airmen, so it is no good to the Germans. . . . It is wonderful what men the Germans have lost. I think this is the start of the finish – at least I hope so." (Walter Coulson)

A LETTER FROM PALESTINE. 3rd May 1918

Writing on April 2nd from Palestine, Corpl. James S. Dean, Imperial Camel Corps, says: "You will be sorry to hear that I am wounded and in hospital here, but expect to be sent down to the base in a day or so. I am wounded in the head, but it is going on all right, so don't worry. The doctors thought my skull was fractured, as I could not speak properly, so they put me under an operation, and I am thankful to say my speech is quite all right again. Since I last wrote I have spent a day at Bethlehem, and saw the manger in which Jesus was born. We then went on to Jerusalem, and I saw the Garden of Gethsemane, and the tomb of the Virgin Mary, and also the great mosque of Omar. The city of Jerusalem is one of the dirtiest places I have seen, and the only decent buildings are the churches and the buildings belonging to the church. We then went on to Jericho and across the Jordan, where I was wounded on 27th March." Corpl. Dean is the eldest son of Mrs. Dean and the late Mr. James W. Dean, of Swavesey. He went through the South African War, gaining both the Queen's and King's Medals, and he re-enlisted in Australia on the 28th November, 1915, in the Australian Light Horse, transferring to the Camel Corps twelve months later.

WAR NOTES. 3rd May 1918

CAPT. G. BEAUMONT, M.C. – The following extracts from a letter written by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion of the East Surrey Regt., to which the late Capt. G. Beaumont, M.C., of Swavesey, belonged, will be read with interest. His death from wounds received in action in France was reported last week. After mentioning that the battalion had sustained very heavy losses in officers and men, and that “Captain Beaumont was wounded in several places, but was quite cheery, and that later he died of wounds,” the writer records that wounded men had told him how courageously Capt. Beaumont had fought “as indeed I well know he would, and he died a brave soldier, fighting to the end.” “He was not only a splendid officer who knew his work well, and had the hearts of all his men, but he was indeed a ‘White man,’ whom to know was indeed a pleasure. You may have comfort and even pride in the reflection that he was enabled to be of the bravest, and was faithful always, even to the supreme sacrifice.”

PTE. H. G. KEY. – Mrs. Key, High-street, Swavesey, has received letters from her husband, Pte. Henry G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, informing her that his leg was accidentally injured by falling wood on the night of April 18th, and that he is in hospital in France and doing well.

PTE. A. BEAUMONT. – Mrs. Beaumont received on Friday a postcard from her youngest son, Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany (camp not stated) and was unwounded and well. The card was dated April 5th.

SAPPER S. F. MITHAM. – A postcard dated 29th March reached Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, on Friday morning from his youngest son, Sapper Samuel F. Mitham, R.E., stating that he is a prisoner of war at Limberg, Germany, and was “sound.” Mr. Mitham had previously been informed officially that his son had been missing since 25th March, and his sergeant had written to say that when last seen he was suffering from a clean wound in his arm. Sapper Mitham and Pte. A. Beaumont are cousins, and are the first Swavesey men known to be prisoners of war.

PTE. H. G. KEY. – Writing to his wife on April 20th, Pte. Harry G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, reports that he was wounded in the leg on the night of April 18-19, and was in hospital in France. He added that the wound was painful, but that there was no occasion for his wife to worry.

CORPL. J. S. DEAN. – News has reached Swavesey that Corpl. James S. Dean, Imperial Camel Corps was wounded in the head on 27th March whilst on service in Palestine.

LANCE-CORPL. J. A. SYMONDS. – A postcard was received on Monday morning by the parents of Lance-Corpl. John A. Symonds, East Kent Regt.,

who last week was unofficially reported missing since March 21st, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and is well.

PTE. H. C. HOWLETT. – In a letter dated April 20th, Pte. R. Mitham, Suffolk Regt., himself fortunately sound and free, states that Pte. Harold Charles Howlett, of the same battalion, son of Mr. W. Howlett, Swavesey, has been wounded in the thigh by shrapnel and taken prisoner by the Germans. Ptes Mitham and Howlett were stretcher-bearers.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 10th May 1918

A linnet's nest, containing three eggs, has been found in a broccoli growing in Mr. Ralph Gleaves' small holding in Whitton Meadow, Swavesey.

BLACKSMITH INJURED. 10th May 1918

Mr. Charles Burling was kicked on the head whilst shoeing a horse on Saturday morning. It is understood that Mr. Burling overbalanced and fell through the animal's hoof getting entangled in his apron, and that his head was badly cut through coming in contact with a partly driven nail in the shoe. Mr. Tuck, who was with the horse, was able to push it away, and so prevented further mischief.

VICAR GOES TO THE FRONT. 10th May 1918

The Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. John Selwyn Sharp, left the village on Monday for a second spell of duty as a chaplain to the Forces. He is understood to have crossed over to France on Wednesday. Mr. Sharp had previously served as a temporary chaplain on the Western front from January, 1916, to January, 1917. The Rev. Edwin Gerald Peterson, who has recently been doing duty at Fen Drayton, will be in charge of the parish during the vicar's absence.

SOLDIER PENSIONER'S FUNERAL. 10th May 1918

The funeral of the late Mr. William Harden, who was discharged with a pension from the Shropshire L.I. on the 13th ulto., and whose death was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on the 2nd. Inst. The Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. James Harden and Mr. Thomas Harden (brothers) and Miss E. Harden and Miss M. A. Harden (sisters).

HOW GUNNER GRAVES DIED. 10th May 1918

Mrs. Graves, High-street. Swavesey, widow of the late Gunner H. G. Graves, R.G.A., whose death from wounds on 25th March has already been announced

has received the following letter from an officer in her husband's battery: "As your husband's section commander I am writing to let you know how he met his death. On the evening of 25th March he was on duty in the exchange at the battery position, when a shell from an enemy battery burst on the roof. Your husband and an N.C.O. were at once carried out and taken away to an ambulance. He was unconscious when picked up, and did not regain consciousness, so his end was painless. Although he had only been with us a short time, he was universally liked and trusted, as he always did his work thoroughly and cheerfully. Personally, I was extremely sorry to lose him, and should like to convey the sympathy of the officers and men of the battery with you in your loss." Gunner Graves was a signaller.

CONCERT FOR RED CROSS. 10th May 1918

A highly successful concert, admirably arranged by the Misses Dodson and Goad and Sapper Banyard, a patient at Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital, was held at the National School on the evening of the 2nd inst. The large room was crowded with an audience who thoroughly appreciated the excellent fare provided for their amusement. The entertainment was in aid of the local hospital, and resulted in £6 16s. being handed over to the Commandant. Sergt Hughes, a patient, acted as chairman. The varied programme included a pianoforte solo, humorous songs, sketches and an impersonation. At the close the Commandant, Mrs. R. E. Long, briefly thanked all who had taken part in the entertainment, and congratulated them on the success of their venture. The proceeds, she added, would be a very welcome addition to the funds of the hospital.

PTE. R. MITHAM. 10th May 1918

News has reached Swavesey that Pte. Robinson Mitham, Suffolk Regt., second son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, was wounded on 28th April in France. In a letter to his wife received subsequently, Pte. Mitham, who was a stretcher bearer, says that he had just brought in a wounded man from the front lines to the dressing station, when a shell fell in the doorway of the old building used for the station. A large piece of shell struck him on the left ankle, and his mate was hit by a smaller piece on the left leg, but the man on the stretcher did not escape so lightly, being hit on the chest. Pte. Mitham, at time of writing, was going on well although "half a tree" was bound round his leg.

PTE. T. C. FROMENT. 17th May 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Froment, Market-street, Swavesey, have been informed that their son, Pte. Thomas Charles Froment, Grenadier Guards (Guards

Machine-Gun Regiment), was wounded by shell in the right thigh on May 6th. Writing from the 3rd Western General Hospital, Newport (Mon.), Pte. Froment says he is "nice and comfortable," and is going on as well as can be expected. He had been previously wounded in the same leg during the fighting at Cambrai in November last.

ADVERT. 17th May 1918

Wanted, Old Newspapers, Periodicals, etc., for cash – Aldred, Swavesey.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 17th May 1918

Anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday in last week. The Rev. S. W. Hughes, Dr. Clifford's successor at Westbourne Park Church, preached at the afternoon and evening services, both of which were largely attended. The collections, which were in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund and amounted to over £24, exceeded previous anniversary records.

WAR NOTES. 17th May 1918

Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, who was recently accidentally injured, has returned to duty with his battalion at the front. Pte. Robinson Mitham, Suffolk Regt., reported wounded last week, is in hospital at Boulogne and is going on well. A card was received from Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., written from a German prison camp, stating that he is well, but asking for a parcel and money. Gunner Frederick A. Prior, R.F.A., has returned to France, and is in good health.

DEATH OF MRS. JAMES RADFORD. 17th May 1918

Many of our older readers in Swavesey and district will learn with regret that Mrs. Betsy Webster Radford, widow of the late Mr. James Radford, and daughter of the late Mr. Edward Thorp, farmer, Swavesey, died at Harrow-on-Hill on April 30th, aged 75 years, after a long and painful illness. The funeral took place at Harrow on the 4th inst. Mrs. Radford and her husband were natives of Swavesey, both belonging to well-known local families. They were married at Swavesey, and spent the earlier years of their wedded life there, and their children were born in the village.

THE FEAST. 17th May 1918

This week was, or rather should have been, Feast Week, but not a vestige of the usual attributes of a feast has been seen. In normal times Market-street is crowded with roundabouts, shooting galleries, cocoa-nut shies, stalls of various kinds and the like. Last year two or three stalls were in evidence, but

this year Market-street has been deserted except by trucks engaged on Government business. One incident will show how entirely the feast has been abandoned. The tap-room of one publichouse usually crowded at feast time was "spring-cleaned" on Monday. Two feast customs were, however, kept up. The school children were granted a week's holiday, and the shops were closed on Tuesday afternoon. The services at the parish church on Sunday were of a festival character, and an anthem was sung in the evening.

THE LATE CAPTAIN G. BEAUMONT, M.C. 17th May 1918

A friend of the late Capt. George Beaumont, whose death has already been reported in our columns, writes: "We first met in the Harpur-street Library at Bedford, fourteen years ago, as candidates for boy clerkships, and it so happened that he was the only friend I made in those few days that seemed so momentous to us. A year or two later, at King's College, George made himself known again. He was bigger and taller, but with the same shy, unspoilt freshness that had singled him out from all the others of that boyish crowd at Bedford. We both lodged in South London, and our walks home are some of my happiest recollections. On those joyous nights we forgot our new-found dignity, and went back wholeheartedly to earlier days. I am very much afraid that one night we crossed Blackfriars Bridge on the tail of a coal-cart. Later, we played for the same cricket club, but George was claimed by a higher eleven than my humble one. Through several seasons we saw much of one another, and I look back with inexpressible emotion to the evenings I spent at Honor Oak with him and his brother Frank. We met constantly at lunch in Thames-street, and it was there that I all unwittingly said 'Good-bye' to him for the last time. From France I wrote to him with news of his brother Frank, and I still have his reply. Then, as when he wrote of his father's death, a loving, faithful soul shone through the written words and made them golden. It was inevitable that I should write all this detail, for all our past meetings have been passing and repassing in my memory since the news of his death came. No one, knowing him, and knowing of our long friendship stretching back to boyhood, will ask why I feel I must pay what tribute I can to the finest-natured gentleman it has ever been my privilege to know. From a letter written to me a bare month ago, I know, if proof were necessary, that he remained steadfast to the end to the principles which moulded his manhood and made him the fine type of Englishman that he was. Let me write, without excess of verbiage, and with deep sorrow tinged with solemn pride his epitaph: 'He was a clean-limbed, clean-minded Englishman; a dutiful son, a loving brother, and a faithful friend. — R.W.S.

(Long entry).

PTE. THOMAS HOWLETT. 24th May 1918

A telegram from the Record Office was received by Mrs. W. Howlett yesterday (Thursday) stating that her son, Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regt., has been dangerously wounded and is lying in hospital in France. It was regretted that permission could not be given for his parents to visit him. Pte. Howlett first went to France in October, 1915, and was wounded in the knee in May, 1916. In September, 1917, he was taken ill with an appendicitis and was sent to England for an operation. He returned to France about the middle of last month. His brother, Pte. H. C. Howlett, Suffolk Regt., has been missing since April 9th, and is believed to have been wounded.

WAR NOTES. 24th May 1918

Pte. Isaac Parish and Pte. Frank Prior are now in France. Pte. William H. Metcalfe returned there on the 10th inst.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY. 24th May 1918

There were more visitors in Swavesey during Whitsuntide than had been the case at recent holiday times, and the village woke up a little.

FUNERAL. 24th May 1918

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Utteridge took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, Bethel Chapel, officiated, and the mourners included three sons, three daughters and two granddaughters. A few old Swavesey friends were also present. Mr. Utteridge, who was 75 years of age, was employed as a platelayer on the G.E. Railway at Swavesey for many years, and lived in the village until shortly after his wife's death about twenty years ago, when he removed to Cambridge, where he died. He was buried by the side of his wife.

WAR NOTES. 31st May 1918

Percy Beaumont, R.G.A., was discharged from the Army on Monday as no longer physically fit for war service. He joined up on 13th March, 1917, and went up to France on the 20th May. Towards the end of the year he was taken ill, the result of exposure, and in December he was sent home to a hospital in Wales. He arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday on a short holiday, before resuming his duties as an assistant master at Wyggeston School, Leicester. From letters which have been received by his parents, Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cambridgeshire Regt., who was officially reported by telegram last week to have been dangerously wounded, it would appear that his injuries are not so

serious as was at first thought to be the case. He was wounded in both arms on May 20th. He hopes to be sent to England very shortly. No further tidings have come to hand respecting his brother, Pte. Harold Chas. Howlett, Suffolk Regt., reported wounded and missing on 9th April.

COMMENDED. 31st May 1918

Sergt. Charles Wood, Royal Fusiliers, in civil life the headmaster of Swavesey National School, is the sergeant cook of his battalion. He joined up on October 14th, 1914, went to France on 14th October, 1915, and has seen some rough service, especially during the German attack in March last. But notwithstanding all difficulties, he has managed to feed his men, and what is more to the point, has not only given satisfaction, but has won warm commendation from his superior officers. After a surprise visit the A.D.M.S. (?Assistant Director of Medical Service (sic)) reported: "I inspected all food that was in course of preparation for men in the trenches on 26th April, 1918. The rations consisted of rissoles (two per man), cold boiled bacon, hot tea and pea soup, sent up in hot food containers - ½ pint per man. The cooking was good, very clean, and looked appetising, which goes a long way when a man is tired. I don't think the arrangements could be improved on. This battalion has the lowest sick rate in ----Infantry Brigade." The lieutenant-colonel commanding the battalion has expressed his appreciation of this highly gratifying report in a letter to Sergt. Wood: "You will have seen the very satisfactory report I recently received on the feeding of the battalion. I wish to express to you how very pleased I am to receive such a report. It reflects very great credit on you and your staff of cooks. I know the hard work you put in, and that you are 'all out' to do everything that can be done for the welfare of the troops. A battalion cannot be a really good fighting unit unless the men are happy and contented unless they are well fed. If a commanding officer has not good cooks backing him up he will never have a really good battalion. I am very fortunate in having such good men, and I want you all to know I appreciate your work." Sergt. Wood is now attached to the American Army in France as an instructor in British military cooking methods.

PTE. A. C. HEPHER. 31st May 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, have heard officially that their youngest son, Pte. Alfred Charles Hepher, Middlesex Regiment, has been posted "missing" since 9th April. Pte. Hepher, who will be 19 years of age early next month, joined up in September last. He landed in France on 1st April. His eldest brother, Pte. James William Hepher, Suffolk Regiment, was reported missing on 28th April, 1917, and has since been recorded as believed

to have been killed in action on that day. Mr. and Mrs. Hepher's sole remaining child is serving with his regiment in Ireland.

PTE. A. C. HEPHER. 7th June 1918

Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, has received a card from her youngest son, Pte. Alfred Charles Hepher, Middlesex Regiment, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and is quite well. He says he was captured at Fleurbaix on April 9th. Pte. Hepher was officially reported missing last week.

JOINED UP. 7th June 1918

Mr. Joseph Ding joined up on the 31st ult. He is training with the Royal West Kent Regiment.

TEA. 7th June 1918

Notices issued by the local Food Committee have been posted in the village calling upon people to register for tea not later than June 10th.

MILK. 7th June 1918

The Swavesey District Food Committee at a meeting held in April decided that the retail price of milk should be reduced from 6d. to 4d. a quart during the months of May and June. The resolution was, however, not confirmed by the Ministry of Food until the end of last month, and therefore did not come into force until June 1st.

WAR NOTES. 7th June 1918

Pte. Alfred Prime, The Queen's, who has been wounded on three occasions, has been "recommended" for gallantry in action on April 9th – 11th, when his battalion suffered heavily. This is the second time Pte. Prime has won commendation. Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., a prisoner of war at Munster, Germany, is employed in a coal mine. He is a carpenter by trade. Lance-Corpl. John A. Symonds, The Buffs, and Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., also prisoners, are interned at Giessen, Germany. Both write home that they are in good health.

HELP FOR THE RED CROSS. 7th June 1918

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COMMITTEE'S SECOND GREAT JUMBLE SALE.

The terrible war that it devastating Europe still shows no sign of approaching termination. On the contrary, every indication points to the necessity of the exercise of further fortitude, greater exertion, and an unconquerable

determination to persevere to the end. Meanwhile the Red Cross Society finds it necessary to issue the most piteous and urgent appeals to the public not to slacken, but to redouble their efforts to help those who through sickness or wounds are suffering in the cause of their country and of universal freedom and right.

In these circumstances the Swavesey District British Farmers' Red Cross Committee have once again taken up the arduous task of holding an agricultural jumble sale on the lines of the successful effort of last year. In all the villages concerned – Swavesey, Over, Fen Drayton, Conington, Boxworth and Lolworth – the local committee have been strenuously at work for some weeks past, inspired with the hope of exceeding last year's contribution to Red Cross funds. They need, however, at this stage, the generous support of the public, and it would be pitiful indeed if, after their efforts and sacrifice of energy and time, they failed to get adequate support. The features of the jumble sale are very similar to last year. There are large entries of animals, produce, implements, etc. The animals include a two-year-old strong harness colt and a red Lincoln bull. It is scarcely necessary to mention that Mr. Fyson's cockerel, which has just scored a figure exceeding £10,000, will be an outstanding attraction, and amongst the new arrangements for this year are half-hour concerts to be given during the sale, and a whist drive to be held at Swavesey in the evening.

Patriotism and pity alike appeal to all to give their utmost support to this worthy object.

THE RECREATION GROUND. 14th June 1918

The Parish Council gave orders some time ago that a copy of the by-laws regulating the Recreation Ground should be posted on a board to be erected on the ground. The Council's instructions appear to have been forgotten, for no board is yet to be seen.

JOINED UP. 14th June 1918

Sergt. Joseph B. Parish, Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regt., joined up on Wednesday. He is the eldest son of Mr. Z. Parish, the well-known butcher, of Swavesey and Cambridge market, three of whose five sons were already in the Army, viz., Pte. Isaac Parish, M.G.C., who has served in Egypt and Palestine, and is now in France, Sapper Arthur Parish, R.E., who went to France in May, 1916, was wounded in the leg in the following October, and returned to the Western front in April of last year, and Lance-Corpl. John Parish, who was taken seriously ill with rheumatic fever last March at a camp in this country, and, though mending, is still in hospital. The remaining son is a small boy at

school. Sergt. Parish has been an energetic Volunteer, and his zeal was quickly recognised and rewarded by promotion.

WAR NOTES. 14th June 1918

Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., a prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany, writing home says: "I am perfectly all right here and quite happy – in fact I am having a very easy time. How is George faring now? (his brother, Capt. G. Beaumont, M.C., East Surrey Regt., who died of wounds on April 9th). I bet he has had a hard time of late. You see at what camp I am, a jolly fine place, with all convenience. There is a large, fine Church hut, a well-stocked library, of which I can make advantageous use, and a theatre. We get ripping baths, and I feel tip-top after a clean change given us yesterday. Football and cricket are played on the square, and thus you see I have all to keep me happy and contented, as I truthfully am. It is only natural I am most anxious to see you all, as I trust I shall do soon." Another Swavesey lad, Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, The Buffs, is also a prisoner at Giessen. Sergt. Charles Wood, Royal Fusiliers, writing on 3rd June, says that the Germans shelled the billets of his battalion while he was having supper in the mess. The shrapnel bullets broke the windows, and he was hit on the right hand. He did not leave the battalion, but he has had to have his hand in a sling. He added that he was going on well. He says he was billeted in a very pretty village, where life would be ideal if war conditions were absent. He had just returned from his tour of instructing U.S.A. units in cookery when he was injured. According to information received from the Central Prisoners of War Committee, Pte. A. C. Hephher, Middlesex Regt., is a prisoner of war at Dulmen, Westphalia.

ACCIDENT. 21st June 1918

Mr. Charles Burling, the sole remaining blacksmith in Swavesey, who was injured on 4th May whilst shoeing horse, met with another mishap last week whilst shoeing at Highfield Farm, Swavesey. This time his injuries to head and body are serious, but it is satisfactory to state that according to the latest report his condition is improving.

JOINED UP A SECOND TIME. 21st June 1918

Mr. Cawthorne Capper, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capper, Swavesey, who enlisted in the Canadian infantry at the beginning of the war, was severely wounded in France in 1915, and was discharged as unfit for further service, has again joined up. He is now a cadet in the Royal Air Force at Toronto, Canada.

WEDDING. 21st June 1918

The marriage of Miss Eliza Prime, daughter of Mr. Alfred Prime, Swavesey, and Mr. Frank Hayward, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hayward, Great Bradley, Suffolk, took place at Great Bradley Parish Church on the 11th inst. The Rev. W. B. Wilder, rector, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in cream silk poplin, with hat trimmed with orange blossom to match. She carried a bouquet of white iris and carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. Attending her were four bridesmaids, the Misses M., F. and E. Prime (sisters of the bride) and D. Lane (niece of the bridegroom). The Misses M. and F. Prime wore flowered voile and hats to match; Miss E. Prime was in white embroidered muslin, and Miss Lane in white silk alpaca. The two latter wore strap bonnets of pale blue silk ribbon, with bunches of carnations. Mr. F. C. Bradnam, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the Crown Inn, Great Bradley, the residence of the bridegroom's parents, and later in the day the happy couple left for London for the honeymoon. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a silver teapot from the staff at Longstanton railway station, and a silver cruet stand from the staff at Swavesey station.

SWAVESEY RED CROSS SALE. 21st June 1918

MRS. ADEANE AS AUCTIONEER.

The Swavesey District Branch of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund scored another success at the agricultural jumble sale, organised by them, and held in the Manor Field, Swavesey, on Thursday, 13th inst. The attendance was good, very nearly equal to last year's, and the weather was all that could be desired. The proceedings were opened by the singing of the National Anthem, led by the Swavesey and Over concert parties, after which Mr. Jacob Frohock, the chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced and welcomed Mrs. Adeane, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of the County. Mrs. Adeane made an eloquent and telling appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Society, and at the close of her speech opened the sale by offering Mr. Fyson's V.C. cockerel. The gallant bird was immediately knocked down for £10 10s., but was put up again and again, until it had netted £1012. It was put up again later in the sale, when a further sum was placed to its credit. Mr. Dilley, whose firm acted as honorary auctioneers, soon relieved Mrs. Adeane. Mr. Dilley, owing to another engagement, had to leave early, and was succeeded by Mr. Watson, Messrs. Edwards (Over) and Frank Norman (Swavesey) officiated as auctioneers' clerks. A Lincoln red bull, presented by Mr. Scambler, Conington, was knocked down to Mr. F. Kirby, Over, for £15 10s., and a two-

year-old harness colt, given by Major Fuller, Lolworth, fell to Mr. George Burgess for £26 5s.

Amongst other attractions calculated to bring grist to the mill were stalls for the sale of needlework, produce, refreshments, flowers and jumble articles, all of which did good business. Half-hour concerts were given by parties from Swavesey and Over respectively, and were patronised by large audiences. Red Cross flags were sold on the ground and by children in the villages in the district, and produced nearly £20. In the evening a whist drive, held at Swavesey National School, and largely attended, realised £12. The whist drive prizes were given by Mrs Capper.

GUNNER E. PRIOR. 27th June 1918

A field card has been received from Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., of Swavesey, stating that he has been wounded and is in hospital. He appears to have been wounded in the recent fighting on the Italian front, as in a letter, dated 13th inst., he said he was sound and well.

“THE SIGN OF FOUR” 27th June 1918

WHAT THE Y.M.C.A. IS DOING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., of Swavesey, has sent home a long and interesting letter describing the Y.M.C.A. in Mesopotamia. We give a few extracts:

“I frequently wonder if friends at home realise to the full what the four letters Y.M.C.A. mean to the British Tommy. When in dear old England our first cry on entering a fresh camp was ‘Where is the Y.M.?’ Now I can speak from experience. In a country over 5,000 miles away from the homeland we are greeted by those four letters. At our present camp the building, like most buildings in this country, is lightly built, consisting of wooden framework and straw matting, with no glass windows, miniature doors acting for them. The building is capable of holding over 500 men at a squeeze – I may say a squeeze happens pretty often, especially when a concert is on.

“One notices on entering a small crowd gathered round the news board which is at the bottom of the hut, and one gets a splendid view of the stage. Last night (April 24th) we had a good concert, the pianist alone being worthy of an audience, having had the honour of playing before King George. I have heard a fair number of concert parties, but I think none have quite come up to the company last evening. The hut is lit up by electric light, games are to be found, such as quoits, draughts, etc. A good billiard table is always in use, and there is a library where the Tommy can get two sheets of writing paper and envelopes free. Every evening a song service is held from 6.45 to 7.30 with a

short address either by one minister or other, doctors and captains. Every evening also after the service there is some attraction, cinema, concert, or band.

“Another hut is used as a canteen, and here the Tommy can purchase cakes, chocolate, tobacco, tinned fruit, biscuits, etc. Tables and seats line the hut. At the back of this building are three large tents run into one which are used as a refreshment tent. At one end a good old cup of tea is very much in evidence, and at the other soda water, limejuice, lemonade, etc., can be bought at ½d. per bottle. Close by is the ‘devotional’ tent, the writing and reading tent, and the residence of the worthy friend in charge, a Canadian gentleman.

“Now let us take our way over the ‘iron road’ rails, and we find ourselves surrounded by tents in use for the comfort of the men. First we see the open-air site used for concerts, and just to the rear of this is the largest tent I have ever seen, which is utilised for concerts, services and lectures; it is quite easy for a thousand men to hear and see here. There is another canteen. At 6.45 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in a small tent a doctor from the R.A.M.C. lectures on the human body. I have attended four times. Near by is another reading and writing tent where periodicals from Blighty and India, a very good library, writing materials, and a daily paper are provided. On the other side of the road lessons are given to those who wish to learn Arabic and Hindustani. The teacher is a native. These lessons are more for staff men who are staying for a length of time.

“The Y.M.C.A. possess their own motor cars, motor boats, etc. What we should do without the Y.M.C.A. it is difficult to say, but those of us who have been ‘in the wild’ fully value the blessings it provides.”

JOINED UP. 27th June 1918

Mr. Henry George Howlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howlett, Swavesey, joined up on Monday.

PROMOTION. 27th June 1918

Flight-Sergt. Albert A. Girling, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Girling, Carter’s-lane, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant-major. He joined the R.F.C. on 5th January, 1915, when an apprentice with Messrs. Saint, Cambridge, went to France on the 19th of the same month, and rose rapidly through every grade from 2nd air-mechanic. The whole of his service has been in France.

COCKEREL MOTHERS CHICKENS. 5th July 1918

A brood of eight one month old chickens belonging to Mr. John Marriott, Ramper-road, deserted by the hen, have been mothered by a cockerel. The cockerel did its work as thoroughly as a hen, and when the chicks were inclined to wander from the cosy shelter of its wings brought them back with well-directed pecks.

WAR NOTES. 5th July 1918

Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., who was briefly reported wounded in Italy in last week's "Press and News", is suffering from four wounds, viz., one in the chest (slight), and the rest in his left arm. A shell fell into his gun-pit at 3 a.m. on June 15th, at the opening of the Austrian offensive, killing two of his comrades and injuring him. Gunner Prior is in a base hospital in Italy. Pte. Joseph B. Parish, late sergeant in the Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment, who recently joined up, is serving with the East Kent Regiment (The Buffs).

ANOTHER SWAVESEY COOK. 5th July 1918

Pte. Henry G. Key, writing from France, where he has been since July, 1916, to our Swavesey representative, says he and his comrades had read with interest the report of Sergt. C. Wood's cookery success which appeared recently in the "Press and News." Pte. Key says that he also is a cook, and makes rissoles, but cannot manage two per man like Sergt. Wood, as there is not so much bully beef knocking about as there used to be. Pte. Key proceeds: "We cook eight days at transport lines, and then the boys come out for four days, and then they have oatmeal porridge and fried bacon and stew for dinner. Of course when they are in the trenches the food is taken up by transport at night – cool bacon and beef and minced rissoles. We grind the bully beef and spuds and sage, if we can get it, and roll them up about the size of a pat ball like buns in oatmeal, as we get very little flour. I wish you had been with me to dinner a Sunday or two ago. There are eight of us, two to each company. We went for a walk on the Saturday and found a good fowl. We scalded the feathers, and I cooked it, and made a Yorkshire pudding, but the stuffing was sage and onions, as we could not get parsley. It was all right. My mates said it was grand, and put them in mind of roast duck. I think the bird must have been hatched long before 1914 – an old soldier. I boiled it for two hours. We did not waste a bit of it. It is nice to have the 'Press and News' out here; it makes me feel as if one knew all what's going on at home."

IN MEMORIAM. 5th July 1918

PRIOR. – In ever-loving memory of dear Billy, Lance-Corpl. J. W. Prior, killed in action on July 1st, 1916.

He sleeps beside his comrades,
In a hallowed grave unknown;
But his name is written in letters of love
In the hearts he left at home.

- From his sorrowing Mother, Daisy, Sisters and Brother.

SCHOOL TREAT. 12th July 1918

Shorn of some of its accustomed glories, and with a tea under strict war conditions, especially as regards sugar, Bethel Chapel Sunday School treat was held on the 4th inst., and in spite of drawbacks was a very pleasant function. After tea in the schoolroom attached to the chapel, children and the parents and friends, adjourned to Mr. Jabez Day's meadow close by, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, and here the youngsters amused themselves with games, sports, swings, cricket, etc. At the close of an enjoyable evening prizes were presented in the schoolroom, and the youngsters gave hearty cheers to their kind and generous friends who had contributed in one way or another to their pleasure.

A MARKET FOR VEGETABLES. 12th July 1918

Professor Stanley Gardiner, Chairman of the County Horticultural Sub-Committee, who was accompanied by Mr. Stone, the County Inspector of Small Holdings, etc., paid a visit to Swavesey on Monday with the view of interesting small holders and other small growers in the weekly auction sale of fruit and vegetables that has been recently established in Cambridge, and it is understood that they were successful in obtaining promises of a fair-sized consignment of various kinds of produce, which is to be sent to the Mart in King-street, Cambridge, to-day (Friday). The scheme is worthy of support, as it will enable small growers to obtain an easy, and probably an inexpensive, market for their produce, and will furnish a useful outlet for surplus vegetables, etc., which hitherto have been wasted, or thrown to the pigs and poultry. But to work the scheme properly an Association or Committee should be formed in the village, and permanent arrangements made for the regular collection and transport of the produce.

JOINED UP. 19th July 1918

Mr. Wilfrid Church joined up on Wednesday. He had been employed as a porter at Swavesey Station, G.E.R.

THE NEW MARKET FOR VEGETABLES. 19th July 1918

Between 4 and 5 cwt. of vegetables were conveyed to the Auction Mart in King-street, Cambridge, last Friday, for the weekly sale which has been established under the auspices of the County Horticultural Sub-Committee. The vegetables were grown by four smallholders and three allotment holders.

THE LATE MISS LOUISA FYSON. 19th July 1918

The funeral of Miss Louisa Fyson took place at Warboys Chapel Cemetery, the officiating minister being the Rev. H. Ackland. Miss Fyson's tragically sudden death created consternation and universal sympathy in the village, where she had resided so long and was so well known. Sympathy was especially felt for the sister, Miss Mr. Fyson, now of Swavesey, who has been the constant companion and helper of the departed lady.

WAR NOTES. 19th July 1918

Writing on 20th June from a hospital in Egypt to his brother in Swavesey, Corpl. James S. Dean, who was somewhat seriously wounded in the head in fighting on the eastern side of the river Jordan on 27th March last, says: "I am returning to Western Australia, and am beginning to feel quite my old self again, though I still have that numbness of the right side; but the doctors think that will come all right again. My speech is quite all right now, but I have to speak a bit slower than I did before I was hit. I don't know when the boat will sail, but expect it to go any day, so may arrive home in time to spend my birthday with my wife. It was among the hills of Moab where I got hit. Did I tell you I saw the Mount of Temptation – just outside Jericho – where Jesus Christ fasted for forty days? Of course the natives show you the stone on which He was supposed to have sat during that period. There is a monastery built on the spot now, but all the same, it is a dreary and lonely-looking place." Corpl. Dean went through the South African War from start to finish, and gained both the Queen's and King's medals, the former with four bars. Some years ago he went to Australia, and, unable to resist the call to arms, he again enlisted on the 28th November, 1915, in the Australian Light Horse. He landed in Egypt in May, 1916. – Pte. Henry G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, writing on 11th July, says: "I thought my number was up on Tuesday, as a huge shell hit a hole in our cook-house, but I did not get a tap at all. They all think I was lucky."

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 26th July 1918

The yearly house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, has recently been made in the villages in the Swavesey district, and Mrs. Cooksey, the President of the Swavesey Division of the County Organisation Fund, has

received the following amount from Swavesey: £10 7s. The sum raised is larger than last year.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 2nd Aug. 1918

Owing to illness amongst the children the National School was closed after Monday, and will not re-open until after the harvest holidays, which it was arranged should begin at the end of next week. All being well, the school should re-open on 23rd September. The acting headmaster, Mr. G. Hicks, is also laid up.

A YEAR'S WAR RECORD. 2nd Aug. 1918

During the twelve months just ending twelve Swavesey men have joined either the Army or the Royal Air Force. Three of the dozen have gone to France, one of whom has been wounded, while another is a prisoner of war. Since the 4th August last one Swavesey man has been killed in action, Pte. S. J. Froment, The Queens', and two have died of wounds, Gunner H. G. Graves, R.G.A., and Capt. G. Beaumont, M.C., East Surrey Regt. Two are missing, Pte. Walter Metcalfe, R.W. Kent Regt., since 20th September, and Pte. H. C. Howlett, Suffolk Regt., since 9th April. Five are prisoners of war in Germany, Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., Ptes. A. Beaumont, M.G.C., J. A. Symonds, The Buffs, A. C. Hephher, Middlesex Regt., and W. G. Prior, North Staffordshire Regt. Nineteen have been wounded, three of them for the second time, and four have been "gassed." Four men have been discharged as unfit for further war service (three on account of illness, two of whom have died, one within a fortnight of taking his discharge, and one owing to serious wounds). Two honours have been gained, viz., the late Capt. G. Beaumont, then a second lieutenant, won the Military Cross for gallant conduct displayed during the fighting in and around Bourlon Wood in November, and Sergt. B. G. Mann the Military Medal for gallantry in the field in Mesopotamia. Swavesey's record for the whole of four years of war may be of interest to some of our readers. 156 men are known to be serving, or to have served, in the Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force, viz., residents, 10 called up on mobilisation and 74 subsequent enlistments; natives of Swavesey, but not resident in the parish at time of joining, 7 called up and 60 subsequent enlistments, making with five men who were serving in the Navy or Army at the outbreak of war a total of 156. Six have been killed in action, four are missing and believed to have been killed, five have died of wounds, and two are missing, five are prisoners of war, 31 have been wounded or gassed once, 11 twice, and 2 three times, 14 have been discharged, viz., two time-expired, one of whom has re-enlisted,

and 12 physically unfit for further war service (seven for illness and five for wounds). One of the latter has rejoined for home service.

Honours have been gained by Capt. G. Beaumont (Military Cross), Sapper Wilfred Hepher, R. E. (D.G.M.) (both died subsequently), Sergt. B. G. Mann and Corpl. James Prime (Military Medal), and Driver H. Carter (mentioned in despatches). Twelve are entitled to the 1914 star. The opening of the fifth year of war might with advantage be marked by the institution of an official record of Swavesey men who have served or are serving in the armed forces of the Crown in the Great War – it is believed there is none at present – and by the restoration to a suitable place in the village of a Roll of Honour for the parish. The lists in the parish church are incomplete and inaccurate in more than one respect, and it is suggested that they should be corrected and brought up to date before Sunday next, the Day of Remembrance. To do this would be but a small tribute to Swavesey men who are serving and fighting, suffering or have died for the great cause of justice, freedom, and civilisation in France and Flanders, in Italy and Macedonia, Egypt and Palestine, India and Mesopotamia, on the high seas and in camps, aerodromes, and hospitals at home, or who are eating out their hearts in German prison camps.

RED CROSS SALE AT SWAVESEY. 9th Aug. 1918 NEARLY £700 REALISED.

The final meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swavesey District British Farmers' Red Cross Fund was held at the Schools, Swavesey, on Thursday, August 1st. Mr. J. M. Parker (the treasurer) submitted a balance-sheet which had been audited by Mr. G. D. Day, St. Ives, showing the total takings to be £691 17s. 3d., and expenses amounting to £14 14s. 5d., giving a balance for the Red Cross Society of £677 2s. 10d. Last year the balance was £674 8s. 2d. A printed balance sheet is in course of preparation. (Break down of takings in newspaper).

WHEELER J. W. GOAD. 9th Aug. 1918

The sad news reached Swavesey this week that Wheeler James Goad, A.S.C., had died from illness on the 28th July, whilst serving in Italy. Wheeler Goad was universally loved and respected, and the tidings of his death was received with general regret. He was the first Swavesey man to volunteer for service at the outbreak of war, joining the A.S.C. on the 18th August, 1914. On the 5th October, 1914, he went to France, thus gaining the 1914 Star, and he was the first Swavesey man to appear in the village wearing the ribbon of that distinction when he came home on short leave in March last. He served continuously in France until November last, when he proceeded with the

British troops to Italy. William Goad was a fine example of a thorough Englishman and a true-hearted soldier. His body lies resting in sunny Italy, and his friends will always remember that “there’s some corner of a foreign field that is for ever England.”

PTE. WALTER METCALFE.

The Army Council have been regretfully constrained to conclude that Pte. Walter Metcalfe, Royal West Surrey Regt., who has been missing since 20th September, 1917, is dead, and that his death took place on 20th September, or since. Pte. Metcalfe joined up on the 13th May, 1916, and went to France on the 13th October following. He was sent home ill, but returned to France in June, 1917.

DISCHARGED. 9th Aug. 1918

Pte. Robinson Mitham, Suffolk Regiment, who was wounded in the leg on April 28th last, and has since been in hospital in Liverpool, has been discharged from the Army as no longer physically fit for war service. He arrived in Swavesey on Wednesday.

RECREATION GROUND BY-LAWS. 9th Aug. 1918

A notice-board with the by-laws of the Recreation Ground has at length been erected on the ground, but whether the position chosen is a suitable one, and whether the method by which the document has been affixed to the board will stand the weather, appear somewhat doubtful. Time will tell.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 9th Aug. 1918

Remembrance Day was duly kept last Sunday in Swavesey at the parish church. The special forms of prayer, etc., authorised by the Archbishops were used at all of the services, and at Evensong a Hymn of Intercession, “Most Holy God, Eternal Lord,” written by “E.A.B.” in 1916, was sung. At Bethel Baptist Chapel an intercessory service was held in the afternoon, at which Mr. Varney, an ex-soldier discharged through wounds, gave an interesting address on the soldiers’ life and work in the trenches. Mr. Varney spoke from personal experience, having joined up in September, 1914, and having spent some considerable time at the front.

WEDDING – MONTGOMERY-DODSON. 9th Aug. 1918

Miss Gladys Edith Dodson, daughter of the late Pte. Jonas Dodson, Suffolk Regiment, and Mrs. Dodson, Market-street, Swavesey, was married at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon to Pte. Eric Alexander Montgomery, South Lancashire Regiment, son of Mr. Walter Montgomery,

Lincoln. The bride, given away by her uncle, Mr. Thompson Mortlock, wore pink silk crepe-line, with bridal veil and wreath of orange blossom. Her bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Charlotte Dodson, and a friend, Miss Florence Hames, both in white voile. Mr. Walter Thurbon, uncle of the bride, acted as best man. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thurbon. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a tea service from the employees at Messrs. Chivers' Histon.

WEDDING – BROOKS-PARISH. 9th Aug. 1918

At the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Monday morning, the marriage took place of Miss Dora Elizabeth Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, The Homestead, Swavesey, and Mr. Percy Brooks, son of Mr. Benjamin Brooks, Ferndale, St. Ives. Mr. J. T. Wiles, St. Ives, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in apricot crepe de chine, with leghorn hat. In attendance on her were two bridesmaids, Miss Connie L. Parish (her sister) and Miss Annie L. Brooks (bridegroom's sister), who wore white embroidered voile dresses and black tulle hats. Rifleman A. G. Parish, K.R.R.C., brother of the bride, was best man. A reception was held after the ceremony at The Homestead, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brooks left for Brighton, where the honeymoon is being spent. The happy couple have received many useful presents, including handsome gifts from the staff and friends at the Leys School, Cambridge, and from friends at Messrs. Bryant and Bryant, St. Ives.

A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT. 9th Aug. 1918

What with a wedding in the morning and another in the afternoon, and the presence of many visitors for the holidays, the streets of Swavesey put on quite a pre-war appearance on Monday. And in the afternoon and evening there was another cause for liveliness. The friends of Bethel Baptist Chapel, oppressed with debt incurred in the work of renovation of the chapel a few years ago, were determined to make a strenuous effort to reduce, if they could not actually wipe out, the incubus. On Monday morning the debt stood at £175; by night-time it had been brought below £100. The satisfactory result was effected by a sale of work in the National Schools, followed by a grand concert at 6.45 p.m. The sale was opened by the Rev. J. H. Starte, a missionary on the Congo, and once in business in Swavesey. The attendance was good, and included visitors from other villages, St. Ives, etc., the buyers and speculators were generous, and the organisers went home happy people. The concert was under the management of Miss May Norman, who was

fortunate enough to obtain the services of friends from London, St. Ives, etc. The proceeds of the sale and concert amount to nearly £80.

ORGANISING AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS. 16th Aug. 1918

Several meetings have been held in the Swavesey district during the past few weeks. Mr. J. H. Vincent, the organiser, and Mr. A. E. Stubbs, a member of the District Wages Board, addressed the meetings on the objects of the Agricultural Labourers' Union. Branches have been formed at Swavesey, Boxworth, Elsworth, and Over.

INFORMATION WANTED. 16th Aug. 1918

Our Swavesey representative writes: - I find in a note I took some time ago from a "Gazetteer" – whether ancient or modern has escaped my memory – that Swavesey was formerly a market town under a Charter granted to the Zouch family in the year 1243, the site of whose ancient castle is stated to be about half a mile S.W. of the church, and that a Black Alien Priory was founded in Swavesey soon after the Conquest. Can any of our readers state whether the Charter is still in existence, and, if so, where it is deposited, and also when the market was abolished, or ceased to be held, and under what circumstances? Further, did the ancient Priory adjoin the church, and was there at any time a religious establishment on or near the site now occupied by the modern house known as "The Priory", which replaced an old farmhouse, "Dodson's Farm", between 30 and 40 years ago?

WAR NOTES. 16th Aug. 1918

Pte. Thomas C. Froment, Guards Machine Gun Battalion, who was severely wounded by shrapnel in the right thigh on 6th May, was discharged from hospital at Abergavenny last week-end, and arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on a few day's leave before rejoining his unit. Though in good general health, he is still very lame. He was wounded in the same leg at Cambrai last November. Pte. Alfred Large, Yeomanry, went under an operation in a hospital in France on July 22nd. He had over-strained himself when at bombing practice. He is going on well. Pte. Cyril G. Hepher arrived in Swavesey from Ireland on a few days' leave on Wednesday. A card dated June 10th has been received from Pte. Walter G. Prior, North Staffordshire Regt., who was taken prisoner of war in March, and is in Munster No. 1 Camp in Germany, but breaking his heart with anxiety about his wife, whom he knew to be seriously ill. He was in ignorance of her death on June 6th.

COAL COMMITTEE. 16th Aug. 1918

The members of the Swavesey Rural District Council have constituted themselves the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee for the six parishes in the Swavesey district, and have appointed Mr. F. W. Hagger, of Over, the District Road Surveyor, to be the local Fuel Overseer, and Mr. F. J. Beales, of Swavesey, to be the secretary of the Committee, whose office is at Station House, Swavesey.

A LETTER FROM PALESTINE. 16th Aug. 1918

Writing from Palestine on July 2nd to our Swavesey representative, Driver Frederick G. Clarke, A.S.C., elder son of Mr. George Clarke, Swavesey, says that he is well after nearly two years of active service in France, Salonica and Palestine. He little thought when in his younger days he read about Palestine he would have the privilege of actually seeing the Holy Land, especially under war conditions. "Our boys," he writes, "have done some splendid fighting under very trying conditions. This country is very hilly, the roads are bad, and the scarcity of water in this hot climate is greatly felt by our troops. When I look back to the days when we were in the desert it seems wonderful the distance we have covered since November, 1917. I think the most trying time I have experienced out here was in the Jordan plain, which is something like 1,000 feet below sea level, and the heat there is terrible. The ground has been churned up into fine dust, and when the troops and transport are on the move it causes an awful thirst. Then is the time we appreciate water. The houses are mostly mud-built, and sadly in want of repair and cleansing. From the plain one can see several places of Biblical interest, the Mount of Temptation, the Dead Sea and the River Jordan, in which we had a welcome dip and a swim. After we crossed the Jordan we were in for some stiff fighting, as the Turks had been reinforced by some Huns from the Russian front. While we were in that part I picked up several of the boys in the corps to which our friend Jim Dean was attached, but I had not the pleasure of meeting him or any other Swavesey men." (Corpl. James Dean was wounded on March 27th last in an engagement on the eastern side of Jordan, and is now probably on his way to Australia, if he has not already reached there.)

PTE. HENRY G. KEY. 16th Aug. 1918

Mrs. Key has received news that her husband, Pte. Henry G. Key, of the Sherwood Foresters, was wounded by shrapnel in the lower part of the body and both legs on August 6th. He is now in Glasgow-road War Hospital, Perth, Scotland, and is stated to be going on well.

LOCAL WAR HONOURS. 16th Aug. 1918

TWO SWAVESEY MEN AWARDED MILITARY MEDALS.

Pte. Robinson Mitham, Suffolk Regt., second son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, has been awarded the Military medal, and his name appeared in the "London Gazette" of the 6th instant. Pte Mitham received a gunshot wound in the left foot whilst engaged as a stretcher bearer on 28th April last, and was in hospital in France and England until Monday, 5th instant, when he was sent home to await his discharge from the Army, which will take effect from the 26th instant. Pte. Mitham was serving with the Suffolk Battalion raised in this county both when he won the Military Medal and when he was wounded. It is understood that the medal was won in the following circumstances: On the 22nd March two of the other stretcher-bearers belonging to Pte. Mitham's company had become casualties and the third, who had gone to the dressing station was unable owing to heavy enemy shell-fire to return to the trench. Pte. Mitham had therefore to attend single-handed to the very numerous casualties of the whole company for several hours during which the Germans were deluging the trench with shells of all descriptions. Pte. Mitham enlisted on the 19th December, 1915, but was sent home to continue his work on the land until 10th April, 1916, when he joined the Suffolk Yeomanry. He went to France in the following September, and was transferred to the Suffolk Regiment on arrival. He served with the colours for two years and 139 days. During his service at the front he was in several tight and famous corners.

Bombardier Harry Prior, R.F.A., one of the numerous soldier sons of Mr. Charles Prior, Taylor's-lane, Swavesey, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in October, 1917, when serving near Ypres. He joined up on 27th April, 1916, went to France the following November, was wounded in the chest in July, 1917, promoted Bombardier in August, won the Military Medal in October, proceeded to Italy in November, 1917, and returned to France in April last. On 10th May he was gassed, and was in hospital in this country until Saturday last when he arrived in Swavesey on a few days' leave before rejoining his depot.

PERSONAL. 23rd Aug. 1918

Mr. J. H. Vincent, the organiser of the Agricultural Labourers' Union, who, as stated in last week's "Press and News", has been addressing meetings in the Swavesey district, is in no way connected with our Swavesey representative, Mr. C. R. Vincent.

THE FUEL COMMITTEE. 23rd Aug. 1918

Messrs. Jabez Parish and Dennis Williams have been selected by the local coal traders to act as their representatives on the Swavesey District Fuel and

Lighting Committee, and their appointment has been approved by the Committee.

WAR NOTES. 23rd Aug. 1918

Pte. Alfred Large, Yeomanry, who had recently to undergo an operation in France, has been removed to a hospital at Ipswich. He is going on well. Lance-Corpl. John Parish, one of the four sons of Mr. Z. Parish serving in the Army, who has been seriously ill for months suffering from rheumatic fever, arrived home on Friday on ten days' leave. He is much better, though still far from strong and well. Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, writes to our Swavesey representative from Glasgow-road War Hospital, Perth, that he was well peppered with shrapnel when hit in France on the 6th instant, and that he has six wounds, five of which he says were slight. He thinks he escaped luckily, as the shell through which he came to grief killed three of his comrades and wounded six more. He adds that his hospital was a workhouse, but is a very nice place. His only regret appears to be that he left nearly 1lb. of very good tobacco in his haversack in France, and that the price of tobacco in Scotland is "such a price," 10d. an ounce.

ADVERT. 23rd Aug. 1918

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT.

THE HOUSEHOLD FUEL AND LIGHTING
ORDER, 1918.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

Householders should apply to their Coal Merchants for a Form of Instructions and a Fuel and Light Ration Form (No. F.H.F. 2). The Coal merchant will require the Ration Form returned to him in order to Register the Householder and pass it on to the Local Fuel Overseer.

All application for Fuel and Lighting must be received before the 30th September.

F.W. HAGGER,

Local Fuel Overseer,

Station House, Swavesey,
August 21st, 1918.

GALLANTRY IN THE FIELD. 30th Aug. 1918
PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AT CAMBRIDGE.

SWAVESEY OFFICER'S BRAVERY.

An interesting ceremony took place on Parker's Piece last Saturday afternoon, when Brigadier-General J.H. du B. Travers, C.B., C.M.G., Officer Commanding troops at Cambridge, presented a number of medals for gallantry in the field, for long service and good conduct, and for skill with the rifle.

Among those honoured was the late Capt. G. Beaumont.

Military Cross. – The late Capt. G. Beaumont, of the East Surrey Regt., whose medal was received by his mother, Mrs. C. A. Beaumont, of Swavesey. On the night of the 26th-27th November, 1917, at Bourlon Wood, the position occupied by Capt. Beaumont's Company was subjected to a heavy bombardment and machine gun fire. In the absence of his company commander he very ably took command of the company, and by his coolness and splendid example succeeded in getting his men back to the position, which at the time seemed likely to be abandoned. Later he showed the same dauntless spirit and utter disregard of danger in returning to the assistance of one of his men who had been wounded whilst the company was leaving Bourlon Wood. He succeeded in bandaging the man and getting him through the barrage safely.

After the presentations, the Brigadier-General addressed the troops. He talked of the necessity of medals for those for gallant behaviour and for long-service. He said during his address that it was a sad thing to see that in that presentation of some half-a-dozen medals two were awarded to those who had left this world. It was sometimes hard to understand why these men should be cut off in their prime, but Mrs. Beaumont (and Mrs. Billing) would know that they carried away the deepest sympathy of all ranks. Capt. Beaumont's gallant deed would be some consolation to his mother in her great and bitter loss.

(Very long report in newspaper).

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT WILLIAMS. 30th Aug. 1918

At the great age of well-nigh 83 years, Mr. Herbert Williams passed away at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday. He had been in feeble health for some years. Mr. Williams was the son of the late Mr. James Williams, farmer and butcher, Swavesey, and himself followed the same calling in Swavesey. For many years he stood in Cambridge Market. He leaves a widow.

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME. 30th Aug. 1918

Frank H. R. Aldred, only son of Mr. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, a pupil at Over Council School under Mr. E. Webb, was placed in the second class in the recent examination for Country Minor Scholarships, but was not

sufficiently high on the list to be awarded a scholarship. He will, however, receive a certificate recording his success in the examination. As Frank Aldred is only 10 years of age, he will be able to try again, and then we hope will gain a scholarship.

DISCHARGED. 30th Aug. 1918

Gunner E. H. Peters, R.G.A., arrived in Swavesey on Saturday, having been discharged from the Army, being no longer physically fit for war service. Gunner Peters, who is a native of Gamlingay, enlisted on the 11th December, 1915, and joined the R.G.A. on 12th October, 1916. He went to France on the 12th May, 1917, and was wounded in the head on 21st March last. His discharge is, however, due to ill-health caused by exposure when in France. He has been in hospital since March until his discharge, and though better is still far from well. Mr. Peters, a bricklayer by trade, has sent, or brought, home some astonishing specimens of his work in embroidery – an art he learned in hospital, and in which he quickly became proficient. His well-considered blending of colours is remarkable.

HOW CANADA HONOURS SOLDIERS. 30th Aug. 1918

The Nelson, British Columbia, "Daily News" of July 17th contains the following: - "Boswell, B.C., July 16th. Immediately following the morning service, the Rev. J. S. Mahood placed in position upon the school wall a framed collection of photographs of the 19 Boswell men who are serving during the present war. In the centre is a splendid photograph of the late Major P. Rigby, D.S.O., surrounded by" (here follow the names of the 18 other men, including those of Second Lieut. W. Lawson Hephher, R.F.A., and the late Pte. Henry Beaumont, Canadian Infantry, both Swavesey men). "The collection has been gathered together by the members of the Women's Auxiliary, and is believed to be the first collection of its kind to be completed in the district." If such a tribute to her valiant fighting men can be accomplished at Boswell, a small settlement on the shores of Kootenay Lake, overshadowed by the towering Rocky Mountains, about six thousand miles from home, surely something of the kind might be attempted in Swavesey. If it is not practicable to form a collection of portraits of all Swavesey men serving, as has been done, we believe, at Elsworth, there ought to be no difficulty in gathering together the portraits of those gallant men who men who have made the supreme sacrifice. They number 17 at the present time. Pte. H. Beaumont was posted "missing" on 24th-16th April, 1915, and has since been recorded as believed to have been killed in action. Second Lieut. Hephher, after serving in the Canadian Infantry and Canadian Engineers in

France, and training with an Officers' Cadet Battalion, was given a commission in the Royal Field Artillery last January. He returned to the Western front on 20th March. In the erection of the school at Boswell – a structure of rough logs, which also acts as the church – Messrs. Beaumont and Hephher were engaged, and the latter was chairman of the Board of Managers and also played the harmonium at the services.

WAR NOTES. 30th Aug. 1918

Corpl. (Saddler) John J. R. Stockbridge, A.S.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, Wallman's-lane, paid a short visit to his native village last week-end whilst on three weeks' leave from Egypt. He was in the best of health and spirits. Corpl. Stockbridge joined up at Boston, Lincolnshire, on 1st June, 1915, and went to Egypt on the 19th December following. For 14 months he served on the Sinai Peninsular, and was present at the battle of Romani on 4th August, 1916. In April, 1917, he was promoted corporal. The parcel sent to him last Christmas by "friends in Swavesey" did not reach him until the 15th July. He says he much appreciated the contents, and is grateful to his friends who so kindly thought of him. Sapper Arthur C. Garner, R.E., writing from somewhere in the Salonica region, where he has been for a year, says he had recently been employed in his trade – a saddler – for the first time since he joined up in November, 1916. He had been employed on various jobs in the meantime including a spell in the blacksmith's shop. He has just received a letter from another Swavesey man, Pte. Chas. Taylor, Suffolk Regt., who had been out Salonica way since November, 1916, but whom he had not come across. They hope to meet some day soon. Mr. William Howlett received a card from the Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, Geneve, on Wednesday, informing him that the name of his son, Pte. H. C. Howlett, Suffolk Regt., had not yet appeared on the lists of prisoners received from Germany. Pte. Howlett was wounded in the leg on 9th April, and has been missing since that date. His brother, Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regt., who was severely wounded in both arms on 20th May is still in hospital in London, but is progressing favourably.

ACCIDENT. 6th Sept. 1918

Whilst at play with other children in Lairstall Drove on Tuesday, Clara Dodson, the six-year-old daughter of the late Pte. Jonas Dodson, Suffolk Regt., fell from a gate and broke her left arm above the elbow. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by her mother and Miss Agnes Stockbridge.

JOINED UP. 6th Sept. 1918

William Thomas Welch, younger son of Mr. Arthur E. Welch, Boxworth End, joined the Royal Air Force as a third-class air mechanic on the 26th ultimo, and is now stationed at Blandford, Dorset. He enlisted in Nottingham, and he is anxious to express his appreciation of the kindness shown to him and his comrades by the Y.M.C.A. in that city. Everything that could be done for their comfort night and day was done.

DISCHARGED. 6th Sept. 1918

Pte. David Sutton, the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regt., was discharged from the Army on 2nd August, being no longer physically fit for war service. He joined up on 28th October, 1915, and first went to France on 5th May, 1916. On 9th August of that year he was wounded in the chest at La Bizet, and returned to this country for hospital treatment. He returned to France on 11th December, 1916, and was attached to another battalion of the Queen's. On the 5th April of last year he was again wounded near Lens in the thigh. From the 28th April until 23rd November he was a patient at King George's Hospital, London, and every effort was made to save his leg, but on 23rd August the limb had to be amputated. He had to wait some months for his artificial leg, and when that was provided he was given his discharge a month ago.

THE LATE MR. HERBERT WILLIAMS. 6th Sept. 1918

The funeral of the late Mr. Herbert Williams, whose death at the age of 82 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The Rev. E. G. Peterson officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Williams (widow) and Mr. J. Williams, Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day, Miss Emma Day, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. Ezra Day, Walthamstow (nephews and nieces), Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Alfred Williams and Mrs. W. Day (sisters-in-law), and Messrs. W. H. Key and Jethro Linford, representing the Wheatsheaf Lodge of Shepherds. Mr. Williams was a member of the Wheatsheaf Lodge for over half a century, joining when the Lodge meetings were held at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Boxworth End. Not long after he joined, the headquarters of the Lodge were removed to the Cricketers inn, in High-street. Both the Wheatsheaf and the Cricketers have been private houses for many years.

WAR NOTES. 6th Sept. 1918

Sergt. C. W. Gray of a Garrison Battalion of the Essex Regt., writing to our Swavesey representative from Palestine on 8th August, says: "I still get your weekly paper (the 'Press and News') which my wife sends me regularly, but, of course, they do not reach me every week. Sometimes three or four or five

come at once, and then I have a good feel of the whole district. . . . I have travelled a fair distance since I left England three years ago, and, thank goodness, I have enjoyed very good health, and am none the worse for the climate we have been in, and I can tell you honestly I shall not be sorry when all is over and we can get back home, but we must wait patiently. We have a better chance than many of the poor boys. I see by the newspaper that Swavesey has had a fair share of casualties, and also Cambridgeshire. I wrote to the vicar some time ago from Jerusalem, but have not heard from him. I see in the paper that he has gone to France again. Good luck to him is the best wish I can give. Remember me kindly to all Swavesey friends.” – Pte. Cyril G. Hepher (Yeomanry) has gone to France.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Sept. 1918

In consequence of the days drawing in and the lighting restrictions, the evening service at the parish church on Sunday will be at 6 instead of 6.30.

WAR NOTES. 13th Sept. 1918

Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regt., son of Mr. W. Howlett, who was severely wounded in both arms on 20th May, spent last week-end at his home in Swavesey. He returned to hospital in London on Tuesday. His condition is improving slowly, and, it is hoped, surely. – Mrs. Beaumont has received a card, dated 29th July, from her youngest son, Pte Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany, informing her that five letters from relatives and friends at home had reached him. He had also received a parcel through the Red Cross from one of his brothers. This news may be of interest to the relatives of other prisoners of war whose letters have complained of non-receipt of letters and parcels. – Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., who was wounded by a shell in the left arm and chest on 15th June, and had since been in hospital in Italy, was removed to the 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester, on 5th instant. Although recovering from his wounds, his general health is far from satisfactory. – Pte. Cyril G. Hepher was transferred from the Yeomanry to a battalion of the East Yorkshire Regt. on his arrival in France at the end of last month.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 20th Sept. 1918

Sergt. C. Wood, Royal Fusiliers, arrived at home on short leave from France during the small hours of last Friday morning. He had passed through a strenuous time, having been in the thick of the fighting in the great advance since August 8th, and had reached the neighbourhood of Havrincourt when he left his battalion on Tuesday, September 10th, to tramp thirty-five miles to the

nearest railway. He reached Cambridge Station by the mail train on Thursday night, and walked with full pack to Swavesey, a distance of about eleven miles. Sergt. Wood is in excellent health, though somewhat war-weary after four years' service in the Army, two years and eleven months of which have been in France.

WAR NOTES. 20th Sept. 1918

After long and vexatious delay Swavesey prisoners of war appear to be receiving letters from home. Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, the Buffs, taken prisoner on March 21st, writes on August 4th to his parent at Boxworth end that his first letters from home reached him on 29th July, and that he was receiving regimental parcels regularly. He says: "I have a good mate from Suffolk, whose home is not far from Cambridge, so it is all right and the work is not bad." In a letter dated 6th September from "Somewhere in France," Pte. George E. Hepher, Labour Company, says: "Strange to say, I ran against a lad yesterday who was in the hospital at Swavesey, so, as you can guess, I heard a little home news. He says how much he would like to be at Swavesey now, as he had a good time there." Pte. Hepher is quite well. Sec.-Lieut. Edward Williams, Northants. Regiment, returned to France on Tuesday.

THE SCHOOLS. 27th Sept. 1918

The National School was reopened on Monday after the harvest holidays.

COLLAPSE OF A BARN. 27th Sept. 1918

During a storm last week a large barn at the New Inn facing the Huntingdon-road was blown down. The landlady, Mrs. Oakman, had a narrow escape, as she was leaving the building when it collapsed. Stables adjoining were damaged.

GONE FROM SWAVESEY. 27th Sept. 1918

Mr. R. E. Bartley, having sold Burnham Cottage at Boxworth End, where he had lived during part of each year for the last 15 years, left Swavesey on Tuesday. Although he had taken no active share in the public life of the village, both he and Mrs. Bartley and their family have always been ready with their assistance, financial and personal, in social and charitable projects. They will be missed, and so will their donkey and its equipage, which had become a village institution.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 27th Sept. 1918

A thanksgiving service for the harvest was held at the parish church on Thursday evening in last week, and considering the early hour, 6 p.m., at which it began, was well attended. The church was nicely decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, but owing to the failure of the fruit crop and the great call for vegetables at the present time, the contributions of these commodities, which are always sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, were not as plentiful as in other years. The Rev. C. H. Crossley, Rector of Willingham, preached. The collection was in aid of Addenbrooke's.

SUGAR FOR BLACKBERRY JAM. 27th Sept. 1918

The quantity of sugar allotted to the Swavesey Rural District Food Committee for making blackberry jam was 352 lbs. There were 560 applications from householders for the sugar, practically every householder in the district applying, so that it was impossible to distribute the sugar to all applicants except in ridiculously small quantities, and it was therefore decided to allot the 352 lbs. to those families who had not previously had any sugar for jam-making. The distribution, regulated by number in family, is being made this week to 145 applicants. 145 is the number of applicants who stated in their applications that they had not previously received any sugar for jam.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 27th Sept. 1918

Lance-Corpl. Jethro Linford, Military Foot Police, elder surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, the Bell Inn, is in Swavesey on 14 days' leave from France. He is in excellent health. Before joining up on 22nd November, 1915, he was in the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and was stationed at Eltisley. On Friday last Gunner Thomas Walter Savage, R.G.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, Trinity College Farm, arrived at home on short leave from the Western front, in the best of health and spirits. He joined up on 2nd May, 1917, and went to France on the 8th September following. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, temporary chaplain to the Forces, who reached England on a few days' leave from France on Tuesday, was in Swavesey for a few hours on Wednesday. His is fit and well. Mr. Sharp served as a chaplain in France from January, 1916, to January, 1917, and went back last May.

WAR NOTES. 27th Sept. 1918

Writing from France on Sept. 9th, Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, says: "Who do you think I saw the other day? Mr. Sharp (the Vicar of Swavesey, now a temporary chaplain to the Forces). He was burying a dead man just behind the lines who had just been killed. He said I was the first Swavesey man he had seen since he came out, and he was very pleased to meet me. I

was, he added, a marvel. He said he would see me again, but I saw no more of him. He told me he was coming home on leave this month.” Pte. Whybrow, a hero of Mons, was very severely wounded in the abdomen at La Bassee in 1914. He slowly recovered, and in February, 1916, rejoined his old battalion, with which he had served before passing into the Reserve, and on his return to the colours on mobilisation. He was gassed on 21st March last, but states that he is well. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers, who was wounded in the right ankle on 22nd December, 1917, and whose foot had to be amputated, went to Charterhouse Military Hospital, London, on Monday, to be fitted with a mechanical foot. – Mr. R. Mitham, jun., M.M., has received the Military Medal which was awarded him for devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer when serving with the County Battalion of the Suffolk Regt. on 22nd March last. He was wounded a month later, and has recently been discharged from the Army as no longer physically fit for war service.

LANCE-CORPL. A. C. DODSON. 27th Sept. 1918

Official information, and also a letter from his Commanding Officer, have reached Mr. John Dodson, St. Ives, and late of Swavesey, intimating that his elder son, Lance-Corpl. Alfred Charles Dodson, Essex Regiment, has been missing since the 15th August. It is stated that he was wounded in the region of the stomach. Lance-Corpl. Dodson’s unit had to retire for a time, but a day or two later was again on the spot where he was left, but no trace of him could be found. Lance-Corpl. Dodson is an old soldier of the Bedfordshire Regiment, with eighteen years’ service with the colours, and was with his battalion in South Africa when the war broke out. He was sent to France at once. On 16th May, 1916, he was severely wounded in the leg, and was for a long time under treatment in this country. On recovering he was in June, 1917, transferred to the Essex Regiment, and returned to France on 1st June last. His younger brother, Sidney, who joined the Hunts. Cyclist Battalion early in the war, and saw service in France with the Warwickshires, has been discharged from the Army owing to a severe wound in the left arm, which is at present useless.

PTE. C. G. HEPHER.

Writing to his mother on Monday from No. 8 Stationary Hospital, France, Pte. Cyril G. Hepher, East Yorkshire Regt., says: “I got wounded on Friday morning. We made a big attack on that day, and I got hit in the thigh – not a very comfortable place. It was pouring with rain, so it was not very nice at all.” Pte. Hepher went to France for the first time on 29th August, was posted to his present battalion two days later, and went up the line and into action at once. He had been serving with a Yeomanry unit in Ireland. He is the second

of the three children, all boys, of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hephher, Market-street, Swavesey. The eldest, Pte. James William Hephher, Suffolk Regt., was posted "missing" on 28th April, 1917, and has since been recorded as believed to have been killed on that day. The youngest, Pte. Alfred Charles ("Fred") Hephher, Middlesex Regt., after eight days service in France was taken prisoner at Fleurbaix on 9th April last, and is at Dulmen, Germany.

CORPL. F. KESTER.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kester, Boxworth End, have been informed that their son, Corpl. Frederick Kester, Welsh Regiment, was wounded in the right leg in France on the 15th instant. A butcher by trade, he joined the Army Service Corps on 26th September, 1914, went to France in February, 1915, was promoted corporal in March, 1917, and was transferred to the Welsh Regiment in August, 1917, carrying his stripes. He was home on short leave at the beginning of January last.

RIFLEMAN A. G. PARISH.

Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, The Homestead, Swavesey, have had news that their only son, Rifleman Albert George Parish, K.R.R.C., was wounded by a bullet in the left thigh on 13th September, and is in Berrington War Hospital, Shrewsbury. He was gassed when in the Cambrai district on 13th March last, and only returned to France on recovery on the 31st August.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 4th Oct. 1918

Lance-Corpl. Harry H. Wells, Canadian Forestry Corps, arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on short leave from France. He is in the best of health.

THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY. 4th Oct. 1918

The Te Deum was sung at the end of the evening service at the parish church on Sunday as an act of thanksgiving for the recent victories of the Allied Armies, and especially for the release of Palestine from the domination of the Turks.

COAL RATIONING. 4th Oct. 1918

Householders who have not yet returned the requisition for fuel form (F.H.F. 3) to the Local Fuel Committee's office at Swavesey Railway Station, should do so at once, otherwise they may find themselves without supplies of coal. Any householder who has not received the form should immediately apply for one to the coal merchant or the Fuel Overseer, Swavesey.

PUTTING BACK THE CLOCK. 4th Oct. 1918

The change from summer to normal time was not effected without one or two amusing incidents in Swavesey. Here are two of them: One family solemnly stopped their clock at 7 p.m. on Sunday, and at 8 p.m. set it going again, but at the same time moved the hands forward an hour. Next morning one of the family who had to travel by the 8.23 a.m. train reached the railway station shortly after 7 o'clock. The head of another family vigorously roused his household two hours too soon on Monday morning, and reproached them for being sluggards. He had put his clock forward one hour before going to bed, and on Monday morning was two hours in advance of time.

WAR NOTES. 4th Oct. 1918

Pte. Joseph B. Parish, the Buffs, has been promoted lance-corporal. He was at home last week on draft leave. Driver Henry Carter, R.F.A., is sick, and in the 3rd Canadian General Hospital, France. An old soldier, he was recalled to the colours on 4th August, 1914, was sent to France at once, and went through the retreat from Mons and the subsequent terrific fighting. With the exception of two short periods of leave, he has been in France ever since, and, though he has had several narrow escapes, he has so far come out scot free from wounds, and until now had not spent a day in hospital. He was "mentioned" in Lord French's despatch of 1st January, 1916. The report in a recent issue of the "Press and News" that Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., was in hospital in Manchester, was seen by a Swavesey man living in that city, who at once went to visit the invalid. Gunner Prior, who is still far from well, is at Alma Park Hospital. — Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, the Buffs, a prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany, writing on August 13th, says that he had just received the "personal" parcel sent to him by his family in June, and that everything shown in the list of contents had reached him safely. He reports himself "in the best of health and in the pink of condition."

PTE. F. PRIOR. 4th Oct. 1918

News has reached Swavesey that Pte. Frank Prior, Suffolk Regiment, youngest son of Mr. Charles Prior, Taylor's-lane, was wounded by shrapnel in the right shoulder on the 21st ult. when serving in France. He is at the Middlesex Hospital, Clacton-on-Sea. Pte. Prior joined up on 25th October, 1916, went to Egypt in February, 1917, and was wounded in the shoulder in Palestine. Last May he was sent to the Western front.

GUNNER J. R. SMITH. 11th Oct. 1918

News has reached Swavesey that Gunner John R. Smith, Canadian Horse Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Boxworth End, has been wounded

in the right hand, his little finger being smashed. He is now in the War Hospital, Chester.

PIONEER W. COULSON.

Mrs. W. Coulson, the Limes, Swavesey, was informed by telegram from the Record Office on Tuesday evening that her husband, Pioneer Walter Coulson, R.E. (Road Construction Company), youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Coulson, Swavesey, had died of gunshot wounds in a clearing station in France on the 2nd inst. Prior to enlisting in the Suffolk Regiment on 1st June, 1916, Pioneer Coulson was employed as a roadman by the Cambridgeshire County Council. He went to France on 18th October, 1916, being transferred to the Lincolnshire Regiment on arrival, and he saw service in the trenches with his battalion. On the 1st March, 1917, he was transferred to a Road Construction Company of the Royal Engineers, and took his share in the laying and repairing of roads immediately behind the lines. He leaves a widow and two young children, a boy and a girl, for whom much sympathy is felt. Pioneer Coulson was 31 years of age.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 11th Oct. 1918

Quartermaster-Sergt. Fred Stockbridge, R.F.A., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stockbridge, Swavesey, paid a short visit this week to his parents and his native village while on 14 days' leave from France. He was in the best of health and spirits. Q.M.S. Stockbridge, then a staff-sergeant in the Lincolnshire Territorial Artillery, was called up on mobilisation in August, 1914. He went to France with the North Midland R.F.A. Brigade on 28th February, 1915, and has been serving on the Western front ever since. His Division had the honour of being awarded the green lanyard of the French Army, last June.

WAR NOTES. 11th Oct. 1918

Corpl. Fred Kester, Welsh Regt., who was wounded on 15th September, is now in the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road, London, and reported to be doing well. Pte. Harry Prime, Manchester Regt., is now in France. Pte. William H. Metcalfe, Royal Fusiliers, has returned to his regiment at the front on recovery from his wound received in July last. Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, who was wounded by shrapnel on 6th August, and has been in hospitals at Perth and Dunblane, arrived in Swavesey by the last train on Monday. Pte. Key had been previously wounded in the leg and foot in March. The division to which his battalion was attached was awarded the green lanyard of the French Army in June last.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 11th Oct. 1918

A thanksgiving service for the harvest was held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday evening in last week, and was attended by a good congregation, which included soldier patients from Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital, who were largely responsible for the tasteful decorations of flowers, fruit, etc. The Rev. M. E. Aubrey, of St. Andrew's-street Church, Cambridge, preached. The collection, which was in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund, amounted to £4 4s. The gifts of fruit unfortunately were not very abundant, and vegetables were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

FIRST TIME OVER THE TOP AND WOUNDED. 11th Oct. 1918

Pte. Cyril G. Hephher, East Yorkshire Regt., landed in France for the first time on 29th August, and two days later went "up the line." On 20th September he was seriously wounded. Writing to a friend in Swavesey on the 2nd instant from a hospital in France, he states he has been under two operations, but is getting on now. "My wound," he continues, "is high up my leg – a shrapnel wound right through. That is better than if it had stopped in the middle. The piece just got through, so I pulled it out myself. I shall never forget it. It was my first time over the top. I went over with a good heart; I thought it was no use to go over otherwise. My poor old mate got put out as soon as we got on top. We went over at 4 o'clock on Friday morning. There was a very big barrage on, so we did not half give old Gerry socks. He went back like anything. We had nothing to do, only advance. I stuck it for six hours before I got hit, and then I think we got too far forward and got into our own barrage, because I think it was one of our shells that hit me, for it struck me in the back of my leg first. I shall get back to Blighty, but not just yet, because the bone is fractured, so I have to wait until that gets set. It had been pouring with rain all night, and we were wet through. I lay in the trenches three hours all in the wet and slud. You may bet I was glad when I got moved to the dressing station. Four German prisoners carried me away. The sentry was with them. Nobody could wish for anybody any more careful than they were. They were as pleased as horses that they were taken. They said they are fed up."

SWAVESEY MILK PRICES. 18th Oct. 1918

RURAL FOOD COMMITTEE MEETING.

A further meeting of the Swavesey Rural Food Committee took place on Friday last. A letter had been received from the Divisional Food Commissioner, Cambridge, drawing attention to the unauthorised retail prices fixed by some rural districts, and pointing out that 9d. per quart was in excess of the price allowed to be charged in rural districts. The retail price in the

Swavesey district from November 1st to April 30th was unanimously set at 2s. 8d. per gallon.

It was specially pointed out that this rate of 8d. per quart includes delivery, and in view of the statement that a certain retailer was likely to give up his milk round at Swavesey and send his milk to Cambridge, it was decided to let the matter of delivery rest for a time in the expectation that someone would come forward and take up the round, failing which the Committee would take further action.

The Executive Officer drew attention to the fact that the present Committee would shortly be dissolved, the term of office for which they were appointed having expired; and after a short discussion, during which no re-appointments were suggested, the matter was left in the hands of the Local Authority for them to deal with.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 18th Oct. 1918

Pte. Christopher Day, R.A.M.C., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon on 14 days' leave from France. He is in excellent health.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. 18th Oct. 1918

Sermons on behalf of the National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor were preached at the Parish Church on Sunday morning, by the Rev. Hubert Shears, of Henley-on Thames. The collections in aid of the Society realised £4 6s.

EARLIER CLOSING. 18th Oct. 1918

During the winter months the grocers' and drapers' shops in Swavesey are closing at the following hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays, 1 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. One establishment is closing at 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

A PRESENTATION. 18th Oct. 1918

A tea service and tray subscribed for by the children attending all departments of Swavesey National School were presented on Wednesday morning to Miss Ethel Robinson, one of the teachers, on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The presentation was made by Mr. G. Hicks, the acting headmaster, on behalf of the children.

THE LATE PIONEER COULSON. 18th Oct. 1918

At the evening service on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Chapel, sympathetic reference was made to the late Pioneer Walter Coulson, R.E., by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher in his sermon, and the favourite hymns of the deceased were sung. Pioneer Coulson, whose death from wounds was announced last week, had been for some years a member of Bethel Sunday School, and was identified in other ways with the Chapel. A comrade has written to say that Pioneer Coulson was wounded on October 1st when at work with his party, and was immediately taken to hospital, where he died on October 2nd.

WAR NOTES. 18th Oct. 1918

Writing to our Swavesey representative on the 7th instant from somewhere in France, Pioneer Dick Wilderspin, R.E., says: "I had the pleasure of meeting one of our Swavesey lads this morning. I was just coming out of the P.O. when a six-foot fellow walked up to me and asked if I was D.W., and who should it be but Albert Girling (Sergt.-Major A.A. Girling, R.A.F.), looking well and fit. Unfortunately the cafes were all closed, so we went and had a basin of tea, a piece of cake, and a Woodbine, and a good long talk. He said I had passed him twice before, but he could not make me hear." This can well be understood if Pioneer Wilderspin rides his motor cycle in France as he rode in France as he rode in England, where in point of fearlessness and speed he emulated Jehu, the son of Nimshi. The gallant pioneer wishes to be remembered to "all the boys." He is fit and well, but will be pleased to get home. – Pte. Fred Carrier, Labour Company (late Suffolks), has been in Swavesey, his native village, while on short leave from France, looking in the pink of condition. He was wearing one red and four blue chevrons, and the ribbon of the 1914 star, in addition to that of the Queen's South African medal. – Pte. Joseph Ding, the Queen's, went to France on the 4th inst., and Lance-Corpl. J. B. Parish, The Buffs, on the 9th inst.

THE PARISH COUNCIL. 18th Oct. 1918

A correspondent writes: Have the Parish Councillors of Swavesey abdicated? According to their own Standing Orders, framed under the Local Government Act, 1894, they should have held their annual meeting on 15th April, but for some unexplained reason they held it on March 25th, the day fixed by the Act for the Annual Parish Meeting, which, by the way, has not taken place this year. April 15th should be the commencement of a Parish Council's year. The Swavesey Standing Orders require statutory quarterly meetings on certain duly specified dates, and the second meeting should have taken place on the third Monday in July. The Councillors have, however, not met since March 25th, and their third statutory meeting is due on Monday next. Will it be held? By

Section 46 of the Act a Councillor who is absent from meetings of the Council for more than six months should vacate his office. By parity of reasoning it would appear that a Council that does not meet for six months should automatically cease to exist. Some critics of the present system of local government have been of opinion that Parish Councils fulfil no useful purpose, and it must be admitted that the Swavesey Councillors are doing their best to give point to the arguments of these critics. A Parish Council ought to be of great service as the representative body in immediate touch with the parishioners and possessing first-hand knowledge of their requirements. In addition to carrying out the duties specially assigned to them, the Councillors should act as local watch dogs, and when other authorities – District and County Councils for instance – are remiss in matters affecting the interest of their parish, by representation or other action should take up the role of champions. Possibly the Swavesey Councillors may think that being busy men their time and energies are better employed in these days of stress in looking after their own farms and businesses than in attending Council meetings; but they should not forget that they were elected by the ratepayers, and accepted office, in order to carry out certain public duties and in times like the present it is more than ever important that no public duties should be neglected. The Councillors may also think that their clerk can do all that is necessary, but if that is the explanation of their apparent apathy, they would appear to be unmindful of the fact that the clerk by reason of the numerous public offices he holds is already overburdened with work and responsibility. It may be opportune to remind the Councillors that the new Food Control Committee, about to be appointed must include two or three representatives of Labour, and that, if working men and working women can usefully serve on Food Control Committees, they are equally capable of the less onerous task of a member of the Parish Council.

SWAVESEY LIEUTENANT'S M.C. 25th Oct. 1918

Sec. Lieutenant W. Lawson Hephher, R.F.A., who arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon on short leave from France, has been awarded the Military Cross for services rendered during the recent advance. At one period his battery was in steady action for fourteen days. Sec.-Lieut. Hephher is the youngest son of the late Mr. Jesse Hephher, Swavesey. On the outbreak of war he was in British Columbia, and with his companion, also a native of Swavesey, the late Pte. Henry Beaumont, endeavoured to enlist in the Canadian Infantry. Pte. Beaumont was accepted, but Sec.-Lieut. Hephher was rejected on medical grounds. Determined to do his bit, he came to England at once, underwent an operation, and succeeded in joining the Canadian Infantry

in February, 1915. Towards the end of April he went to France and was soon transferred to the Canadian Engineers, with whom he saw considerable service. In August, 1917, he returned to England to train for a commission, joined an Officers' Cadet Battalion, and on 31st January last was posted Sec.-Lieut. in the Royal Field Artillery. He returned to France on 20th March. An elder brother, Sergeant Wilfred Hepher, R.E., won the D.C.M. in June 1916. He was killed in action on the following 15th September.

A LOST CHEQUE AND THE SEQUEL. 25th Oct. 1918

Whilst recently walking across Market-hill, Cambridge, with his uncle, Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, Alfred Hawkes, a Swavesey schoolboy, picked up a cheque for £10, payable to "Self." The cheque was immediately taken to Lloyd's Bank, Sidney-street, for return to the unknown owner. A few days later a letter was received in Swavesey from a captain in the Royal Fusiliers, stationed in a south-eastern county, expressing his gratitude, and enclosing a postal order for ten shillings as a mark of his appreciation of the finder's promptitude and honesty. Alfred Hawkes is delighted with the gift, and is looking for more dropped cheques.

BUTTER AND MARGARINE. 25th Oct. 1918

In a letter, dated 23rd inst., to our Swavesey representative, Mr. G. A. Harrison, Clerk to the Swavesey Rural Food Control Committee, says:- "I have this morning received official notification from the Ministry of Food that individual consumers who have registered their butter-margarine leaf with a farmer or producer of British-made butter may obtain such butter at the rate of 5 ounces per coupon until further notice. I have also received notice in the case of grocers that in order to meet the difficulty of the small retail sales of butter, retailers may supply any customer his ration in the form of 5 ounces of margarine in the first week, and 3 ounces of margarine and 2 ounces of butter in the second week, or vice versa so far as the supplies of margarine permit."

WAR NOTES. 25th Oct. 1918

Diver Frederick G. Clarke, A.S.C. (attached to an hospital unit), writing from Palestine on 23rd September, says: "We are having a busy time, and all is going well with us. There is plenty of sport chasing the Turks, also plenty of work. I think they will soon be tired of fighting." Driver Clarke added that he had just received a copy of the "Press and News," and was most pleased to get it. Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., a prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany, in a very cheerful letter dated 1st September, reports himself "in fine health, and going on fine, too." Letters from home appear to be reaching him very

irregularly. Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, The Buffs, also at Giessen, has written home too. He said he was in the best of health. Lance-Corpl. Arthur Prior, Cambs. Regiment, has been promoted corporal.

THE SCHOOL AND WAR. 25th Oct. 1918

One hundred and thirty-seven old boys of Swavesey National School are known to be serving, or to have served, in the Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force during the present war. Of these, 18 have been killed in action, or have died of wounds or illness due to the rigours of active service, two have been posted "wounded and missing," and four are prisoners of war. The list of wounded is a long one. The school has also won its share of honours. Two old boys have gained the Military cross, one the D.C.M., and three the Military Medal, while one has been mentioned in the Commander-in-Chief's despatches. Five have been given commissions. In addition to the 137 old boys, the Headmaster, Sergt. C. Wood has been serving for four years.

TWO LETTERS. 25th Oct. 1918

The following extracts from letters written by two of the "Byng Boys," both men of Swavesey, who left wives and little children to fight in the great struggle for freedom, and who have taken their share in the recent victorious advance which has resulted in the release from German thralldom of many French towns and villages, will be read with interest by those who know the writers and by our readers generally. Pte. Alfred Prime, a stretcher-bearer in the Queen's who has been three times wounded, writing on the 11th October, says: "I am quite well. We have been over again twice since I wrote last, and have liberated French civilians who have been under the Germans since the war began. It was a sight to see. They kissed us and gave us coffee and everything they could. They were half mad with joy, poor beggars. It was a grand day for them, but I expect you will have seen all about it in the papers. Really, I think it will soon be over, and if so, I shall thank God that I was able to live and be in at the finish, and I know you will be too. I am very tired, having been walking since 1 a.m. yesterday until 5 p.m. today without food or rest, but I have just had a good feed and drink, and want to go to sleep. I have just taken off my boots, the first time for fifteen days. I am writing this on a table, and am sitting on a chair. The people have gone from here, but not from the other villages where we have been. It is a lot better to get where people live, as it cheers us up as well as the people."

The second letter, dated October 13th, is from Sergt. Charles Wood, Royal Fusiliers, who before he joined up on the 14th October, 1914, was Headmaster

of Swavesey National School. He has been in France since the 14th October of the following year. He says: "Thanks for your letter of the 7th, which I received safely this afternoon. I had just finished a ten miles' march when the mail arrived, and so got your letter at once. We are out of action for the present, and are busy following Fritz up from the positions from which we have driven him to where he is trying to make a stand. I expect from the papers you have seen that we have been in action and what we have been doing. I have got a splendid billet to-night in one of the evacuated villages, and have a roof over my head once again. As a curious coincidence, I am billeted in the village schoolhouse, and am writing this letter to you on the table in the family front room."

RIPE RASPBERRIES. 1st Nov. 1918

Signalman W. Kester last week gathered a quantity of fine raspberries of excellent flavour from canes in his allotment at Swavesey Railway Station.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CLOSED. 1st Nov. 1918

In accordance with instructions from the County Education Authority, Swavesey National School has been closed since Monday. On Friday last 70 children were absent, either suffering from the prevailing illness, or having been in contact with children who were down with it. It is understood that Mr. Robinson Mitham is acting as "correspondent," or secretary, of the school during the absence of the vicar on active service.

NEWS OF LOCAL SOLDIERS. 1st Nov. 1918

Writing from Munster 11. Camp, Westfalen, Germany, on Sunday, 25th August, Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, who has been a prisoner of war since 25th March last, says:- "Some of the boys have just gone out for a short walk; the sentry has taken them. I should have gone with them, but have not had time to clean myself up for it. I only finished a twelve hours' shift down in the (coal) pit at six o'clock this morning, so I decided to stay in and write this letter. I am quite well, and still working very hard." – Pte. Cyril G. Hephher, East Yorkshire Regiment, who is lying seriously wounded in a hospital in France, states: "I am getting on grand. Sister says that my wound is healing up finely. I get hardly any pain from it now, and I don't think it could be going on any better, so there is no need to worry about me. I hope to be in Blighty soon." – Pte. A. C. Hephher ("Fred"), Middlesex Regiment, younger brother of Pte. C. G. Hephher, a prisoner of war at Hameln, in a letter dated 30th August, says: "I am working in a stone quarry,

and am getting on all right. I have got some good mates, including five 1914 English ‘old contemptible,’”

PTE. J. DING. 1st Nov. 1918

Pte. Joseph Ding, London Regt., who went to France on 4th October, has been wounded by a bullet on the right arm, and is in hospital in France.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 8th Nov. 1918

The village school has been closed on account of influenza.

TO HELP IN FRANCE. 8th Nov. 1918

The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Chapel, will be absent from Swavesey for a few months, having undertaken service with the Y.M.C.A. huts in France. He said farewell to his congregation on Sunday, and is leaving the village tomorrow (Saturday).

PETER DING OPTIMISTIC. 8th Nov. 1918

Lance-Cpl. Peter Ding, of the Dragoons, who has long been serving in France, writes to say that he is receiving his “Press and News” regularly. He adds: “I see some very interesting news in the paper about the old village and the Swavesey boys. It’s fine out here now that things are going so splendidly. I hope to see you all soon – somewhere about Christmas – if we keep on going as well as we have done lately.”

FOR THE FALLEN. 8th Nov. 1918

A solemn service in commemoration of Swavesey men who have made the supreme sacrifice in the present war, was held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, the morrow of All Souls’ Day, and was attended by a considerable congregation, which included relatives of the fallen, soldiers from the local hospital, and V.A.D. nurses. The Rev. E. G. Peterson, after reading the roll of the dead, gave an inspiring address. The remainder of the service consisted of prayers, psalms and hymns – and the lesson from the Burial Office (I Corinthians, xv., 20). Before the last hymn the organist played the Dead March in “Saul”, the congregation standing, and the Nunc Dimitis brought a memorable service to a close. The cards affixed to the notice board in the south aisle on which the names of the dead men are recorded, were surrounded with laurel, and vases of white flowers stood in front. A Union Jack drooped overhead.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th Nov. 1918

A meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, R. Norman, A. T. Scard, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The Clerk brought up the question of replacing the thatched roof of a building on the parish property in High-street, and arrangements were made for the work to be done forthwith. It was agreed that a fence in Wallman's-lane should be repaired, and that permission be given for the storage in the Parish Council building of a new snow plough belonging to the Rural District Council. The consideration of a suggestion respecting the adverse balance brought forward in the Council's petty cash account for the present year, which had been made at the Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening, was postponed until the Council's next meeting.

“OUR DAY.” 8th Nov. 1918

“Our Day” was duly observed in Swavesey, the main effort being at the V.A.D. Hospital, where a small jumble and work sale was held and three short concerts were given. The organisation of the sales was kindly taken by Mrs. Twist, and the concerts were under the management of Miss Elsie Dodson, both of whom were assisted by members of the staff. The results far exceeded expectation. It was most regrettable that Miss Jean Capper, whom Mrs. Cooksey regards as “the ruling spirit of the village representatives” was unavoidably absent through an attack of influenza. The total raised was £14 5s. 10d., which has been handed to the vice-president. The village children also did their “bit”, and by a “mile of pennies” collection, gathered £3 14s. 5½d., which has been sent to Dr. H. Waite for the Red Cross Fund. On the following evening the little people attended an entertainment given for their benefit by the patients and staff of the hospital, assisted by friends. This year's “Our Day” collections, etc., realised in all £18 0s. 3½d., a record for Swavesey.

PARISH MEETING. 8th Nov. 1918

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, Mr. Arthur Norman presiding. The Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) presented the parochial and charity accounts and some discussion followed. Mr. George Clarke, referring to a deficit in the Parish Council petty cash account, moved that a cheque be drawn for the amount due to the clerk. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey seconded. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Meeting had no power to act in the matter, and the resolution was accordingly altered to a suggestion that the Council should draw the cheque. The motion, as amended, was carried. – Mr. Clarke called attention to the fact that there was no Roll of

Honour in Swavesey, and strongly urged that there should be one. The church lists were incomplete and inaccurate, and the Roll which had been on the school was private property. – Mr. Mitham admitted that the church lists were out of date, and made a strong appeal to the late compiler of both Rolls, Mr. Vincent, to again take over the care of a Roll of Honour for the parish, speaking in terms of warm appreciation of the way in which the record had been kept until May, 1917. – Mr. Vincent replied that there were other persons in the parish far better qualified than he was to undertake the duty, but that if no one was willing to act, and it was the wish of the parish, he would again become compiler on certain conditions. He was, however, not prepared to state these conditions at that meeting. There would be several matters of detail to settle before he could consent to act. – The matter then dropped and the meeting ended.

PTE. J. B. PARISH. 15th Nov. 1918

News has reached Swavesey that Pte. Joseph B. Parish, the Buffs, eldest son of Mr. Z. Parish, of Swavesey and Cambridge Market, was seriously wounded in the back on October 30th, and is in hospital in France. Pte. Parish, prior to joining up on 12th June last, was a Sergeant in the Cambs. Volunteer Regiment. He went to Franc on the 9th October.

OFFICIAL NOTICE. 15th Nov. 1918

HOUSEHOLD FUEL AND LIGHTING ORDER, 1918
SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:-

1. All applications for fuel and lighting should have been received by Saturday, November 2nd, 1918, and applications for fuel and lighting subsequent to this date can only be made with the assent of the Local Fuel Overseer, to whom requests for forms must now be sent.

All unused forms of application (F.H.F. 2) now in possession of Registered Coal Merchants and Licensed Coal Dealers must be returned forthwith to the Local Fuel Overseer for the district.

2. No coal (which included coke, anthracite, briquettes, &c.) except the minimum quantities as prescribed by Clause 51 of the Order, may be sold or delivered, or in any way supplied, after Saturday, November 16th, unless the person so selling, and delivering, or supplying, holds a certificate (F.H.F. 5) authorising the supply.

3. Commencing on November 4th, and not later than November 16th, all persons who have not already completed an application for fuel and lighting

and who require to purchase or acquire coal must Register with a Registered Coal Merchant or Licensed Coal Dealer to supply them, and may only be supplied through such Registered Coal Merchant or Licensed Coal Dealer. The necessary forms (F.H.F. 63) for this registration can be obtained from the consumers' usual Coal Merchant or Dealer.

After November 16th the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, will be strictly enforced.

F. W. HAGGER,
Local Fuel Overseer.

Swavesey,
12th November, 1918.

ARMISTICE. 15th Nov. 1918

The first news of the signing of the armistice to reach Swavesey on Monday was contained in a telephone message from the "Cambridge Daily News", received at 11.20 a.m. The message was immediately displayed in the window of the Post Office, and the glorious news spread with lightning speed. The official notification was received about an hour and a half later and telegrams to the same effect from other sources handed in on Monday were not delivered to Swavesey until Tuesday. A flagstaff flying the Union Jack was rigged up in the National School yard by about noon, and flags of all sorts and sizes made their appearance from end to end of the village. The bells of the parish church were rung in the evening, and on Tuesday Messrs. Walter Thorp, Key and R. Mitham managed to erect a lengthy pole above the extinguisher-shaped steeple on the top of the tower, and by the afternoon a Union Jack floated bravely in the breeze. On Tuesday evening a thanksgiving service was held and was attended by a large congregation, which included many Nonconformists. On Wednesday evening the juveniles of the parish celebrated victory by a bonfire on the Recreation Ground, in which they cremated the Kaiser in effigy.

DISCHARGED. 15th Nov. 1918

Pte. Charles W. Prime, Lincolnshire Regt., has been discharged from the Army as no longer physically fit. He has been twice wounded.

PROMOTION. 15th Nov. 1918

Pte. H. G. Key, Sherwood Foresters, has been promoted lance-corporal. He joined up on 15th March, 1916, and served in France from 15th July, 1916, to 6th August of this year, when he was wounded. He is now stationed in Lincolnshire.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Nov. 1918

Members of the Parish Council met according to arrangement on Monday afternoon at the parish property in High-street, and disposed of a quantity of brick rubbish. Instructions were given to Mr. R. Mitham to repair the fence abutting on Wallman's-lane at once.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th Nov. 1918

Owing to the suspension of the "Shading of Lights," Order, the Sunday evening service at the parish church will be at 6.30 p.m. for the future. Next Sunday there will be special thanksgivings for the armistice and our victory. The lists in the church of Swavesey men who are serving or have served in the war have been corrected and brought up to date. A new frame, kindly provided by the Rev. E. G. Paterson, has materially contributed to this happy result.

KILLED IN ACTION. 15th Nov. 1918

Mrs. Peter Ding, High-street, Swavesey, was informed last week-end that Lance-Corpl. Fred Chaddock, Gloucestershire Regt., who had married her elder daughter on 19th February, had been killed in action in France. The greater part of Lance-Corpl. Chaddock's 13 years in the Army has been served abroad in Malta, China, India, and in France since the early days of this war. He had been twice wounded. Much sympathy is felt for the young widow.

PTE. J. W. WRIGHT. 22nd Nov. 1918

Although he had not lived in Swavesey for some years, the news that Pte. James William Wright, West Riding (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment, has been killed in action in France on 1st November, was received with great regret and deep sympathy is felt for his widowed mother, Mrs. Charlott Wright, Gibraltar-lane, and his widow and children. Pte. Wright joined up in Yorkshire on 15th August, 1916, and had seen considerable service in France, having been present at Bullecourt in May, 1917, and Bourlon Wood last November. He was in Swavesey for a few days last March when on short leave from the front.

PTE. J. B. PARISH.

The sad intelligence that Pte. Joseph Barker Parish, The Buffs, who was reported last week to have been dangerously wounded in his back on the 30th October, had succumbed to his injuries on the 11th inst., reached his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Parish, on Wednesday morning, and was received by the people generally with deep regret. Pte. Parish was well known in the district,

and was respected and beloved. He was a keen member of the Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment, in which he held the rank of sergeant before he joined the fighting forces on the 12th June last, and he had only been twenty-one days in France when he received his fatal wound. He leaves a young widow and one little child, who, with his bereaved parents and brothers and sisters, have the sincere sympathy of all who knew him.

STRANGE ROOSTING PLACE. 22nd Nov. 1918

At a Swavesey farm a hen roosted on a cow's horns during the whole of last Monday night.

OBITUARY. 22nd Nov. 1918

Mr. John Lodes died in Huntingdon Hospital on Monday morning from double pneumonia, aged 28 years. It is understood that he was admitted to the hospital last Friday. He leaves a widow and one little child, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place at Swavesey.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 22nd Nov. 1918

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowd, widow of the late Mr. James Bowd, died at Hemingford at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the great age of 89 years. She left Swavesey about two years ago. The funeral will take place in Swavesey Cemetery.

DISCHARGED. 22nd Nov. 1918

Lance-Corpl. Frank Williams, Royal Fusiliers, who was wounded in the right ankle by shell on December 22nd last, necessitating the amputation of his foot, has been discharged from the Army, being no longer physically fit for war service. He has been supplied with a mechanical foot. Lance-Corpl. Williams joined up in January, 1915, and served in France for about two years.

CONVALESCENT. 22nd Nov. 1918

Pte. Frank Prior, Suffolk Regiment, youngest son of Mr. Charles Prior, who was wounded by shrapnel in the shoulder on 21st September, is at home on a month's convalescent leave. A piece of shrapnel is still in his body. He joined up on 25th October, 1916, and went to Egypt in February, 1917. He served in Palestine, being wounded in the shoulder, and was transferred with his division to France last May.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 22nd Nov. 1918

Corpl. Arthur Prior, Cambridgeshire Regiment, arrived in Swavesey during the small hours of Monday morning on fourteen days' leave from France. He

is in excellent health and spirits. He went to France with his battalion in February, 1915. Pte. Frank Day, Canadian Forestry Corps. eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, is also at home on short leave from France, and reports himself in the pink of condition. His appearance does not belie his words.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 22nd Nov. 1918

In the absence of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, who is under training for immediate service in France, Mr. Smith, of Bourn, preached at the morning and evening service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday. In the evening taking his text from 4th chapter of Esther, verse 14, he made special references to the armistice and the early promise of peace. Mr. Ussher is expected to be in Swavesey this week-end. The collections at the chapel next Sunday afternoon will be in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers. Bethel Sunday School will be re-opened on Sunday morning.

VICTORY AND PEACE. 22nd Nov. 1918

In the course of the centuries during which the parish church of Swavesey has been the home and centre of the religious life of the people of the village, songs of thanksgiving for victory and other blessings under God's good providence have resounded within its ancient walls, and amongst those services of gratitude and joy, the simple but dignified thanksgiving service last Sunday evening cannot be unworthy of high place. It was a notable service, and was attended by a congregation of thankful worshippers remarkable for its size. The form of service authorised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York was used, and all the hymns, sung with great heartiness, were most appropriate. The Rev. E. G. Peterson, who is in charge of the parish in the absence of the Vicar on active service, preached a sermon which will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear it. At the close Mr. Peterson read the full roll of Swavesey men who are serving or who have served in the war, specially mentioning as he went along those who had fallen or had won honours. At his request the people stood during the recitation of the roll as an act of gratitude and respect. The authorised collects, psalms, lessons, etc., were used at the other services, and the collections throughout the day were on behalf of the King's Fund for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers. They amounted to £12 0s. 9d. The chancel and organ screens were decorated with Union Jacks, while upon the chapel screen was the star-spangled banner of America. Flags surmounted the Roll of Honour.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 29th Nov. 1918

Pte. George E. Hephher, Labour Company, and Pte. Harry Prime, Manchester Regt., have arrived in Swavesey on short leave from the Western front, the former on Monday evening and the latter on Wednesday. They are in excellent health and spirits.

THE LATE PTE. J. B. PARISH. 29th Nov. 1918

Mrs. J. B. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Parish and family of Swavesey, have received very many letters and other expressions of sympathy in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death from wounds of Pte. Joseph B. Parish, and they ask their kind friends to accept this assurance of their grateful appreciation.

COMMENDED. 29th Nov. 1918

Pte. Alfred Prime, the Queen's, has been presented with a card bearing the following commendation from Major-General Commanding the 33rd Division in France: "Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you distinguished yourself in the field on 22nd-26th October, 1918. I have read their report with much pleasure." Pte. Prime has been in France since August, 1916, and has been wounded three times.

WAR NOTES. 29th Nov. 1918

Corpl. Arthur Prior, Cambs. Regt., who arrived home on the 17th inst. on short leave from France, is suffering from influenza, and is a patient at the 1st Eastern General Hospital. Pte. Henry George Howlett, Sussex Regt., has gone to France. He joined up on 24th June last. Pte. Fred Ding, Suffolk Regt., with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, in a letter to his people in Swavesey, says that at the time of writing he was laid up with influenza.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th Nov. 1918

A whist drive, under the management of Miss Jean Capper, Mrs. Twist, and Mrs. Pontefract, with Mr. W. Twist as M.C., was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. There were 18 tables. Prizes were won as follows: - Ladies, 1 Miss E. Johnson (Fen Drayton), 2 Miss N. Prior; gentlemen, 1 Pte. Bourne, 2 Mr. Walter Thorp.

BACK TO THE FRONT. 6th Dec. 1918

Corpl. Charles S. Hephher, Suffolk Regt., has returned to France.

RETURN OF PRISONER OF WAR. 6th Dec. 1918

Mr. Robinson Mitham received a postcard on Wednesday from his son, Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., announcing his arrival at Hull on the previous day. Sapper Mitham was taken prisoner on 25th March last, and has been at Munster No. 11 Camp working in a coal mine.

THE COUNTY BATTALION. 6th Dec. 1918

Eight men from Swavesey have served during the war with the County Battalion of the Suffolk Regt., but none are with the battalion now. One of the eight has been killed in action, three have been recorded missing, believed killed, and one is missing, wounded. The remaining three men have been wounded, two of whom have been discharged from the Army, and one is serving with another battalion of the regiment. One man has won the Military Medal.

FLAGS. 6th Dec. 1918

Our Swavesey representative writes: When the armistice was signed temporary flagstaffs were rigged up on the tower of the parish church and in the yard of the National School, and it is believed in each case the flag hoisted was lent by a private individual. It is suggested that before Peace Day permanent flag poles should be provided for both church and school, and that it should not be necessary to use borrowed flags. The provision of flags and poles would be one way of commemorating the declaration of peace.

PTE. C. G. HEPHER. 6th Dec. 1918

A telegram reached Swavesey about noon on Monday stating that Pte. Cyril George Hepher, East Yorkshire Regt., had died suddenly on Saturday afternoon at No. 8 Stationary Hospital, France. He was the second of the three children (all sons) of Mrs. Charles Hepher, Market-street, Swavesey. His elder brother has been recorded missing, believed killed, on 28th April, 1917, and the youngest taken prisoner by the Germans on 9th April last. Cyril Hepher arrived in France on 31st August, and at once proceeded up the line. On 20th September he went over the top for the first time.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL. 13th Dec. 1918

The Commandant announces that the Hospital will be closed for Christmas, and finally closed down on December 31st inst.

PRISONER HOME. 13th Dec. 1918

Pte. Walter G. Prior, North Staffordshire Regiment, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since last March, has arrived home, and is in good health.

Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., youngest son of Mrs. Beaumont, Swavesey, has written from France to say that he is on his way home, and in good health. He was captured on 21st March.

MARCHING INTO GERMANY. 13th Dec. 1918

Lance-Corpl. Peter Ding, Dragoon Guards, writes: "I am receiving the 'Press and News' regularly. Many thanks. We are well in German territory, on our way to a town the other side of the Rhine. We are being treated very fair by the German population at present. There are, however, no flags flying like there were in Belgium, where they gave us a very hearty reception, decorating our horses with flowers as we passed along the roads. They are fine people. What we are missing now is our smokes."

WEDDING. 13th Dec. 1918

The marriage of Miss Kate Elizabeth Wells, elder daughter of Mr. Harry Wells, and Mr. Charles Wilfred Ding, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ding, took place at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a considerable congregation, both families being well known in the district. The Rev. A. P. Senior, Fen Drayton, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a brown costume, with hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jessie Wells, and Mr. George Hephher, jun., acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's father.

DISCHARGED. 13th Dec. 1918

Corpl. James Smith Dean, Australian Light Horse, eldest son of Mrs. Dean, Swavesey, has been granted his discharge from the Army, being no longer physically fit, in consequence of wounds received east of the river Jordan on the 27th March last, when attached to the Imperial Camel Corps. Corpl. Dean is a veteran of the South African War (Queen's and King's medals). He went into Australia some years ago, and in November, 1915, enlisted in the Australian Light Horse. In May, 1916, he landed in Egypt, and saw service there and in Palestine until he was wounded last spring. After two or three months in hospital in Palestine and Egypt, he was sent back to Australia, where, it is stated, he was discharged.

NEWS OF A PRISONER. 13th Dec. 1918

A letter dated 2nd December has been received from Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, The Buffs, who was captured by the Germans on 21st March last, stating that he is in a French hospital at Metz, suffering from a cold, but hopes

to be home before Christmas. He is evidently gratefully appreciating plenty of excellent food, a warm bed, and good treatment. He says: " I have had a rough time with the Bosches, working in a stone quarry from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and for food given cabbage soup and potatoes. If it had not been for our Red Cross parcels there would not be many prisoners of war coming home. If ever there was a country beaten, Germany is that one. I am sorry to say nearly half of the prisoners of war are ill – French, Italians, Russians and English – it is a shame to see the poor fellows. Nobody knows what they have suffered, only those who have had some of it." Lanc-Corpl. Symonds was interned at Giessen.

MR. MONTAGU'S MEETING. 13th Dec. 1918

A meeting in support of the candidature of the Right Hon. E. S. Montagu was held at Swavesey on Tuesday evening, and the large schoolroom was crowded. Mr. H. Capper, who presided, briefly introduced Sir Richard Winfrey, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, who spoke on the general situation, and also dealt with the question of the wages of agricultural workers. Mr. Montagu on entering the room towards the end of Sir Richard's speech, had a most cordial reception. After a while with many interruptions from the leader of the local labour party, he decided to discontinue his speech and answer questions. The Conservatives, who were present in strong force, were evidently satisfied with Mr. Montagu, and asked none. A Liberal supporter of the candidate, however, made an inquiry respecting Protection, which the candidate answered. The labour leader then took the field, and instead of asking definite questions, proceeded to make a series of rambling speeches on various subjects. He also made imputations reflecting on Mr. Montagu's sincerity and good faith, which the candidate strongly resented. A resolution of confidence in Mr. Montagu was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. F. J. Beales, who declared himself a Trades Unionist, and said that in his opinion the true Labour leader of the country was Mr. Lloyd George. The resolution was carried without opposition.

A PRISONER'S EXPERIENCES. 13th Dec. 1918

Sapper Samuel F. Mitham, R.E., youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, who landed at Hull from Germany on the 3rd instant, arrived at his home in Swavesey on Thursday evening in last week. He was in good health, the result, he said, of the splendid provision made for the prisoners by the Red Cross Society since the armistice. Sapper Mitham was slightly wounded in the left leg by a bullet during the retreat on 25th March last. He was captured

immediately after being hit. He was one of a crowd of about fifty men who had been collected by a colonel of the Seaforths, all of whom except half-a-dozen were either killed or wounded. The six were captured. Notwithstanding his injury, Sapper Mitham was at once employed in carrying wounded, and his first night was spent in a captured British hospital. He was then removed to Dulmen Camp, Germany, where he was isolated for fifteen days, and inoculated four times and vaccinated once. Then he was drafted to a coal mine at Dortmund, about 18 miles from Munster No. II. Camp to which he was supposed to belong. Here from the 18th April until his release on 25th November he was employed on underground work, 8½ hours on four days a week, and 12 hours on the other two. No work was done on Sundays. His breakfast before going down the pit consisted of a piece of black bread, eight men sharing a 6lb. loaf, and a cup of coffee made of burnt acorns. On returning to the surface he had a pint of "soup," usually merely cabbage water, and sometimes about 1oz. of horseflesh, black in colour and highly scented. At night another pint of cabbage water was supplied. Bread was only obtainable at breakfast. For the first eighteen weeks he was always hungry and weak. Then the blessed Red Cross parcels of food began to arrive, and they reached the prisoners fairly regularly. It was, however, not unusual for some of their contents to have been looted. Sapper Mitham says that he was cruelly knocked about by the civilian ganger in the pit. When all went well and plenty of coal was got, the ganger behaved fairly well, but when, owing to the weakness of the starving men or shortness of supply, not enough coal was obtained, then the ganger, who invariably carried a heavy stick, was wont to belabour the poor victims. This treatment was meted out to all the prisoners. The soldier sentries contented themselves with pushing and kicking on the least provocation. Russian prisoners received exceptionally cruel treatment. They were so weak from want of food that they could not work properly. At Dortmund pit there were 150 prisoners, viz., 37 British and the rest Russian. The cage in which both nationalities were confined measured about 60 yards square, and the barrack building contained two rooms, both cruelly overcrowded and infested with vermin of all kinds. It was at times impossible to sleep, and the air was most foul. Russians shared the rooms with British. Sapper Mitham says he cannot adequately express his gratitude to the British Red Cross Society. It was certainly due to the parcels of food and clothing supplied through the Society that the prisoners were able to exist. Without them few men would have lived through the terrible ordeal. An incident that marked the end of Munster II. Camp is worth mentioning. As the 1,700 British prisoners were leaving they sang "Rule, Britannia," and Germany heard a decent song sung by decent men.

WAR NOTES. 20th Dec. 1918

Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., is at home on twelve days' special leave from hospital. He was wounded on 15th June last whilst serving in Italy, and before he was convalescent had a recurrence of old heart trouble, for which he has been in hospital in this country ever since. He is still far from well. – Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, The Buffs, whose arrival in France from Giessen Camp was notified last week, reached his home in Swavesey on Wednesday evening. – Gunner Fredk. A. Prior, R.F.A., has been promoted Bombardier. He is still in France. – The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Bethel Baptist Chapel, is also in France, and working at a Y.M.C.A. Hut.

THE ELECTION. 20th Dec. 1918

Polling day passed off very quietly. About 350 electors from Fen Drayton and Swavesey recorded their votes out of a total of 480 resident voters. Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, who entered the polling station about 8.20 a.m. with her husband, had the distinction of being the first woman in Swavesey to record her vote for a Parliamentary candidate. Mr. Montagu paid a brief visit to the village at 4 p.m., only ten minutes behind his scheduled time. It is anticipated that he obtained a substantial majority over the Labour candidate in the Swavesey polling district. It may be interesting to mention that there are 24 voters bearing the surname Parish on the register for the parish of Swavesey, 14 that of Hepher, and 13 Dodson.

MILITARY MEDALLIST HOME. 20th Dec. 1918

Pte. Alfred Prime, M.M., The Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regiment, eldest son of Mr. Alfred Prime, Taylor's-lane, reached Swavesey by the last train on Tuesday, having only left his battalion in France at 9 o'clock the same morning. He was in the best of health and spirits. His many friends gave him the warmest of welcomes, and their heartiest congratulations on having been awarded the Military Medal, a distinction won for his conduct whilst carrying in wounded under heavy barrage fire on 21st September last at Ephey. He was subsequently commended by his Divisional General for good work from 22nd to 26th October. Pte. Prime joined up on 8th April, 1916, and proceeded to France on 25th August of that year. He was wounded slightly in the head on 7th October following, and again in the leg on 1st August, 1917. On recovery he returned to France on 23rd January last, and has seen much strenuous service with the Byng Boys. Mr. Alfred Prime's second son, Corpl. James Prime, London Regiment, also won the Military Medal in June, 1917.

RETURN OF PRISONER OF WAR. 20th Dec. 1918

Pte. Arthur Beaumont, M.G.C., youngest son of Mrs. Beaumont, Swavesey, reached home on Saturday night, in pretty good health. He was taken prisoner by the Germans at Quessy, near La Fere, about noon on 22nd March last, and spent his first night of captivity in La Fere. Next day he went on to Ribecourt, and thence to Guise, where he stayed during the week preceding Easter, and was employed on an ammunition dump and fatigues. On Easter Day he was marched to Landrecies, and on Easter Monday entrained for Giessen, to which prison camp he was attached until the armistice. He reached Giessen at 7 p.m. two days later. He was first employed at iron smelting works, and for eight days worked in an iron mine at Eiserfeldt, but was taken ill and returned to Giessen. On recovery he was sent to a tannery at Burgel, near Offenbach, where he remained until the end. His illness was doubtless due to insufficiency and bad quality of food, and like other returned prisoners, he says he depended mainly on the contents of food parcels sent through the Red Cross Society, but he believes that his camp was better supplied with German food than most of the other camps. Beyond the usual Hunnish kicking, Pte. Beaumont makes no complaint of brutal treatment. He returned from Giessen by way of Metz and Calais.

IN MEMORIAM. 20th Dec. 1918

PRIOR. – In loving memory of William prior, who died December 11th 1917, loving husband of Esther Prior, High-street Swavesey

“Thy Will be done” seemed hard to say

When our dear father was called away;

A loving husband, true and kind,

No one on earth like you we find;

On earth there's strife, in Heaven there's rest,

They miss you most who loved you best.

FROM THE FRONT. 27th Dec. 1918

Pte. Dick Wilderspin, R.E. (despatch rider) arrived home on Tuesday night on 14 days' leave from Ypres. He is in excellent health. He went to France on 1st January last.

WOUNDED MAN COMES HOME. 27th Dec. 1918

Corpl. Fred Kester, Welsh Regt., who was severely wounded in the leg on Sept. 15th last in fighting near St. Quentin, and has since been in hospital in London, is spending his Christmas leave at his home in Swavesey. Although improving he is still lame.

DISCHARGED. 27th Dec. 1918

Pte. Thomas Howlett, Cheshire Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howlett, Swavesey, has been discharged from the Army as physically unfit. He joined up on 6th April, 1915, and proceeded to France early in the following October. On the 25th May, 1916, he was wounded in the knee at Gommecourt. In September, 1917, he was taken ill with appendicitis and was sent to this country where he underwent an operation. Returning to France on the 15th April last he was soon in the thick of the fighting outside Arras, and on 20th May was dangerously wounded by shell (compound fracture of right forearm and common fracture of left arm near wrist). He has recovered the use of his left arm, but his right hand and arm are still disabled, though improving.

MESSAGE BY ENEMY AEROPLANE. 27th Dec. 1918

Not long after Pte. A. Beaumont, M.G.C., was taken prisoner of war last March, his mother in Swavesey received a message from him written on the back of a wrapper of a packet of German cigarettes, stating that he was "a prisoner and safe and sound." The message was forwarded to Mrs. Beaumont by an officer attached to the British Mission at French General Headquarters, who explained that it had been taken from a captured German airman who had evidently intended to drop it in the British lines. Pte. Beaumont states that he asked a German flying officer to take the message when he was at Guise and that the officer, after some demur, accepted the message with a promise to drop it when he paid his next air visit to England.

PRISONER OF WAR'S EXPERIENCES. 27th Dec. 1918

Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds, the Buffs, whose repatriation from a German prison camp was briefly recorded last week, has furnished some interesting details of his capture and captivity. He was taken prisoner at Vandual, near St. Quentin, at 7 a.m. on 22nd March last. His platoon had been surrounded on the previous evening, and had taken refuge in a dug-out. About midnight the officer in command and Lance-Corpl. Symonds left the dug-out to endeavour to find a way of escape. Passing along a trench they saw Germans in a neighbouring dug-out, but succeeded in getting by without attracting notice, and at length reached the cookhouse of their battalion, a ruined building, but found it occupied as enemy headquarters. Realising that escape was impossible they returned to their comrades in the dug-out, and at 7 a.m. on the 22nd surrendered. After employment on ammunition dumps, etc., Symonds reached Guise, where he met another Swavesey lad, Pte. A. Beaumont, M.G.C., who had also been captured on 22nd March. At Guise they witnessed

a brutal incident. They were endeavouring to obtain food from a German cookhouse when they saw a little French boy offer bread to some French prisoners. A German sentry attempted to bayonet the little fellow, but failed. He then shot him through the head. The two Swavesey lads kept together until they reached Giessen, when they were separated and sent away on different work. Symonds was employed in the stone quarry at Hahnstattin, Wiesbaden. He says that for about three months until the Red Cross parcels began to arrive he was in a state of semi-starvation. The food, mainly vegetables such as turnips, cabbage, etc., was utterly insufficient in quantity and unsuitable for keeping body and soul together. On one occasion water in which a German woman had poached eggs was given as soup for supper. Lance-Corpl. Symonds cannot adequately express his gratitude for the parcels of food supplied through the Red Cross Society. Without them he declared he would have starved. On November 13th the prisoners learned that the armistice had been signed, and that they were to be repatriated. Taking advantage of the absence of the sentry, who was busily engaged in conversation with the manager of the quarry, Symonds and those Englishmen and an American cut the barbed wire and escaped. After wandering for three days and nights, being guided by the American's compass, they found Giessen, and at the beginning of December Symonds was sent by train to Metz. Here he had to go into hospital suffering from influenza and bronchitis, and after a few days was removed to another French hospital at Moulins, where he was detained for a week. Thence he came back to Blighty by way of Paris.

CONVALESCENT. 3rd Jan. 1919

Rifleman Albert G. Parish, King's Royal Rifle Corps, who was wounded in the thigh in France on 13th September last, has been discharged from hospital and has been spending a few days' leave at home. He was gassed near Cambrai on the 13th March last, and was sent to a hospital in this country. He returned to France on the 31st August, and 13 days later came to grief again.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 3rd Jan. 1919

Sapper Arthur Parish, R.E., and Pte. John Taylor, Northants. Yeomanry, are spending their 14 days' leave from the front in Swavesey. The former arrived from France on Boxing Day morning, and the latter on Saturday from Italy. Both are in good health. Lance-Corpl. Harry H. Wells, and Pte. Frank Day, Canadian Forestry Corps, were at their homes in the village for Christmas. They had recently been sent back to this country from France, pending, it is presumed, their return to Canada.

WAR PRISONER'S STORY. 3rd Jan.1919

Pte. Walter G. Prior, North Staffordshire Regt., the eldest of the five sons of Mr. Charles Prior, Taylor's-lane, Swavesey, who are serving in the Army, arrived in the village on Boxing Day on a visit to his father. He was captured by the Germans at Bullecourt on 21st March last. His battalion was in reserve, and when the alarm that the Boche was over and the regiment in the front line badly cut up, he was at work as cook. Seizing rifles, he and a comrade, coatless, at once joined the boys. A very heavy barrage and gas for four hours had preceded the attack, and the North Staffords were surrounded, and at length the survivors surrendered. Private Prior was at first employed in carrying German wounded, and was kept for 48 hours close behind the line. Then he and other prisoners had a two days' march to a railhead, where they entrained for Munster No. 1 Camp. They were 50 hours on the journey, 44 men being crowded into one cattle truck, and two halts were made, when cabbage water soup was provided, but no water to drink. At Munster the prisoners were inoculated four times and vaccinated once. On the 21st April, Pte. Prior was sent to work in a coal mine at Oberhausen, and here he remained until after the signing of the armistice, being fairly well treated except as regards food, which was utterly inadequate in quantity and unsuitable for a strong man engaged on hard work. A loaf was supplied to each prisoner once in five days, and twice a day soup was provided. Pte. Prior became very weak in consequence. In August parcels began to arrive from the Red Cross, and the men gained strength. On 17th November the prisoners at Oberhausen (French and Russians, as well as 30 British) heard of the armistice, and that no work was being done in other camps, so they refused to work any longer. The Germans threatened them with revolvers and fixed bayonets, but the prisoners held firm in their refusal, and at length the Huns desisted. On the following day 11 British went by train to Friedrichsfelde for food, and returned to Oberhausen the same night. Having distributed the food amongst the prisoners, all nationalities sharing equally, the Britishers left at 5 a.m. next day for Friedrichsfelde, and on 22nd November for Amerfurt. On 6th December Pte. Prior reached Rotterdam, and spent the night on board s.s. Londonderry. On the following day he set sail for Blighty. The sea was calm, but 40 minutes were passed on the voyage, and at 11 a.m. on December 8th the ship reached Hull. On their passage up the Humber ships gave the returning exiles a fine and noisy welcome, for they were received with shrieking sirens. When they landed they had the warmest of receptions and were given a pint of hot tea and a bag of food before they entrained for Ripon. Arriving here at 4.30 p.m. they found motor cars waiting to convey them to the reception camp. Here Pte. Prior was regaled with plenty of good food and a bottle of

real English beer – Bass. He is in pretty good health. It is sad to record that during his little more than two years' service in the Army one of Pte. Prior's children has died, and in June last his wife passed away after an illness of some duration.

PTE. H. C. HOWLETT. 3rd Jan. 1919

Mrs. William Howlett, Swavesey, received a letter on Monday from the Adjutant of the 11th Suffolk Regiment in France, stating that he had received news that her son, Pte. Harold Charles Howlett, was killed in action on 9th April last, and was not taken prisoner as was thought at the time. "His grave," the adjutant writes, "has been found (he was buried by the enemy) near La Rolanderie Farm, Erquinghem, which is quite near Armentieres. I fear he must have been hit fatally a second time, as his first wound was not to all appearances a fatal one. May I express to you anew my sympathy in this sad blow. Your son was a stretcher bearer in my company then, and was greatly liked by all." Pte. Howlett joined the Suffolk Regiment on the 29th March, 1916, and went to France on the 7th of the following September. He was reported wounded and missing (at Fleurbaix Farm) on the 9th April last, and no tidings of him had been received until this week. Much sympathy has been felt for his parents during their months of terrible suspense, and especially now the worst is known. Two other of their sons have been serving their country in the war, one of whom is now in Belgium, while the other, who had been twice wounded in France, has recently been discharged from the Army, as no longer physically fit. His right arm is still disabled. "Charlie" Howlett was 21 years of age when he met his death. In Swavesey, as in his regiment, he was greatly liked by all, and his popularity was thoroughly well-deserved.

PROMOTION. 10th Jan. 1919

Pte. Percy V. Maltby, South Staffordshire Regiment, has been promoted lance-corporal.

THE SCHOOLS. 10th Jan. 1919

Having been closed for a fortnight for the Christmas holiday, the National Schools were re-opened on Monday morning.

ANOTHER WAR CAPTIVE HOME. 10th Jan. 1919

Pte. Alfred C. Hephner, Middlesex Regiment, the last of the four prisoners of war from Swavesey, arrived home by the last train on Tuesday night. He landed in France for the first time on 1st April last, and on 9th April was

captured at Fleurbaix, near Armentieres. An account of Pte. Hepher's experiences will appear next week.

A MACHINE-GUNNER AND AUTHOR. 10th Jan. 1919

Gunner James Prior, M.G.C., who has been serving in India since January last, has published a booklet entitled "The Machine-Gunner's Trip from Grantham to India, November, 1917 – January, 1918," containing an interesting account of his long voyage to the East via the Cape of Good Hope, and of his arrival in India. Prior to joining up, Gunner Prior was well known in the Swavesey district as a furniture dealer, insurance agent, etc. He was also a deacon at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey.

WEDDING. 10th Jan. 1919

The marriage of Miss Gladys Emily Culpin, second daughter of Pte. M. C. Culpin, R.D.C., and Mrs Culpin, Church End, Swavesey, and Sec.-Lieut. Percy John Stubbings, R.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stubbings, was solemnised at Swavesey parish church on New Year's Day. The Rev. E. G. Peterson officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue costume, with hat to match, and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Grace Stubbings, W.R.A.F., sister of the bridegroom, and Pte. West, A. O.C., was best man.

PARISH CHURCH. 17th Jan. 1919

The services in the parish church on Sunday last were taken by the Rev. H. S. Cronin, of Cambridge.

PRISONER'S WELCOME. 17th Jan. 1919

The four Swavesey returned prisoners of war, Lance-Corpl. J. A. Symonds (Bufs), Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., and Ptes. A. Beaumont (M.G.C.) and A. C. Hepher (Middlesex Regiment), attended the reception, etc., held at Cambridge on Wednesday.

NEWS OF A SOLDIER. 17th Jan. 1919

In a recent letter, Sapper Arthur C. Garner, R.E., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, Carter's-lane, announced that he had arrived at Constantinople. Sapper Garner landed at Salonica on 7th September, 1917, and served in that area until his removal to the Turkish capital.

SEC.-LIEUT. LAWSON HEPHER, M.C. 17th Jan. 1919

In the latest list of awards for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field published in the "London Gazette," the following appears: "Military Cross, Sec.-Lieut. W. L. Hepher, R.F.A. (Special Reserve). Attd/ A 223rd (H.C.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. – During an exceptionally intense period of shelling, when two detachments of his battery had been scattered, he took the place of No. 2 at one of his guns, and kept it in action during a S.O.S. call. His example of gallantry and devotion to duty at a very trying moment was most timely and steadied the men, who were shaken by the heavy shelling."

A PRISONER'S EXPERIENCES. 17th Jan. 1919

As announced in our last issue, Pte. Alfred C. Hepher, Middlesex Regiment, arrived home on the 7th inst., after being in the hands of the Germans since April 9th. He was captured at Fleurbaix near Armentieres, eight days after he landed in France. His battalion, after a heavy bombardment of shells and gas during the previous night, was practically surrounded, and near noon about a hundred men, including young Hepher, were taken prisoners. He was first employed in carrying wounded – German and British. His first night was spent at the Arsenal, Lille, where he and his comrades had to struggle for a little water. No food was given them until two days after capture, and then only a little cabbage water soup and bread. The men, says Pte. Hepher, felt "very near dead," but they had many more days and weeks of abstinence before them. Three days were spent at the Arsenal, and then the prisoners were removed to Fort Macdonald, Lille, where they stayed for about a week, each man's daily ration of food consisting of half a bowl of cabbage water soup and a little bit of bread and some jam. Then the prisoners entrained for Dulmen, Germany, in overcrowded cattle trucks, and during the four days of the journey the only food supplied was one ration per man, consisting of a small bowl of "soup" and a thin slice of black bread. At Dulmen Pte. Hepher and his comrades remained for a month, being inoculated three times and vaccinated once, and he was mainly employed on clearing out latrines. They "lived" on watery soup and short commons of bread, and became so weak that they were hardly able to walk. From Dulmen Pte. Hepher went on to Hameln, and on the day after his arrival there had some food that he had been supplied through the Red Cross Society. He was soon sent on a commando at Brambury-bei-Adelebsen, and here he met British soldiers who had been in captivity since 1914. His work was to fill four large wagons, heavy work for an underfed lad just nineteen – he spent his 19th birthday four days after reaching Adelebsen. Red Cross parcels did not reach Pte. Hepher until he had been at Adelebsen for about two months, and until they arrived he had to depend on German soup and bread, eked out by contributions from other

men's parcels. After the armistice the prisoners refused to work, and were sent to a civilian camp at Holzminden, where they fared very badly, as only German-supplied food was available, viz., two bowls of thin soup and five or six ounces of bread per man daily. Here Pte. Hepher remained until 27th December, getting weaker and weaker. As he left the camp he was given a parcel of food, and at the railway station two more parcels. On the homeward journey the first stop was at Hameln. Some five hundred prisoners reached the camp at midnight, and were kept standing outside for a very long time, with the temperature below freezing point. Window-frames and other wood lying handy were commandeered, and fires were soon set going. Next day they moved on to Holland, and last Saturday sailed from Rotterdam, arriving at Hull on Sunday morning, where they had a warm welcome, food, etc. Then on to Ripon, and on Tuesday home. Pte. Hepher is in fairly good health. He says he has pulled up wonderfully since 27th December. Although he does not complain of personal ill-treatment in Germany, he admits that he saw other prisoners being knocked about and otherwise badly treated.

DEATH OF AN OLD MAN. 24th Jan. 1919

Mr. George Norman, well known in the district as a marine store dealer, died on the 15th instant at the New Inn, Huntingdon-road, where he had been living for some time. He was 79 years of age, and had been ill for only a short time. He was buried in Swavesey churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Rev. A. P. Senior officiating.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 24th Jan. 1919

Mrs. Susan Walker, High-street, widow of the late Mr. Owen Walker, died on the 13th inst., after a short illness, aged 78 years. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. A. P. Senior, Fen Drayton, officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George, Charles, Ernest, Frederick and James Walker (sons), Mrs. J. Froment (daughter), Mrs. G. Walker and Mrs. C. Walker (daughters-in-law), Mr. Joseph Froment (son-in-law) Messrs. T. C. Froment and B. Walker, Miss F. Large and Miss B. Froment (grandchildren). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The late Mrs. Walker left six sons and one daughter.

DISCHARGED. 24th Jan. 1919

Gunner Ernest Prior, R.F.A., has been discharged from the Army, being no longer physically fit for service through ill-health. He joined up on 3rd May 1917, and went to Italy in the following November. On the 13th June last he was wounded by one of the first shells fired by the Austrians in their attack

early in the morning of that day. The shell dropped into the gun pit where Gunner Prior was, wounding him in three places, and killing the rest of the gun crew. For a short time he was “knocked silly,” and on recovering he called to his comrades, but received no reply. Crawling out of the wreckage, he made his way to a dug-out near by, and then another shell burst in the pit he had just let. He lay for some hours in the dug-out before it was possible for him to be removed to the rear. Although he recovered from his wounds fairly quickly, Gunner Prior’s health broke down, and he did not leave hospital until his discharge on the 15th instant.

A VILLAGE HALL. 24th Jan. 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: During the discussion on the housing question at the Parish Council meeting on Monday night the provision of a village hall was mooted. One of the sites for labourers’ cottages selected by the Council was the property in High-street, which was bequeathed to the parish some years ago by the late Mr. George Long. There is an impression in the village that Mr. Long had in his mind the erection of a village hall on the site, and since his death the project has been talked about at meetings on more than one occasion, but nothing has been done. A village hall is needed in Swavesey. Meetings, entertainments, and so forth have now to be held in the National Schools – an obviously unsuitable place for several reasons. For some functions the heavy school furniture has to be moved, and its wear and tear is increased in the process. For others – last Monday’s Council meeting for instance – the furniture and accommodation generally are inconvenient. It does not add to the dignity of the parish legislators to have to sit on the top of school children’s desks facing the Chairman and Clerk more comfortably seated on chairs at a small table, while to squat on the seats is, as I know from painful experience, conducive to cramp and “pins and needles.” The lighting arrangements are defective. Last Monday we sat in semi-darkness for a considerable part of the more than two hours’ meeting. Further, is it not a fact that under the new Education Act the school will be needed for educational purposes during the evenings, and therefore will not be available for meetings, etc.? I venture, therefore, to suggest that a public hall is a necessity, and would respectfully ask whether it is wise to allow a site suitable in every respect for such a building, and already the property of the parish, to be diverted to another purpose. I would also suggest that a hall would be a fitting memorial of the Great War in which so many Swavesey men have taken part; and if too a room for meetings, a library, reading room and gymnasium were added, its value to the parish generally would be enhanced. The complaint now is especially among the younger people, that there is nothing to do and

nowhere to go during the evenings. A village institution, such as I suggest, would go a long way to meet the not unreasonable complaint, and would be an inducement for the younger generation to remain in Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Jan. 1919

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, when the following councillors attended: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. J. S. Goad, Robert Norman, A. T. Scard and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting it was reported that a permit to obtain the straw needed to repair the thatched roof of a parish building in High-street had at length been obtained; that the brick rubbish on the High-street property had been sold, and that the fence dividing the property from Wallman's-lane had not yet been repaired, but would be attended to soon. The question of an official Roll of Honour for the parish was then discussed, and the Chairman moved the following resolution: "That an official Roll of Swavesey men who have served in the Navy, Army or Royal Air Force during the Great War, 1914-1919, be exhibited in a suitable position in the parish; that Mr. C. R. Vincent be asked to act as compiler of the Roll; and that in event of his accepting the office, this Council assures him of its support and protection." Mr. Twist seconded, and the resolution was carried nem. con. Mr. Goad did not vote. The Chairman announced that he would be glad to provide a suitable case for the Roll to the parish, and that he was having one made. The question of the site for the case was discussed at some length, and a final decision on this point was postponed until 1st February. This matter having been disposed of, the Council proceeded to consider a letter which had reached the Chairman that morning from the Swavesey Rural District Council concerning the provision of new houses for the workers under the great National Housing Scheme. On the suggestion of Mr. Goad, Mr. Alfred Day, one of the Swavesey representatives on the District Council, who was present, was invited to explain the scheme. This he did. He urged the vital importance of providing additional housing. More workers were needed on the farms, and at present there were no houses for them to live in. After the Great Fire, when many cottages were destroyed, the housing question was brought forward, but the rebuilding was eventually left to private enterprise. It was true that new houses had been erected, but none of them were labourers' cottages. An interesting discussion ensued, in which there was a general consensus of opinion that fresh houses were urgently required. The District Council asked the Parish Council to suggest suitable sites, and before the meeting concluded sites for some 18 or 20 new

cottages in various parts of the village were selected, and the Clerk was instructed to send a list of the sites to the District Council forthwith.

SNOW. 31st Jan. 1919

During Monday night snow fell heavily, and on Tuesday morning lay on the ground to the average depth of about 9 inches.

A "CONTEMPTIBLE" COMES HOME. 31st Jan. 1919

Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, an old "Contemptible," arrived in Swavesey on Saturday on short leave from the Army of Occupation at Cologne. He is in excellent health. Private Whybrow was one of ten men (four Reservists and six Territorials) who left Swavesey on 5th August, 1914, when the Army was mobilised. Of these ten he and his brother-in-law, Driver Henry Carter, R.F.A., were in the retreat from Mons, but he alone was in the fighting line when the armistice was signed. Driver Carter is still in France. Pte. Whybrow began the war in the region of Mons with the 3rd Division, and was with the same Division close to that town at the end. In October, 1914, he was very seriously wounded in the abdomen at La Basse, and was not able to return to France until 13th February, 1916, when he rejoined his old battalion. He was with the same Brigade and the same Division – the famous Iron Division – from start to finish of the war.

ACCIDENT. 31st Jan. 1919

As the children were collecting for afternoon school on Wednesday, Maurice Claud Godfrey, the seven-year-old son of Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, Swavesey, was knocked down and ran over by a two-horse van belonging to Messrs. Johnson and Randall, grocers, St. Ives. He was standing near the fence of the school yard, at the corner of the main street and Carter's-lane, when, seeing some boys on the other side of the road, he ran towards them, apparently not noticing that the van was turning out of the main street. He seems to have run against the off-side horse, which knocked him down, and then both off-side wheels passed over his body. The little lad was seen to scramble to his feet and try to hold on to the back of the van, which had been pulled up, but he fell backwards on to the road. The driver picked him up and carried him to the schoolhouse. Dr. Ellis and the school nurse, who happened to be in the village, were promptly in attendance, and later the child was removed to his home.

A HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDING. 31st Jan. 1919

As the 11.5 a.m. train from St. Ives was running into Swavesey Station on Thursday, 23rd instant, a female passenger missed her small handbag, which, she said, contained her purse. In the compartment with her were six other passengers, two of whom, a child aged 13 who had been to St. Ives for medicine for her sick father, and a lame lady, wished to alight. The lady of the purse decreed otherwise and refused to allow them to leave the carriage until her bag had been found, although neither of them had been sitting near her. The child tried to attract the attention of a porter, but the train was leaving the station before she succeeded, and then it was too late. The bag was soon found underneath the seat opposite to where its owner was sitting, having evidently fallen from her lap. She offered no apology to the passengers she had imprisoned and over-carried – in fact, she is stated to have treated their protests with silent contempt. At the next station, Longstanton, the lame lady and the child alighted, but the railway officials could do nothing, as the incident was not reported to them until the train was well away on its journey. The next train to Swavesey was not due for five hours, and rather than wait, the two unfortunates set out to walk to their homes, a distance of 4½ miles. The Longstanton station-master telegraphed to Swavesey a request that the child's parents might be informed that she had been over-carried and was walking home, and her mother went to meet her with a pony and cart, but unfortunately the lame lady, owing to her infirmity, was unable to get into the vehicle, and so had to tramp the whole distance. One of the imprisoned passengers is stated to have been an elderly man, and it is strange that he did not champion the cause of the child and the cripple.

THE INJURED BOY. 7th Feb. 1919

Maurice Godfrey, the seven-year-old son of Mr. Prime Godfrey, who, as reported last week, was injured by two wheels of a pair-horse van passing over his body, is progressing as well as can be expected.

DEMOBILISATION. 7th Feb. 1919

Eight Swavesey men are now on 28 days' furlough preparatory to demobilisation. Trooper Frank Hepher, Northants Yeomanry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hepher, Black Horse-lane, arrived at his home on Saturday, having been demobilised.

EX-PRISONER RETURNS TO DUTY. 7th Feb. 1919

Sapper Samuel F. Mitham, R.E., left Swavesey for Chatham on Tuesday, on the expiration of his two months' furlough. Taken prisoner by the Germans on

25th March last, he was sent to Munster No. 2 Camp, and was employed in a coal mine at Dortmund. He reached home on December 5th.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 14th Feb. 1919

Pte. Alfred Prime, M.M., the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regt., Pte. Isaac Parish, Labour Co., and Pte. Sidney W. Wright, Labour Co., have arrived at their homes from France. Pte. Wright is on 14 days' leave and the other men are on demobilisation furlough.

RACES AT SWAVESEY. 14th Feb. 1919

Skating began in earnest last Friday on "Twenty Acres," close to Swavesey Railway Station. On Tuesday, however, the scene shifted across the main road to the famous Mere Fen, where local races were brought off during the afternoon. The chief event was a race for a cup, to be competed for by Over and Swavesey skaters, presented by Mr. King, a native of Over, who has resided for many years in the United States of America. Boys' races were also held. There was a large attendance, estimated by one authority as exceeding one thousand. People came from far and near by motor-car, motor-cycle, push-bicycle, traps, etc. The ice was fairly good, but as the day went on a thaw set in and rendered the surface rather wet and soft in places.

SWAVESEY AND ST. IVES TRAIN SERVICE SUSPENDED. 21st Feb. 1919

The floods around Swavesey are serious. On Tuesday night and during Wednesday the rise was rapid. During Wednesday morning the G. E. railway line was covered, and in the afternoon the train service between Swavesey and St. Ives was suspended. The main road near the Swan pond at the Station end of the village was inundated with flood water rushing out of Hog Pastures. Planks for pedestrians were placed across the entrance to Hog Pasture and over the openings in the raised causeway by the Swan pond. Mr. R. Bedford, Friesland Farm, and family, and the occupants of Mow Fen and Hog Pasture railway gate houses, had to leave their homes.

ILLNESS OF A "CONTEMPTIBLE". 21st Feb. 1919

Pte. Arthur Whybrow, Royal Fusiliers, who left Swavesey on Friday in last week, on his return to Cologne after 14 days' leave, was taken seriously ill with influenza while passing through London, and has been admitted to a military hospital. The latest news of him states that he is slightly better. Pte. Whybrow is a genuine "Contemptible". He began the war near Mons in August, 1914, and was close to that town when the armistice was signed. We

much regret to hear that his brother, whom he went to see on his way through London, has died from influenza.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 21st Feb. 1919

Sergt. Cyril Day (1914 Star). Northants. Yeomanry, has arrived home from Italy and has been demobilised. He was called up on mobilisation in August, 1914, went to France on the 7th November, 1914, and in November, 1917, he proceeded to Italy. Sergt. C. Wood, Royal Fusiliers, who has also been demobilised, reached Swavesey on Sunday evening from Cologne. He joined up on October 14th, 1914, and has been serving on the Western front since 14th October, 1915. Pte. Henry Wilderspin, Garrison Guard, has likewise come home from France and has been demobilised. Down to the present 19 Swavesey residents have obtained their discharge on demobilisation.

LOCAL HONOUR. 21st Feb. 1919

Sergt. C. Wood, 23rd Royal Fusiliers, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the announcement having been made in the recent New Year's Honours List. In civil life he is the headmaster of Swavesey National School. He joined the 23rd Royal Fusiliers, then the Sportsman's Battalion, on the 14th October, 1914, and was promoted sergeant on 14th July, 1915. On the 14th October, 1915, he proceeded with his battalion to France, and remained with it until he left Cologne last week to be demobilised. In May, 1918, he was for a short time attached to the American Army as a cookery instructor, and recently he was detached for duty in connection with the Belgian food supply.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Feb. 1919

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening at the National School, and was attended by Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman) Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Day, jun., J. S. Goad, R. Norman and A. T. Scard, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The minutes of the quarterly meeting held on 20th January were signed, after amendment. The Chairman then brought up the question of the Roll of Honour for the parish, and asked the Council to decide finally where it should be exhibited. He had received, he said, a letter from the Vicar, a trustee of the National School, from which it appeared that that gentleman could not guarantee that no bills, etc., would be posted on the wall of the school where it was proposed that the case to contain the Roll should be placed. The Vicar, however, suggested that the Council should hire that portion of the school wall for a nominal annual rent of 6d., but added that the hiring would have to be renewed every year, as he could not bind his successor. After a short discussion, Mr. Scard proposed that the new

case for the Roll, which has been presented to the parish by the Chairman, should be placed on the parish property in High-street. Mr. Goad seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. A further resolution proposed by Mr. Scard and seconded by Mr. Cole, empowering the Chairman and Mr. Goad to superintend the erection of the case, and authorising them to have the necessary alteration made in the wall of the property, was also adopted unanimously. Mr. Burton, on behalf of Mr. Twist, who could not attend through illness, asked where the stretcher which had been presented by the Swavesey Voluntary Aid Detachment should be deposited. The Chairman said that Mr. Burton had anticipated what he was about to mention. He had received a letter from the Commandant, Mrs. Ellis Long, who, in announcing the gift, had asked that the stretcher might be kept at Mr. Robinson Mitham's house. Mr. Mitham strenuously protested that he had no convenience for housing the stretcher, and Mr. Goad proposed that, subject to the consent of the managers, the stretcher should be kept at the school, and that the headmaster be authorised to give the children object lessons with it if he should see fit. The motion was carried unanimously, the Clerk being instructed to convey to Mrs. Long the thanks of the Council. The Chairman then mentioned the question of the petty cash account which had been raised at the annual parish meeting held on 5th November last. The Clerk explained that the sum of £5 was still owing to him, and that he had not been paid for repairs executed on the parish property in High-street. He had, however, not yet submitted his bill. The councillors were anxious to get out of the Clerk's debt then and there, but unfortunately in the absence of the bill and the cheque book nothing could be done. The Clerk mentioned that the hitch which had arisen in settling up the matter of last year's seed potatoes had not yet been removed, and he added that he had been unable owing to the bad weather during the previous fortnight to repair the parish fence in Wallman's-lane. At the close of the meeting Mr. Scard announced that he was leaving Swavesey, and he took the opportunity of bidding farewell to his colleagues on the Council and of thanking them for the kindly and considerate way in which they had always treated him during his years of office. On behalf of the Council and himself, the Chairman expressed regret at Mr. Scard's departure, and their grateful appreciation of his useful services to the parish.

HOME FROM THE FRONT. 28th Feb. 1919

Pte. Christopher Day, R.A.M.C., youngest son of Mr. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, has arrived at home from France, having been demobilised after over three years' active service in Egypt and France.

A LONG LIFE. 28th Feb. 1919

Mr. Thomas Prior, Stanton View, Swavesey, was 88 years of age on Sunday. With the exception of nine months spent in Fenstanton some sixty years ago, he has passed the whole of his life in Swavesey. He is the oldest man in the parish.

THE FLOODS. 28th Feb. 1919

There is some improvement to report in regard to the floods at Swavesey. The train service to St. Ives which was suspended, was resumed on Saturday. Turn Bridge Cottages in the middle of the village were flooded in addition to the other houses mentioned last week. On Friday they were clear of water, and were cleaned out, but on the following day the muddy water returned. They were free once again on Tuesday.

HAVE YOU A VOTE? 28th Feb. 1919

Persons entitled to go on the Register of Parliamentary or Local Government Electors for the parish of Swavesey should see that their names duly appear in the new list of voters now exhibited at the Post Office. If their names, etc., have been omitted, or are incorrectly entered, they should follow the instructions given in the official notice posted on the parish notice board in High-street. Claims must be sent in by the 8th March. At the time of the General Election, it may be remembered, more than one person eligible for a vote was unable to poll as his, or her, name was not on the register.

NEWS FROM CONSTANTINOPLE. 28th Feb. 1919

Sapper A. C. Garner, R.E., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, Swavesey, writing on the 11th inst. from Constantinople, says: "The Y.M.C.A. have taken over one of the theatres here for concerts, "pictures", and lectures. There was a good concert last Friday given by the pierrot troupe of the 85th Infantry Brigade. (Sapper Garner enclosed the programme, and an excellent one it was). Now I must tell you what we had to do on Saturday morning on account of General Franchet D'Esperey coming to Constantinople – he is a great French General. Our company, myself included, had to get up at 5 a.m., have breakfast at 5.30, and parade at 6 o'clock. Then we marched through the town to the quay, where we found civil labour, and about 20 lorries filled with sand, waiting for us. One sapper and four civilians were allotted to each lorry, and we had to see the men spread the sand all over the road through the main street from the quay to the British Embassy. General D'Esperey arrived at 10 o'clock, and there was a brilliant display of military splendours. The houses and shops were decorated with French, British, Italian, Greek, Armenian,

Jewish and other flags of all sizes. The windows and balconies of the houses in the street along which the General had to pass were occupied by groups of men and women. All private traffic was suspended. Soldiers representing all the Allied troops stationed in Constantinople were lined up on both sides of the route from the quay to the French Embassy in the following order: Companies of Scotch Highlanders and other British troops, French, and then Italian. It was fine but very cold, and in the evening it was snowing. The General had a good reception.

THE COAL QUESTION. 28th Feb. 1919

A meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Fuel and Lighting Committee was held at their office at Swavesey on Tuesday, when the question of the short supply of coal was thoroughly gone into. The Local Fuel Overseer reported having attended a meeting at Cambridge on January 24th, which was addressed by a representative from the Coal Controller's Headquarters, who impressed upon those present the great necessity of carrying out the instructions as to the registration and distribution, and pointed out that emergency coal was now unobtainable, and customers should use every effort to reduce their consumption to the lowest possible level. Although a slight shortage had been experienced in the district during the past two or three weeks, supplies have during the past few days come to hand more regularly, and the thanks of the Fuel Committee and also of the consumers are due to those gentlemen, Mr. A. Day and Mr. F. Kirby, who mutually handed over to the local coal dealers the small stocks of coal which they had on hand for agricultural purposes, and which alleviated the shortage for a few days. A further small supply is promised by Mr. Ingle Hemington, of Over, from the brickyard there if necessity arises. The registration of consumers so far as this district is concerned is quite complete. An application from the local coal dealers for an increase in the price of coal was considered, and the committee being of the opinion that the dealers had put their case fairly and reasonably, and were entitled to the increase asked for, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the retail maximum prices of all class of coal retailed in the district be increased 1½d. per cwt., or 2s. 6d. per ton, as from March 1st next, subject to the approval of the Divisional Officer.

VILLAGE HALL. 28th Feb. 1919

A ratepayer writes: - A few weeks ago the Swavesey correspondent of the "Press and News" called attention to the urgent need for a village hall in the parish, and made the excellent suggestion, with which I entirely agree, that the property in High-street, bequeathed to the parish by the late Mr. George Long,

was the most suitable site for such a building, and that the hall should be a memorial of the war and of the Swavesey men who have taken part in it. I sincerely hope the proposal will be adopted, but some time must necessarily elapse before a hall could be erected. In the meantime may I suggest a way in which immediate needs can be met? In a London daily paper of a few days ago I saw an announcement that large numbers of huts, built all over the country during the war, for the Army, munition work, and other purposes, will shortly be sold by the Hut Department of the Disposal Board. Some, it was stated, will be sold by tender and others put up for auction locally, and it was added that although up to the present the huts have not been handed over for disposal in large numbers, there is a great demand for them by local authorities, Crown agents for the Colonies, and manufacturers. The journal went on to say that the huts can be used for many purposes, including recreation rooms and village dancing halls. Why, may I ask, should not the Parish Council of Swavesey obtain one of these huts and erect it in High-street for a village hall? The school which is now used for meetings, entertainments, etc., is not suitable for the purpose, and moreover, is not the property of the parish. There is also a probability that under the new Education Act it will not be available so freely as at present for public purposes. I am no mushroom ratepayer. My name has been on the Swavesey rate-book for over 30 years. I am no advocate of reckless expenditure, nor of wild cat schemes. But this proposal I strongly urge my fellow parishioners to adopt as the preliminary step towards the provision of a permanent village hall, and a worthy memorial of the gallant sons of Swavesey who have served and fought, and some, alas, have died in the war.

SWAVESEY MAN AWARDED THE D.C.M. 28th Feb. 1919

Sergt. Cyril Day, Northants. Yeomanry, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, Mill Farm, Swavesey, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry in Italy. On the first day of the advance over the Piavo last November, Sergt. Day, commanding a detached section of nine men, was on patrol, and the party was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. Seeing that the party had not been detected, he promptly worked round to the rear of a large body of Austrians, whom he decided to attack. Ordering the men to fire one round without dismounting, he called upon them to draw swords, and then the party charged at the gallop. The surprise was complete. The Austrians, one man alone excepted, held up their hands, and nine hundred surrendered to the sergeant and his nine troopers. The man who showed fight levelled a revolver at one of the troopers, who promptly ran him through the throat with his sword. For his gallant service Sergt. Day was given the D.C.M., while one

of the troopers received the Military Medal. Another incident, hitherto unrecorded, of Sergt. Day's pluck and resource happened in France in the trenches at Monchy. A German had been giving considerable trouble with rifle grenades, and the gallant sergeant determined to see what he could do to abate the nuisance. So one night, carrying only a revolver, he went out by himself through the barbed wire into "No Man's Land." He found the Hun's dug-out, but to his disappointment, no trace of the man. In the dug-out there was a parcel fresh from the man's German home, and an overcoat, and both of these Sergt. Day brought back to his own lines.

SEEDS. 7th March 1919

Just received, Sharp's reliable Vegetable and Flower Seeds. – H. S. Aldred, Swavesey.

AN ANNIVERSARY. 7th March 1919

Last Monday was the sixth anniversary of the great Swavesey fire.

AN INFLUENZA VICTIM. 7th March 1919

The sad news reached Swavesey last week-end that Miss Walpole, who resided at Ivo House, Middle Watch, had died on the 27th February in London from influenza.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 7th March 1919

After an absence of nearly four and a half years serving with the Royal Fusiliers, three and a half of which were spent on the Western front, Mr. Charles Wood resumed his duties as headmaster of Swavesey National School on Monday. His place during the last three years has been taken by Mr. George Hicks, late of Fenstanton, to whom the children have made a presentation of a silver ashtray.

FROM THE FRONT. 7th March 1919

Pte. Frank H. Wilderspin, Manchester Regt., has arrived at home from Italy, where he had been serving since November, 1917, and has been demobilised. He was called up with the Northants. Yeomanry on mobilisation in August, 1914, but did not go to France with his regiment, as he was under age. Soon after his transfer to the Manchesters in August, 1917, he was sent to France and thence to Italy. Sergt.-Major Albert A. Girling, R.A.F., after four years in France, has returned to this country.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE DAY. 7th March 1919

Death has claimed another of Swavesey's aged and greatly respected parishioners in the person of Mrs. Betsy Day, widow of the late Mr. George Day, who passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning at her residence in Wallman's-lane. She had attained the great age of 85 years, and had been in feeble health for some time. The daughter of the late Mr. James Williams, butcher, etc., of Swavesey, she had spent the whole of her long life in the parish. She leaves one daughter and three sons. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, and was attended by many friends. Mr. E. Short, Baptist minister, Swavesey, officiated. The mourners were Mr. Alfred Day, Mr. Ezra Day, Mr. Jabez Day (sons), Miss Emma Day (daughter), Mrs. Alfred Day, Mrs. Ezra Day, and Mrs. Jabez Day (daughters-in-law), and Miss Bessie Day, Mr. Alfred Day, jun., Mr. Cyril Day, D.C.M., Mr. Christopher Day, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parish, and Miss Mary Day (grandchildren). (Further mourners in newspaper). The coffin was of oak. Mr. Robinson Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements.

SERGT. CYRIL DAY. 7th March 1919

Sergt. Day writes: - "Some mistake has been made in your issue of February 28th. It stated that I went to the enemy post from the trenches in France alone; on this occasion I had three mates who had volunteered to go with me. It was also stated that 900 Austrians surrendered to us; this number is far above the actual number who surrendered. What I was enabled to do was by help given in answer to prayer and through faith in God. These errors may lead to much unpleasantness or trouble afterwards, so I felt it my duty to correct them." - Our Swavesey representative says: Sergt. Day's modesty, which might be described as somewhat excessive, must be held responsible for the inaccuracies of which he complains. He kept the fact that he had even won the D.C.M. a secret. I heard of it by chance, and was informed on the highest authority that it was useless to apply to him for information, as I should "get nothing out of him." More than that, he was away from home at the time. I had therefore to go elsewhere for the story, and got it from a source that was in some respects better than Sergt. Day himself. And now for the inaccuracies. Sergt. Day says not so many as 900 Austrians surrendered to his little party, but he does not give the actual figure. 900 was apparently the number credited to him and his men by their comrades in the regiment. He does not deny that a large body of the enemy was captured. Why quibble over a score or two more or less? Again he says he was not alone when he visited the Hun bomber's dug-out in France, but had three mates with him on this occasion. To this I reply that I am informed that this was not Sergt. Day's sole adventure of this kind. My informant may therefore easily have muddled up one midnight

prowl in "No Man's Land" with another, and in confirmation of this let me quote the sergeant's words "on this occasion." As regards the D.C.M., comrades of the gallant sergeant have told me that the distinction was honestly won and thoroughly deserved.

ADVERT. 14th March 1919

ARTHUR PRIOR has opened a shop in the centre of the village for the sale of Fish, and he solicits the patronage of the neighbourhood. Fresh Fish on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bloaters, Kippers, Fresh Herrings, etc., three times a week.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. 14th March 1919

A Parish Meeting is to be held at the National School at six o'clock on Monday evening for the election of a new Parish Council. It is understood that a local branch of the Agricultural Labourers' Union intend to run candidates.

DIED A PRISONER OF WAR. 14th March 1919

Official intimation has been received that Rifleman Arthur George Ding, Rifle Brigade, died on the 16th August last while a prisoner of war. He was wounded and captured on 1st August, when serving with the Salonica Force, and no tidings of him had been received since the news of his capture. Rifleman Ding was the eldest son of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, of Swavesey. He leaves a widow and two children.

BAD FOR PASSENGERS. 14th March 1919

The footpath of the main road through Middle Watch and Boxworth End is in a very bad condition. Opposite Mill Farm, owing to the bursting of a public water supply pipe, that path has been bridged with two sheets of corrugated iron and some boards, and is dangerous to pedestrians in the dark, and in one or two places nearer to Boxworth End the path is frequently completely flooded in consequence, it is believed, of a blocked or defective drain. Mr. James Prior's shop is surrounded by water.

A WAR MEMORIAL. 14th March 1919

We have received the following letter from a correspondent: "I'm very glad a suggestion has been made in your columns concerning a memorial of our boys' sacrifices and heroism during the Great War. Surely the excellent idea of a public hall for Swavesey will, and does, appeal to all, more especially as our late respected townsman, Mr. George Long, bequeathed, amongst other

property, a site near the Post-office, to the parish of Swavesey. Doubtless the income, small though it is, has accumulated, being, I assume, carried to a separate fund. Surely a Y.M.C.A. Hut could be secured now, and utilised till sufficient funds are in hand for a permanent building. It is said, 'He that gives promptly gives twice.' My name has been for over 20 years on the ratepayers' book, and is still there. Trusting there will be no postponement of the good work, and that a united effort will be made at once. – Yours, etc., 'Pro Bono Publico.'”

PLEASANT EVENING. 14th March 1919

On Thursday evening, 6th inst., Bethel Schoolroom was filled with an appreciative audience on the occasion of the Sunday School scholars giving a pleasant evening. The Superintendent (Mr. H. S. Aldred) presided, and the long and varied programme was arranged by Mrs. W. Savage and Miss Ridley. Miss Endersby was accompanist. Among those taking part were: Leah Spearman, Ethel Savage, Beatrice Savage, Ruby Williams, Hilda Dodson, Joyce Dodson, Doris Aldred, Winnie Godfrey, Rose Spearman, Hubert Dodson, George Spearman, Frank Aldred, and George Day. Those in addition to the scholars taking part were Miss I. Spearman and Miss E. Prior. Thanks were accorded at the close to all who had contributed to the success of the evening.

WEDDING. 14th March 1919

A pretty wedding took place at St. Matthew's Church, Cambridge, on the 1st inst., the happy couple being Miss Violet Jeanette Middleton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton of Cambridge, and Mr. Charles Symonds, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Symonds, Boxworth End, Swavesey. The Rev. F. Hawtrey May officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dove grey dress, with bridal veil and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of carnations and narcissi, the gift of the bridegroom. Attending her were four bridesmaids, Miss Evelyn Symonds (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Florence Middleton (sister of the bride), Miss M. Garner and Miss W. Hensley. They wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Symonds (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

ILLNESS OF A SOLDIER. 21st March 1919

Trooper A. Large, Yeomanry, has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, following influenza, and his parents were telegraphed for last week. His condition has improved slightly, but he is still seriously ill. He is in hospital at Colchester.

TRAP FOR THE UNWARY. 21st March 1919

The iron hydrant box connected with the public water supply near the school, at the corner of Carter's-lane, juts above the level of the footpath, and has been the cause of several people tripping up. On Monday evening a lady narrowly escaped a serious fall.

DISCHARGED. 21st March 1919

Pte. A. F. Welch, Yorkshire Regiment, who enlisted in 1911, has been discharged from the Army, being no longer physically fit for service. He went to France on 4th October, 1914, and was wounded during that month. On recovering he went to Gallipoli, where he was again wounded. His subsequent service was in this country.

DEFECTIVE STILES. 21st March 1919

A prominent ratepayer desires to call the attention of the Parish Council to the condition of the stiles on the bank of the Navigation Drain – a favourite way to the river from the village. The stiles were repaired a few years ago by the Council, but are now useless for practical purposes. He also thinks the Council might with advantage have the stiles on the footway from Swavesey Recreation Ground to Over repaired.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION. 21st March 1919

Nominations closed yesterday for the election of two district councillors and guardians for the parish of Swavesey. We understand that Mr. Alfred Day, sen., who has represented the parish as district councillor and guardian for the last 25 years, has again been nominated, and also Mr. J. L. Stanton. Mr. Ebenezer Parish, an old member of the Council, has been compelled to retire in consequence of ill-health. Rumours have been current that the Labour party intend to run candidates, but no names have transpired.

MAJOR R. ELLIS. 21st March 1919

Having been demobilised, Major Robert Ellis, R.A.M.C. (T.) has returned from the Western front, and is now in Swavesey. Major Ellis, then lieutenant, was mobilised on 4th August, 1914, with the county regiment, 1st Battalion Cambs. Regt., and was one of the six Territorials from Swavesey called up that day. He proceeded with the 88th Field Ambulance in the famous 29th Division to the Dardenelles on 20th March, 1915, and took part in the original landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula on Sunday morning, 25th April, 1915. After the evacuation of the Peninsula, he accompanied the Division to Egypt, and

remained at Suez until March, 1916, when the Division proceeded to France. Major Ellis served on every part of the Western front between Ypres and the Somme, and in all five Armies. Latterly he was with a casualty clearing station as second in command.

RETURN OF A "CONTEMPTIBLE." 21st March 1919

On the morning of Wednesday, 5th August, 1914, Driver Henry J. Carter R.F.A., a reservist, left Swavesey on mobilisation. A few days later he sailed from Dundalk with his battery, and on August 17th landed in France. He fought in the battle of Mons with the 5th Division, and took his share in the ever-famous retreat. His brigade lost 16 of its 18 guns, but kept on the fight with two. With the exception of two or three short periods of leave Driver Carter never left the Western front throughout the war, and was never in hospital until a few days before the armistice was signed, when he had to undergo treatment for trench fever and gas. Latterly he has been with the 18th Division at Le Cateau. Close to his billets in the village of Roumont was a board affixed to a wall bearing the inscription "5th Division Headquarters – 1914." Thus in 1919 Driver Carter ended where he began in 1914. He was demobilised on Friday last on his arrival from France, and reached his home in Swavesey on Monday night.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. 21st March 1919

A Parish meeting for the election of parish councillors was held at the National School on Monday evening. Major R. Ellis, on the proposition of Mr. C. W. H. Cole, was elected chairman by acclamation, and on taking the chair was received with hearty applause, this being his first public appearance in the parish since his return from more than four and a half years' strenuous active service. Fourteen nomination papers were handed in, five in excess of the number of persons to be elected, and a show of hands was therefore taken in favour of each candidate with the following result: Mr. F. J. Beales (railway stationmaster), 26 votes; Mr. W. Burton (fruit grower), 24 (old member); Mr. J. L. Stanton (gentleman), 23; Mr. J. S. Goad (farmer), 22 (old member); Mr. R. Norman (farmer), 22 (old member); Mr. A. Norman (farmer), 21 (old member); Mr. W. Twist (fruit grower), 21 (old member); Mr. C. W. H. Cole (farmer), 20 (old member); Mr. F. Norman (farmer), 19; Mr. J. Ansell (railway platelayer), 13; Mr. H. Hovell (railway platelayer), 11; Mr. A. P. Payne (chauffeur and gardener), 11; Mr. C. W. Savage (temporary postman), 11; Mr. J. E. Loades (agricultural labourer), 10. Messrs. Ansell, Hovell, Payne, Savage and Loades demanded a poll, which will be taken on a date to be arranged later. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The five candidates who received the fewest votes were the nominees of the local branch of the Agricultural Labourers' Union.

IN MEMORIAM. 21st March 1919

GRAVES. – In everloving memory of my dear husband, Henry George Graves, R.G.A., of Swavesey, who died of wounds on 25th March, 1918, at Ypres.

“Gone from us, but not forgotten.”

From his sorrowing Wife and Children.

LOCAL HONOUR. 4th April 1919

Corpl. Jack Wilderspin, Canadian Infantry, son of the late Mr. John Wilderspin, Swavesey, has been awarded the Military Medal. He joined up in Canada soon after the outbreak of war, and went to France early in 1915. In November, 1917, he was wounded by shrapnel in the right leg. Corpl. Wilderspin paid a flying visit to his native village on Monday.

REV. E. G. PETERSON'S FAREWELL. 4th April 1919

The Rev. E. G. Peterson, who has been in charge of the parish during the absence of the Vicar on active service, said farewell to the congregation at the parish church on Sunday evening. He has won golden opinions during his stay in Swavesey, and his departure is much regretted. The Vicar has been demobilised, and is expected home this week.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. 4th April 1919

A demobilised soldier who had been away in France and elsewhere for three years proceeded to the Hale Allotments the other afternoon to dig his land. After he had been at work for some time another allotment holder asked him if he knew whose plot he was attending so carefully. The “demoralised” man then discovered to his sorrow that he had been digging another man's land.

DISASTER TO A VILLAGE PUMP. 4th April 1919

A horse and van belonging, it is believed, to a Cambridge firm was drawn up outside the New Inn, Huntingdon-road, on Thursday morning in last week, when something startled the horse, which bolted along Bucking Way towards the village of Swavesey. The horse galloped gaily along until it came into collision with a wayside village pump in Middle Watch. The pump collapsed, and the animal stopped and was secured by Mr. Cecil Dean, whose shop and bakehouse were close by.

PARISH COUNCIL. 4th April 1919

The final meeting of the old Parish Council was held on Friday evening at the National school. Major R. Ellis presided, and the other councillors present were: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. S. Goad, R. Norman and W. Twist, and the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. The Chairman of the Council, Mr. A. Norman, arrived during the meeting. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, and one or two matters arising out of the minutes had been settled, the councillors proceeded to deal with their accounts for the year. Major Ellis then brought up the question of a war memorial for the parish. He believed that the parishioners generally felt that there should be a memorial, and that it should take the form of something useful to the community. A village hall had been suggested, and was needed, as the school was most unsuitable for meetings, entertainments, etc. He assured the Council that an Army hut would not be satisfactory, and he suggested that the mission church at Boxworth End, should, if possible be purchased and removed to the parish property in High-street. The church was of wood, and being built in sections, could be taken down and re-erected without much difficulty. A hall could be used as a place of recreation for the younger people, who now had nowhere to spend their spare time, besides being useful for meetings, entertainments, etc. He maintained that the Mission Church was now practically useless. Major Ellis concluded by asking the views of the councillors, and suggesting that a resolution should be drawn up for submission to the annual Parish Meeting to be held the following week. A discussion followed, in which all the councillors joined. Major Ellis gave the measurements of the church, and expressed the opinion that two bays should be added to the building to enable 300 people to be accommodated. Mr. Burton urged that a good brick building of a permanent character should be erected. He believed that as the church had been built for a good many years it could not be in good condition, and would therefore be a continual expense. Major Ellis, on the contrary, thought the church would last a hundred years. The subject then dropped.

PARISH MEETING. 4th April 1919

The annual Parish Meeting was held at the National School on Thursday evening. In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey was voted to the chair. There was a good attendance. The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and signed, the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham, read the annual accounts of the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground, and lastly, of Galon's Charity. In connection with the charity accounts there was an interesting discussion relative to the non-distribution of

coal this winter. Mr. A. Payne wanted to know whether the money not spent on coal could be devoted to any other purpose. The Chairman replied that he could not answer the question off-hand, but if the money accumulated for some years the Charity Commissioners would have to be applied to for instructions. The Clerk stated that the merchant to whom the order for this year's coal had been given was unable to obtain "additional" coal. Mr. F. J. Beales, who spoke with authority as the Clerk of the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee, explained the difficulty in which the coal merchant was placed – additional coal was unobtainable. He asked whether the trustees could spend the money in paying for the ordinary supply of coal to those house-holders who are entitled to charity coal. The Chairman thought the trustees could adopt the suggestion, and after some discussion Mr. Beales proposed "that the trustees of Galon's Charity be asked to meet at an early date with the view of disposing of the Charity Coal Funds now in hand by paying for the ordinary deliveries of coal to the qualified householders so far as the cash will go." Mr. J. Ansell seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. Hovell was anxious to know how much the trustees received in salaries for their services in connection with the charity. The Chairman, who is one of the trustees, replied that they received no remuneration, and the Clerk added that the only administration expense incurred by the charity was the salary of the Clerk, £2 per annum, and a trifling sum for postage. He provided stationery, etc., free of charge. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Walter Thorp, and seconded by Mr. C. Savage.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FUEL AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE. 11th April 1919

HOUSEHOLD FUEL AND LIGHTING ORDER, 1918.

At a meeting of this Committee, held at their Office, Station House, Swavesey, on February 25th, the following Revised Maximum Retail Prices of Coal were fixed, and having been sanctioned by the Divisional Officer, will come into operation forthwith.

SWAVESEY AND OVER.

	Best Selected	Cobbles and Nuts.
	s. d.	s. d.
Delivered per Ton.....	41 6	40 0
Delivered less lots, per Cwt.	2 2	2 1
At Wharf.....	39 0	37 6
At Wharf, less lots, per Cwt.	2 0	1 11
Extra delivery charge of 1s. 6d. per ton and 1d. per cwt. to Fen Drayton; of 3s. 3d. per ton and 2d. per cwt. to Boxworth, Conington and Lolworth.		

F. W. HAGGER,
Local Fuel Overseer.

Local Fuel Office,
Station House, Swavesey, Cambs.

PARISH COUNCIL. 11th April 1919

The poll demanded at the recent Parish Meeting for the election of the parish councillors took place at the National School on Monday. The hours of polling, originally fixed at from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., were on Saturday altered to noon to 8 p.m. At first voting proceeded slowly, but after 4 o'clock the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. George A. Harrison, St. Ives, and his poll clerk, Miss Gladys Harrison, were kept hard at work. In all 211 of the 400 local government electors of Swavesey went to the poll, and there was only one spoilt ballot paper. Shortly before 9.30 p.m. Mr. Harrison announced the result as follows:-

ELECTED.

F. J. Beales	180
*W. Burton	158
*R. Norman	156
*A Norman	155
*J. S. Goad	154
*W Twist	152
J. L. Stanton	151
*C. W. H. Cole	138
F. Norman	120

Not elected:- J. Ansell 58, A. W. Payne 42, C. W. Savage 27, H. Hovell 22, J. E. Loades 14.

* Old Member.

A crowd was in waiting outside the school to hear the results announced, but there was no excitement. The proceedings concluded by Mr. Beales proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Harrison for the able and impartial way in which he had carried out his duties. Mr. Ansell seconded, and Mr. Harrison briefly responded. The poll more than confirmed the verdict of the parish meeting. The candidates successful then were triumphant at the poll, and in practically the same order. Mr. Beales, the top scorer obtained 26 votes at the meeting, as against 13 votes given to Mr. Ansell, who headed the list of unfortunates at the meeting and at the poll. On Monday Mr. Beales received more votes than were given for all the defeated aspirants to parochial honours put together, all of whom were nominees of the local branch of the Agricultural Labourers' Union.

OBITUARY. 18th April 1919

Mr. John Parish, son of the late Mr. Abraham and Mrs. Sarah Parish, of Swavesey, has died in London, where he had been living for many years. He left a widow and one daughter. The funeral took place in London on Wednesday.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th April 1919

A general meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on the 9th instant. The accounts for the year 1914, which showed a balance to the credit of the club of £3 10s., were audited and passed. Officers for the ensuing season were elected, viz., captain, C. Wood; vice-captain, A. J. Willson; hon. sec. and treasurer, E. J. Mitham; assistant secretaries, Frank Hepher and Cyril Godfrey. The secretary was instructed to write to the clubs in the surrounding villages for fixtures for the ensuing season, and the captain and vice-captain undertook to look through the property of the club and report to the committee respecting its condition, and what renewals, etc., were necessary. It is specially desired that the younger men of the parish should join the club, and take their share in representing Swavesey in the national game. The subscriptions have been fixed at 2s. for members between 16 and 18 years of age, and 2s. 6d. for those above that age. It is hoped that matches will be played at the feast, which this year falls in the first week in June.

CORPL. JACK WILDERSPIN. M.M. 18th April 1919

It was recently announced in these columns that Corpl. Jack Wilderspin, 4th Canadian Infantry, had been awarded the Military Medal. Information has since come to hand as to the circumstances in which the distinction was won. On the 27th September, 1918, Jack Wilderspin was called upon to lead a party to silence a machine gun which was holding up the advance on Cambrai and causing many casualties. The gun was silenced, and also every man with it. For this service Wilderspin was promoted and awarded the Military Medal. On October 1st he was again called upon, this time to lead his platoon into action, and he gained his objective and held it. Though wounded in the shoulder, he carried on till the roll was called, and then only five out of the platoon answered to their names, three of whom were wounded. He was again recommended for promotion. With his battalion, Corpl. Wilderspin marched into Germany, and remained there with the Army of Occupation for several weeks before returning to this country. He has paid what he believes to be his final visit to his relatives in Cambridgeshire, and hopes shortly to go back to

Canada to be demobilised, and to resume the work in which he was engaged when early in August, 1914, he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

WAR MEMORIAL. 18th April 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: - It seems desirable that no further time should be lost in bringing the question of a war memorial for the parish of Swavesey within the region of practical politics. The suggestion first made in the columns of this journal that a village hall, which is badly needed, might be a suitable memorial, was brought before the last meeting of the Parish Council by Major Ellis, who proposed the acquisition of the wooden mission church at Boxworth End and its re-erection after lengthening on the parish property in High-street. His suggestion that a resolution framed by the Council should be submitted to the annual Parish Meeting, which was to be held within a few days, was, however, not adopted. Notwithstanding this, several persons, it is understood, specially attended the Parish Meeting on April 1st, because they believed the subject would be discussed, but it was not even mentioned. At a previous meeting of the Council a list of sites, suitable for the erection of labourers' cottages, was drawn up for the information of the Rural District Council. In that list the High-street site was included, but it is obvious that the land cannot be used for a village hall and also for the erection of cottages. It is eminently suited for the former – in fact it would be difficult to find a better position for a hall – while opinions differ as to its suitability for cottages. The site is in the centre of the village, exactly where a hall should be, and is already the property of the parish. If used for cottages, it would presumably cease to belong to the parish, and, in the event of a hall being decided on, other land would have to be purchased. There are other points worthy of consideration and inquiry. The late Mr. George Long, who bequeathed the property to the parish, had in his mind for some years before his death the erection of a hall on this piece of land. Did he in his will, or otherwise, specifically indicate to what purpose the land should be put, or did he authorise the handing over of the property to another public body if the Parish Council should think fit? Further, has the Parish Council to dispose of the property, which, presumably, it holds in trust for the parish, or even to offer it, without previously obtaining the consent of the Parish Meeting? If Swavesey is not to be one of the few villages without a memorial – Swavesey with its long roll of fighting sons who have served and suffered, been maimed or have died in this war – now is the time to decide what form the memorial should take. If a hall be found to be beyond the resources of the parish, then let the memorial take a humbler form. Let us, however, have a tangible, visible, monument of some kind. A formal Parish Meeting, at which only duly

registered local government electors can speak and vote is not the best method of ventilating the question. What is wanted is a public meeting at which all parishioners can be present, and can give expression to their opinions.

VESTRY MEETING. 25th April 1919

The Easter Vestry meeting was held at the Parish Church on Monday, and was attended by about a dozen parishioners. Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp were re-appointed churchwardens. There was no other business.

DEMOBILISED. 25th April 1919

Sergt. George Dean, R.A.M.C., has returned home from Italy, and has been demobilised. He joined up on January 20th, 1915, and went to France on May 9th following. Here he remained until November, 1917, when he was sent to Italy.

REV. H. T. N. USSHER. 25th April 1919

After some months' service with the Y.M.C.A. in France, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Bethel Baptist Chapel, has returned to his duties in Swavesey. He has, we regret to say, been suffering from pleurisy and trench fever, and is still looking far from well.

A BAD START. 25th April 1919

The newly-elected Parish Council is making an unfortunate start. According to the standing orders, the first (or annual) meeting of the Council should have been held on April 15th, or on the Monday immediately following. Both of these dates have passed, and the Council has not yet met.

BITTEN BY A DOG. 25th April 1919

Mrs. Cooksey, wife of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, was severely bitten by her own dog, a cross-bred spaniel, at Swavesey railway station, on Monday afternoon. The dog had a fight with another animal, when Mrs. Cooksey interfered, with unfortunate results. Accompanied by Mr. Cooksey, she went to St. Ives by train, which arrived shortly after the mishap, and was attended to by Dr. Grove.

OBITUARY. 25th April 1919

A well-known personality has departed. Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, once a carrier from this village to Cambridge and St. Ives, passed away full of years during the early hours of Tuesday morning. He had been in failing health for some time. As a young man he enlisted in the Coldstream Guards during the

Russian War, and was sent to the Crimea, but did not land until just after the cessation of hostilities.

MILK PRICES. 25th April 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent, writing on Wednesday says: From inquiry it is learned that no meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Food Committee has yet been called to consider the question of the summer prices of milk, which should come into force on May 1st. Last year, when prices were reduced, the Committee was late in acting, and in consequence the public were called upon to pay more than they should have done for about a month.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 25th April 1919

An entertainment provided entirely by the children of the Band of Hope was given at the Friends' Meeting House on the 14th inst., and afforded great satisfaction to the crowded audience. Mr. H. S. Aldred was in the chair. The programme included hymns, recitations, songs, action songs, and dialogues, and was contributed to by Lily Melbourne, Beattie Mann, Gertie Froment, Winnie Godfrey, Emily Prior, Sally Daintree, Maggie Prior, Teddy Melbourne, Dolly Coulson, Stanley Godfrey, etc. The children were well trained by Miss Gaunt. Miss Riley, Wisbech, presided at the organ.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 25th April 1919

On Good Friday a public tea was held in the schoolroom attached to the Bethel Baptist Chapel, and was well attended. A concert in the chapel followed, the Rev. H. T. Ussher, pastor, being in the chair. The excellent programme was provided by kind friends from St. Ives, under the capable management of Mr. C. York, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. At the conclusion, on the proposition of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the performers. The proceeds, after payment of expenses, will be devoted to the Chapel Renovation Fund, which incurred very heavy liability a few years ago, owing to extensive repairs to the chapel buildings. (Programme in newspaper).

PARISH CHURCH. 25th April 1919

A meeting of the congregation was held in the tower of the Parish Church on Tuesday, the Vicar presiding. He first expressed his thanks to the churchwardens and all other church workers for their services during the past year. After the re-election of sidesmen, Mr. W. T. Thorp (people's warden) read out the balance sheet, showing £20 14s. 9d. in hand. The Vicar stated how grateful all were to the Rev. E. G. Peterson for the kindly and efficient

way in which he had fulfilled the duties of a locum tenens. The presence of some demobilised soldiers elicited expressions of welcome and gratitude that so many had returned to the parish. It was decided to purchase a church room now at Willingham, and re-erect it by the Vicarage gates at a cost of £70. A question of a war memorial was raised, and the unanimous opinion of the meeting was that this should be a religious and permanent one. It was decided that it take the form of a large granite cross, bearing the names of all those who had fallen, to be erected by the gates of the churchyard.

PREFERMENT. 2nd May 1919

The Rev. Anderson W. Wells, son of Mr. James Wells, Swavesey, has been appointed to the living of Golthorp, Yorkshire, in the diocese of Sheffield. Mr. Wells is a graduate of the University of Durham.

FROM THE FRONT. 2nd May 1919

Second Lieut. E. Williams, 5th Northants. Regt., arrived in Swavesey on Monday on short leave from France. He is in excellent health. On Saturday Pte. William H. Metcalfe, 13th Royal Fusiliers, attached P.O.W. Company, came home from France on 14 days' furlough. He is also in good health.

SNOW. 2nd May 1919

The weather last week-end was more remarkable than acceptable. On Saturday there were hail storms with occasional heavy showers of rain, and on Sunday evening a blizzard which quickly covered land, roads, buildings, etc., with at least six inches of snow, hardly a vestige of which remained at mid-day on Monday.

DEMOBILISED. 2nd May 1919

Pte. Sidney W. Wright, Labour Co., has arrived home from France, having been demobilised. He joined the Bedford Regt. on 1st November, 1915, but was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in April, 1916, and soon found himself in France. Last December he was posted to a Labour Co. He has been wounded three times.

FUNERAL. 2nd May 1919

With rain falling heavily the funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, village pinder and erstwhile carrier, whose death at the age of 84 years was announced last week, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Mr. E. Short, of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. The mourners were Mr. Joseph Wilderspin, Plaistow (son), Mrs. Devereux,

London (sister), Mrs. Cracknell, Cambridge, Miss F. Gaunt, Mrs. Bishop, Pte. and Mrs. S. W. Wright, Mr. Jethro Linford representing the Wheatsheaf Lodge of Shepherds, to which the deceased had belonged for many years, and two or three other villagers. Mr. R. Mitham was the undertaker.

WAR MEMORIAL. 2nd May 1919

A second meeting of members of the congregation was held in the tower of the parish church on Tuesday evening to discuss the question of a memorial to the fallen soldiers of the village. A few more parishioners were present than at last week's meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, who presided, outlined what had been said and decided at the first meeting. It was proposed as an amendment that the memorial should be only a mural tablet in the church, but this was not approved by the majority of those present. To meet this proposal it was suggested and carried that an inexpensive marble tablet bearing the names of all the fallen should be placed in the church in addition to the cross to be erected by the gate of the churchyard. For these two objects it was thought that at least £200 must be raised. The Vicar and churchwardens were appointed official recipients of donations.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER. 2nd May 1919

We have to record the death of yet another Swavesey man, who has been serving his country in the war. Trooper Alfred Large, Yeomanry son of Mrs. Joseph Froment and the late Mr. Samuel Large, of Swavesey, passed away on Tuesday evening at the General Military Hospital, Colchester, where he had been lying seriously ill for some time. He was 25 years of age. Trooper Large joined the Northants. Yeomanry on February 15th, 1915, and served in France with that regiment. In June, 1917, he was invalided to this country with trench fever, but in December of that year, although far from being in good health, he returned to the front, and was transferred to the Yorkshire Dragoons. In July last he strained himself whilst bombing, and, after treatment in France, was sent to a hospital at Ipswich. He never regained his health, and at Christmas was down with influenza. Later he was removed to Colchester, where in March he was on the danger list with pneumonia, following influenza. His mother and sister were with him at the end. Alfred Large was a fine young fellow, universally beloved and deservedly popular. His loss will be keenly felt in Swavesey. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church on Monday afternoon. It is hoped that it will be of a military character.

WAR MEMORIAL. 2nd May 1919

No decision has been arrived at with regard to a war memorial for the parish of Swavesey; in fact, the matter has not yet been brought formally before the parishioners. The general opinion in the village appears to favour the erection of a public hall for meetings, entertainments and purposes of recreation, and at a recent meeting of the Parish Council, Major R. Ellis made the suggestion that the Mission Church at Boxworth End – a picturesque wooden structure about thirty years old – should be acquired, removed to a site belonging to the parish in the centre of the village, and utilised as a public hall and place of recreation. His suggestion that a resolution recommending the proposal should be drawn up and submitted to the annual parish meeting was, however, not adopted. So far as the Parish Church is concerned, it has been decided to erect a granite cross in the churchyard and place a tablet bearing the names of the fallen in the church. The villagers have not yet been afforded an opportunity of considering the proposed Cambridge Town, County, and Isle of Ely memorial, and if there has been any discussion on the subject, it has been in the privacy of home. There is reason to believe that the general feeling of the village will be that a local memorial should have first consideration, that to provide an adequate memorial will impose a severe strain on the resources of the parish, and that therefore there will be little, or nothing, to spare for the proposed county memorial.

A SOLDIER'S FUNERAL. 9th May 1919 IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT SWAVESEY.

The funeral of the late Pte. Alfred Large, 1/1st Yorkshire Dragoons, whose death from influenza, pneumonia, etc., at the Military Hospital, Colchester, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a very large concourse of people. When it was known that the body was to be brought home for burial, the dead soldier's local comrades decided that, if practicable, full military honours should be accorded. But there were difficulties. Major R. Ellis, R.A.M.C., and Sergt. C. Wood, however, took the matter in hand with characteristic energy, and by the courtesy of Col. H. J. Edwards, C.B., O.C. Troops, Cambridgeshire, Major F. G. Morgan, O.C. 1st Vol. Batt. Cambs Regt., and Capt. W. R. Elworthy, Secretary Territorial Force Association, rifles, bayonets, etc., were provided, and Regimental Sergt.-Major Bassett, 1st Cambs. Vol. Regt., was detailed to take charge. Sergt. Bugler J. J. S. Kent, 1st Cambs. Vol. Regt., was also sent to sound the "Last Post."

The firing party, all local men, with the exception of R.S.M. Bassett (viz., Sergt. G. Y. Goad, Sergt. Cyril Day, D.C.M., Lance-Corpl. R. Stubbings, Ptes. P. Badcock, F. Hephew, A. Holmes, R. Mitham, M.M., W. H. Metcalfe, A. G.

Parish, A. Prime, M.M., Russell, J. Taylor, and S. W. Wright), with a number of other soldiers, discharged, demobilised, or still serving, nearly all in khaki, under Sergt. C. W. Gray, assembled outside the National School, the whole being under the command of Major Ellis. They marched up Market-street and formed up outside the dead man's home. The bearers, Lance-Corpl. H. G. Key, Driver H. Carter, Ptes. E. J. Linford, C. H. Parish, W. Spolton and A. Whybrow, were in waiting. The coffin, with Union Jack as pall, and with bayonet, cap and belt resting on top, with a beautiful wreath from "his comrades", was placed reverently upon the hand hearse. The family mourners fell in behind, and the party of soldiers followed. Then, preceded by the firing party with arms reversed and with head bowed, the sad procession slowly wended its way through the sympathetic crowd to the parish church. The church bells were ringing muffled. The Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, lately a temporary chaplain to the Forces, met the body near the churchyard gates, and the coffin, followed by the mourners and soldiers, passed between the ranks of the firing party into the church. The choir, which included Sergt. Wood and Corpl. Prime, M.M., was already in the chancel, and the service began with the hymn "On Resurrection morning." Psalm xc. was said, and then Sergt. Wood read the lesson. After the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" had been sung, the Dead March in "Saul" was played most impressively by Mr. Jack Mustill, who presided at the organ, the congregation standing, and their utter stillness was most striking. Then whilst the Nunc Dimittis was being chanted, the coffin, preceded by the Vicar, was borne by the six stalwart bearers to the grave at the western end of the churchyard, opposite the tower. The bells, now half-muffled, rang once more. At the close three volleys were fired over the grave, and Sergt. Bugler Kent sounded the "Last Post." So ended the most impressive funeral in Swavesey in the memory of living man. It was a local concourse, drawn from Swavesey and neighbouring villages.

The family mourners were: Mrs. J. Froment (mother), Mr. J. Froment (step-father), Mrs. J. E. Loades and Miss F. Large (sisters), Messrs. T. C. G., and J. Froment, Misses B. Grace and Gertie Froment (half-brothers and sisters), Mrs. C. Walker (aunt), Mrs. B. Walker (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Loades, Mr. and Mrs. C. Froment, Miss S. Savage, Miss M. Loades, Mrs. S. Daisley, Mr. J. Daisley and Miss F. Daisley.

At the close of his sermon on Sunday evening the Vicar made a sympathetic reference to the death of Pte. Large.

Mr. and Mrs. Froment and family desire to express their most sincere thanks for the sympathy they have received in their great loss. They especially

appreciate the arrangements made for the funeral and the very large attendance.

FROM THE FRONT. 9th May 1919

Pte. H. G. Howlett, Royal Sussex Regt., arrived home on Wednesday on 14 days' leave from France. He is in the best of health.

ARMY ECONOMY. 9th May 1919

A demobilised soldier has just received his suit of "civvies," and on putting on the trousers discovered that the buttons had been forgotten.

DEMOBILISED. 9th May 1919

Pte. Joseph Ding, Royal West Kent Regt., reached home on Sunday from Germany, having been demobilised. He joined up on 31st May, 1918, went to France on 4th October, and was wounded during that month.

PERSONAL. 9th May 1919

Capt. B. J. Ellis has been in Swavesey this week on short leave from the front. He reports himself in the best of health. Second Lieut. E. Williams, during his leave from France, has been taken ill and has been confined to the house.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 9th May 1919

The Roll of Honour for the parish of Swavesey was restored to a prominent and most appropriate position in the village on Saturday. Mr. Arthur Norman, chairman of the Parish Council has presented a new case, and the Council have had it placed on the parish property in High-street in a kind of alcove specially built for its reception.

THE COAL SITUATION. 9th May 1919

During the past two or three weeks the Swavesey district has experienced the greatest shortage of coal for the whole of the winter season. The general situation has been relieved by farm supplies mutually surrendered by Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, sen., and Mr. Robert Norman, and about a truck load has been generously placed at the disposal of the Fuel Committee by Dr. Ellis. The situation has so far improved that normal quantities of coal are now arriving daily.

MAY QUEEN. 9th May 1919

After school hours on May Day the village was treated to a pretty spectacle. The nine-year-old Winnie Beales, wearing a white embroidered frock, with a

white veil and crown of narcissi, and seated in a miniature wagon decorated with blackthorn, primroses and polyanthus, was drawn through the village by two schoolmates, Sally Daintree and Margaret Wells. Two maids of honour were in attendance, Gertie Beales and Winnie Froment, and the pageant was completed by a choir of about a dozen other small girls, who sang songs.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 9th May 1919

The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, was given a warm welcome home on his return from France at a meeting of the church and congregation held in the schoolroom attached to the chapel. Mr. Arthur Norman, deacon, presided, and he and others voiced the general feeling of pleasure and satisfaction at Mr. and Mrs. Ussher's return, of which the Chairman provided substantial proof by handing Mr. Ussher a cheque for £22 from his friends. Mr. Ussher suitably responded. During the evening songs were sung by Miss C. Goad, Miss Reade, Miss Stanton and Mr. David Stanton.

WAR MEMORIAL. 9th May 1919

At a well-attended and representative meeting of parishioners on Wednesday evening, Major R. Ellis in the chair, it was unanimously decided that the Swavesey parish memorial of the war should be a village hall and institute, to be erected on the parish property in High-street. It was further agreed that the arrangements should be entrusted to a committee, consisting of four parish councillors, and eight persons elected by the meeting, with power to add to their number. These eight were appointed, and Mr. C. R. Vincent was elected honorary secretary. A full report of the meeting will appear next week. Later in the evening the parish councillors met specially and chose their four representatives.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th May 1919

The first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council was held at the National School last Friday evening, and was attended by all the councillors. On the proposition of Mr. F. J. Beales, a new member who headed the poll at the election, seconded by Mr. J. L. Stanton, another newcomer, Mr. Arthur Norman, the old chairman, was re-appointed to the chair. Mr. Beales said that as every old councillor, who stood for election, was successful at the poll, it was evident that the last council had the confidence of the parishioners. Mr. J. S. Goad, proposed by Mr. Twist and seconded by Mr. R. Norman, was again chosen as vice-chairman. Mr. James Smith and Mr. J. L. Stanton were appointed overseers, and Mr. George Clarke pinder and village crier. It was agreed to purchase, at a valuation, the bell used by the late crier, now

deceased, and to have it inscribed as being the property of the parish. Messrs. Burton and Twist were authorised to sign cheques with the chairman. The following committees were also appointed:- Fire Engine, Messrs. Goad, Burton and Twist; Destruction of Sparrows, Messrs. Burton and Twist. Messrs. S. Challis and George Clarke were re-appointed captain and vice-captain respectively of the fire engine. The Street Lighting Committee was not chosen, as it was felt that as many of the lamps, posts, etc., were in a very bad condition, the whole Council should inspect them before a committee was appointed. A special meeting to deal with the matter is to be held in June. The selection of Parish Council representatives on the board of Feoffees of Galon's Charity was also postponed to the June meeting. Mr. Stanton moved a resolution that a representation from the Council should be made to the Great Eastern Railway respecting the present inadequate and inconvenient service of trains on the Cambridge and St. Ives line, and asking for better accommodation. Mr. Goad seconded. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with neighbouring Parish Councils, asking them to join in the representation. The Vice-Chairman brought up the question of a war memorial for the parish. There was, he said, a strong feeling in the village in favour of a public hall for use for meetings, entertainments, and recreation purposes generally. Other councillors warmly supported the Vice-Chairman, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Frank Norman, that a public meeting be held in the school on Wednesday evening to consider the subject. Mr. Beales asked for information on the housing question. He desired to know whether the Rural District Council had invited the co-operation of the Parish Council. The Chairman replied that a letter had been received from the District Council respecting the number of cottages required and suitable sites, and that an answer had been sent. – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: May I once more mildly protest against the inadequate and inconvenient accommodation afforded at the school for Parish Council meetings? The Council last Friday sat from 7 p.m. to nearly 9 p.m. There was no light, and the latter part of the proceedings was conducted in gradually deepening gloom. Surely as the Council pay for the use of the school one or more lamps should be provided. Desks suitable for children are inconvenient for adults.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 16th May 1919

Anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday, 8th inst., the special preacher being the Rev. S. W. Hughes, Westbourne Park Church, London. The afternoon service was at a quarter to four, and the evening service at a quarter past six, the chapel being crowded on both occasions. Mr.

Hughes' powerful address at the latter service was on God's Fatherly interest in the individual. Between the services there was a public tea, which was well attended. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the Church Fund, and realised £23 11s. 4d.

WAR MEMORIAL. 16th May 1919

As briefly stated last week, the well-attended meeting of parishioners held on the 7th inst., and over which Major R. Ellis presided, decided unanimously that the war memorial for the parish should take the form of a village hall and institute, brick and slate built, and that the names of all Swavesey men who have served in the war should be inscribed inside the building. The resolution was moved by Mrs. Cole and seconded by Mr. C. Savage, and was supported by Mr. F. J. Beales, Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) and Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman of the Parish Council). On the proposal of Mr. W. Twist, seconded by Mr. J. Ansell, it was resolved that the building should be erected on the parish property in High-street. Some discussion followed as to whether the Parish Council should appoint a committee to carry out the scheme, or whether the committee should be elected by the meeting, and at length it was agreed that the committee should consist of four parish councillors, to be nominated by the Council, and eight non-councillors, elected by the meetings, with power to add to their number. The following were elected: Major R. Ellis, Mr. H. S. Aldred, Mr. J. Ansell, Mr. C. Wood, Mr. A. J. Willson, Mr. P. Godfrey, Mr. W. Parish, and Mr. A. Day, sen. Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Capper, the Vicar, Messrs. William T. Thorp, J. Day, E. J. Mitham and R. Mitham, sen., were also nominated but declined to serve. The Chairman proposed that Mr. C. R. Vincent be honorary secretary. The Vicar seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. H. S. Aldred proposed a resolution that "The inhabitants of Swavesey, in public meeting assembled, desire to express their appreciation of the handsomely framed roll of honour presented to the parish by the Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr. Arthur Norman), also to the compiler (Mr. C. R. Vincent) for the interesting details so clearly recorded, and the splendid work he has achieved. Mr. Vincent, in responding, stated that he had been compiling since the beginning of the war a record giving the fullest available particulars of every Swavesey man who has served, and that it was his desire to present a copy of the record, when completed, to the parish, an announcement that was received with applause. The Chairman thanked Mr. Vincent on behalf of the meeting, and Mrs. Cole proposed, Mr. Ansell seconding, that the record be placed in the new institute. Mr. Vincent, however, objected. The Parish Council was, he thought, the proper authority to take charge of such a record. The Chairman agreed with Mr. Vincent and

the subject dropped. After the public meeting the Parish Council met specially, and selected Messrs. A. Norman, F. J. Beales, W. Burton and J. S. Goad representatives of the Council on the War Memorial Hall Committee. On Tuesday evening the committee assembled for the first time and appointed Major Ellis chairman, Mr. F. J. Beales vice-chairman, and Mr. C. Wood treasurer, and also co-opted six additional committee men, all representative of the younger generation.

ADVERT. 23rd May 1919

GEORGE BURLING has opened a Shop at Boxworth End, Swavesey, for the sale of Cycles, Fittings, etc. Repairs promptly executed. He respectfully solicits the patronage of the village and neighbourhood.

PROMOTION. 23rd May 1919

Lance-Corpl. P. V. Maltby, South Staffordshire Regt., has been promoted corporal.

FROM GERMANY. 23rd May 1919

Gunner Thomas C. Savage, R.G.A., arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday on 14 days' leave from Germany. He is in good health.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 23rd May 1919

The War Memorial Hall Committee have set to work with energy, and all preliminary arrangements are well in hand. The subscription list has been opened, and the treasurer, Mr. C. Wood, School House, will be glad to receive donations, large and small. A village hall for Swavesey is a necessity, not a luxury. At the present time the National School is the only building in the village in which meetings, entertainments, etc., can be held. Under the new Education Act it will not be available, as it will be required for educational purposes on five evenings a week. An institute also is urgently needed, as a place of recreation and resort for the younger people of the parish, who now have nowhere to go in their leisure time. Above all, Swavesey, with her 900 inhabitants, ought to have a worthy and lasting memorial of the war, and especially of those who gave their lives in the great struggle. One great aim of the Committee is to spare the ratepayers' pockets. The bigger the contributions to the Memorial Hall Fund, the less danger there is of a demand being made on the rates.

IN HOSPITAL. 23rd May 1919

Second Lieut. Edward Williams, Northants. Regt., and Pte. H. G. Howlett, Royal Sussex Regt., have been taken ill while at home on short leave from the Western front, and have been removed to the 1st Eastern General Hospital.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd May 1919

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Friday evening, and was attended by Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), who presided, and Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, R. Norman and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). The meeting was called respecting the title deeds of the property in High-street, which had been bequeathed to the parish by the late Mr. George Long, who died in April, 1902, and which the Swavesey Memorial Hall Committee desired to inspect. It transpired that the deeds were not in possession of the Council, and the clerk read a letter from Messrs. Watts, Son and Harrison, solicitors, St. Ives, dated May 26th, 1913, which, he stated, was in reply to a letter written by him by direction of the then Parish Council, requesting that the deeds might be handed over to the Council. The solicitors' letter intimated that the deeds would be duly handed to the chairman and clerk, on production of a properly authenticated copy of a resolution requesting that this might be done. This letter, the Clerk explained, had never been brought to the notice of the Council, and nothing had been done in the matter since May 1913. The councillors were, not unnaturally, greatly surprised. After some conversation, a resolution was carried unanimously that the chairman, vice-chairman and clerk should attend at the solicitors' office in St. Ives on Monday, 26th inst., to obtain the title deeds of the property devised to the parish by the late Mr. George Long, and also obtain a copy of that portion of the will which relates to the bequest. Further, that a letter to this effect be sent to the solicitors. Mr. Beales gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would ask for a list of the sites which had been suggested by the Council as suitable for the Government housing scheme. Arising out of the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd May, the Clerk reported that in accordance with instructions he had written on May 14th to the Great Eastern Railway, in regard to the unsatisfactory railway service, and had also sent postcards to the clerks of six neighbouring Parish Councils, asking their co-operation in the representation.

PROMOTED. 30th May 1919

Corpl. Charles S. Hepher, 4th Suffolk Regiment, now serving with the Army on the Rhine, has been promoted sergeant.

FROM GERMANY. 30th May 1919

Sapper E. H. Hodson, R.E., son of Mr. J. Hodson, has been in Swavesey this week while on short leave from the Rhine. He is in excellent health.

CONGRATULATION. 30th May 1919

The Parish Council must be congratulated on at last being able to accomplish the re-thatching of the dilapidated roof of the building on the parish property in High-street, used as a butcher's shop, etc. Instead of an eyesore, the building is now a "thing of beauty" – almost.

THE HIGH-STREET PROPERTY. 30th May 1919

The title deeds of the property in High-street bequeathed to the parish of Swavesey by the late Mr. George Long, who died in 1902, were handed to representatives of the Parish Council on Monday, together with a copy of that portion of Mr. Long's will relating to the bequest.

THE FEAST. 30th May 1919

Sunday next will be Feast Sunday. Optimists are inclined to predict a "full" feast, but others are content with hoping that the ancient village festival will this year be something like the feasts of pre-war days. The Swavesey Cricket Club have arranged three matches, viz., against Lolworth on Saturday, Elsworth on Monday, and Over on Tuesday. Play will begin at 2 p.m. each day.

COAL SUPPLY. 30th May 1919

At a meeting of the Swavesey District Fuel Committee held last Friday, it was decided that, if the local coal merchants would agree to stock a fortnight's reserve coal supply by the end of June, the restrictions now in force would be considerably relaxed. The merchants agreed to the proposal. This decision will enable consumers to lay in a stock of coal for the winter. Extra coal for stocking is arriving daily.

SHORTAGE OF CHEESE. 30th May 1919

A member of the Swavesey District Food Control Committee has informed our local representative that the present scarcity of cheese in the shops in the district should not exist. It would appear that no complaints have been made by the retailers to the Food Office. Had any complaints reached there, steps would have been taken to increase the supply of cheese to the retailers.

THE INADEQUATE TRAIN SERVICE. 30th May 1919

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on the 2nd inst., a resolution respecting the unsatisfactory train service on the G.E.R. between Cambridge and St. Ives, due to the suspension of the mid-day trains during the war, was carried unanimously, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the General Manager of the Company. He was also instructed to communicate with neighbouring Parish Councils, with a view to their co-operation in the representation. The following reply has been received from the Railway Company: "Your letter of 14th inst., addressed to the General Manager, in regard to the mid-day service between Cambridge and St. Ives, has been handed to me. This matter has received consideration, and arrangements will be made for the mid-day train to be reinstated on and from 1st July. – Yours faithfully, F. V. Russell, Superintendant of Operation." It is understood that the Clerk of the Parish Council has written to the Company in terms of appreciation of the promised concession, but whether his satisfaction will be shared by the inhabitants of the district generally is doubtful if by "the mid-day train," the train to Cambridge which used to leave Swavesey about 12.20 p.m., is the one referred to. What is required is a train from Cambridge as well as a train to that town. In other words, the people desire the restoration of the up and down trains due in Swavesey about 2 p.m.

FROM GERMANY. 6th June 1919

Sergt. Charles S. Hepher, 4th Suffolk Regt., Pte. George E. Hepher, Labour Corps, and Pte. H. Prime, 5th Border Regt., are in Swavesey on 14 days' leave from the Army of the Rhine.

ACCIDENT. 6th June 1919

Mrs. Levell, who for many years has been a teacher at Swavesey National School, seriously injured her wrist on Saturday through falling on a polished floor. She is under treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

GOOD NEWS. 6th June 1919

The up and down passenger trains to Cambridge and St. Ives respectively, due at Swavesey soon after 2 p.m., which have been suspended during the war, will be reinstated on and from Monday next, and will run daily. The times are as follows: - Down: Leave Cambridge 1.45 p.m., Swavesey 2.9 p.m., arrive St. Ives 2.15 p.m. Up: Leave St. Ives 2.5 p.m., Swavesey 2.12 p.m., arrive Cambridge 2.38 p.m.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 6th June 1919

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Tuesday, and were attended by excellent congregations, which included many friends from Chatteris, St. Ives and the neighbouring villages. Mr. Chalcot, Coventry, was the special preacher both in the afternoon and evening. Between the services there was a public tea, which attracted a goodly gathering.

SWAVESEY MAN IN U.S.A. 6th June 1919

Our Swavesey representative has this week received a letter from Mr. Stuart Goad, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goad, Ryder's Farm, Swavesey, from Genoa Jet, Wisconsin. Mr. S. Goad says that he joined the U.S.A. Army on 15th June, 1918, and was attached to the U.S. Machine Gun Training School Camp at Augusta, Georgia, as an instructor. On July 19th he was promoted sergeant, and on 15th January last he was discharged. A number of the officers at the Training School were British officers. Genoa Jet is only a little town with a population of about 800, yet it contributed 198 "boys" to the U.S.A. Army.

LOCAL HONOUR. 6th June 1919

In the King's Birthday Gazette published on Tuesday, Corpl. Arthur Prior, 1st Cambs., was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for service in France and Flanders. Corpl. Prior is one of the sons of Mr. Charles Prior, Taylor's-lane, all of whom have served in the Army in the war. One, Bombardier Harry Prior, R.F.A., won the Military Medal in October, 1917, two have been twice wounded, a third once wounded, and another was a prisoner of war. Corpl. Prior served with the Devon Yeomanry in the Boer War (medal and two bars). He joined the 1st Cambs. on 5th September, 1914, went to France with the regiment in February, 1915, and remained with the battalion until he was demobilised last January. Our Swavesey representative had the pleasure of breaking the news of his distinction to him on Wednesday. The gallant corporal smiled.

THE FEAST. 6th June 1919

Although it cannot be claimed that this year's feast just ended equalled some of the memorable feasts of bygone days, it can be stated, without fear of contradiction, to have been a real live feast, with a roundabout, swings, cocoanut shies, and such like attractions. A week ago it must be admitted things looked gloomy. Pessimists declared that the war had killed the old and much-loved festival, and their contention was supported by facts. In 1917, instead of the spacious Market-street being crowded with vans and other fair-

time impedimenta, one solitary stall represented the feast. Last year even that lonely stall failed to appear. But optimists took a brighter view of the situation. They maintained that the feast was not dead, but only in a state of suspended animation "for the duration." And the optimists were right. This year the roundabout was not the most up-to-date specimen of its tribe ever seen in Swavesey; its horses were small, and so were their tails, and its carriages lacked the luxurious comfort of the modern motor car. Still it pleased the children, likewise some older devotees of rotary horse exercise. A patient pony, which gently ambled round and round, supplied the motive power, and an equally patient youth, for hours at a stretch, turned a wheel which operated an organ, somewhat erratic in its notes. This organ provided the music of the festival until Tuesday evening, when a rival appeared on the scene in the Salvation Army band from Willingham. The weather until Wednesday was fine, though cooler than it had been, and there were many visitors, including one old Swaveseyite who had not been at the feast since 1870. The village cricket club played three matches, winning two and losing one. Two collection boxes in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute, taken round the cricket ground during the matches by Miss C. Goad, and Miss Parsons, netted £1 16s. 2d., the former young lady collecting £1 6s., and the latter 10s. 2d.

ON FURLOUGH. 13th June 1919

Lance-Corpl. Fred Ding, Suffolk Regiment, has arrived in Swavesey from Egypt on three months' furlough. He is in good health. Joining up in January, 1916, he landed in Egypt in the following July, and from April, 1917, until the beginning of the present year he served in Palestine.

DEMOBILISED. 13th June 1919

Pte. Frederick George Clarke, R.A.S.C., elder son of Mr. George Clarke, has arrived in this country from Egypt, and was demobilised on Wednesday. He joined up on 25th May, 1916, and went to France in November of that year. From France he proceeded to Salonica, and then in June, 1917, to Egypt, but soon found himself in Palestine. Here he went through General Allenby's arduous and victorious advance, being attached to an ambulance unit. He reports himself in excellent health.

DEATH. 13th June 1919

Mrs. Mary Ann Trundley, Market-street, widow of the late Mr. James Trundley, died on the 6th inst., after a painful illness. She left four sons and four daughters. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday

afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Adams, Mrs. Attwood, Mr. and Mrs. Medlock, and Miss L. Trundley (daughters and sons-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. James Trundley, Mr. C. Trundley, Mr. and Mrs. John Trundley, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Trundley (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Adams (brother), Mrs. J. Norman (sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. A. J. Norman (nephew) and Miss C. Adams (granddaughter). The Rev. J. F. Cooksey was also present in church and at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

MR. F. BEAUMONT MARRIED. 13th June 1919

The marriage of Mr. Francis Beaumont, second surviving son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, of Swavesey, and Mrs. Beaumont, and Miss Alice Martin Marshall, took place very quietly on Wednesday morning at the Church of St. Mary-le-Strand, London, only near relatives and intimate friends being present. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Hillersdon, Vicar of St. Mary's. The bride, who wore her travelling dress, was given away by her half-sister, Miss M. Heath, and Mr. P. J. Beaumont, the bridegroom's oldest brother was best man. After the ceremony the wedding guests were entertained at luncheon at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet, and later in the afternoon the happy couple left for Lewes, where the honeymoon is being spent. The numerous wedding presents included a gift to the bride from her late pupils, and another to the bridegroom from his colleagues in the Accountant-General's Department of the Post Office.

LOCAL HONOUR. 13th June 1919

In the honours list issued in connection with the King's Birthday, Lieut. Martin Surrey Caine, Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, Swavesey, was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division). Lieut. Caine, who is now on his way back to Canada, where prior to the war he had lived for some years, enlisted in the 49th Canadian Infantry (Edmonton, Alberta, Regiment) on the 4th January, 1915. He speedily attained the rank of sergeant, and in October, 1915, went to France. On 2nd June, 1916, in the third battle of Ypres, he was slightly wounded, and on the 28th of that month was promoted lieutenant for service in the field. In the following September he was severely wounded, his jaw being smashed, at Courcellette, and after a long spell in hospital he recovered sufficiently for duty in this country. Latterly he has been an officer in charge of musketry instruction at Bramshott Camp.

SOLDIERS v. CIVILIANS. 13th June 1919

On Bank Holiday morning the official crier, with clanging bell, perambulated the village, and announced to all and sundry that at 5 o'clock that afternoon a cricket match would be played between Swavesey Soldiers and Swavesey Civilians, and that a collection would be made on behalf of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund. Shortly after 5 p.m., Messrs. Beales and Wood, the captains of the Civilian and Soldier teams respectively, tossed, with the result that the military took the field. The Soldiers' XI. – all discharged or demobilised men – deserve a word or two in passing. Four of the players have won distinctions in the war, viz., R. M. S. Heasman (late R.F.A.) the French Medaille Militaire, the brothers A. and J. Prime the Military Medal, and Sergt. Wood the Meritorious Service Medal, and seven have been wounded (four more than once), one having lost his foot. On paper the military side were the stronger lot; in fact the cricket-wise ones prophesied that the "Civvies" total would not reach double figures. The Soldiers had Wood and Ellwood, the chief bowlers of the Swavesey Club, whereas the "Civvies" had no trundlers reckoned of any account. The "Civvy" captain stood pledged to deposit the sum of 2s. 6d. in the collection box if his team failed to achieve what seemed to be a miracle. In the end the Soldiers won by one run.

COAL. 20th June 1919

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT.

Steam Coal for Agricultural Purposes.

Notice to Farmers and Other Consumers.

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN that Consumers requiring Steam Coal for Cultivating or Threshing MUST REGISTER on Form FHF 9a, and obtain a certificate from the Local Fuel Overseer for all supplies.

Any Merchant supplying, or Consumer accepting, supplies without Certificate may be prosecuted under the Coal Order, 1918.

F.W. HAGGER,
Local Fuel Overseer,

Station House.

Swavesey, Cambs.,
June 17th, 1919.

ACCIDENT IN HAY FIELD. 20th June 1919

Through the breaking of a rope a lad named Reginald Trundley fell from the top of a cart load of hay on Tuesday, and fractured his wrist. He is under treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

REV. ANDERSON WELLS. 20th June 1919

The induction of the Rev. Anderson W. Wells, son of Mr. James Wells, Swavesey, to the living of Goldthorpe, Yorkshire, took place on the 12th inst. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Sheffield in the presence of many clergy of the diocese and of a large congregation. Mr. Wells had been in charge of the parish since February last.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE. 20th June 1919

The restoration of the two o'clock up and down trains from Swavesey station, which had been suspended during the war, has been greatly appreciated by the people of the district. On Whitsun Monday, the first day, about fifty passengers booked to St. Ives, and an appreciable number to Cambridge by these trains, and they have been well patronised each day since.

THE GALE. 20th June 1919

The gale on Thursday, 12th inst. did a considerable amount of damage to the fruit trees in the Swavesey district. At 4.15 p.m. a large branch of a tree in front of the Manor crashed into the main road, breaking the telephone wires in its fall. Mr. Frank Norman, of the Manor, and Mr. Charles Froment, who were close by, immediately sent word of this mishap to Swavesey Post Office, and proceeded with saws and other implements to clear the obstruction from the road. The wires were repaired the following morning. Owing to the Over Post Office being closed on Thursday afternoon, telegrams for Swavesey were delivered from Elsworth.

WEDDING. 20th June 1919

Mr. Fred Kester, son of Mr. Jas. Kester, Boxworth End, was married to Mrs. Florence Burgess, widow of the late Mr. George Burgess, Wedmore-gardens, Upper Holloway, London, at St. John's Church, Upper Holloway, on June 7th. The wedding was a quiet but pretty one. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Stephens and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Grace Darling (sister of the bride) and Miss Lizzie Kester (sister of the bridegroom). Later in the day the happy couple left London for Wisbech for the honeymoon. Mr. F. Kester saw considerable service during the war. Joining the Royal Army Service Corps on 26th September, 1914, he went to France in February, 1915. In March, 1917, he was promoted corporal, and in

the following August was transferred to the 18th Welsh Regt. In April, 1918, he was gassed. On the 18th Battalion being broken up Corpl. Kester was transferred to the 2nd Battalion, and on 15th September last was wounded in the right leg, and was in hospital in this country for about three months. He was demobilised last January.

WELCOME RAIN. 27th June 1919

Rain fell steadily and gently on Friday last, and was welcomed with gratitude by all. There have since been further showers, and on Saturday hail.

IS PEACE TO BE CELEBRATED? 27th June 1919

A correspondent wants to know whether the leading lights of Swavesey are considering in what way peace should be celebrated in the village. If the leading lights are doing nothing, humbler people, he says, are talking about the matter. Perhaps the Parish Councillors at their meeting on Monday will see fit to give the lead by deciding to call a public meeting, as they did with regard to the village war memorial.

FROM GERMANY. 27th June 1919

Bombardier F. A. Prior, R.F.A., only surviving son of the late Mr. William Prior and Mrs. Prior, High-street, is at home on 14 days' furlough from the Rhine. He is in excellent health. Joining up on 1st February, 1917, Bombardier Prior went to France in August of that year, and then to Italy in the following November. In April, 1918, he returned to France, and with the 18th Division he went through the push commencing last August, and at the armistice was within a few kilometres of Mons.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th June 1919

A meeting of the Parish Council is to be held at 7 o'clock on Monday evening at the National School to consider the condition of the street lamps, and to arrange for lighting the streets during next winter. An appreciable sum of money will have to be spent on the lamps, posts, etc., which are understood to be in bad condition, but in dealing with the matter the Councillors, and the ratepayers generally, should not overlook the fact that between £25 and £30 has been saved during each of the past four years by the suspension of street lighting. Other items on the agenda for Monday's meeting are housing, the appointment of a rat-catcher, and the Recreation Ground.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 27th June 1919

Important alterations in the train service from Swavesey Station will come into force on Tuesday next, 1st July. On week-days the down trains to St. Ives will be due to leave Swavesey at 7.15 a.m., 8.44 a.m., 10.49 a.m., 1.55 p.m., 4.32 p.m., 6.44 p.m., and 7.44 p.m., and the up trains to Cambridge at 8.23 a.m., 9.59 a.m., 11.12 a.m., 12.21 p.m., 1.47 p.m., 3.59 p.m., 6.17 p.m., and 7.42 p.m. The two trains on Sundays will, commencing 6th July, run an hour earlier than at present, namely, to Cambridge at 4.23 p.m. and to St. Ives at 5.41 p.m. It will be observed that the 12.21 p.m. up train and the 6.44 p.m. down train (due out of Cambridge at 6.20 p.m.) which were suspended during the war, have been restored, and that the “two o’clock” trains, which were recently reinstated, will run slightly earlier.

LIEUT. HEPHER, M.C., MARRIED. 27th June 1919

Sec.-Lieut. W. Lawson Hepher, M.C., R.F.A., youngest son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, Swavesey, was married on the 12th inst. at the Church of St. Mary-le-Strand, London, to Miss Kathleen Rhoda Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Higgins, of Basingstoke. The Rev. Harcourt Hillersdon, Vicar of St. Mary’s, officiated. The bride wore a dress of biscuit crepe-de-chine, and a pink hat, and was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Evelyn Higgins, in lemon voile and white hat. Mr. A. Hepher, Datchet, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Anderton’s Hotel, at which thirty-six guests were present. The honeymoon was spent at Ashdown Forest, Sussex. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hepher expect to leave England for their home in British Columbia early in July.

THE PEACE. 4th July 1919

News of the signing of the Peace Treaty reached Swavesey on Saturday evening, but caused no excitement except to eight or nine little boys, who formed themselves into a jazz band and serenaded the village. A few flags were displayed.

IS PEACE TO BE CELEBRATED? 4th July 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: Notwithstanding the gentle reminder in last week’s “Press and News,” the Parish Council absolutely ignored the question of the celebration of Peace at their meeting on Monday. Now the date of Thanksgiving Day has been officially fixed for Saturday, 19th July, there is little time for making preparations, and if the day is to be kept in Swavesey a public meeting should be held at once, and a committee of management appointed. It is a pity that the Parish Council on Monday failed to take action.

PARISH COUNCIL. 4th July 1919

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, and was attended by Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman, J. L. Stanton, and Mr. Robinson Mitham (Clerk). The Chairman reported that the deeds of the parish property in High-street had been obtained from the donor's solicitors, and were in the custody of the parish. Mr. Beales asked what was being done in regard to the provision of new houses in the parish under the housing scheme. He thought the people of Swavesey ought to know what steps were being taken. Extra houses in suitable positions were urgently needed, and he suggested Dove House Close in Carter's-lane, near the school, and in the centre of the village, as a site which had been selected at a previous meeting should not be used for houses, but should be reserved for the use of the parishioners generally, as it had been bequeathed for their benefit. Mr. Stanton, who is also a Rural District Councillor, explained that the High-street site had been dropped by the District Council, who were dealing with the housing question. The Chairman thought that it would be a mistake to build all the new houses on one site; they were wanted near the men's work. Mr. Stanton did not approve of all the houses being erected at the extreme end of the village at Boxworth End – that he understood was the only site under consideration by the District Council. Considerable discussion ensued, and eventually Mr. Beales proposed that Dove House Close be recommended to the District Council as the most suitable site for the erection of new houses. Mr. Burton seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. Goad reported that all the street lamps, fittings, etc., were out of order and needed thorough overhauling. The Clerk remarked that they were "good for nothing." After some conversation, in which it was admitted that street lamps during the winter months are necessary for the convenience of the community, Mr. Goad proposed that Messrs. Stanton, Burton, Beales and Twist be appointed a committee with full powers to have the lamps and appurtenances put into proper order. Mr. Cole seconded. The resolution was adopted unanimously. A letter from the County Council respecting the destruction of rats was read, and the Chairman and Messrs. Burton and Twist were appointed a committee to deal with the matter. Mr. Stanton called attention to the Recreation Ground, and urged that it should be put into condition for the young men of the parish to play games upon. He suggested that the balance in hand from the herbage rent should be spent on the ground. Mr. Beales asked whether the Clerk had received a letter from the Swavesey Cricket Club on the subject. The Clerk read the letter which asked the Council to lay a proper cricket pitch on the

Recreation Ground. During discussion the erection of a fence to protect the ground from the high road was mentioned, but more than one councillor objected that this could not be done, and the Clerk added that a fence, or hedge, which had been put up years ago, had been destroyed by an indignant populace. The Clerk also observed that even to reserve a portion of the ground for the exclusive use of the Cricket Club would be contrary to the Recreation Ground by-laws. Mr. Beales retorted that the by-laws would have to be altered. At length it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Beales, seconded by Mr. Goad, that Mr. Dan Hayward, of the University Cricket Ground, be asked to submit an estimate for preparing a cricket pitch, 25 yards square. A letter from the committee of the Swavesey war Memorial Hall and Institute was then read, asking for the formal authority of the Council to use such portion of the parish property in High-street as may be needed for the proposed hall and institute. Authority was granted unanimously, and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the honorary secretary of the memorial. A pitiful letter from Mr. Arthur Welch was then brought forward. He complained of the failure of the public water supply during the recent extremely hot and dry weather. He and others at Boxworth End had been compelled to use pond water, and he asked that the councillors would use their influence with the proper authorities to have the evil remedied. Mr. Goad explained the cause of the failure, and on his assurance that there was now a satisfactory supply of water, the subject dropped. Mr. Stanton called attention to the unprotected state of the large brook, or drain, at Turn Bridge, in High-street. In the dark, he said, pedestrians ran a serious risk of a nasty fall. It was decided to call the attention of the District Council to the matter. Before the meeting ended the Clerk asked for an increase of salary.

A SMASH. 11th July 1919

Frightened, it is understood, by a passing traction engine, a horse backed a cart into the front of Mr. Dick Wilderspin's shop and smashed the large plate glass window on Wednesday afternoon.

PEACE DAY. 11th July 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: As far as I can ascertain, the only event that is being arranged in Swavesey for Peace Day (Saturday, 19th July) is a cricket match between the past and present members of the village cricket club. This will no doubt be very interesting for many people, but it is to be feared will not be equally pleasing to the children. Surely something should be done for the little ones. Peace Day ought to be a great event for them – a red letter day to be remembered throughout their lives. They have been robbed

of their “treats”, or have had them severely curtailed, during the five years of war. Cannot some public-spirited parishioners come forward now, and organise a bouncing treat for them on Saturday week? The cost need not be great.

THE VILLAGE PUMP. 11th July 1919

A ratepayer is anxious to know what public authority is responsible for the pump at the corner of Black Horse-lane and High-street. He says in its present condition it is a danger to the public. The wooden case is falling to pieces, the bucket is full of stones, and in consequence the iron handle projects in such a way as to be dangerous to persons turning the corner in the dark. The pump belongs to the old water supply which was condemned some years ago. Up to that time the Rural District Council was the responsible authority; now the pumps appear to be the care of no one. This particular pump in its present condition is useless, and the least that can be done is to remove the handle. If, however, it was repaired, it would be of some service. But then who is to do the job?

THANKSGIVING DAY. 11th July 1919

The authorised forms of thanksgiving and prayer were used at the services at the parish church on Sunday. In the evening the special form of praise was substituted for the ordinary service. A large congregation attended, and the service was bright and hearty. The lessons were read by Messrs. R. Mitham and C. Wood, an addition to the authorised form being made by the introduction of a second lesson (Revelations xxi., 23, to xxii., 5) and of Psalm cl. The anthem was Stainer’s “What are these?” The Vicar preached. The service concluded with the National Anthem, and after the blessing the choir, preceeded by the banner of the church, borne by Mr. R. Mitham, returned to the vestry singing the world-famous seventeenth century German Chorale ”Nun danket alle Gott”, (“Now thank we all our God”). One incident in connection with the thanksgiving festival at the parish church deserves mention. Before the restoration of the tower about six years ago there was a flag staff. It was then removed, and has not been replaced, it is believed because a flag pole was considered dangerous to the stone parapet. On the occasion of a previous thanksgiving in connection with the war, it was held to be imperative that a flag should be flown, so Mr. Walter Thorp and Mr. R. Mitham hoisted a scaffold pole to the top of the tower, and fastened it to the small extinguisher-shaped steeple which carries the vane. Last Saturday the same two gentlemen accomplished the same task, using this time Mr. Mitham’s flag pole. In order to secure the pole, or adjust the flag, Mr. Thorp

scaled the extinguisher and stood upon the iron arms indicating the four points of the compass. At Bethel Baptist Chapel special references were made in the sermons at the morning and evening services to the signing of the Peace Treaty and in particular to the courage and constancy of the men who made the Treaty possible. Appropriate hymns were sung.

CRICKET MATCH. 11th July 1919

This match was played at Over on July 3rd, and resulted in a win for the visitors, by 92 runs to 74.

PEACE CELEBRATION. 18th July 1919

Called by order of the Parish Council last week-end, a public meeting was held at the National School on Monday evening. On the proposition of Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Council, the Vicar presided, and it was decided that the children of the parish under 16 years of age should be entertained at tea, and that sports should be arranged for them. All Swavesey men who are serving or have served in H.M. Forces have been invited to a meat tea at the National School at 5.30 p.m. The children's treat is being provided by public subscription and by the Foundation Managers of the school, while the cost of the soldiers' tea is being met out of the unexpended balance of the Christmas Presents Fund.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED. 18th July 1919

Mr. William Howlett, Swavesey, has been officially informed that no further news having been received relative to his son, Pte. Harold Charles Howlett, 11th Suffolks, who was wounded on 9th April, 1918, and has been missing since that date, the Army Council have been regretfully constrained to conclude that he is dead, and that his death took place on 19th April, 1918, or since. Pte. Howlett joined the 3-5th Suffolks on 29th March, 1916, and on proceeding to France on 7th September following, was posted to the 9th Suffolks. In February, 1918, he was transferred to the 11th Battalion. In December last the Adjutant of the 11th Suffolks informed Mr. Howlett that his son's grave had been found at La Rolanderie Farm, Erquinghem, near Armentieres, a few miles from Fleurbaise, where he was last seen. The letter was sent to the Record Office at Warley, and there lost. The adjutant's statement was repeated, but all the Record Office would reply was that further search was being made for the missing letter – not for the grave. The Secretary, War Office, was appealed to, but the appeal has not elicited even an acknowledgement of receipt. At last Mr. Montagu kindly took up the case, and after much trouble succeeded in obtaining the Army Council's decision, which

in the circumstances cannot be regarded as satisfactory or adequate. The least the Army authorities could have done would have been to verify the adjutant's specific statement – instead of which they send the bereaved parents a leaflet about registration of graves.

DEATH OF THE LATE STATIONMASTER. 18th July 1919

The tolling of the big bell of the parish church on Friday announced the death of Mr. William Perry, who had been stationmaster at Swavesey for 33 years, and who retired after 50 years' service with the Great Eastern Railway Co. in 1915. Mr. Perry, who was 69 years of age, passed away at Huntingdon on Thursday in last week, after an illness of two years' duration. He had been confined to bed for the last three months. He was born at Downham, Norfolk, on 29th November, 1849, being the fifth son of Mr. William Perry, who was for many years stationmaster at Dersingham, and who lost his life on the line at Denver, to which station he had been transferred. The Perry family were and are still intimately connected with railways. Mr. William Perry, the subject of this notice, followed the family tradition from an early age. He joined the G.E.R. service as a gate lad, and then rose by successive steps to porter, signalman, and then relief stationmaster. Forty-six years ago he was appointed stationmaster at Stretham, where he remained for about five years, and was then removed to Hilgay, staying there for three years. In March, 1882, he went to Swavesey station, and here the rest of his railway life was spent. Strange to relate, his predecessor at Swavesey was named William Perry, who, however, was not related to him. Mr. Perry's three sons all joined the G.E. service. The eldest is now at Swavesey station, the second, Herbert, was at Dunmow, where he died some years ago, and the youngest, Stanley, is at March. Two of his brothers were also in the G.E.R. service as stationmasters, but both have retired, viz., Mr. Richard Perry, since deceased, who was at Branston, and Mr. Frank Perry, who since his retirement 15 years ago has been carrying on as a carriage agent at Ramsey, thus bringing his total service in connection with the Company to some 63 years. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, officiated, and the service was choral, hymns "On the Resurrection morning" and "Abide with me" being sung, and the choir chanted the "Nunc Dimittis" as the body enclosed in a polished oak coffin, was borne by six members of the Swavesey railway staff to the grave at the western end of the church, under the shadow of the tower, in which were the bells which Mr. Perry had in years gone by rung so often and so dearly loved. Close by are the graves of his first wife and two of their children. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Perry (widow), Mr. F. W. Perry and Mr. Stanley W. Perry (sons),

Mrs. Tyrell (only daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. N. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. C. Perry (brother) and Mrs. S. Atkins (sister).

CRICKET. 25th July 1919

SWAVESEY PAST v. PRESENT.

This match was played at Swavesey on Saturday, and resulted in the defeat of the veterans by 28 runs on the first innings.

PROMOTED. 25th July 1919

Corpl. F. V. Maltby, South Staffordshire Regiment, has been promoted sergeant.

TWO HEADS. 25th July 1919

In a field adjoining the churchyard a cow gave birth to a calf with two perfectly-formed heads early on Monday morning. The calf did not survive its birth.

FLAGS. 25th July 1919

A Swaveseyite wants to know when permanent flagstaffs are likely to be provided for the church tower and the school. Extemporised poles and borrowed flags are not satisfactory, though better than none at all.

DISCHARGED. 25th July 1919

Pte. Henry George Howlett, Royal Sussex Regiment, has been discharged, physically unfit. He joined up on 24th June, 1918, and landed in France on 19th November last. In May, when at home on fourteen days' furlough, he developed serious illness, and was removed to the 1st Eastern General Hospital, where he remained until his discharge from the Army on the 17th inst.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 25th July 1919

The Committee of the Peace Day celebrations at their meeting on Monday evening decided that the unexpended balance of the money collected, viz., £4 6s. 9d., should be given to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund. Miss Elsie Dodson has also devoted the sum of 10s. 6d. not required for the soldiers' tea to the same object. The village is about to be thoroughly canvassed for subscriptions to the Memorial Hall Fund. The architect's plans, etc., for the proposed building have been provisionally accepted by the Committee, and an

urgent appeal is being made to all persons interested in the parish for support. The buildings, fittings, and furniture are estimated to cost £1,500.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 25th July 1919

Special services were held on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Chapel in connection with the Sunday School. Mr. G. Pratt, of Huntingdon in his sermons ably advocated the claims of young life. Selected hymns were most pleasingly sung by the scholars, who had been well trained by Mr. J. W. Williams, who presided at the organ. At the afternoon service flowers were presented for the St. Ives Infirmary, and Miss Ida Spearman gave a recitation, "Billy's Rose." Solos were well rendered by Dolly Coulson, Beatrice Prior, and Doris Aldred. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the Sunday School Fund, and unfortunately, owing to the rain, were below the average. The flowers contributed by the children were sent to the Infirmary on Monday, and have been thankfully acknowledged.

PEACE DAY. 25th July 1919

Peace Day as duly kept in Swavesey. No ambitious scheme of rejoicing was attempted, one reason being lack of time in which to make arrangements, the public meeting to decide whether anything should be done not having been held until five days previously. Wisely, therefore, it was resolved to limit the public festivities to the entertainment of the soldiers and of the children. Flags flew from the church tower, the school, and from many houses, and the Roll of Honour in High-street was draped with Union Jacks. The sky was overcast, and there was a slight shower of rain now and again, but the day's proceedings were not interrupted. At 1 o'clock a cricket match was played between past and present members of the Cricket Club, and was notable for the deadly bowling of the veteran, Mr. W. Savage, who had not appeared on the cricket field for some years. He captured 13 of "Present's" wickets for 49 runs, with an average of 3.7 runs a wicket – not bad for an old 'un! Mr. Sidney Prime, another veteran, once well known as a batsman and bowler, was top scorer with 19 runs. He met with an accident just before the match began, being struck on the ankle by a ball whilst practising. He was unable to bowl in consequence, and had to have a man to run for him. Present scored 61 and 34, and Past 33 and 15 for 2 wickets. At 2 o'clock sports for children under 16 years of age were held on the Recreation Ground, and at 4 o'clock they had tea in the National School. At 5.30 p.m. there was a meat tea for soldiers, serving and discharged, in the school, and at 6.30 p.m. sports for the soldiers brought off on the Recreation Ground, and attracted a large crowd of highly amused onlookers. The races were : Boot race, Boat race, sack race, whistling race,

old soldier's race, potato race, tilting the bucket, wheelbarrow race, threadneedle race and tug-of-war.

The sports were under the capable management of R.S.M. T. C. Heasman, Sergt. C. Wood, M.S.M., Corpl. A. J. Willson and Pte. M. C. Culpin. Major R. Ellis, R.A.M.C., acted as judge, and presided at the tea. Mr. George Clarke was energetic as bell-ringer, both for the children's and for the soldiers' sports. Pte. C. Savage added colour and variety to the scene by appearing in a genuine Serbian costume of brilliant purple, heavily embroidered with gold, while Mr. W. Mitchell hugely amused old, middle-aged and young folk alike by personating a clown, dressed as an eccentric old woman. Mr. W. Twist delighted the children by taking them for joy rides in a gaily decorated wagon, May Mustill handling the reins in workmanlike fashion. A bonfire of bushes, etc., laboriously collected by the Scout cubs and other small boys during the day, was prematurely set alight shortly after 7 p.m., and blazed away ineffectively in full daylight. Fireworks were let off at the Old House about 10 p.m., and it is understood that there would have been another pyrotechnic display, but for an untoward accident on the previous day, which resulted in an untimely explosion in a place not suitable for such an exhibition, and the hurried retreat of the two or three persons who happened to be present. One gentleman, it is alleged, made a precipitate, though graceful, exit through a window. The children had a happy day, and the soldiers an excellent tea. The youngsters were catered for as regards their tea, at which 160 sat down, and their amusements, by a committee appointed by the public meeting, with other helpers, and the soldiers' tea was under the sole management of Miss Elsie Dodson, who was assisted by Mrs. A. J. Willson, Miss G. Dodson and Miss P. Mitham. The sum of £20 17s. 6d. was collected in the village, and the foundation managers of the school added £5.

FOOD CONTROL. 1st Aug. 1919

A meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Food Control Committee, the first for several months, was held at the Clerk's office in St. Ives on Monday. Mr. Ingle Hemington presided.

CRICKET. 1st Aug. 1919

An eleven of the Swavesey Cricket Club visited Lolworth last Saturday, and defeated the homesters by nine wickets. Scores: Lolworth, 21 and 21; Swavesey 32 and 13 for one wicket.

HONOURED. 1st Aug. 1919

Major R. Ellis, R.A.M.C. (T.) has been mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's last despatch, published in the "London Gazette" of 8th July, for gallantry and distinguished service in the field during the period September, 1918, to March, 1919. Major Ellis was called up on mobilisation on 4th August, 1914, and after service in this country with the 1st Cambs. went to Gallipoli and took part in the famous landing. He subsequently served on the Western front until he was demobilised this year.

WEDDING. 1st Aug. 1919

Miss Joyce Capper, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capper, of Swavesey, was married on Tuesday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church to Major Frederick John Bullen, son of Mr. Arthur Bullen, of Cromer. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in her going away costume of pale grey blue silk and white hat. She was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Jean Capper, in a pale pink silk frock and black hat, and Capt. W. I. G. Ellison was best man. The church bells rang merrily as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and again during the evening. After the ceremony a reception was held in Mr. and Mrs. Capper's garden, and during the afternoon Major and Mrs. Bullen left for their honeymoon in Cornwall.

A LOCAL W.A.A.C. 8th Aug. 1919

Miss Dorothy Gray, daughter of Sergt. and Mrs. C. W. Gray, had the honour of being selected as one of the representatives of the Q.M.A.A.C.'s in the triumphal march through London on Peace Day.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 8th Aug. 1919

Mr. H. S. Aldred, London House, has been officially informed that his son, Frank H. R. Aldred, has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship at the County School. Frank Aldred was a pupil at the Council School, Over, under Mr. E. Webb.

WAR MEMORIAL. 8th Aug. 1919

At the kind invitation of the Vicar, a garden fete, jumble sale, etc., will be held in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday afternoon, 11th September, and a dance in the National School is being arranged for the evening of the same day. The entire proceeds from the fete, sale and dance are to be given to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund.

SCHOOL TREAT. 8th Aug. 1919

Scholars of Bethel Sunday School will well remember the Peace celebrations at the end of the Great War, as in addition to participating in the village festivities on July 19th, they had their annual treat on July 24th and 31st. The customary tea was given on the former date, but owing to the bad weather the sports were postponed for a week. The sports were held in a meadow kindly lent by Mr. J. Day, and Mr. J. L. Stanton, district councillor, most generously bore the whole expense, and at the close he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and was loudly cheered.

AID FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 8th Aug. 1919

The house-to-house collections in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which have recently been made in the villages in the Swavesey district, under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, have resulted in a larger sum than that contributed in any previous year, being sent to Mrs. Kay Shuttleworth, Babraham, hon. secretary of the fund. The contributions from Swavesey were £10 1s. 10d., and the total collected £53 7s. 5d. Mrs. Kay Shuttleworth is much pleased with the result, and Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, the vice-president of the district, is anxious to thank the collectors for their services, and also the contributors.

STREET LIGHTING. 8th Aug. 1919

The late public lamp-lighter of Swavesey estimates that during the 22 years he held the office he had in the performance of his duties to walk 1,300 miles each lighting season, or upwards of 28,000 miles in the course of the 22 years. The Swavesey street lamps were first lighted in 1885. As time went on their number was increased, but the posts and fittings provided in 1885 were in use until 1915, when D.O.R.A. decreed that the streets should be in darkness. Through the wear and tear of so many years, lamps and appurtenances are in a bad state, and the Parish Council, at their meeting on June 30th, appointed a committee, with full powers, to have them put in order ready for use in the autumn.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 8th Aug. 1919

Attacked by dry rot a few years ago, the fabric of Bethel Baptist Chapel was in danger of collapse, and extensive repairs and renovation had to be undertaken, involving the expenditure of many hundreds of pounds. Much money was contributed at the time, but not sufficient to pay the whole cost of the work, and a substantial debt remained. As time went on the incubus of debt was reduced, by means of collections, sales of work, etc., and on Bank Holiday a final effort was made, and was attended by complete success – the whole of

the remaining debt being wiped out. During the afternoon a sale of work, organised by a committee of ladies, assisted by male members of the congregation, was held in the National School. Mr. E. D. Sykes, St. Ives, opened the sale at 2.15 p.m., and crowds of eager buyers attended. There were new work, jumble, and fancy stalls, and all did good business. The refreshment department was kept busily employed, and small tea tables were well patronised. In the evening a concert, organised by Miss May Norman, was given in the school. The large room was filled to its utmost capacity. The excellent programme included songs, duets, quartettes and a violin solo. There were also humorous songs. The day's enterprise has resulted in about £80 being handed over to the treasurer of the Chapel Renovation Fund.

DEATH OF MRS. PONTEFRACT. 15th Aug. 1919

The death occurred at Addenbrooke's Hospital of Mrs. Elizabeth Pontefract, wife of Mr. F. W. Pontefract, and daughter of the late Mr. David Sutton and Mrs. Sutton, of Boxworth End. Mrs. Pontefract who was 47 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some time, and on the advice of Dr. Deighton was removed last week to the Hospital for an operation, which was successfully performed, but unfortunately her strength failed, and she passed away peacefully on Tuesday afternoon. Much sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and her aged mother. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

COAL COMMITTEE. 15th Aug. 1919

A meeting of the newly constituted Fuel Committee of the Swavesey Rural District was held at the offices of the committee, Station House, Swavesey, on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. Scambler presided, and with one exception, all members were present, with the Fuel Officer, Mr. Hagger, and the Clerk. It was reported that the wholesale merchants were not supplying coal in sufficient quantities to enable the local retailers to store for winter use, and the Committee instructed their officers to bring further pressure to bear on the merchants. The Committee also decided to order 100 tons of coal immediately to be laid down as a special winter reserve stock. The Fuel Officer and the Clerk were re-appointed under the 1919 Order.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Aug. 1919

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council due on 21st July was held at the National School on Monday evening. Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. L. Stanton and W. Twist, with the Clerk, were in attendance about the appointed time, 7 p.m., but the Standing Order required five councillors before business

could be transacted. The quartette waited patiently and whiled away the time by discussing informally matters that would have to come before the Council. They waited because it was known that one councillor was expected to return to Swavesey by a train due about 8 o'clock, and they did not wait in vain, for at 8.20 p.m. Mr. F. J. Beales arrived, and was rewarded by being voted to the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, two or three letters received by the Clerk were dealt with. It was reported that the Parish Council's complaint of the dangerous condition of the brook where it crosses High-street was under consideration by the District Council. It transpired that the Rats' Destruction Committee had not yet appointed a collector, but Mr. Twist stated that he had already purchased a dozen tails. The Street Lighting Committee reported that the repairs to the lamps, posts, etc., were in hand. An interesting discussion followed, respecting the banks and drains of the parish, and Mr. Stanton, who is also a district councillor, was able to assure the Council that the authority responsible (the District Council) was doing its best in the circumstances. Before the meeting closed notice was given that at the next meeting a resolution to amend Standing Order No. 2 would be moved, so as to reduce the quorum from five to three.

THE BIG DRAINS. 22nd Aug. 1919

Good progress is being made with the work of clearing out the large drain known as Covill's Brook, but owing to years of neglect, the job is a big one, and will take some considerable time to complete. The Rural District Council is responsible for the drains and banks, but the Parish Councillors, as the direct representatives of the parish, have called attention to their unsatisfactory condition. Beyond complaining, the Parish Councillors, however, appear to have taken no practical interest in the work.

"MENTIONED". 22nd Aug. 1919

In a list published this week of names brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for valuable services rendered in the United Kingdom in connection with the war, the name of Mrs. M. Black, Lady Superintendant, V.A.D., Red Cross Hospital, Swavesey, appears. Mrs. Black, then Miss Maud Beales, joined the Swavesey hospital as the professional nurse when it was opened early in 1915, and she remained until the hospital was closed in December last. About two years ago she was married to Mr. Black, a New Zealander, then serving as a trooper in King Edward's Horse, who was a patient at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Black left England for New Zealand about a fortnight ago.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PONTEFRACT. 22nd Aug. 1919

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Pontefract, wife of Mr. F. W. Pontefract, whose death at the age of 47 years on the 12th inst. was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. H. T. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiated, and the first part of the service was held at Mrs. Pontefract's mother's house, Boxworth End. The hymn "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung there. The chief mourners were: Mr. F. W. Pontefract (husband), Mrs. D. Sutton (mother), Miss Kate Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sutton, jun., Mr. and Mrs. A. Pontefract, Mr. and Mrs. T. Watts, and Mrs. S. Pontefract. There were many sympathising friends at the graveside. Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Mr. F. W. Pontefract wishes to convey his deepest thanks for the many kind inquiries and expressions of sympathy.

DEMOBILISED. 29th Aug. 1919

Lance-Corpl. Jethro Linford, Military Foot Police, has been demobilised and arrived in Swavesey from France on Friday last. Before joining up on November 22nd, 1915, Lance-Corpl. Linford was a constable in the Cambs. Constabulary, stationed at Eltisley. He went to France on March 25th, 1916, where he remained, except for a few periods of leave, until demobilised.

KILLED IN ACTION. 29th Aug. 1919

Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson, St. Ives, late of Swavesey, have been informed that their elder son, Corpl. Alfred Charles Dodson, 2nd Essex Regiment, who had been reported wounded and missing on August 15th, 1918, has now been officially recorded as having been killed in action on that date. At the outbreak of the war, Corpl. Dodson was serving in South Africa with the 2nd Bedfords, and had about 14 years' Army service to his credit. His battalion was immediately brought home, and Corpl. Dodson found himself in France in time for the First Battle of Ypres. On May 16th, 1916, he was severely wounded by gunshot in the left leg. On recovery a year later, he was transferred to the 17th Essex, and on June 1st, 1918, returned to France and joined the 2nd Essex. On August 15th following, he was killed. Corpl. Dodson, who was married in 1916, left a widow and one child.

WEDDING. 29th Aug. 1919

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew's, Swavesey, Dr. Edward Hindle, Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and lately captain, R.E., son of Mr. E. J. Hindle, of California, was married last Saturday afternoon to Miss Irene Margaret Twist, daughter of the late Mr. John Twist, of Roby, Lancashire. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar of Swavesey, officiated. The bride, who was

given away by her cousin, Mrs. H. Capper, of Swavesey, was dressed in biscuit-coloured crepe de chene, with hat to match. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Capper, her cousin, in pink silk and black hat. Dr. Adrian, Trinity College, was best man. Appropriate music on the organ was played by Mr. Jack Mustill before the service, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the newly-wedded couple left the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at Mrs. Capper's residence.

THE SWAVESEY ROLL. 29th Aug. 1919

In discussing the question of local War Memorials in a recent issue of the "Independent Press," we drew attention to the Swavesey Roll of Honour. Although this is to form part of a much larger memorial, the idea might be copied in many villages whose people are unable to raise a large sum of money or who wish to make a substantial contribution to the Town and County and Isle of Ely Memorial – the improvement and extension of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The wooden case has a glass front and is divided into three parts. In the centre is the Roll of Honour (the gallant dead) surmounted by the scriptural words selected by Rudyard Kipling for the memorials in France, "Their name liveth for evermore." The Roll of Service which fills the two remaining parts is in two columns, the first giving the full name of each man, but not his rank (all are level) and the second showing honours gained, deaths, prisoners of war, discharged, etc. Numbers or letters explained by foot-notes against the names denote (a) whether a man was serving with the Colours at the outbreak of war; (b) whether he was a Reservist called up; or (c) a Territorial called up on mobilisation; (d) 1919 Star men; (e) 1914-15 Star men; (f) whether wounded, and, if so, how many times. Mr. C. R. Vincent, who compiled the Roll of Honour, is having a booklet printed, with a complete record of the names. This is to be sold for the benefit of the Swavesey Memorial Hall Fund.

AN UNUSUAL VISITOR. 5th Sept. 1919

Airship R 32 sailed majestically over the village on Wednesday afternoon. The villagers were greatly interested in watching the aerial monster.

DEMOBILISED. 5th Sept. 1919

Sergt. Charles S. Hephner, 4th Suffolks, who recently returned to this country with his battalion from the Rhine, has been demobilised. He arrived in Swavesey last Saturday.

PROMOTED AND DEMOBILISED. 5th Sept. 1919

Lieut. Martin Surrey Caine, M.B.E., 21st (Alberta) Canadian Infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caine, High-street, who returned to Canada early in the summer, has been promoted captain, to date from 14th April last, and was transferred to the Reserve List of Canadian officers on 25th June. Capt. Caine, joined up on 4th January, 1915, and went to France on 8th October of that year. In the third battle of Ypres, on 2nd June, 1916, he was slightly wounded, and on 28th June was given a commission for service in the field. On 15th September following he was seriously wounded at Courcellette, and was disabled for a considerable period. Certified unfit for general service, he was employed as a musketry instructor in this country. In the last Birthday Gazette Capt. Caine was awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division).

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS PRIOR. 5th Sept. 1919

The tolling of the big bell of the parish church announced that Mr. Thomas Prior, Stanton View, Boxworth End, had died on Saturday. Mr. Prior had reached the great age of 88 years, and was the oldest inhabitant in the parish. For the last seven years he had been blind, but was confined to bed for only five weeks. The son of the late Mr. John Prior, the deceased had spent his long life in the village, where, in addition to farming, he carried on the business of butcher. He was identified in years past in many ways with the public life of the parish, and with the Baptist cause. He left a widow (his second wife), one son, two daughters and 14 grandchildren. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at the parish church, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Prior (widow), Mr. B. Prior (son), Mrs. F. Dodson and Mrs. Barrett (daughters), Miss C. Prior and Miss E. M. Prior (granddaughters), Mrs. B. Prior (daughter-in-law) and Mr. W. Barrett (son-in-law). (More mourners in newspaper). Amongst those present in church and at the graveside were the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher (pastor Bethel Baptist Chapel), Mr. W. Thorp, and Mr. Alfred Day, sen. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

DEMOBILISED. 12th Sept. 1919

Private James Kester, 1st Lincolnshire Regt., has been demobilised, and is now in Swavesey. He joined the Suffolks on 1st June, 1916, and went to France in the following October, being transferred to the 2nd Lincolns. He subsequently served with other battalions of that regiment.

WEDDING. 12th Sept. 1919

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Charles Froment, late Guards' Machine Gun Corps, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Froment, and Miss Sarah Jane Savage,

sixth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, was solemnised at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, vicar, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in saxe blue voile, with veil and orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of white and pink asters, the gift of Mr. J. Ansell, Swavesey. Attending her were two bridesmaids, the Misses B. and G. Froment, sisters of the bridegroom, in pale blue and white voile dresses. Mr. George Howlett was best man. After the ceremony the wedding guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

RATS, PEBBLES, AND LAMP-POSTS. 12th Sept. 1919

Our Swavesey representative writes:- "There are several matters connected with the Parish Council to which I have been desired by parishioners to call attention, and this week I propose to refer to three of them. In the first place I have been asked whether the official rat collector has been appointed, and, if so, who has been selected. The Council discussed the matter on 11th August. Secondly, there are people in the village who would like to know whether any, and if so how many, of the public street lamps will be ready for use by the end of the month, when the lighting of the streets should commence. Some ratepayers are of the opinion that the lamps should not be used this winter, so as to save expense. They urge that, as the village managed to get along without lamps during the war, lamps can be very well dispensed with in days, or rather nights, of peace. As, however, the parish has for many years adopted the Lighting Act, the question of its discontinuance, even for a time, would appear to be one for a Parish Meeting to decide; and the "no-lights" advocates should not overlook the fact that the Parish Council on 30th June gave their Lighting Committee full power to have all lamps and fittings put into proper working order forthwith. If the parish decides to leave the streets in darkness, the sooner the work of repairs is stopped the better. Thirdly, it has been suggested that the Parish Councillors should be reminded that during the earlier part of the war the Council made a representation to the County Road authorities respecting the discreditable condition of the pebble side-path in High Street. Orders were, it is understood, given by the County Road Surveyor to a local tradesman to repair the path, but this gentleman, unless my memory is defective, told the Parish Council some months later that he could not do the work, as his bricklayer had had to join up. Beyond removing the loose pebbles, nothing was done. Part of the roadway in High-street is now being tarred, and the other part, we are told, is to be repaired shortly. Why not attend to the footpath now? Of course, the proper method for anxious seekers after parochial information to adopt is to apply to the Clerk of the Parish

Council, but there appears to be a desire on the part of many parishioners not to trouble that already overburdened functionary with personal enquiries. By reason of holding every, or nearly every, public office in the parish he is specially qualified to answer questions and settle difficulties of all sorts. This aggregation of multifarious offices in one human being once tempted a frivolous youth who had lived in London to observe that the Swavesey Parish Council Clerk must occasionally find himself in as awkward a predicament as did the great functionary in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera whose innumerable offices included those of Lord High Everything, Chief Justice, Archbishop, and Public Executioner. Some persons are rash enough to assert that a representation in the "Press and News" is far more likely to be effective than a personal representation to an official. But I would remind these persons that Swavesey Parish Councillors have declared over and over again that they never take notice of anything appertaining to themselves, or their duties, which may appear in the Press."

SWAVESEY ROLL OF HONOUR. 12th Sept. 1919

BOOKLET SOLD FOR BENEFIT OF MEMORIAL HALL FUND.

The Swavesey Roll of Honour and record of men who are known to have served in the Great War was first on sale to the general public yesterday at a garden fete in Swavesey Vicarage grounds organised in aid of Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund. It is an unpretentious booklet, probably at the present moment the only one of its kind in the County, and it is being sold at a price of one shilling a copy for the benefit of the Memorial Hall Fund. Within a small compass much information is given. The Roll of Honour of the gallant quarter-hundred men who gave their lives in the struggle holds first place. Then follows the list of Swavesey men who served in the war, including even those who had left their native parish and found homes elsewhere, and against the names, which are given in full are shown honours gained, deaths, prisoners of war, discharged, etc. Numbers or letters denote (a) whether a man was serving with the colours at the outbreak of the war; (b) whether he was a Reservist called up; or (c) a Territorial called up on mobilisation; (d) 1914 star men; (e) 1914-1915 star men; (f) whether wounded or gassed, and, if so, how many times. Mr. T. Metcalfe, Post Office, Swavesey, has kindly undertaken to sell the booklet, and copies can also be obtained from the compiler, Mr. C. R. Vincent, High-street, Swavesey.

DEMOBILISED. 19th Sept. 1919

Corpl. John K. Savage, R.F.A., has been demobilised. A reservist called up on mobilisation on 4th August, 1914, he served throughout the war. In July, 1917, he was wounded.

GARDEN FETE. 19th Sept. 1919

Bright sunshine and a cloudless sky on Thursday, 11th instant, gave a perfect day for the garden fete in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund held, by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage, and the people, or at any rate those who were not kept away by the claims of business, the harvest, etc., took full advantage of the many attractions offered them. Although not organised on such ambitious lines as some previous fetes in Swavesey, it was fully as successful, and in some instances even beat earlier records. The organisers, under Mr. C. Wood, with whom was associated the Vicar, are to be warmly congratulated on their untiring and arduous work, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that the result of their labours was complete success. The chief attraction was the pastoral play, "Alice in Wonderland," of which performances were given at 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The setting was most appropriate, as that part of the garden which had been enclosed for the purpose made a natural sylvan theatre, and the background, with its sloping banks and trees, shrubs and undergrowth, afforded scenery which was just what was wanted. The costumes, all home-made, were most effective, and the different characters, all word perfect, were played with intelligence and zest. The training had been done well by Mr. Wood. Alice was represented by Miss E. Dodson; Alice's sister by Miss P. Mitham; the White Rabbit, Mr. Wood; March Hare, Jack Mustill; Mad Hatter, Mr. A. Prime, jun., M.M.; King of Hearts, Mr. A. Beaumont; Queen of Hearts, Miss M. Cole; Knave of Hearts, Mr. P. J. Beaumont; Duchess, Miss Connie Goad; gardeners, soldiers, ladies-in-waiting, etc. So well satisfied was the afternoon audience that many of them attended again in the evening, and the takings were a Swavesey record.

The other attractions included a shooting gallery, run by Mr. A. Beaumont; Aunt Sally in charge of Mr. Walter Thorp; while Mr. P. Godfrey induced 55 prospectors to peg out claims in Klondike. No one hit upon the right spot, though several were quite near, and the half-prize went to a lady, Mrs. A. J. Willson. In interesting collection of war trophies and souvenirs, lent by Mr. Elliott (Boxworth), Rev. J. S. Sharp, Messrs. Goad, Walter Thorp, Heasman, etc, was on view, and had a most competent exponent in Regimental Sergt.-Major Heasman who also rendered valuable aid in many other ways. The refreshment department was in the capable hands of Mrs. Cooksey, with many energetic helpers, and was well patronised. Customers, however, found fault

not with the food, which was excellent, but with the prices – they were too low! A jumble stall was in charge of Mrs. Twist, new work stall of Mrs. Sharp, and a produce stall of Mr. F. J. Beales, with assistants. All did well. Sixty-seven persons contributed to the produce stall from Swavesey, Fen Drayton, Over, Lolworth, Boxworth, Conington, Histon, Ipswich and London. The Beduoin fortune teller, impersonated by Captain Barwell, assisted by his son, both in correct native Arab dress, must not be overlooked. They held their séances in a tent of mystery, decorated with barbaric designs. Guessing competitions were numerous. Ringing the Kaiser's nose was very popular with the young people, and so was the bran-tub. Mr. Twist's Zoo was worthy of special mention, and apart from his show he earned a debt of gratitude for the work he did to make the fete of success both before and after the event. Last of all, reference should be made to the Roll of Honour stall, at which Mrs. Ashby sold the Swavesey Roll of Honour booklet, placed on sale for the first time that day. So great was the demand that the first edition was sold out. (The booklet has since been reprinted). In the evening a dance was held in the National School under the management of Nurses D. Williams and George Goad. The financial result of the fete and dance has been most satisfactory, no less than £71 11s. 6½d. having been handed to the treasurer of the Memorial Hall Fund. The whole of the expenses were borne by the organisers, stall holders, and other workers.

RATS. 26th Sept. 1919

Mr. George Clarke has been appointed rat collector for the parish of Swavesey.

THE SCHOOLS. 26th Sept. 1919

The National Schools will be re-opened on Monday morning after the summer holidays. One teacher will be missing, Mrs. C. S. Hepher (nee Miss E. Robinson) having resigned.

WINTER PRICE OF MILK. 26th Sept. 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: No official intimation has yet been issued by the local Food Committee respecting the retail price of milk during the winter months. Complaint is made that this delay in fixing the price is not fair either to the milk retailer or to the consumer.

TWO QUESTIONS. 26th Sept. 1919

People who think it wise to be prepared for possible trouble, would like to know whether temporary bridges to span the gate openings in the raised

causeway at Church End, in the event of flood, have yet been supplied, and whether the snow plough provided by the District Council for use in the parish of Swavesey is now stored in the village and available for immediate use when needed. The original temporary bridges were destroyed in the great fire in March, 1913, and scaffold boards and odd planks, borrowed from various accommodating people, have since been used, but have made a far from satisfactory or safe substitute.

PRICE OF MILK. 3rd Oct. 1919

No official intimation to the public as to the retail price of milk during the winter months has been issued in Swavesey, but it is understood that retailers propose to charge 9d. a quart during October, 10d. in November, and 11d. in December.

THE TURN BRIDGE. 3rd Oct. 1919

At their last meeting the Parish Council decided to call the attention of the District Council to the unprotected state of the large open ditch which crosses High-street at Turn Bridge. Last Saturday an effective fence was erected on one side of the bridge. A fence is, however, badly needed on the other side of the bridge.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Oct. 1919

Mr. Cecil Dean, baker, Swavesey, met with an unfortunate accident whilst delivering bread in Over on Monday afternoon. He was getting into his cart with a basket on one arm, when the horse moved on. Mr. Dean stepped back, but caught his leg in the reins and fell heavily to the ground. Fortunately he escaped the wheel. On his return home, Dr. R. Ellis was called in. No bones were broken.

IN MEMORIAM. 3rd Oct. 1919

COULSON. In loving memory of Pioneer Walter Coulson, R.E., who died of wounds, in France, October 2nd, 1918, aged 31 years. Buried in the British Communal Cemetery, at Doingt, near Peronne.

From our happy home and circle,

God has taken one we loved.

Borne away from sin and sorrow,

For a happier home above.

The parting to us was so bitter,

The meeting will be sweet.

When through our dear Redeemer

In Heaven we hope to meet.

From his sorrowing Wife and Children, Mother and Father, Sisters and Brothers, The Limes, Swavesey.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 10th Oct. 1919

At the National School on Monday morning a medal awarded by the County Education Authority was presented to Lily Melbourne for one year's perfect attendance. Stanley Brooks received a bar to the medal awarded in 1918 for another year's perfect attendance.

EVENING SCHOOL. 10th Oct. 1919

Arrangements have been made for evening classes to be held at the National School commencing on Monday, 20th October, viz., Mondays and Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m., needlework and woodwork; Tuesdays, 7 to 9, arithmetic; Wednesdays, 7 to 9, drawing; Thursday, 7 to 9, elementary science.

LARGE POTATO. 10th Oct. 1919

A Swavesey small holder can go one better in the matter of large potatoes than the growers of Fen Drayton and Oakington mentioned in last Friday's "Press and News." Last week Mr. James Kester, jun., dug an Evergood potato which weighed 3lb. and half an ounce. It was grown in the Mill Field small holdings.

THE RAILWAY SERVICE. 10th Oct. 1919

The normal service of passenger trains calling at Swavesey Station was restored on Wednesday, including two new trains, late trains, which should have begun to run on the 1st October, viz., up train leaving Swavesey at 8.59 p.m., and due at Cambridge at 9.25 p.m., and down train leaving Cambridge at 8.40 p.m., and due at Swavesey at 9.3 p.m. The regular postal services were also resumed on Wednesday.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 10th Oct. 1919

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the parish church on Thursday, 2nd instant, and the sacred building was effectively decorated with flowers and fruit. There was also a quantity of vegetables. The popular service was Evensong at 7 p.m., which was attended by a good congregation. The service was bright and hearty. The Rev. Granville Sharp, Vicar of Longford, Derbyshire, preached. The festival was continued on Sunday, the Rev. G. Sharp again preaching at Evensong. The collections on Thursday and on Sunday morning were, as usual, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the fruit and vegetables used in the decorations have been

sent. The children's offerings of flowers, etc., at their service on Sunday afternoon have been forwarded to the St. Ives infirmary.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th Oct. 1919

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Mr. J. S. Goad, (vice-chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman, R. Norman, J. L. Stanton, and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The minutes of the last meeting on 11th August having been confirmed, the Clerk reported that he had received no reply to a letter sent by direction of the Council to Mr. D. Hayward, Cambridge, respecting the proposed inspection of the Recreation Ground with the view of laying a cricket pitch. A discussion followed, and eventually Mr. Burton proposed that further consideration of the question of preparing a pitch should be adjourned until the New Year. The voting was three for and three against. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution, which therefore carried. The Council then proceeded to consider the question of the present tenancy of the parish property in High-street which had been placed at the disposal of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Committee at a previous meeting for the erection of the proposed village hall and institute. After a long discussion, it was decided to ask the tenant, Mr. W. J. Hepher, to attend the meeting, and a messenger was sent to him. He quickly put in an appearance and the Chairman and Mr. Beales explained the situation to him. It was suggested to him that he should remain tenant subject to three months' notice to quit to be given at any time. Mr. Hepher replied that he gladly agreed to these terms. Mr. Beales thereupon moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hepher, which was seconded by Mr. F. Norman and carried unanimously. A communication from the Clerk of the County Council calling attention to the joint war memorial of the County, Isle of Ely, and Borough of Cambridge was discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to reply that as a large scheme for a local memorial was in hand, it was regretted that no assistance could be given to the County Memorial. Mr. Twist asked the Clerk about the Church End Causeway plank bridges for use in flood time. He understood that he had had the order to supply them for some time. The Clerk replied that suitable wood was expensive and difficult to obtain. He hoped there would be no more floods, but if there should be one before he had made the bridges, he had arranged with the District Council Road Surveyor to lend scaffold planks. Some of the Councillors did not think that this was a satisfactory arrangement. Mr. Stanton proposed that the Council should ask owners and occupiers of land to have their ditches cleared out and their hedges cut. Mr. Goad asked

that the hedges on the District Council road should not be overlooked. High hedges, he contended, made the roads very wet. The clerk pointed out that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction in the matter, and the Chairman agreed. A long and interesting conversation ensued respecting hedges and ditches, and at length the question was asked as to the number of hours per day the men employed by the District Council in clearing out the public drains in the parish were supposed to work. A resolution directing the Clerk to write to the District Council asking for information as to the hours of work of the men in question, and the wages paid to them, was proposed and carried unanimously. Mr. Stanton asked the Clerk when he was going to replace the fob at Church Bridge which he had removed. The Clerk replied that the fob had doubtless floated down the river. Mr. Twist suggested a flap at the end of the drain from Swan pond under the high road. If that were supplied, the fob would not be needed. Mr. Burton asked what authority was responsible for the fob. The Clerk replied the District Council. Mr. Burton thereupon proposed that a letter be sent to the District council calling attention to the matter. Mr. Twist seconded. Carried unanimously. In view of the Restriction of Lighting Order, it was agreed that the question of lighting the village street lamps during the winter should remain in abeyance for the present. At the close of the meeting the Clerk announced that the returning officer's charges in connection with the Parish Council election in the spring amounted to £8 – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: Some of the matters to which attention has recently been called in the "Press and News" were dealt with by the Parish Council on Monday night, but nothing was said about the defective stiles between the Recreation Ground and Brickhill Drove. Possibly this matter was overlooked owing to the length of the sitting, 2½ hours, and the many and various subjects discussed.

DEMOBILISED. 17th Oct. 1919

Three more Swavesey men, all of whom have served on the Western front, have been demobilised and have returned home, viz., Second Lieut. E. Williams, Northants. Regt., Sergt. P. V. Maltby, 2nd South Staffordshire Regt., and Gunner T. W. Savage, R.G.A.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 17th Oct. 1919

A working party of ladies is being formed in the village to make garments, etc., to be sold for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund. Ladies who are willing to assist are asked to kindly communicate with the hon. secretary, Miss M. Cole, The Farm, as soon as possible, as it is desired to start work without delay.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 17th Oct. 1919

A service of thanksgiving for the harvest was held on Thursday evening, 9th inst., at Bethel Baptist Chapel, which was prettily decorated for the occasion by ladies of the congregation with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Phillips, Free Church, St. Ives, who took his text from the first verse of the 23rd Psalm. A very good congregation attended, and the collection, which amounted to £8, was equally satisfactory. The contributions of fruit and vegetables have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. During the afternoon a clearance sale of fancy and useful needlework left over from the sale of work on August Bank Holiday was held in the Chapel Schoolroom, and realised £14 3s. 6d., and between the sale and the evening service there was a public tea, which attracted a full attendance.

PARISH COUNCIL OMISSIONS. 17th Oct. 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- Attention was called last week to the failure of the Parish Councillors at their meeting held a few days previously to deal with those defective stiles on the right of way from the Recreation Ground to Brickhill Drove. I have since been desired by a parishioner to point out that the plank bridge is unsafe. The Council might with advantage devote attention to the stiles in other parts of the parish – those between the village and the river for instance. Not only are the remnants of the stiles difficult to negotiate except by the young and active, but the disappearance of a footbridge has interfered with a favourite walk to Overcote Ferry. Another parishioner has asked me to inquire whether there is still a right of way from the wooden house in Rose and Crown-lane to Gibraltar-lane, and, if there is none, to suggest that the Parish Council should ascertain under what circumstances the right of public usage which was believed to exist some years ago was lost or surrendered. There was, however, a more remarkable omission from the proceedings at the last Council meeting than matters brought to their notice in the local Press. At their previous meeting on 11th August a councillor gave formal notice that at the next meeting he would move a resolution to amend Standing Order No. 2, with the view of reducing the quorum from five to three. I do not remember that any reference was made to the proposed resolution in the minutes of 11th August, and the resolution was not included in the agenda, it was not moved, nor was it even mentioned at last week's meeting.

PROFITEERING COMMITTEE. 24th Oct. 1919

It is understood that a combined Profiteering Committee for the Swavesey and St. Ives rural districts and St. Ives borough are in course of formation.

SOLDIER INJURED. 24th Oct. 1919

Bombardier F. A. Prior, R.F.A., who is in camp at Ripon, has recently been thrown from his horse through the bit breaking, and is in hospital suffering from concussion and injuries to his nose and face. He returned from the Rhine last August.

RATS. 24th Oct. 1919

During this week war is being waged on rats throughout the country. This is the week of the national campaign for the extermination, or at any rate the substantial reduction, of hordes of rats. Mr. George Clarke is the official rat collector for the parish of Swavesey, and he will be glad to receive, and pay for, any number of rats' tails.

DAMAGED HOUSES. 24th Oct. 1919

Two houses in the main road in Swavesey have had recently to be tied with iron rods, and it is stated that ominous cracks are showing in other houses. It is suggested that the very heavy traffic to and from the railway station, ponderous traction engines hauling heavily-laden trucks, during the past four or five years, is to some extent responsible for the damage.

WEDDING. 24th Oct. 1919

At Croham-road Baptist Church, South Croydon, on the 12th inst., very quietly, the wedding took place of Mr. Frank Shergold and Miss D. E. Savage, of Swavesey. The bride's dress was of pale mauve voile, and she wore a georgette hat trimmed with mauve to match her dress. Miss Winnie Shergold, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and she was dressed in dark blue silk with pale blue hat. The bride was given away by Mr. G. Shergold, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Ernest Deadman was best man. The presents were numerous and useful.

THE POSTAL SERVICE. 24th Oct. 1919

During the war, owing mainly, it is believed, to the restricted train service, the day mail despatch from Swavesey Post Office was altered from 1.30 p.m. to 10.45 a.m., and the night mail despatch from 7.45 p.m. to 7 p.m., while the third, or evening, delivery was suspended. Now that the pre-war railway service has been restored, there appears to be no reason why the pre-war postal service should not be resumed. It is possible that through the earlier closing of

the Swavesey Post Office (7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.) a later night mail despatch may not be desirable from the office point of view, and that the evening delivery, which was obtained for the village a few years ago through the kind intervention of Mr. E. S. Montagu, in the face of strong official opposition, may not be considered to be worth the extra expense, but the only objection apparent to the public eye against a day mail despatch by the 1.47 p.m. train would seem to be the closing of the Swavesey Post Office from 1 to 2 p.m. for the dinner hour, and this objection might, it is thought, be surmounted without causing inconvenience to anyone. A later day mail despatch would not only be a convenience to Swavesey people, who could answer letters received by day mail, but would enable correspondence from Elsworth, Boxworth and other villages served from Swavesey to be included in the day mail despatch, as in pre-war times.

GONE TO INDIA. 31st Oct. 1919

Pte. Albert Holmes, Royal West Kent Regiment, has sailed for India.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Oct. 1919

Sermons on behalf of the National Society were preached at the Parish church on Sunday last at the morning and evening services by the Rev. A. Hughes.

RAT CAMPAIGN. 31st Oct. 1919

The national campaign against rats was not a striking success in Swavesey. During the week only 15 rats' tails were taken to the official rat collector.

OBITUARY. 31st Oct. 1919

Mrs. Emily Mitham, widow of the late Mr. Edward Mitham, farmer, Swavesey, died on Tuesday in Cambridge, where she had been living during the last few years. Mrs. Mitham, who had attained the great age of 92 years, and had been in failing health for some time, was the daughter of the late Mr. Henry Harman, of Costessey, Norwich. The funeral will take place at Swavesey this (Friday) afternoon.

WOMEN'S MEETING. 31st Oct. 1919

A meeting for women, under the auspices of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases (Cambs. Branch), was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. About fifty women were present. Mrs. Bethune Baker presided, and Mrs. Adney, of the National Council, London, gave an address on "How to help and safeguard children and young people." Mrs. Hastree, of the Cambs. Branch, also spoke.

POSTAL SERVICE. 31st Oct. 1919

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: With reference to the paragraph in last week's "Press and News" respecting the postal service, I have been given to understand that the main obstacle to the day mail despatch being made by the 1.47 p.m. train, instead of by the 11.12 a.m. train as at present, is the irregular running of the down train due at 10.49 a.m., by which day mail correspondence for delivering in the Swavesey district is conveyed from Cambridge. This train invariably arrives considerably after scheduled time, and there is in consequence not sufficient time for correspondence to be delivered, collected, and despatched by the 1.47 p.m. train, which now runs rather earlier than in former days.

WHIST DRIVE. 31st Oct. 1919

A successful whist drive, organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee of the Swavesey War Memorial and Institute Fund, was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Twenty-eight tables were fully occupied, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss Beaumont, Miss Gadsby and Mrs. H. Holmes; gentlemen, Mr D. Williams, Mr. E. Mitham and Mr. Chandler. Excellent refreshments, given by village friends, were supplied at moderate charges, and were in great request. This department was under the capable management of the Misses G. and E. Dodson. Mr. George Goad acted as M. C. The drive resulted in £7 10s. being handed over to the Memorial Hall Fund, and it is hoped to arrange other drives during the winter months.

IN MEMORIAM. 31st Oct. 1919

CHADDOCK. – In ever-loving and devoted memory of my dear husband, Corporal F. J. Chaddock, 1st Gloucester Regiment, who was killed in France, October 31st, 1918. Buried south of Gaillon, near Sambre Canal.

One sad year has passed away,
Since my loved one was called away.
Time may heal my broken heart,
Time may make the wound less sore,
But time will never heal the longing
For my loved one gone before.
I think of him in silence,
No eyes may see me weep,
But still within my aching heart
His sweet memory I will ever keep.

Faithful unto death

From his loving Wife, Florence, 9, High-street, Swavesey.

WINTRY WEATHER. 7th Nov. 1919

Snow fell in Swavesey during Monday night.

HOME FROM THE EAST. 7th Nov. 1919

Gunner G. E. Canham, R.G.A., arrived in Swavesey on Tuesday morning on leave from Egypt. Joining up in March, 1917, he went to Mesopotamia in the July following, serving there until May, 1918, when he was transferred to the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He is in excellent health.

FUNERAL. 7th Nov. 1919

The funeral of Mrs. Emily Mitham, widow of the late Mr. Edward Mitham, whose death was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. G. Hawkes (daughter), Miss E. Hawkes (granddaughter), Mrs. Staden, Mrs. H. Beaumont, Mrs. R. Mitham (nieces), and Mrs. J. Day, Cambridge. Several old friends were also present in church and at the graveside. The coffin was of polished elm, with brass fittings. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The late Mrs. Mitham was born on the 11th November, 1825.

FOR THE FALLEN. 7th Nov. 1919

A memorial service for the 25 Swavesey men who fell in the war was held at the parish church on Sunday evening. Preceded by the banner of the church, carried by Mr. R. Mitham, the choir entered in procession, singing Bishop Heber's hymn "The Son of God goes forth to war." Only the opening part of the evening prayer was used, and then followed special Psalms, lessons and prayers, and Stainer's anthem "What are these?" Hymn, "How bright these glorious spirits shine" was sung before the sermon, which was preached by the Vicar, and then came another hymn, "On the Resurrection morning." The service concluded with the Nunc Dimittis.

WEDDING. 7th Nov. 1919

A quiet but pretty ceremony took place at Boston, Lincs., on Saturday last, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. A. Rose, of Boston, to Miss Agnes Stockbridge, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, of Swavesey. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a navy blue costume, with hat and veil to match, and carried an ivory-covered Prayer Book (the gift of the

bridegroom), was given away by her father. Miss Gladys Stockbridge, of Boston (niece of the bride) was bridesmaid, and S.-Sergt. F. Stockbridge, R.F.A. (brother of the bride), at present home on leave, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom, where several friends extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rose their best wishes. The happy couple left Boston by the 3 o'clock train for Firsby, where for the present they intend to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Rose were the recipients of numerous and useful presents.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 14th Nov. 1919

Miss Rowbotham, of the Queen Victoria's Home for Nurses, has been engaged by the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, to undertake the duties of district nurse in the three villages. Miss Rowbotham has recently been employed on district nursing work in Manchester. She is residing at Mrs. James Well's house, Church-end, Swavesey.

WEDDING. 14th Nov. 1919

The marriage of Miss Elsie Savage, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, Swavesey, and Pte. David Brookes, R.A.S.C. (M.T.), eldest son of Mr. Amos Brookes, Solihull, Warwickshire, took place in Swavesey Parish Church, by special licence, on Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore cream georgette, trimmed with silver beads, and a veil and orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of white chrysanthemums. In attendance was one bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Brookes, sister of the bridegroom, in saxe blue voile and white net hat. She wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Henry Hill (the bridegroom's brother-in-law) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and later the newly-married pair left for Solihull for the honeymoon. The presents are both numerous and useful. Pte. Brookes is on leave from France.

DEMOBILISED. 14th Nov. 1919

C.S.M. B. G. Mann, M.M., 8th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, arrived at his home in Swavesey on Monday, having been demobilised. He was a Reservist of the Suffolk Regiment, and was called up on mobilisation on August 4th, 1914. Being an expert signaller, he quickly obtained promotion, and was employed as an instructor with the 3rd Suffolks, and subsequently with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, to which regiment he was transferred. Promoted sergeant in June, 1915, he was sent, as an instructor, to the Signalling School at Blundell Sands, near Liverpool. In April, 1917, he left with a draft of his regiment for

Mesopotamia. In the Mediterranean his ship, the *Cameronian*, was torpedoed and sunk, with sad loss of life. Sergeant Mann, after swimming for an hour or more, was rescued by a destroyer, and was taken to Malta. From thence, after being re-equipped, he proceeded on his voyage to the East, but his troubles were not over. Between Malta and Egypt three enemy submarines dogged the ship. One torpedo missed her by inches, but the watchful Japanese destroyers which formed the escort were on the alert. One submarine was sunk by gunfire, and another was rammed, whilst the third was chased away and was lost sight of. In the Red Sea, only a few hours' sail from Suez, Sergeant Mann's ship ran aground, and the troops had to be landed on the desolate coast for a couple of days while the vessel was being hauled off the rocks by tugs. He returned to Suez, and after the hole in the ship had been patched up, proceeded to Basoa. On March 28th, 1918, he was wounded by gun shot in the leg, and notwithstanding his injury, distinguished himself by bringing in a wounded officer, for which gallant action he was awarded the Military Medal. He was one of the burial party of General Maude's funeral. On March 4th, 1919, he was promoted Company Sergeant-Major. After leaving Mesopotamia, C.S.M. Mann proceeded to India, where he served until sent home for demobilisation.

ARMISTICE DAY. 14th Nov. 1919

Although no organised arrangements had been made for the parish as a whole, Armistice Day was observed in Swavesey. Services were held at the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., and one of the bells was tolled from 10.55 until 11 a.m., and again at the end of the two minutes' silence desired by the King, in memory of the Glorious Dead. His Majesty's suggestion was adopted very generally, and work, sound and movement ceased in the parish. Some farmers had given instructions to their workers. The men employed by the Rural District Council in clearing out the main drains were briefly addressed by the District Road Surveyor, Mr. Hagger, shortly before 11 o'clock, and when the Church clock struck the hour they stood at attention in silence for two minutes. At the Railway Station the Stationmaster, Mr. F. J. Beales, reminded the men at work in the goods yard of the token of respect they were asked to consider, and work ceased. With hardly an exception there was silence and stillness throughout the village. Men in the road paused, and carts and other vehicles came to a standstill. Below the Roll of Honour in High-street, which records the names of 25 Swavesey men who made the supreme sacrifice, a wreath of laurel, made by Miss Pook, was flanked by Union Jacks. Another laurel wreath, made by Miss Pook, surrounded the memorial cards of the fallen men in the Parish Church, and vases of white chrysanthemums stood on the ledge

below, placed there by the loving care of Miss Grace Froment, whose brother fell in France on August 5th, 1917. The evening service was choral, and was of the nature of a thanksgiving. The Vicar preached, and after the service the bells were rung for a short time.

The day was duly observed at the National School. On assembling at 9 a.m., the children sang the hymn, "O, God of Love, O, King of Peace," and the Headmaster (Mr. C. Wood, M.S.M.) who served in France for nearly four years with the 23rd Royal Fusiliers, recited some special prayers. Later, small models in plasticine of the cenotaph at Whitehall were made by the scholars, after which Mr. Wood read the King's message, followed by a lecture on what the Armistice meant a year ago to the men who were fighting, and to the people at home. He described the horrors of war, and impressed upon the children the importance of peace.

ON LEAVE. 21st Nov. 1919

Pte. George E. Hephher, the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, is at home on fourteen days' leave from the Rhine. He is in excellent health.

POSTAL SERVICE. 21st Nov. 1919

The pre-war mail despatch of letters, etc., from Swavesey Post Office will on Monday next be restored. Commencing on that day the box at the Post Office will be cleared at 1.25 p.m. instead of at 10.45 a.m., and the collection from the wall box in Middle Watch will be made at 1.15 p.m.

DEMOBILISED. 21st Nov. 1919

Pte. Alfred Charles Hephher, 21st Middlesex Regiment, has arrived at his home in Swavesey, having been demobilised. He joined up on September 13th, 1917, and went to France on April 1st, 1918. Nine days later he was taken prisoner by the Germans at Fleurbaix, and was sent to work in a stone quarry at Bramburg-bei-Adelebsen. At the end of December he was repatriated.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 21st Nov. 1919

The name of another old Swavesey man has this week been added to the Roll of Honour. Pte. Herbert James Martin, then a youth, left Swavesey some years ago and enlisted in the Suffolk regiment. He served in South Africa, and in course of time passed into the Reserve. Then he married and settled down in business at Cowes, Isle of Wight. On the outbreak of war in August, 1914, he was recalled to the colours, and soon found himself in France with the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. On September 30th, 1915, he was killed in action. Pte. Martin left a widow and four sons, the oldest of whom was only

four years of age. Mrs. Martin has received the 1914 Star awarded to her husband.

ACCIDENT. 28th Nov. 1919

Mrs. George Trundley, Askew-row, met with a serious accident on Friday afternoon. While engaged in her household duties she fell, from some unexplained cause, on two pails, and sustained severe injury, including the fracture of three ribs. She is being attended by Dr. R. Ellis, and the district nurse, Miss Rowbotham. Mrs. Trundley is 74 years of age.

IN MEMORIAM. 28th Nov. 1919

HEPHER. – In proud and loving memory of my two sons, James William Hepher, Private, 11th Suffolks, presumed killed in action, in France, 28th April, 1917; and Cyril George Hepher, Private, 7th East Yorkshire, died at Wimereaux, France, 30th November, 1918, from wounds received on 20th September, 1918.

“Faithful unto death.”

Swavesey, Cambs, 28th November, 1919

WHIST DRIVE. 28th Nov. 1919

The second series of whist drives for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall and Institute Fund was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, and was nearly as successful financially as the first drive, about £5 being credited to the fund. There were 26 tables, and the prizes all given by members of the entertainments sub-committee were awarded to : Ladies, Miss C. Goad, Miss F. Whybrow, Miss M. A. Parish, Miss Sutton; gentlemen, Mr. F. Causer, Mr. Bert Prime, Mr. Pontefract and Mr. Walter Thorp. Excellent light refreshments were provided at reasonable charges. It may not be inopportune to remind those persons who have not yet contributed to the War Memorial Hall Fund that the subscription list is still open. Donations should be paid to the treasurer (Mr. C. Wood), to one of the authorised collectors, or to any member of the general committee. All money received is paid into the fund's banking account, and there earns interest, thus benefiting the fund. If, however, it may be more convenient for an intending subscriber to pay in a donation at some future date, a definite promise should be given to the treasurer or collector.

ADVERT. 5th Dec. 1919

G. E. CANHAM, Grocer, Draper and Provision Merchant, gladly makes known to his numerous customers, that having secured his release from

military service, he is once again free to deal personally with his patrons, whom he thanks most heartily for their patience and forbearance during the past trying period, which it is hoped has come to an end. G. E. Canham's motto for the future will be S.P.Q.R. (small profits, quick returns). A few Special Lines in Drapery are on hand, and are being offered at old prices while they last. Any order, however small, if not on hand, will willingly be procured at shortest notice.

FROM INDIA. 5th Dec. 1919

Gunner James Prior, M.G.C., has arrived in England from India.

A BAD ROAD. 5th Dec. 1919

A correspondent writes:- I shall be much obliged if attention can be called in the "Press and News" to the bad condition of the Swavesey – Longstanton road, commonly called the Ramper Road. It is not fit for man or beast. No roadman comes along to let the water off, or things might be a little better. If you go along the road in the dark you have to walk in single file or have the pleasure of wading through water. Twelve little children have to walk along the road through water and mud every day to and from school. People tell me that it is the worst road round here for miles; at any rate it is a disgrace to the parish.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 5th Dec. 1919

The Over, Swavesey, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which has recently been established is in urgent need of funds.

PROMOTION. 12th Dec. 1919

Gunner James Prior, M.G.C., recently demobilised, was promoted lance-corporal on 9th September last.

RATS. 12th Dec. 1919

During the month of November 68 rats' tails were received by Mr. George Clarke, the official collector, making a total of 120 tails since Mr. Clarke began to collect in October.

THE POST OFFICE. 12th Dec. 1919

The dinner hour closing at Swavesey Post Office has been changed from 1 to 2 p.m. to 12.15 to 1.15 p.m. The alteration is due to the day-mail despatch now being made at 1.25 p.m., instead of at 10.45 a.m.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. 12th Dec. 1919

As a measure of economy the Parish Council decided that the public lamps should not be lighted this winter, and in consequence the streets of the village are in absolute darkness on moonless nights. Following the example of the Council, some cyclists have adopted the dangerous practice of extinguishing their lamps when leaving their cycles outside shops and houses, with the result that pedestrians groping their way along the sides of the roads are apt to come into painful collision with handlebars and pedals. There is also a risk of a cycle being overthrown, and, if left lying on the ground, it may be the cause of a serious accident in the darkness.

DEMOBILISED. 12th Dec. 1919

Gunner James Prior, M.G.C. and Sapper Arthur C. Garner, R.E., have been demobilised, and have arrived at their homes in Swavesey. Both are in excellent health. Gunner Prior joined the Norfolk Regt. on 12th June, 1917, and two months later was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. Towards the end of that year he sailed for India via the Cape of Good Hope, and landed at Bombay on 23rd January, 1918. He remained in India until sent home for demobilisation about a month ago, and he employed his leisure in writing an interesting account of his long voyage to the East, which he published as a booklet. Sapper Garner joined up on 25th November, 1916, and, after some months at Chatham, left for Salonica in August, 1917. He served with the Salonica force until December, 1918, when he proceeded to Constantinople, where he was stationed until the 13th of last month. He landed in this country on Friday. His arrival at home has been anxiously awaited, as his father, Mr. Charles Garner, harness maker, who had been in indifferent health for a long time, is, we regret to say, seriously ill. All Swavesey men who are likely to be released from military service for some time to come, have now been demobilised.

SOCIAL EVENING. 12th Dec. 1919

In aid of the Over, Swavesey and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, a social was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, and attracted a large attendance. Mrs. Cole, president of the Association, acted as chairman. The entertainment included songs by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Miss C. Goad, Miss Alice Newman, Mr. C. Wood and Mr. Barwell. All items were heartily applauded and some were encored. Mr. Barwell, in clown's dress, caused much amusement throughout the evening, as, in addition to his songs he contributed conjuring tricks, and gave an amusing representation of an old lady's troubles at a railway station. The leading feature of the evening was a sketch, entitled

“Our at-home day,” the characters in which were taken by Miss E. Dodson, Miss P. Mitham, and Miss M. Cole. Interspersed with the songs, etc., were dances of various kinds and musical games, and the evening ended with Roger de Coverley. Mrs. Banks presided at the piano for the dances, and Mr. Dennis Williams carried out the duties of M.C. Before separating Mrs. Cole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the performers and helpers. Excellent refreshments were provided at reasonable charges.

ALLEGED BIGAMY. 19th Dec. 1919

Swavesey Man Charged at Liverpool.

A FINE ARMY RECORD.

At Liverpool City Police Court on Tuesday, a Swavesey man, named B.G.M, was committed for trial at the next Assizes on a charge of bigamy.

He was originally brought up on Thursday last, but was then remanded until Tuesday. The charge against him was of marrying, on May 1st, 1916, A. A., of 5 Windsor-road, Walton, Liverpool, his first wife being still alive.

During his absence abroad his wife and four children remained at Swavesey. On being demobilised last month he returned to Swavesey, and after being there for a few days left for Liverpool. Then letters turned up which gave rise to the suspicion that he had married another woman near Liverpool in 1916. The matter was put in the hands of the County Police, and Supt. Allen communicated with the Liverpool police with the result that B.G.M. was arrested and charged as stated above.

ADVERT. 19th Dec. 1919

FESTIVE SEASON. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, solicits kind orders for Nuts, Oranges, Lemons, Raisins, Sultanas, Currants, French Plums, Jams, Marmalade, Mincemeat, Fancy Chocolates, etc. Christmas and New Year cards, Toys, Fancy and Useful Mementoes for Christmas and New Year. Please call.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 19th Dec. 1919

In the absence of the pastor, the services on Sunday morning and evening were conducted by Mr. J. Breens of Longstanton. At the service in the Schoolroom in the afternoon, the address was given by Lance-Corpl. J. Prior. The subject was “The Winning Side” and Mr. Prior based his remarks on the story of the re-building of Jerusalem (Nehemiah x). A full schoolroom listened with great interest to a thoroughly practical application of the Bible story to present-day Christian methods and requirements. The service was interspersed with sacred solos and recitations, which greatly added to the interest of the meeting. We

understand that Mr. Prior will at some future date tell something of his experiences while serving in India.

DEATH OF MR. C. GARNER. 19th Dec. 1919

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 67 years, of Mr. Charles Garner, the well-known harness-maker, of Swavesey and Over, which occurred at his residence in Swavesey on Thursday night, the 11th inst. Although he had been in failing health for some time, he was ill for only about five weeks, and when the end came he passed away suddenly. Mr. Garner, who was the son of the late Mr. Samuel Garner, has left a widow, two sons, and three daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. S. Sharp (Vicar) officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Garner (widow), Mr. S. M. Garner and Mr. A. C. Garner (sons), Miss Garner (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Farr and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hepher (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. S. M. Garner (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Gall and Mr. E. R. Papworth (brothers-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Munsey (nephew and niece). Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. – Mrs. C. Garner and family return sincere thanks for kind inquiries and expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

THE DARK STREETS. 19th Dec. 1919

A parishioner writes:- I am glad attention was called in last week's paper to the undesirable practice of leaving lightless bicycles outside houses, not because I have stumbled over a cycle, but because the paragraph indirectly raised the question of the lightless streets in the village. While admitting that the parish councillors should be as economical as possible when dealing with the ratepayers' money, I do not think that I am the only person who is of the opinion that the councillors should have called a parish meeting to find out the wishes of the parish generally before they decided on suspending the Public Lighting Act. Probably the councillors did not realise that the street lamps are not merely a convenience to people who have to be out after dark, but also contribute to the safety of persons and property of the public. The streets are now much darker than they were before the war. The shops, for instance, are not so brightly illuminated, and are closed considerably earlier, and D.O.R.A. substituted dark blinds for blinds made of calico or other flimsy material. The main street near the Post Office is a specially black spot, and people have difficulty in finding the letter-box. They have to feel for it, and be careful they do not by mistake post their letters through the slatted shutters of a butcher's shop next door. Close to the Post Office is a trap for the unwary in the shape

of a drain grating appreciably below the level of the road. Do the councillors recommend that no letters should be posted or Post Office business transacted, after lighting-up time? I do not wish to be a prophet of evil, but may I point out that if an accident should unfortunately happen, the mishap might involve expense heavier than the cost of lighting the streets. Who is to pay – the parish or the unfortunate sufferers?

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th Dec. 1919

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening at the National School. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, F. Norman, R. Norman, J. L. Stanton, and the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). After the minutes of the last meeting of the Council on 6th October had been signed, various matters arising therefrom were discussed. Mr. Stanton raised the question of the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground, and expressed the opinion that if anything was to be done in the matter it should be taken in hand without delay. Mr. Burton proposed that Messrs. Stanton and Beales be appointed a committee, with full powers to have the necessary work carried out. Mr. F. Norman seconded, and the proposition was agreed to. The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Rural District Council to the inquiry respecting the wages paid to, and the hours of work of, the men employed in clearing out the large drains in the parish, viz., wages 36s. 6d. per week, and hours of work, 6.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays inclusive, with a half-day on Saturdays. The Clerk stated that he had been informed that the District Council had given instructions for the fob at Church Green to be replaced by a pipe and stop. Mr. Mitham further announced that the new causeway footbridges for use at the Swan pond in flood time were ready for use. The Council then considered the Overseers' valuation for the proposed county rate basis, and after a prolonged discussion Mr. Goad proposed that the Council agree with the Overseers' valuation. The resolution was seconded by Mr. R. Norman and carried unanimously. Mr. Goad inquired whether the lamp he had seen outside the churchyard on Sunday evening belonged to the Parish. He quite agreed to it being used, but he wished to know by whose authority this had been done. It was explained that Mr. Twist, a member of the Street Lighting Committee, had given permission for the lamp to be used, the oil, etc., being provided by the authorities of the parish church. Mr. Burton was anxious to know how the official collector of rats' tails was to be repaid the money he had paid out of his own pocket to persons from whom he had received the tails. The Clerk explained that he had written last Saturday to the Clerk of the County Council on the subject, but had not

received any reply; there had not been time, he observed. Mr. Beales asked whether all necessary repairs to the street lamps and fittings would be executed during the present financial year. It was, in his opinion, important that this expenditure should be included in this year's accounts, so that only the cost of lighting should fall on next year's rates. Other councillors explained that they understood the work was in hand in accordance with instructions given some months ago. The Chairman raised the question of the destruction of sparrows. He thought the present rate of payment – three sparrows for a penny – was not high enough to induce boys to capture the birds. The Council generally appeared to share this opinion, and Mr. Stanton proposed, and Mr. Burton seconded, that until the 31st March next the collectors be authorised to pay a halfpenny for each sparrow taken to them. The resolution was carried, and the Clerk was instructed to exhibit notices of the increased payment in the village. – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: When Mr. Beales raised the question of the repairs to the public lamps, and gave expression to his anxiety that the expense incurred should fall into this year's accounts, neither he nor any other councillor said anything about the source from which the money to pay the bill would come. If this expenditure is a charge on the lighting rate, it is presumed that a parish meeting will have to be held; and there are, unless I have been misinformed, many parishioners who are most anxious that such a meeting should be summoned without delay, so that the real feeling of the parish in regard to the lightless streets may be ascertained. Shortly after the Council met on October 6th I pointed out in these columns that a resolution to amend Standing Order No. 2, so as to reduce the quorum from five to three, of which a councillor had given formal notice on 11th August, was neither included in the minutes read at the October meeting, nor was the resolution moved or even referred to at that meeting. The matter was not mentioned on Tuesday night, and I assume that a really useful and necessary alteration is not to be effected, but it would be interesting to know under what circumstances and by whose authority a formal notice of resolution was omitted from the minutes.

NEWS OF SOLDIERS. 26th Dec. 1919

Pte. Albert Holmes, 1st Royal West Kent Regt., has arrived safely in India and has gone 600 miles up country. Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., is at home in Swavesey on a month's furlough.

FIRE. 26th Dec. 1919

Some bags of coke which were being carted from St. Ives Gas Works to Over by Mr. James Norman on Friday were found to be on fire when passing

through Swavesey High-street. The fire was extinguished with water, but not before three bags had been destroyed.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 26th Dec. 1919

The annual share-out meeting of the White Horse Self-Help Club was held at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, when 22s. per member was paid out. Forty-five members were on the books of the club, and £9 has been granted in sick benefit during the year. After business had been transacted the members spent the remainder of the evening in social enjoyment, to which a welcome gift from Messrs. Lacon and Co. materially contributed.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 26th Dec. 1919

Models, toys, Christmas cards, calendars, pin-cushions of various shapes and sizes, etc., made by the children, which had been on view in the National School, were on Tuesday morning handed back to their constructors by the headmaster, who also presented prizes awarded by Messrs. Brooke Bond for drawing and painting to the following scholars: Seniors, 1st prize (3s.) Charlie Parish, 2nd (1s. 6d.) Alice Heasman; Juniors, 1st (3s.) Charlie Wood, 2nd (1s. 6d.) George Spearman. The children then sang a carol, and after being briefly addressed by the headmaster were dismissed for the Christmas holidays. The school will be re-opened on Monday, Jan. 5th.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT. 26th Dec. 1919

The newly-formed Swavesey Pierrot Troupe are making their first appearance on the evenings of 31st December and 1st January, when they are giving concerts in the National School in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund. A capital programme has been arranged, including humorous quartettes, songs, duets, and musical monologues, and concluding with a laughable farce, "Blundering Barney." Tickets, 1s. 10d. and 1s. 3d., (including tax) on 31st December, and 1s. 10d., 1s. 3d., and 8d. (including tax) on 1st January, can be obtained from Miss E. Dodson, Messrs. P. Godfrey, A. J. Willson, and C. Wood. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Commence at 7 o'clock punctually.

WHIST DRIVE. 26th Dec. 1919

Another whist drive, the third of the series in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee, was held in the National School on Thursday evening in last week, and was quite as successful as its predecessors. Twenty-eight tables were fully occupied, and the attendance would have been still larger but for the tempestuous weather

which kept away a number of visitors from a distance. The prizes, given by individual members of the Sub-Committee, were won by: Ladies, Miss Clara Thorp, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. Walter Thorp; gentlemen, Mr. E. Mitham, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. R. Gleaves. There was a plentiful supply of excellent refreshments, including mince-pies innumerable, generously provided by friends in the village, but notwithstanding the aptitude of the supply, the demand was so great that at the end of the evening only crumbs remained.

SCHOOL TREAT. 2nd Jan. 1920

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School had their Christmas treat on Tuesday in the National School. After tea they played games, and then Mr. Barwell, dressed as Father Christmas, distributed gifts from the Christmas tree.

A REMINDER. 2nd Jan. 1920

At their meeting on Dec. 16th, the Parish Councillors resolved to increase the reward fixed for sparrows from a penny for three birds to a halfpenny for each bird, and they directed that notices be posted in the village announcing the increase. The notices have not yet appeared.

CHRISTMAS. 2nd Jan. 1920

The Christmas season in Swavesey has been uneventful. Visitors have been few, and until New Year's Eve there was no public entertainment. On that night the newly-formed Swavesey Pierrot Troupe gave their first performance, and repeated it last night. At the parish church on Christmas Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral service by Blair); morning prayer at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 3 p.m., with anthem. Carols were sung at the afternoon service on Sunday. At Bethel Baptist Chapel on Christmas morning the children attending the Sunday School assembled and sang carols, after which short addresses were given by Mr. H. S. Aldred (S.S. Superintendent), Mr. B. Prior, and Mr. James Prior, (deacons and teachers). At the close oranges, sweets, etc., were distributed, and were greatly appreciated by the children.

RATS. 9th Jan. 1920

170 rats' tails have been received by Mr. George Clarke, the official collector down to the end of last year. He has been collecting about three months.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 9th Jan. 1920

The Little White Ribboners invited the members of the combined Bands of Hope to a New Year's tea on Tuesday evening, when over one hundred sat down. After tea a very happy evening was spent in games. A few helpful words on temperance brought the gathering to a close.

TWO ROADS. 9th Jan. 1920

A correspondent writes: "As a regular user of the roads in the Swavesey district, may I call attention to the marked difference in the care bestowed on two roads, both, I believe, under the control of the Swavesey Rural District Council. The road from Swavesey to Longstanton has been allowed to get into a deplorable state, whereas the road from the Huntingdon-road to Boxworth has been kept in very fair condition. Why the difference?

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 9th Jan. 1920

A donation to the War Memorial Hall Fund has this week been received from Mr. James S. Dean, of East Conington, Western Australia, eldest son of the late Mr. James Dean of Swavesey. Mr. Dean, who had served throughout the South African War, subsequently settling in Australia, joined the Australian Light Horse in November, 1915. He landed in Egypt in May, 1916, and a few months later was attached to the Imperial Camel Corps, with whom he fought in Palestine. On the 27th March, 1918, he was wounded in the head in an action east of the River Jordan, and was sent back to Australia. In September, 1918, he was discharged unfit for further service.

PIERROT CONCERT. 9th Jan. 1920

Opinions may differ as to the expedience of raising money for the Swavesey War Memorial by means of entertainments, whist drives, etc., but there can be no question as to the undoubted success of the concerts given by Swavesey Pierrots in aid of the fund on the evenings of the 31st ult. and 1st inst. The large room of the National School was well filled for each performance with an enthusiastic audience. The Pierrots were out to amuse the people, and they succeeded in not only amusing the patrons, but sent them home with aching sides. (Full programme in newspaper). It would be invidious to select any individual performers for special commendation, for all entered heart and soul into their work and fun, and all acquitted themselves right well. The Swavesey Pierrots are entirely a home product, and they made their first bow to the public last week. Mr. C. Wood, their founder, trainer and inspirer, can be heartily congratulated on the results of his strenuous labours, and his own share in the programme was a heavy one. The opening chorus in Part II. contained a verse of local interest respecting the Parish Council, which vastly

amused the audience, and at the second performance an encore verse was added which dealt with the Council's economy in the matter of street lighting. A special word of praise is due to the honorary chief stage carpenter (Mr. A. Slater) who out of flags, some of which were kindly lent by Mr. R. Sutton, and other oddments contrived to erect an excellent stage with an effective proscenium and appropriate setting and a curtain that drew up and fell gracefully down with admirable precision.

ADVERT. 16th Jan. 1920

A.C.GARNER, who has recently been demobilised from the Royal Engineers, is now carrying on the Harness Maker's Business of his late father at Swavesey, and on the 20th instant will re-open the branch shop at Over, where he will be in attendance on Tuesdays and Fridays. He thanks all customers for their consideration during his absence in the Army, and promises prompt and careful attention to their business in future.

CRICKET. 16th Jan. 1920

The work of preparing a cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground has begun this week by Mr. George Clarke, who is being assisted by other local men.

THE ROADS. 16th Jan. 1920

Another regular user of the roads in the Swavesey district informs us that the correspondent who in last Friday's "Press and News" described the present condition of the Swavesey – Longstanton road as deplorable, was by no means guilty of exaggeration. As regards his own experience, he says that having recently to drive from Longstanton to Swavesey, he preferred to go round through Over, and, owing to better and cleaner roads, proved the truth of the proverb that the longest way round is the quickest way home.

ENTERTAINMENT. 16th Jan. 1920

The members of the Bethel Band of Hope gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Chapel, under the presidency of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher (pastor). The room was crowded, and the long and excellent programme arranged by Miss I. Spearman was much appreciated. Those taking part gave evidence of the care bestowed on their training, and it is regretted that pressure on our space will not permit the publication of the programme.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL. 16th Jan. 1920

A party of ladies of the village have been busily employed since the autumn in making articles of clothing, etc., to be sold for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund, and in order to assist them in their work, they are arranging a social evening at the National School on Thursday next, 22nd inst. In addition to other attractions, there will be a stall for the sale of new work. Doors open at 6 p.m.

MISSIONARY TEA. 16th Jan. 1920

After a lapse of two years owing to the exigencies of war, the missionary tea, an annual parochial function instituted half a century ago by the late Canon H. J. Sharp, when Vicar of Swavesey, was revived on Thursday, 8th inst., when an unusually good company assembled in the National School. The arrangements for the tea were in the capable hands of Mrs. W. F. Gleaves. After tea a lecture on Home Missions in Industrial Centres, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Over. The proceeds of the tea and the collection at the lecture were given in aid of the Additional Curates' Society.

DANGERS OF THE DARK STREETS. 16th Jan. 1920

Two mishaps due to the absence of public lights in the streets of Swavesey have to be recorded this week. Last Friday, between 6 and 7 p.m., Mrs. Slater, when about to enter Mr. H. Williams' shop in High-street, stumbled over a large stone which projected from the side of the road. In trying to recover herself, she staggered nearly across the roadway and fell, close to a man, who raised her from the ground, and as he was doing so a cyclist rode by in the darkness over the spot where she had been lying. She and the cyclist had therefore a lucky escape from possible serious injury. Mrs. Slater was badly bruised and shaken. The second mishap occurred about 8 o'clock on Monday evening, also in High-street, when the Clerk of the Parish Council, groping his way homewards in the dense darkness, came into violent collision with our Swavesey correspondent, who was proceeding in the opposite direction. They heard each other's footsteps, but their eyes failed to penetrate the gloom. Their heads clashed together, their noses met, and our correspondent's headgear flew off, and was found subsequently by the aid of a borrowed lantern reposing some distance away in a puddle. The Council Clerk complained that he had lost some skin from his nose, but our correspondent, though somewhat stunned, had no visible signs of damage. His head ached. Both these mishaps were attributable to the lightless streets, though the bad condition of the road contributed to Mrs. Slater's fall. The Clerk of the Parish

Council will now be able to report to the councillors that their policy of economy has its drawbacks.

WEDDING. 23rd Jan. 1920

In the presence of many friends and members of their families, Mr. Henry George Howlett, second son of Mr. William Howlett, and Miss Alice Savage, second daughter of Mr. John Savage, were married at Swavesey Parish Church on the 14th instant, by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, vicar of Over. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in biscuit-coloured silk repp and blue hat, and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss A. Howlett, sister of the bridegroom. She wore a blue luvisca dress, with hat to match. Mr. P. W. Howlett, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The wedding presents were both numerous and useful.

DEATH OF MR. THURBON. 23rd Jan. 1920

Mr. William Thurbon, basket maker, Swavesey, passed away at 8.45 p.m. on Tuesday. For months he had suffered great pain. He was born in Swavesey 71 years ago, being the son of the late Mr. Charles Thurbon, basket maker, of Market-street, and he leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. For some years Mr. Wm. Thurbon was the Swavesey agent of the "Cambridge Express," and when that journal was merged in the "Weekly News" of the combined papers until about three years ago, when he left Swavesey for a time to take up munition work at Coventry. He returned to Swavesey about a year ago.

THE STREET LAMPS. 23rd Jan. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- There appears to be some misapprehension as to the circumstances under which the Parish Council decided last October to suspend temporarily the lighting of the public street lamps. In the report of the Council meeting held on 6th October, which appeared in the "Press and News" on the following Friday, it was stated that "in view of the restriction of Lighting Order, it was agreed that the question of lighting the village streets during the winter should remain in abeyance for the present." The Order in question was issued in consequence of the railway strike, and was withdrawn immediately after the strike ended on 7th October, and with the withdrawal of the Order the reason alleged by the Council for the temporary suspension of street lighting no longer existed. In condemning the village to darkness the councillors may be, and probably are, actuated by motives of economy, but they have never passed any resolution to that effect, and would appear to be acting on a decision based on an official Order, which

at a Council meeting held last June, at which a committee was appointed with full powers to have the lamps and appurtenances put into proper order, the Clerk remarked that they (the lamps, etc., not the committee) were “good for nothing.” At this meeting, it may be noted, the councillors generally appeared to hold the opinion that the lighting of the streets was necessary for the convenience of the community. The shed on the parish property in High-street, in which the movable fittings are stored when not in use, is hardly a suitable place for the purpose, and may have contributed in a measure to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the fittings. From the appearance of the earthen floor, the shed is visited by rats, and its door padlock not long ago had gone astray.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th Jan. 1920

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which, according to the Standing Orders, should have been held on the third Monday in January, has not yet taken place.

OUSE DRAINAGE. 30th Jan. 1920

A correspondent suggests that the Swavesey Rural District Council should issue a public statement as to how the new Ouse Drainage Order will affect the six parishes comprised in the Swavesey Rural District.

DEATH OF MR. P. COOKE. 30th Jan. 1920

After some years of ill-health, Mr. Philip Cooke died at his residence, The Brooklands, Swavesey, on Saturday morning, the 24th inst. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Mr. Cooke went to reside in Swavesey between three and four years ago. He had previously farmed for some years at the Woolpack Farm, Hemingford Grey, but had to retire from business in consequence of ill-health.

THE LATE MR. THURBON. 30th Jan. 1920

The funeral of the late Mr. William Thurbon, whose death, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 71 years, was reported last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Thurbon (widow), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thurbon, Mr. Walter Thurbon, Mrs. Laurzzari, Mrs. Jonas Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fagan (sons, daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law), Messrs. E. Laurzzari, J. Mortlock, G. Fagan, P. Fagan, W. Thurbon, and A. Mortlock (grandsons), Miss C. Dodson (granddaughter), Mrs. John Dodson (sister), Mrs. Laner (niece) and Mr.

George Thorp (uncle). The coffin was of polished elm, with black and brass fittings. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

SOCIAL EVENING. 30th Jan. 1920

The members of the Ladies' Working Party connected with the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund have good reason to congratulate themselves on the complete success of their social evening in the National School on the 22nd inst. They wanted money to aid them in their work, and they succeeded in raising over £25. Business before pleasure was the ladies' motto, so when they opened their doors at 6 p.m., an hour before the entertainment was due to begin, their visitors were confronted with a stall laden with articles made by the party. Trade was brisk, and before the fun of the evening started the substantial sum of £13 14s. 10d. had been realised. During the evening songs, etc., were sung by the Misses C. Goad, and M. Spolton, and Messrs. C. Godfrey, R. Godfrey, A. Prime, H. Prime, and C. Wood, and Mr. Barwell contributed a cornet solo. A sketch, "Aunt Belinda's Burglar," in which the Misses Banks, M. Cole, E. Dodson, and P. Mitham took part, was not the least successful of a most successful entertainment. Mrs. Banks and Miss Ellis were the accompanists. The evening concluded with dancing and games. The refreshments which were served by the ladies of the working party call for special mention. Not only were they excellent, but with the charge made for admission they produced £11 11s. 9d., and brought the total takings for the evening up to £25 6s. 7d.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th Jan. 1920

In the absence of the Pastor (the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher) through illness, the pulpit at Bethel Baptist Chapel last Sunday was occupied by Mr. E. D. Sykes of St. Ives. In the afternoon Mr. G. E. Canham, who served during the war with the Royal Garrison Artillery, gave a very interesting lecture in the chapel on his experiences in Mesopotamia and Palestine. Starting with an account of his long voyage to Basra, he gave many instances of his manner of life and his trials in the land of the two rivers. He spoke of the large amount of sickness amongst the troops during the weary weeks they were lying at Basra being acclimatised, and of the awful dust and other ills to which flesh is heir in that quarter of the globe. He described Kut and Baghdad, and mentioned that he had gone one hundred miles beyond the latter city. From Mesopotamia, Mr. Canham went to Palestine in May, 1918, but although he had had his share of work with the big guns, he omitted all reference to his fighting experiences both in Palestine and previously. His description of his visits to Jerusalem and other holy places was vivid. He had the pleasure and advantage of meeting an

old friend of his father, who was in charge of the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem, and through this gentleman's kind offices he had the privilege of seeing things he probably would not otherwise have seen. The lecture was excellent in every respect, and was listened to with intense interest by a large audience. The lecturer mentioned incidentally that on his way home he visited Cairo and the Pyramids, and gazed upon the mummy of the Pharaoh who oppressed the Israelites. Two solos were beautifully rendered during the afternoon by Mrs. H. Ridley, of London, Mr. J. W. Williams being at the organ. Mr. Sykes presided. A collection, which was made in aid of the fund for re-seating the Chapel Schoolroom, resulted in £1 7s. being taken.

SUDDEN DEATH. 30th Jan. 1920

The village of Swavesey was greatly shocked on Tuesday afternoon by the sudden death of one of its old and most respected parishioners, Mr. Ephraim Stocker, who for the last year or two has been employed as a County Council roadman, went to his work as usual on that morning. He appeared to be in good health, but he complained of having a cold in his head, which, he remarked to a friend, he hoped would not get "on his chest." He was employed with the steam roller, spreading granite on Bucking-way (the road leading from the Huntingdon-road to Swavesey). At 10 a.m., lunch time, he did full justice to his food, and returned to his work as active and cheery as ever, and at one o'clock he and the other six men of the gang adjourned to the living van for dinner. He ate heartily, and enjoyed his meal, and then noticing that rain was falling, went outside to fetch his coat, which he had left on a hedge at the roadside. Returning to his seat in the van, which was at the end away from the stove, he took his pipe from his pocket, remarking, "There'll be no more work to-day," and then he pitched forward. His old comrade and relative, Mr. James Kester, sen., who was sitting next to him, picked him up. "What's the matter, Ephraim?" he asked, but the only sound was a gurgle. Stocker was dead. A messenger was sent at once to Swavesey to P.C. Breed, by whose instructions the messenger communicated the sad tidings to Mrs. John Williams, Market-street, with the request that she would break the news to Mrs. Stocker who lived close by. The constable hastened at once to Bucking-way. Artificial respiration was applied, but without avail. Dr. Ellis, who had been absent from home, passed by about this time, and satisfied himself that life was extinct. And then the body was taken home. The case was reported to the Coroner, who decided that no inquest was necessary. It is understood that the cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Stocker, who was born in Swavesey 66 years ago, leaves a widow and one daughter, also a widow with two young sons. He was a sidesman at the parish church, but

otherwise had taken no active part in parochial matters. He was, however, a keen Conservative in politics, and was a member of the committee of the Swavesey District Conservative Association.

A BIGAMIST SENTENCED. 30th Jan. 1920

Married in Cambridgeshire Twelve years ago.

At Liverpool Assizes on Wednesday, B.G.M. was sentenced to 12 months in the second division for bigamy. He said he had done his best financially for both women. Mr. Justice Bray described the case as a bad one.

MILK. 6th Feb. 1920

The retail price of milk has this week been reduced in Swavesey by one penny per quart.

OBITUARY. 6th Feb. 1920

Mrs. Shepperson, widow of the late Mr. John Shepperson, died at her residence on Saturday. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon. This was the fourth death in Swavesey within the last 11 days of January.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT. 6th Feb. 1920

Whilst riding on a motor cycle to meet the 6.44 p.m. down train at Swavesey Station on Tuesday, Driver Joseph Walter Davis, S.S.T.C., stationed at Maresfield Park, Sussex, but whose home is at Stockingford, Nuneaton, had an unfortunate spill. Dazzled by the bright moon and the still brighter rays of his cycle lamp, he ran on to the grass bank on the roadside at the end of Hog Pasture, and was thrown from his machine, which fell upon him. Sergt. Pallant, Cambs. Constabulary, who was cycling behind him, went to his assistance, removed the cycle and helped the cyclist to his feet. As Driver Davis complained of injury to his shoulder, Sergt. Pallant took him to Police-Constable Breed's house close by, where the sergeant and the constable rendered first aid and bandaged the injured man for a broken collar bone. They advised him to see a doctor at once, but instead of doing so, being anxious not to alarm his friends, he went to Fen Drayton, where he was staying with his father-in-law, Mr. Munns. The damaged cycle was left at Mr. Dick Wilderspin's shop in Swavesey. Later in the evening Driver Davis went to Dr. Ellis at Swavesey for treatment. The collar-bone was broken.

CRICKET CLUB. 6th Feb. 1920

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held in the National School on Wednesday evening, and was exceptionally well attended. Mr. C. Wood, the retiring captain, presided. Last year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £7 7s., were submitted and passed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. Horace Ellwood; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretaries, Messrs. C. Godfrey and F. Hephew; committee, Messrs. T. C. Heasman, A. Payne, A. Prime, jun., F. Hayward, R. Godfrey and D. Williams. It was decided to run two teams, and to enter the 1st XI in the Milton and District League. It was also agreed that the new pitch which has been laid recently on the Recreation Ground by the Parish Council should only be used for matches and that no practice should be allowed on wet days. It was further resolved that all members chosen to play in a match should be notified by Wednesday morning, and if unable to play a member should inform the captain by noon on the following day, failure to comply with this rule to involve a fine of 1s.

THE LATE MR. COOKE. 6th Feb. 1920

The funeral of the late Mr. Philip Cooke, whose death on the 24th ulto., at the age of 66 years, after an illness of about ten years' duration, was briefly announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on the 29th ulto., in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends from Swavesey and neighbouring villages. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Cooke (widow), Mr. E. Nicoll, Mrs. Nicoll (sister) and Mr. J. Trapp (brother-in-law). The coffin was of polished oak, with brass furniture. Mr. R. Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

MEMORIAL CROSS AND TABLET. 6th Feb. 1920

At a meeting held in the tower of the parish church on Sunday it was unanimously decided (1) that the memorial cross to be erected near the main gateway of the churchyard should be a plain Latin cross of best hard Mansfield stone, 10 ft. in height, and that the inscription on the base of the cross should be: "In loving and grateful memory of the following men of this parish who gave their lives for their King and country in the Great War, 1914-1919. (Here follow the names of all the fallen.) 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'" (2) That the tablet to be placed in the church should be of white Sicilian marble on polished red marble background, size 3ft. 11in. by 2ft. 1 in., and that the inscription should be "To the glory of God, and in loving and grateful memory of the following men of this parish who gave their lives for

their King and Country in the Great War, 1914-1919. (Here follow the names of all the fallen.) ‘Greater love hath no man than this.’” The cost of the cross and inscription will be approximately £145, and of the tablet and inscription approximately £34 (this includes cost of faculty, viz., £2 2s.) The amount received or promised at present is (1) for the cross £113 11s. (2) for the tablet £21 7s. Both cross and tablet have been ordered from Messrs. Maile and Son, 367, Euston-road, London, N.W. It was also decided that the tablet be placed on the centre of the south wall of the church.

FUNERAL OF MR. E. STOCKER. 6th Feb. 1920

Amidst general manifestations of sorrow and sympathy, and in the presence of a large number of villagers, the mortal remains of the late Mr. Ephraim Stocker were laid to rest in Swavesey churchyard on Friday afternoon. As announced in our last issue, Mr. Stocker, although to all appearance in good health, died suddenly on the 27th ulto., in a living van attached to a County Council steam roller, immediately after eating his dinner. The Vicar met the body at the churchyard gates, and the funeral procession, headed by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Key and William T. Thorp), the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and Mr. Jethro Linford, the last named representing the Wheatsheaf Shepherds’ Lodge, moved towards the church where Mr. Stocker had been a most regular attendant, and for some years a sidesman. The service both here and at the graveside were taken by the Vicar. The chief mourners were Mrs. Stocker (widow), Mrs. F. Parish (daughter), Masters F. and C. Parish (grandsons), Mr. John Stocker and Mr. Charles Stocker (brothers) and Mrs. J. Stocker and Mrs. C. Stocker (sisters-in-law). The County Council road staff was represented by Messrs. J. Kester, sen., and J. Bester, jun. Instead of the big bell being tolled, the whole peal was rung muffled before the service and half muffled as the body was borne to the grave and again at the end. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. Mitham. – On Sunday the Vicar made a sympathetic and appreciative reference to the late sidesman in the pulpit. It may be of interest to mention that the spot where Mr. Stocker died in Bucking Way has been marked by a cross cut in the roadside grass.

PARISH COUNCIL. 13th Feb. 1920

A meeting of the Parish Council has been summoned for this evening (Friday) at 7 o’clock in the National School. Matters connected with the recreation ground and the selection of suitable parishioners to serve as parish constable are included in the agenda.

FUNERAL. 13th Feb. 1920

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Shepperson, who died after a short illness on the 31st ult., aged 80 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on the 4th inst. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (Vicar) officiated, and the mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Swavesey, Mr. and Mrs. William Shepperson, Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mitham, Colchester, Mr. C. James Shepperson, Swavesey (sons, daughters, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Carter, Cambridge (sister) and Mrs. P. E. Mitham. The coffin was of polished oak. Mrs. Shepperson, who was the widow of the late Mr. John Shepperson, left three sons and two daughters.

WHIST DRIVE. 13th Feb. 1920

The fourth, and the most successful, of the series of whist drives organised in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund by the Entertainments Sub-Committee, was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Thirty-four tables were manned, and prizes were awarded to: Ladies, Miss Mabel Johnson, Mrs. Cecil Dean, and Mrs. J. J. Marriott; Gentlemen: Mr. E. Mitham, Mr. King and Mr. Bert Prime. The prizes were given by Major R. Ellis, Messrs. F. J. Beales, J. S. Goad, and P. Hayward. Excellent refreshments, generously supplied by kind friends in the village, were provided at moderate charges, and were in great demand. This department was under the supervision of the Misses G. and E. Dodson. The duties of M.C. were undertaken by Mr. George Goad. The next whist drive will be held on Shrove Tuesday, 17th February, at 7.30 p.m.

OBITUARY. 20th Feb. 1920

Mrs. Rebecca Caine, wife of Mr. Alfred Caine, High-street, died on Thursday morning, after a painful illness.

WASTED GRANITE. 20th Feb. 1920

Many months ago a large quantity of granite of various sizes for use on the high road was dumped along the edge of the Recreation Ground opposite the National School. A more inappropriate site could hardly have been chosen, for boys will be boys, and girls are known to be inclined to mischief – sometimes. The heaps have gradually got smaller, and granite cubes will be found in various places where they are not wanted, on the Recreation Ground, in the adjacent pond and ditches, and in the neighbouring gardens. On Wednesday the removal of the granite to the further end of the village by horse and cart was commenced.

WHIST DRIVE. 20th Feb. 1920

The fifth of a series of whist drives in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee was held in the National School on Tuesday, and was even more successful than the previous drive, which had beaten all Swavesey records. Thirty-eight tables were fully occupied, and the prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, Miss Pook, Miss M. Cole, Miss Ellis, and mystery prize, Miss Bilton. Gentlemen: Mr. J. L. Scambler, Mr. G. N. Goad, Mr. C. S. Hepher, and mystery prize, Mr. J. Culpin. The prizes were given by Mrs. C. Dean and Messrs. R. Williamson, W. Spolton, and W. Burton, Mrs. B. Prior presenting both mystery prizes. As usual, the refreshments, of which there was a plentiful supply at moderate charges, were most excellent. They were generously given by kind friends of the village, to whom the organisers of the drive desire to tender their best thanks. This department was under the supervision of the Misses G. and E. Dodson.

A BAD ROAD. 20th Feb. 1920

A Swavesey ratepayer has asked that attention may be drawn to the condition of Soldier's Drove near Highfield Farm. He says that owing mainly to the activities of a traction engine, the roadway is full of holes and deep ruts, and it not only difficult, but also dangerous for ordinary traffic. A few outlying houses, as well as farms, are served by Soldier's Drove, and as they are some distance from the village, bicycles are a necessity. No cycle can be ridden over the length of road in question. Our Swavesey correspondent writes: If Scotland Drove is a byeway, there may be some difficulty in providing material to put the roadway in proper repair. Although the byeways of the parish are under the control of the District Council, it is understood that the cost of their upkeep is not borne by the rates, but is provided out of the proceeds of the yearly letting of the herbage of the droves and roadsides in the parish. At last Friday's Parish Council meeting it was mentioned incidentally that over two-thirds of these herbage rents are spent in payment of the wages of the roadman specially employed on the byeways, and the Clerk of the Council observed that brooms and scrapers are very expensive at the present time. Very little money can therefore be available for the purchase of gravel, etc.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Feb. 1920

Last Friday's meeting of the Parish Council, which ought to have been held on the third Monday in January if the Standing Orders had been obeyed, was quite a happy gathering, the only drawback to complete happiness being the absence of an audience of parishioners, and the lack of proper seating

accommodation for the councillors and the representative of the Press. Desks suitable for children of the Infants' School do not make comfortable seats for persons of mature age, and ampler proportions. It is useless, however, to grumble, for until the War Memorial Hall is built, the National School is the only place in the village available for meetings. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman) presided, and the other councillors present were Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman, R. Norman, J. L. Stanton and W. Twist. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Clerk, and signed, Mr. Twist ventured to ask where the public notices announcing the increased reward for defunct sparrows, which had been mentioned in the minutes, had been displayed. The Clerk replied that he had forgotten the notices, though he admitted that he had been told that attention had been called to the omission in the local newspaper. The councillors laughed, and the Clerk promised to post the notices next day. Messrs. Beales and Stanton, who had been appointed to arrange for the laying of a cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground, reported that the work had been done, and they submitted a bill from Mr. George Clarke for £12 4s. The councillors unanimously agreed that this should be paid. Mr. Beales also reported that the newly-laid pitch had been damaged by a gentleman of the village, who, when rounding up horses which had strayed from the main road, had ridden over the pitch within a day or two of the turf being laid. The damage had been repaired at a cost of 5s., and he proposed that the gentleman in question should be called upon to pay the bill. Mr. Stanton seconded, and the proposition was carried nem. con. A discussion followed as to the best means of protecting the pitch. One or two suggestions were made, and eventually Mr. F. Norman proposed that a movable wooden fence to surround the pitch be provided, and that Messrs. Beales and Stanton be given full powers to have the matter attended to forthwith. Mr. Twist seconded. The resolution was carried unanimously. The discussion led to an interesting conversation respecting the expedience of erecting a fence along the side of the Recreation Ground abutting on the main road. The general opinion of the councillors appeared to be strongly in favour of such a fence, which would, it was contended, considerably enhance the herbage-letting value of the land, and would prevent animals straying from the Recreation Ground on to the high road, and vice versa. The Clerk mentioned that in olden days, when there was a fence, the herbage brought in £12 a year, whereas now not half that sum was realised. As the land was now the property of the parish the old objection to a fence did not exist. During the conversation Mr. Beales expressed the opinion that no alteration in the Recreation Ground by-laws was needed in regard to either fence. No decision was arrived at respecting the roadside fence, but the

subject will no doubt be brought forward again before long. The Council proceeded to select four suitable persons to serve as parish constables during the ensuing year, and it was decided to submit the following names to the justices in Petty Sessions; Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), C. W. H. Cole, A. J. Willson and B. Hudson. It was also agreed that the constable's remuneration should remain unaltered, viz., £1 19s. 6d., and "Constable's Rood." Before the meeting terminated, Mr. Stanton said that he had been asked by a parishioner when the next parish meeting would be held. The Clerk replied that he knew no reason why it was necessary that a parish meeting should be called before the annual meeting, which should be held on or about March 25th next, and he appealed to the representative of this paper whether he was aware of any cause for a meeting before that date. Our representative did not deem it expedient to afford any information, as he is not a member of the Council, and no councillor supported the Clerk. – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: With regard to the inquiry addressed to me by the Clerk at last Friday's meeting of the Parish Council, I may perhaps be permitted to point out that reference has been made more than once recently in the "Press and News" to the possible necessity for a parish meeting in connection with the question of the village street lamps. Repairs to the lamps, etc., were ordered by the Parish Council last summer, and it is presumed that the expense cannot be charged to the Council's ordinary account, but must be met out of the special lighting rate. In pre-war days a parish meeting had to be held before this special rate could be levied. Possibly the Clerk, who is also assistant overseer, is of opinion that March 25th, or thereabouts, will be soon enough to authorise this rate, if needed, but he should not forget that the councillors, at their meeting in December, agreed that the cost of the lamp repairs should be included in the accounts for the current financial year, which ends on March 31st. The councillors, on their part, may think that with longer days and shorter nights those troublesome parishioners who have been grumbling about the darkness of the streets will have forgotten their grievance. Mr. Stanton's inquiring friend, may, however, have had the Ouse drainage scheme in mind, and may have thought that a parish meeting would afford the local district councillors an excellent opportunity of explaining how this gigantic scheme, involving huge expenditure of money, will affect the parish of Swavesey. As far as I can ascertain, people here are in profound ignorance on the subject. It is a pity that the parish councillors and their Clerk do not take into consideration matters to which attention is drawn in these columns. Almost invariably the representatives are made by, or at the request of, parishioners, and are not due to any desire on my part to stir up trouble. Amongst matters recently ventilated, let me mention (1) the defective stiles in

the parish; (2) the disappearance of the foot-bridge at the end of the Recreation Ground; and (3) the danger of losing rights of way. Then again, what has become of Mr. Beales' resolution to reduce the size of the Council's quorum of which he gave notice last August? I admit that I am interested in this matter, because much time is very frequently wasted in waiting for a quorum to put in an appearance, and sometimes we have waited in vain. On the night when Mr. Beales gave notice of his resolution, we had waited patiently for about an hour and a half for the necessary fifth councillor to put in an appearance. With a Council of nine, a quorum of five is too large. The Act of Parliament, I believe, requires one-third of the Council. Lastly, when is the question of increasing the Clerk's at present quite inadequate salary be settled? This point was, I think, brought up last May, and the Clerk asked that the increase should date from April 1st last.

SAD DEATH. 27th Feb. 1920

We have to record the death, under very sad circumstances, of Mrs. Harriet Williams, wife of Mr. James William Williams, and second daughter of Mrs. Causer, Gibraltar-lane, Swavesey. Mrs. Williams had been confined to her bed with illness for about a month, and on Sunday, 15th inst., gave birth to a son, who is described as an exceptionally fine child. Two days later she was removed to Addenbrooke's for an operation, which was performed immediately after her arrival. The operation, however, was of no avail, for Mrs. Williams gradually sank and passed away at 3.20 a.m. on Monday – the birthday of her four-year-old son. She was 27 years of age, and she leaves four little children, including the baby. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Williams and the bereaved family. The funeral will take place this (Friday) afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery.

THE LATE MRS. CAIN. 27th Feb. 1920

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca Cain, wife of Mr. Alfred Cain, whose death at the age of 75 years on the 19th inst. was briefly announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, in the presence of many sympathising friends and neighbours. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, vicar, officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Alfred Cain (husband), Mr. James Cain and Mr. Joseph Cain (sons), Miss Alice Cain and Mrs. R. Mitham, jun. (daughters), and Mr. William Cain and Miss E. Cain, of Histon, late of Swavesey (cousins). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Mrs. Cain, who was a native of Swavesey, being the daughter of the late Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Alice Pauley, in addition to her aged husband, leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. Two of the sons are in Canada, viz., Capt.

M. S. Cain, M.B.E., and Mr. H. L. Cain. The former served in the war with distinction in the Canadian Expeditionary Force from January, 1915, until June, 1919, being twice wounded, the second time severely. In June, 1916, he was given a commission on the field, and in last year's King's Birthday Honours' Gazette he was awarded the M.B.E. – Mr. A. Cain and family desire to thank their many friends for their kind and much appreciated inquiries and expressions of sympathy.

PERSONAL. 5th March 1920

The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiated at Bethel Baptist Chapel last Sunday for the first time since his illness. He is still far from well.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT. 5th March 1920

Many in Swavesey will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mitham, of Stetchworth, widow of the late Mr. Jas. Mitham, both of whom were well known in Swavesey. Mrs. Mitham and her late husband, who passed away in 1915, resided in this village many years ago, Mr. Mitham being born here, and Mrs. Mitham being a daughter of the late Mr. William Selby, of Chatteris.

PARISH CHURCH. 5th March 1920

The Rev. H. E. C. Lewis, who has been blind since his birth, preached at the Parish Church on Sunday evening, on behalf of the National Society for the Blind, and after the service gave an organ recital. A large congregation, larger, it is said, than has been seen in the church for some years, attended, and the collection in aid of the Society amounted to over £5. Many people from neighbouring villages were present.

TWO ANNIVERSARIES. 5th March 1920

Tuesday, the 2nd inst., was the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. George Long, and in accordance with the terms of his will the bells of the parish church were rung. On the evening of Sunday, March 2nd, 1902, the bells were ringing as was customary on the first Sunday in the month, and Mr. Long, then an invalid, sat at an open window of his house, The Priory, listening to them, for he loved the church bells. On the first Sunday in the following month, while the bells were again being rung, Mr. Long passed peacefully away. – Wednesday, 2nd inst., was the seventh anniversary of the great Swavesey fire, in which over 30 houses were destroyed.

FUNERAL. 5th March 1920

The funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Williams, wife of Mr. James William Williams, whose death in specially sad circumstances on the 23rd ult., was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Friday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of sympathising friends. The Rev. Smith, of Histon, officiated, in the absence through illness, of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. W. Williams (husband), Mrs. Causer (mother), Miss Ruby Williams (daughter), Mr. Fred Causer (brother), Miss Lizzie Causer, Miss F. Causer, Mrs. A. Eagle, and Miss Louie Causer (sisters), Mr. A. Eagle (brother-in-law), Miss P. Williams and Mrs. Jabez Day (sisters-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Norman (uncle and aunt). The coffin was of elm. Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE RAMPER-ROAD AGAIN. 5th March 1920

A cyclist asks us to warn cyclists and drivers of light vehicles to beware of "grips," which, he says, have been cut in the roadway of the Swavesey-Longstanton-road (known locally as the Ramper-road). He says that when cycling along the road about 7 o'clock one dark evening last week, he narrowly escaped an awkward fall, owing to these grips, of the existence of which he was ignorant. His rear lamp fell off, and he had much difficulty in finding it. It will be remembered that a short time ago complaint was made in these columns that so much water was allowed to stand on the road in question that children could not go to school without getting wet-footed. This complaint was followed by representations from two responsible correspondents concerning the bad state of the road. To remedy the water difficulty, it would appear that channels have been cut in the road itself, not merely in the grass at the sides, but the District Council would seem to have overlooked the fact that other persons than children have occasion to use the highway, which is the direct route between Swavesey and Longstanton, Oakington, etc., as well as serving outlying farms and houses in Swavesey parish.

DEMOBILISED. 12th March 1920

Private W. H. Metcalfe, 13th Royal Fusiliers, has been demobilised, and is staying in Swavesey.

CRICKET. 12th March 1920

The movable fence to surround the newly-laid cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground, which was authorised by the Parish Council on February 13th, was put in position last week-end. The fence was made by Mr. George Mitham.

RATS. 12th March 1920

Owing to the revocation by the Minister of Food of the Rats Order, 1918, payment for rats killed ceased after March 6th. During the time the Order has been in force in Swavesey 277 rat's tails have been received by the official collector, Mr. George Clarke, and have been paid for at the rate of 1½d each.

FIRE AT BOXWORTH END. 12th March 1920

Mrs. Rebecca Edwards, widow of the late Mr. George Edwards, an old lady about 84 years of age, who lived by herself in a cottage adjoining the Black Bull Inn, Boxworth-end, had a very narrow escape last Saturday evening. When Mr. S. Hepher, the Swavesey-Cambridge carrier, pulled up outside her cottage about 7.30, he saw that her front downstairs room was ablaze. He jumped from his cart and ran to the back of the cottage, which is one of a row of three, calling on his way to Mr. Crouch, who was in his tailor's shop at the end of the row. Mr. Hepher opened Mrs. Edwards' back door, and saw her, with a bowl in her hand, standing in the little kitchen, which was full of smoke. Mrs. Edwards immediately collapsed on to the floor. Mr. Hepher, with the assistance of Mr. George Crouch, picked the old lady up and carried her into the next cottage where she received every attention. She is stated to have nearly suffocated. They then set to work to extinguish the fire in the front room, and this was soon done. It appears that Mrs. Edwards had been burning wood in the front room grate, and it is presumed that a spark set fire to a cushion on the couch close by. She says that when she noticed the cushion was burning she opened the front door, and that no sooner had she done so than the flames burst out and spread to the window blind and curtains. She seems to have done her best to extinguish the fire, but it was most fortunate that Mr. Hepher arrived on the scene when he did. Not much damage was done, only the couch, three cushions, the curtains and window blind being burned, and a bear skin rug damaged by singeing. Mrs. Edwards was, later in the evening, removed to Mr. H. Holmes' house, and here she remained pending the arrival of her son, who was summoned from London. After her removal she asked that her purse might be fetched from her cottage. It was, she said, in the pocket of her apron. Upon search being made, the charred remains of the apron, which had evidently been rolled up, were found on the stove in the kitchen, which had not been used. Finding her apron on fire, she had apparently taken it off, rolled it up, and thrown it on the stove. All that remained of the purse was the metal frame. The coins it contained were, however, safe. P.C. Breed, who lives at the other end of the long village, on being informed of the fire at once proceeded to the scene, and made full

inquiries. The cottage, which belongs to the late Mr. T. Prior's executors, was insured with the Norwich Union, and Mrs. Edwards' effects were also insured.

ADVERT. 19th March 1920

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DECORATED. 19th March 1920

Mr. Charles Wood has just received the Meritorious Service Medal which was awarded to him on the 9th September, 1918, when a sergeant in the 23rd Royal Fusiliers. He served continuously on the Western front from the 14th October, 1915, until he was demobilised in February, 1919.

DESTRUCTION OF WASPS. 19th March 1920

While engaged in re-metalling the high road between the New Inn and Swavesey School, the County Council roadmen found upwards of fifty queen wasps in the heaps of slag and granite which had been lying on the roadside. Most of the wasps were discovered in the slag. All were destroyed.

WEDDING. 19th March 1920

Owing to a recent bereavement in the bridegroom's family the marriage of Mr. Charles James Shepperson, youngest son of the late Mr. John Shepperson, and Miss Phoebe Elizabeth Mitham, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Mitham, took place very quietly on Monday morning at Swavesey parish church. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a navy blue costume, with light grey hat trimmed with pale blue. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was best man. The happy couple have received many useful presents.

THE LATE PTE. H. C. HOWLETT. 19th March 1920

Mr. and Mrs. W. Howlett, have been officially notified that the grave of their son, Pte. Harold Chas. Howlett, 11th Suffolks, is in the military cemetery at La Rolanderie Farm, south-west of Armentieres (Plot 1, Row A, grave 6). Pte. Howlett was reported wounded and missing on 9th April, 1918. In December of that year his parents were informed by an officer of the battalion that his

grave had been found near La Rolanderie Farm, and that he had evidently been buried by the enemy, but this information was not confirmed by the Army authorities until a day or two ago.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 19th March 1920

The parents' tea in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School, a yearly function suspended during the war, was revived on Thursday, 11th inst., and was a great success. Not only was the excellent tea patronised by a large number of guests, but the attendance at the after-gathering was still more numerous. At this social gathering the pastor, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, presided, and a very pleasant and helpful evening was spent in carrying out a long and varied programme, which included hymns and solos, a reading and addresses. The success of the evening augurs well, it is believed, for the future welfare of the Sunday School, and was a great encouragement to the managers and teachers.

ADVERT. 26th March 1920

T. E. LAWS has acquired the Baking and Confectionery Business in High-street, Swavesey, formerly carried on by Mr. A. T. Scard, and he solicits the patronage of all old customers. Confectionery a speciality.

LANTERN LECTURE. 26th March 1920

Under the auspices of the local branch of the B.W.T.A. and the Bethel Band of Hope, a lantern lecture, entitled "An Irish Evening," was given in the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, of Cambridge. The chapel was well filled with an appreciative audience. The pictures illustrated phases of Irish life and scenery, and included slides of animals in the Dublin Zoo, which greatly pleased the younger people. The lecture dealt with the evils of alcoholism, and in the latter part slides were shown of bacteria fostered by alcohol. Mrs. Moore recited an Irish ballad, and hymns shown on the screen were sung during the evening by the children. At the close the pastor, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, on behalf of the audience, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Moore for their lecture, which, he assured them, had been greatly appreciated. A collection was taken and produced £2.

OUSE DRAINAGE. 26th March 1920

The question of the Ouse Drainage Order has at last been tackled by the people in the Swavesey district who are vitally affected by its provisions. Twice this year, viz., on 30th January and on 20th February, has attention been called to the matter in these columns, but the people interested apparently

were content to let other districts take action and do nothing themselves. But now at the last moment they have woke up. On Monday evening the village crier announced that a meeting of owners, occupiers, and others concerned would be held in Swavesey School on the following evening to consider the question. On Tuesday the meeting was held, and was attended by a large number of owners and occupiers of the parishes of Swavesey, Fen Drayton, and Over. Mr. J. Evison, of Fen Drayton, presided, and briefly introduced Mr. C. Tebbutt, of Bluntisham and St. Neots, who has been keenly fighting in the interests of the areas affected by the Order in Huntingdonshire. He gave a rousing address, and explained the scheme in detail, showing how it would affect the different areas. Swavesey district had not been represented at the inquiry in Cambridge. "You were not so wide awake as we were," he remarked. The scheme, he said, would involve an expenditure of two millions of money, and he contended that this expenditure would mainly be for the benefit of the valuable Fen districts, and that Huntingdonshire and the Swavesey district would have to pay heavily – at least 15s. an acre for thirty years – and would receive little or no benefit. At the conclusion of Mr. Tebbutt's speech the Chairman inquired whether any present wished to ask questions. Mr. A. Day, a district councillor, desired to know how house property was affected. Mr. Tebbutt replied. The Chairman then suggested that the Swavesey district should join the Huntingdonshire areas in opposing the Order. Dr. Ellis regretted that there had been no opposition, and suggested that a member of Parliament should be asked to take up the matter in the House of Commons. Mr. Tebbutt objected, and gave his reasons. Mr. Day then moved a resolution protesting against the Order, and agreeing to join the Huntingdonshire areas in their opposition. Mr. B. Barker, of Over, seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tebbutt for his valuable and interesting address. Dr. Ellis seconded, and the motion was carried amidst loud applause. At the close of the meeting the guarantee list was numerously signed.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th March 1920

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday evening, and was attended by the following councillors: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. S. Goad, R. Norman, J. L. Stanton, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). Owing to the late arrival of the Clerk, the meeting, which had been called for 7 p.m., did not begin until 7.30 p.m. After the minutes had been signed, Messrs. Beales and Stanton presented an account from Mr. George Mitham for £26 17s. 6d., for erecting the fence surrounding the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground. A discussion

followed respecting the best way of meeting the cost of the work that has been done in connection with the Recreation Ground, and it was unanimously agreed that War Loan of the nominal value of £20, belonging to the Recreation Ground account, should be sold forthwith. On the proposal of Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. Stanton, it was decided that the herbage of the ground from 6th proximo until Christmas next should be let by tender, instead of at public auction as in past years, and that sealed tenders should be sent to the Clerk not later than Saturday, April 3rd. The following councillors were appointed a committee, with full powers to deal with the tenders: The Chairman, Messrs. Beales, Burton, Stanton and Twist. Mr. Burton pointed out that the order of the Council to pay one half-penny each for sparrows expired on the 31st inst., and on the motion of Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. Stanton, it was decided that the order should remain in force during the ensuing year. It was further directed that all outstanding bills should be paid, and that a precept for £20 be served on the overseers for the Council's expenses. The Clerk applied for an increase of salary, and in doing so, complained of the inadequate remuneration he received, viz., £20 per annum for acting as rate collector. The Chairman objected to this point being raised as it did not concern the Parish Council. Mr. Twist proposed that the Clerk's salary be raised from £3 to £6, to date from April 1st, 1919. Mr. Burton seconded, and the resolution was carried.

ACCIDENT. 2nd April 1920

While taking a horse out of a cart on his premises in Market-street on Monday, Mr. Bert Hodson, farmer, had his shoulder seriously injured. One tag remained unfastened, and the horse moved on, jamming Mr. Hodson between the cart and a wall. Accompanied by his wife, the injured man went at once by motor-car to Wisbech, where he was attended by Mr. Mason, who found that the collar-bone was broken in two places. Mr. Hodson returned to Swavesey.

CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd April 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: One of the bills passed for payment at last week's Parish Council meeting was for overhauling the public street lamps. The amount of the bill was small, and presumably does not cover the whole of the cost of putting the lamps and appurtenances into such a state of repair as will enable the village to be lighted next winter. It may be urged that there is plenty of time between now and October for the work of reparation to be completed, but the cost cannot be included in the accounts for the financial year just ended, as Mr. Councillor Beales was anxious should be done when he raised the question at the December meeting of the Council. His object was

to pay for the repairs in a year, when there was no expense incurred for lighting, and thus ease the ratepayers. The councillors, I believe, concurred with Mr. Beales. There is, however, another point to which attention should be called. The bill passed last week is apparently to be paid out of a precept issued to meet the ordinary expenses of the Council. Surely repairs to lamps can properly only be met out of the special lighting rate. It is remarkable that the Clerk did not raise this point, as when the Council was considering payments in connection with the Recreation Ground, he appeared to be nervous about the ordinary expenditure of the Council exceeding the limits of the threepenny rate allowed the Council. He maintained that the 3d. rate limit applied to expenditure on the Recreation Ground, but the Council thought otherwise, and rightly, seeing that the herbage rents have paid, and are paying, for all improvements to the ground, and not a farthing has been drawn from the rates. One reason for the irregular inclusion of the bill for lamp repairs in the Council's ordinary expenditure may be that before the lighting rate can be levied, a parish meeting has to authorise the rate. There has been no such meeting, although the annual parish meeting should have been held on March 25th, or within seven days before or after that day. I believe I am right in saying that the date is fixed by Act of Parliament, and that no discretion is allowed parochial authorities to vary it. The haphazard holding of meetings in the parish leads to inconveniences. For example, a meeting of the War Memorial Committee was called on the 19th ult. for 7.30 p.m. on the 24th ult. On the following day summonses were issued for a Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m. on the 24th. As five of the nine councillors are members of the Memorial Committee, and with his knowledge of the usually belated start and length of Council meetings, the War Memorial Secretary thought it advisable to postpone his meeting, and he is now waiting to be informed by the Council Clerk of the dates of public meetings which should be held about this time.

EASTER VESTRY. 9th April 1920

Three or four parishioners, with the Vicar and the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), attended the Vestry meeting at the parish church on Tuesday evening, and the only business was the re-appointment of the old church-wardens, Messrs. W. H. Key and W. T. Thorp.

RECREATION GROUND. 9th April 1920

Only one tender for the right of herbage of the recreation ground between the 6th inst. and next Christmas was received by the Parish Council, namely, from Mr. D. Williams for £7 10s. This tender was accepted. Last year the herbage

was sold by public auction and realised £4, from which the auctioneer's fee of 5s. had to be deducted.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th April 1920

The services at the parish church on Easter Day were well attended and were bright and hearty. Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Matins 10.30 a.m., children's service 3 p.m., and Evensong 6.30 p.m. Maunder's service was used for the mid-day celebration, and at Evensong the anthem was "Christ being raised from the dead." (Simper).

A PERTINENT INQUIRY. 9th April 1920

A Father of a Family is anxious to know why milk fetched from Swavesey farms by the consumer is charged for at the rate of 9d. per quart, whereas milk is delivered at consumers' houses in Leicester and other towns at the rate of 8d. per quart. He thinks that an explanation is necessary, seeing that the local wholesale price of milk is 2s. per gallon (3d. per pint).

ACCIDENT. 9th April 1920

Leslie Peppercorn, the nine-year-old son of Mr. James Peppercorn, had his hand badly crushed in a cake-breaking machine in a barn at Mill Farm on Easter Monday. As soon as his hand was released he ran out of the barn calling for his father, who was employed on the farm. Mr. A. Day, jun., also was close by, and he, accompanied by Mr. Peppercorn, immediately carried the boy to Dr. Ellis' surgery. Dr. Ellis unfortunately was not at home, but P.C. Breed, who was in the neighbourhood, rendered first aid. The district nurse was sent for, and attended the little fellow. It was decided to take him to Addenbrooke's Hospital, wither he was driven by Mr. Day, who was accompanied by Mr. Peppercorn and Miss Bessie Day. At the hospital it was found necessary to amputate portions of three fingers. The boy was detained.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 9th April 1920

The usual tea was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Good Friday evening, and was so well attended that the schoolroom was packed to its utmost capacity. Later in the evening, a party of ladies and gentlemen from St. Ives, organised by Miss Sykes, gave a concert in the chapel, which attracted a large attendance, notwithstanding the unsettled state of the weather. All the items were received with great favour, and during the interval between parts 1 and 2 the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, who presided, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the kind friends from St. Ives, who had given so much pleasure by their excellent and well-rendered programme. He also thanked the tray-

holders and the organisers of the tea on behalf of those present, and expressed their appreciation of the efforts of Miss Norman and Mr. F. Norman, who were responsible for the arrangements at Swavesey. The proceeds have been devoted to the general expenses of the chapel.

PIERROTS' CONCERT. 9th April 1920

The Swavesey Pierrot Troupe, who, at their first appearance early this year established themselves in public favour, and have since given concerts at Oakington and Fen Drayton, made their second venture at home on Easter Monday and Tuesday, when they again scored a success. These concerts, like those in January, were in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund. Good audiences attended on both evenings, and greatly enjoyed the excellent musical and dramatic fare provided. Tuesday's audience was very enthusiastic, and encores were numerous. The programme included songs, duets, choruses and two farces. That all of the Troupe did their utmost to amuse the audience and do credit to themselves was evident, and it was equally evident that no pains had been spared in their training. For this Mr. C. Wood was responsible, and he can be congratulated on the result of his arduous labours. Once again the honorary stage carpenter, Mr. A. Slater, has to be congratulated on his work. Out of odds and ends, flags, stray curtains, and other unconsidered trifles, he constructed a proscenium, a properly set out stage, and a curtain that worked well.
(Full programme in newspaper.)

BREAD. 16th April 1920

The price of bread was on Monday raised from 9d. to 1s. 1d. per quartern, and flour to 1s. per quartern. Swavesey villagers have now the privilege of being on an equality with London, Cambridge and other towns.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 16th April 1920

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, held at the National School on Wednesday evening, Major R. Ellis (chairman) presiding, Mr. C. R. Vincent resigned the office of hon. secretary, to which he was elected by the public meeting of parishioners in May, 1919, and which he then consented to hold "for a time." The committee appointed Mr. C. Wood to fill the vacancy, the office to be held in conjunction with the treasurership. Mr. Vincent will remain a member of the committee.

MILK. 16th April 1920

“Another Father” writes: Referring to “Father of a Family’s” pertinent inquiry in last week’s paper why milk can be delivered at consumers’ houses in Leicester and other towns at 8d. a quart, while 9d. a quart is being charged in Swavesey for milk fetched by the consumer from the farms, may I say that I have been informed the retail price of milk, at the farm in Sutton, Isle of Ely, is 3½d. a pint, or 7d. a quart. Why 9d. at Swavesey, and 7d. at Sutton. Another correspondent writes: My daughter, who lives in North-West London, has written to tell me that the price of milk in London is 9d. a quart, and that a loaf of bread costs 6d.

MR. STANTON’S ILLNESS. 16th April 1920

According to news received in Swavesey, Mr. J. L. Stanton, who was removed to a nursing home in London on Wednesday in last week for an operation, which was performed the following day, is going on as well as can be expected. He has, however, to undergo another operation shortly. His many friends wish him a happy issue out of his trouble, and a speedy return to Swavesey thoroughly restored to health. Mr. Stanton is a parish councillor, and since April, 1919, has been one of the representatives of the parish on the Rural District Council and Board of Guardians. He has done much useful service on these bodies and in other ways.

OBITUARY. 23rd April 1920

Mrs. Prior, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Prior, died at her residence, Stanton View, Swavesey, on Wednesday afternoon, aged 72 years. She had been ill for some time. Her husband died on 30th August last.

CORRECTION. 23rd April 1920

Owing to a typographical error the old price of bread in Swavesey was stated in our last week’s issue to have been 9d. per quartern, instead of 9½d.

WHIST DRIVE. 23rd April 1920

Another successful whist drive, the fifth organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was brought off at the National School on Tuesday evening. Thirty tables were fully occupied. The prizes were awarded as follows: - Ladies, Mrs. F. Braybrook, Miss Gadsby, Miss M. Cole, Mrs. Green; gentlemen, Mr. P. Smith, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. T. Daintree, Mr. A. J. Willson. Excellent refreshments kindly given by people in the village were supplied at reasonable charges under the superintendence of Miss E. Dodson.

WEDDING. 23d April 1920

The marriage of Miss Ethel May Brooks, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Swavesey, and Mr. George William Cracknell, son of Mr. George Cracknell, Linton, was solemnised in Swavesey Parish Church on the 15th inst. The Vicar officiated. The bride wore a navy blue costume, with hat to match, and was given away by Mr. George Holmes. She was attended by two bridesmaids – Miss Hilda Cracknell (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Alice Brooks (sister of the bride) – who were dressed in brown, with hats to match. Mr. P. Orriss, of Linton, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a tea service from the Church bell-ringers at Linton.

CHURCH MEETING. 23rd April 1920

The parochial Church meeting was held in the tower of the Parish Church on Thursday, April 15th. There was a good attendance. It was decided that the Parochial Church Council should consist of nine members, including the ex-officio members of the Council. The ex-officio members are: Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar), Mr. W. H. Key and Mr. W. T. Thorp (churchwardens), Mr. R. Mitham and Mr. R. Barwell (representatives on the Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conferences). Four members were elected to complete the Council, viz., Mrs. J. Selwyn Sharp, Mr. C. Wood, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. R. Barwell. The accounts were presented and showed a balance of £13. The sidesmen were appointed, Mr. Hall being elected to take the place of Mr. Ephraim Stocker, whose loyal and devoted service will be much missed.

DEATH OF MR. J. L. STANTON. 23rd April 1920

The sad news reached Swavesey on Monday morning that Mr. James Levi Stanton had passed away at 10.30 the previous night at a nursing home in London, after a very painful illness of three weeks' duration. On Wednesday, 7th inst., he was removed to London for an operation, which was performed on the following day, but unfortunately a second operation was necessary and this took place towards the end of last week. Mr. Stanton failed to rally, and, as stated, died on Sunday night, to the deep regret of his many friends. Mr. James Levi Stanton was born 69 years ago at Willingham, being the son of the late Mr. David Stanton, of that parish. He never married. When a youth he migrated to London, where the next fifty years of his life were spent. In conjunction with his brother, Mr. Frederick Stanton, he carried on with great success the business of salvage brokers until March, 1917, when he retired and the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Stanton then settled in Swavesey, with

which village he had family ties, and where he owned property. A year ago he was elected a member of the Parish Council, and about the same time succeeded Mr. E. Parish, J.P., as one of the Swavesey representatives on the Rural District Council and the Board of Guardians. Mr. Stanton was not a talker, but, what was better, was well endowed with common-sense, public spirit, and capacity for business, qualities of the greatest value on bodies dealing with public affairs. To use the happy words of a friend, "Mr. Stanton could do anything but talk." Though not loquacious, he was not an entirely silent member, for he knew when to speak, and when he spoke his words were few, but to the point. The Swavesey Cricket Club have him mainly to thank for their new playing pitch on the Recreation Ground, and had his life been spared he would, no doubt, have been able to effect other improvements in the village. Bethel Baptist Chapel has lost a devoted and generous friend, and the Band of Hope a staunch supporter. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Willingham Cemetery, where other members of the Stanton family have been buried. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, officiated.

SERVICE OF SONG 23rd April 1920

In the presence of an audience which filled Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, the children of Bethel Band of Hope, assisted by the choir, who had been carefully trained by Mrs. Aldred, gave a praiseworthy rendering of a service of song entitled "The Angel of the Tenement." The narrative, which told a pathetic story, was read by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, and Mr. J. W. Williams ably presided at the organ. At the close, on the suggestion of the Pastor, the children, all standing, sent a message of love and greeting to Mr. J. L. Stanton, who was lying dangerously ill in London, and who had always taken the warmest interest in the Band of Hope and its youthful members. The message, however, never reached Mr. Stanton, for he died at 10.30 on Sunday night.

FUNERAL. 30th April 1920

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen Maria Prior, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Prior, whose death at the age of 72 years after three months' illness, was briefly recorded last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, vicar of Swavesey, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated, and the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The chief mourners were: Mrs. James Prior and Miss E. M. Prior (grandchildren), Mr. B. Prior, Mrs. F. Dodson and Mr. and Mrs. W. Barrett, Mr. C. Parker (nephew)

and Mrs. J. Carter and Mrs. C. Carter (nieces). The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE LATE MR. J. L. STANTON. 30th April 1920

Conveyed by motor hearse from London, where he passed away on the 18th inst., the mortal remains of the late Mr. James Levi Stanton were laid to rest on Thursday in last week in Willingham Cemetery, the place of burial of other members of his family, in the presence of a considerable assemblage of mourning friends from Swavesey, Over, and elsewhere. The Rev. H. T. N. Usher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, officiated, and Mr. Stanton's favourite hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood" was sung at the graveside. The coffin was covered with many beautiful wreaths, including one from "Friends at Bethel and members of the Band of Hope and Sunday School." The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stanton (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. George and Mrs. Godfrey (sisters), Mrs. G. Stanton (sister-in-law), Messrs. Cecil, Frederick and David Stanton (nephews) and the Misses Madge and Muriel Stanton and May Godfrey (nieces). On Sunday evening at Bethel Chapel the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher made a sympathetic and warmly appreciative reference to the late Mr. Stanton, and amongst the many expressions of sympathy and regret which have reached the family is a letter of condolence from the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey Rural District Council, on both of which bodies Mr. Stanton was one of the representatives of the parish of Swavesey.

PARISH MEETING. 30th April 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: The annual parish meeting, which should have been held on or about 25th March, was announced to take place at 6.30 p.m. last Monday, and the chairman (Mr. A. Norman), the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), and the schoolmaster (Mr. C. Wood), with the representative of this paper, were duly in attendance at the appointed time. They waited patiently for an hour and a half for other parishioners to put in an appearance, but none came, and shortly after 8 o'clock the Chairman, rejecting the urgent prayer of the Clerk that he should be allowed at least to read the minutes of the two meetings held in 1919, decided that the only thing to be done was to go home; so home we went. Except at times of agitation, parish meetings appear to have no attraction for the people of Swavesey. For years past the attendance at such meetings has been very unsatisfactory, usually less than a dozen persons, most of whom have been parish councillors, being present. On Monday the Chairman was the only member of the Council who attended. Very little interest is taken by the parishioners in matters affecting the parish. This is

most unfortunate, for if they took a keener interest in matters that concern the welfare of the parish, things that are being neglected would soon be attended to. As regards Monday's meeting, the early hour (6.30 by the clock, but only 5.30 by the sun) and the inadequate method of notification may have had a good deal to do with the absence of ratepayers. A notice written on a small piece of paper affixed amongst numerous other documents to the notice boards at the parish church and Nonconformist chapels may comply with legal requirements, but is hardly likely to attract attention. The Act of 1894 required that notices of parish meetings should be posted in "some conspicuous place or places within the parish," and the board in High-street which was erected by the Parish Council a few years ago would appear to be a "conspicuous place" in Swavesey, but before the board can be used it should be lowered. The Council appear to have forgotten that when it was removed to make way for the Roll of Honour it was merely propped against the wall of the parish property. May I once again suggest that in place of a scrap of paper, skeleton forms of notice with the words "Parish Meeting" in bold type at the top should be provided, and further that notices would stand a better chance of receiving attention if the boards to which they are affixed are kept clear of documents long out of date.

CRICKET. 7th May 1920

Swavesey Cricket Club opened the season on Saturday, when the second eleven visited Oakington and gained a decisive victory. The first eleven should have played Histon I. in a Milton League match, but at the request of Histon the game was postponed.

THE SCOURGE. 7th May 1920

Influenza is rife in the village, and unfortunately in several cases is accompanied by pneumonia. On Tuesday it was decided to close the National School for a time on account of sickness amongst the teaching staff and the children.

THE MAY QUEEN. 7th May 1920

A small child, crowned with flowers and appropriately arrayed as Queen of the May, and seated in state in a decorated car, with a bodyguard of maidens in attendance, traversed the village on May Day. Calls were made at many houses, and the Queen of a day met with a loyal welcome.

DROVE LETTING. 7th May 1920

The annual letting by public auction of the herbage of the droveways and roadsides in the parish of Swavesey took place at the White Horse Inn by direction of the Rural District Council on the 28th ulto., and realised £33 7s. 6d., an increase of £7 10s. on the amount obtained in 1919, £25 17s. 6d. £27 was realised in 1918, £21 10s. in 1917, and £25 5s. in 1913.

FOR HOSPITALS. 7th May 1920

With the view of helping hospitals, Mr. Herbert Wilderspin had the happy thought of having one of his calves specially sold for their benefit at the sale of his farming stock on 7th April. Mr. Cyril Watts was the auctioneer. The calf was knocked down to Mr. Z. Parish for £3, a collection of half-crowns amongst the company realised £2, and Mr. Wilderspin added £3 3s. making £8 3s. in all. This sum has been equally divided between the National Hospital, Queen's-square, London, St. Dunstan's Hostel, and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

THE SCHOOL. 14th May 1920

It is hoped to re-open the National School, which has been closed owing to illness, on Thursday next.

CRICKET. 14th May 1920

The Swavesey Cricket Club will play their first home match this season, to-morrow (Saturday), when they meet Cottenham I in a Milton and District League fixture. Play is to begin at 3 p.m.

AN UPSET. 14th May 1920

Through striking the raised pebble side-path in High-street, near its junction with Market-street, a cart laden with trusses of hay toppled over on Wednesday in last week, throwing the horse down and distributing the trusses over the roadway. No damage was done to horse or cart.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th May 1920

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School last Friday evening, and was attended by Messrs. J. S. Goad, who presided, F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman and R. Norman. Mr. E. J. Mitham officiated as clerk in place of his father, who was indisposed. Owing to the superior attraction of a sale announced for the same time as the Council meeting, a late start was made, and the councillors had a further illustration of the inconvenience caused by the unnecessarily large quorum fixed by the Standing Orders. The minutes of the last meeting having been signed, after a slight alteration had been made, and questions arising therefrom having been

postponed in consequence of the absence of the Clerk, the Council proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Mr. Beales, seconded by Mr. Burton, Mr. Arthur Norman was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Goad, on the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. R. Norman, was re-appointed vice-chairman. Before proceeding with the selection of the overseers, the Deputy-Clerk read a letter from the Assessment Committee of the St. Ives Union, in which it was stated that the County Council had expressed dissatisfaction with the assessment of property in the county generally, and had threatened to employ a professional valuer if a more satisfactory assessment was not submitted. The St. Ives Committee asked for a fresh valuation to be supplied by July 1st next. The following were appointed overseers: Mr. Arthur Leonard Parish (proposed by Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. F. Norman), and Mr. C. W. H. Cole (proposed by Mr. R. Norman, seconded by Mr. Goad). Messrs. Wallis Parish and James Parsons were also proposed, but were not seconded. Mr. Beales moved that a letter of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. J. L. Stanton be sent to the Clerk. Mr. Goad seconded, and the proposal was agreed to unanimously. Two candidates for the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. Stanton were proposed, viz., Mr. Cyril Day, D.C.M., proposed by Mr. R. Norman, seconded by Mr. Cole; and Mr. J. Ansell, the unsuccessful candidate who obtained the greatest number of votes at the Parish Council election in April, 1919, proposed by Mr. Beales, seconded by Mr. F. Norman. On a vote being taken, Mr. Day received four votes and Mr. Ansell two votes. The former was therefore declared elected. Mr. Burton reported that only one tender had been received for the right of herbage of the Recreation Ground, and that the Committee had accepted the tender. The Council approved. Mr. F. Norman called attention to the most unsatisfactory condition of the by-roads in the parish, and after considerable discussion it was unanimously decided that a representation in the matter should be made to the Rural District Council, who should be asked to inform the Parish Council who is responsible for the repair of the parish by-roads. Conversation followed respecting the rating of the parish, during which it transpired that the amount required for the Poor Rate during the next few months would be about double the amount needed in the corresponding period of 1919, while the District Council demands for the same period were about three times the sum levied last year. — Our Swavesey correspondent writes: The absence of the Clerk may have been responsible for the omission of several items of business at last Friday's Council meeting. For instance, no committees were appointed, and the Council's representative, or representatives on the board of Galon's Charity, who should have been re-elected last year, if not earlier, were overlooked. No reference was made to

the long overdue annual parish meeting, nor to the interesting fact that the public notices as to the reward paid for defunct sparrows are out-of-date. The public notice board in High-street is still a source of amusement to passers-by. When will the Council direct that it should be properly erected, and once more restored to the use for which it was provided? The ancient documents with which it is placarded might with advantage be removed, and the application of a scrubbing brush, followed by a coat of paint, would effect an improvement.

MEETING. 21st May 1920

Under the auspices of the Cambs. Trades Council and Divisional Labour Party, a public meeting was held on the Recreation Ground at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday. The attendance was not large.

A QUESTION. 21st May 1920

When does the Rural District Council propose, it is asked, to finish the clearing out of the branch drain in the neighbourhood of the building known as "The Plough."

LECTURE. 21st May 1920

Major A. Nelson, O.B.E., late Beds. and Herts. Regiment, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to men only on "England's danger and A 1 manhood" in the National School on Sunday afternoon. About fifty men were present.

RED CROSS WORK. 21st May 1920

On May 10th the V.A.D. Cambs. 12 were on duty at the World Service Exhibition at Cambridge. Quartermaster Cole and Nurse G. Dodson were in charge of the exhibits in the Medical Court, and Nurses E. Burton, J. Kirby, and M. Parsons gave a good demonstration in bed-making and bandaging. Miss May Mustill kindly acted as patient.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 21st May 1920

The Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association is in need of funds, and a garden fete is to be held in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, on Thursday, 3rd June, to raise some money for this most useful, necessary, and deserving Association. One of the chief attractions is a baby show, but plenty of other attractions are promised.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 21st May 1920

When the Parish Council placed the Roll of Honour in High-street a year ago, no provision was made for the cleaning of the case, which was presented by Mr. A. Norman, Hitherto, the compiler of the Roll has occasionally brushed off the dust and polished up the glass, but on Saturday two young ladies, Miss Grace Froment and Mrs. Chaddock, very patriotically volunteered to give the case a thorough spring cleaning. They did their work most effectively, polishing the woodwork, and even removing an accumulation of grass at the base of the wall, which had escaped the attention of the road officials.

THE VACANT DISTRICT COUNCILLORSHIP. 21st May 1920

May I ask, writes a correspondent, what steps are being taken to fill the vacancy on the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey Rural District Council caused by the lamented death of Mr. J. L. Stanton? It is most important that the parish of Swavesey should be fully represented on both these bodies at the present time, especially on the District Council, which is dealing with matters vitally affecting Swavesey – the public drains and banks, and the new housing scheme, for instance, Swavesey and Fen Drayton suffer from flood water from other parishes in the district, and their representatives have often been in the unfortunate position of being outvoted on the Council on matters of drainage and the disposal of, and protection from, surplus water from other parishes. The question might with advantage be ventilated at the overdue annual parish meeting.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 21st May 1920

After an interval of fourteen years, the Rev. W. Bampton Taylor, of Ely Place Church, Wisbech, re-visited Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on the 13th inst., and preached two eloquent and able sermons at the anniversary services held on that day. Both services were well attended, the evening attendance being specially good, and it would no doubt have been larger but for the fact that the Baptist Association meetings were being held at Gamlingay on the same day. Between the services a tea was provided in the chapel, at which a large number was present. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the chapel funds, and realised £17 3s. 1½d.

THE FEAST. 21st May 1920

Market-street, the site in days long past of Swavesey's ancient market, was filled with roundabouts, cocoa-nut shies, stalls, and other paraphernalia appertaining to village feasts during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and so far as the show folk were concerned, presented a pre-war appearance, but the pre-war crowds were absent, though on Tuesday evening a considerable

number of people attended. The cold and stormy weather no doubt kept many visitors from other villages away, and old Swaveseyites living at a distance deemed it wiser to remain at home in view of the heavy cost of railway travelling. Children, however, enjoyed themselves and spent their coppers on squeaking abominations, rides on the horses, swings, etc., but, speaking generally, the Feast this year was a very tame affair. Two cricket matches were to have been played, viz., on Tuesday between the First XI and the Next Sixteen, and on Wednesday between Swavesey II, and Willingham II. The former game was brought off, and resulted in the victory of the First Eleven, but the latter was scratched on Wednesday morning by Willingham. A whist drive in aid of the War Memorial Hall Fund was held on Wednesday evening.

WHIST DRIVE. 28th May 1920

A Whist drive in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund was held in the National School on the 19th inst. Sixteen tables were occupied and prizes were won as follows: Ladies: Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. J. Culpin, Mrs. Walter Thorp. Gentlemen: Mr. D. Williams, Mr. J. Culpin, Mr. R. W. Thurbon.

MILK. 28th May 1920

Two Swavesey dairy farmers have reduced the retail price of milk supplied by them to 6d. per quart, and it is rumoured that one of them has in consequence been called over the coals by the other famers in the parish who still charge 8d. per quart (2s. 8d. per gallon). In the neighbouring parish of Over milk is being supplied at 5d. per quart. The wholesale price of milk sent away from Swavesey is at present 1s. 3d. per gallon, and the farmer has to pay the cost of railway transit.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY. 28th May 1920

A fair number of visitors spent the Whitsun holiday in Swavesey, and on Monday the village was enlivened by a cricket match between the local club and Salisbury Club, Cambridge. A very pleasant and keenly contested game was won by the visitors. The day was gloriously fine and the sun intensely hot. The Salisbury Club men were accompanied by a strong contingent of friends, including ladies and children, and while the adults were amusing themselves after their fashion, the youngest enjoyed themselves in their way, and before marching to the railway station for the last train, had enough energy left to run races. During the interval in the match the visitors had tea at Mr. Law's in High-street.

NOTICE. 4th June 1920

We are sticking to our motto, S.P.Q.R. Sliced Corned Beef, 1s. 2d. lb.; Good Currants, 7d. per lb.; Tapioca, 6d. per lb.; Loose Starch, from 10d. per lb. Drapery Department: Sun Hats, 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d.; Men's Caps, 1s. 6d., 3s. 8d. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

CRICKET. 4th June 1920

Haddenham Cricket Club visited Swavesey on Saturday, for a Milton and District Cricket League (Division I) engagement, Scores: Haddenham 32, Swavesey 29. The violent thunderstorm interfered considerably with the game.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 4th June 1920

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday afternoon and evening, and were attended by good congregations, which included many friends from surrounding villages, St. Ives and Godmanchester. Mr. James Calcott, of Coventry, was the special preacher. Between the services tea was provided in the chapel, which was well filled. The financial result of the anniversary is reported to be very satisfactory, better than for several years, and the same can be said of the attendance at the services and the tea.

THUNDERSTORM. 4th June 1920

The thunderstorm was very severe at Swavesey. The downpour of hail, which is said to have been the heaviest known in the village for many years, did much damage to growing crops, especially peas and beans, and to plum and apple trees. A row of tall poplars in Friesland Farm caught the full force of the hurricane, branches being torn away from the tree trunks, some of which fell on to the Great Eastern Railway line, blocking both up and down roads. Fortunately, Mr. E. J. Mitham and Mr. W. Froment were near by, and they proceeded, without delay to remove the obstruction, being assisted by Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding from Fen Drayton gate-house.

CRICKET. 11th June 1920

After a run of bad luck, having lost the first four games played by them this season in the Milton and District Cricket League (Division I), the Swavesey XI, in their fifth attempt, scored a notable victory over Cottenham I on Saturday, at Cottenham, Swavesey scoring 177 runs against Cottenham's 60, thus avenging the defeat on the 15th ult.

WANTED: A COUNCILLOR. 11th June 1920

As far as the public are aware, no steps have yet been taken to fill the vacancy on the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey Rural District Council, caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Stanton, on April 18th last. The parish of Swavesey is thus deprived of one of its two representatives, a most unfortunate circumstance in view of the important matters such as drainage, housing, and ever-rising rates, which vitally concern the parish at the present time. A correspondent asks whether the Rule has been rescinded, or altered, which required that the election to fill a casual vacancy on a Rural District Council should be held within one month after notice of the vacancy had been given. The Swavesey Council must be aware of the present vacancy, for their Clerk sent a letter of condolence on their behalf to Mr. Stanton's family.

A RUNAWAY HORSE. 11th June 1920

There were a few lively minutes at Church End last Friday afternoon, when a horse which should have been quietly resting in the shafts of a cart in a butcher's yard for some unexplained reason took into its head to bolt, upset, and smash the cart, bespatter the high road with broken eggs, and then career wildly over gardens and allotments. Mr. Joseph Ellis, of Colne, Hunts., drove into Mr. R. Williamson's yard, and tied up his horse. In the cart was a quantity of eggs. After a time the horse broke loose and bolted out of the yard in the direction of the Swan pond. Near the Old Bottle House it seems to have turned, and in doing so upset the cart. Eggs were pitched into the road, and the shafts were broken. The horse minus the cart then galloped over the vacant site of a house burned down in the great fire into gardens at the back, and here Mr. Ellis managed to seize the reins, which were trailing, but failed to hold the animal, which continued its mad course across onion beds, etc., in Tibbitt's allotments, and so into Mr. James Wells' garden and yard. Turning here, the animal went back across gardens, allotments, and gooseberry and currant bushes, towards the cemetery, where, after endangering the safety of a cyclist and of a lady with a perambulator, it was captured.

GARDEN FETE. 11th June 1920

The Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association benefited to the extent of £40 4s. 4d. by a garden fete on Thursday, 3rd inst., in the beautiful and well-kept grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and a dance later in the evening. The fete, with its accompanying stalls, amusements, competitions, etc., realised £37 12s. 3d., and the dance, including the sale of surplus refreshments from the fete, £2 12s. 1d. This result is most satisfactory, seeing that the fete was organised on unambitious lines. The whole of the takings were devoted to the Associations, all expenses

being borne by private individuals. The weather being favourable, the attendance was good, visitors being present from Cambridge, Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Fen Drayton, Conington, Oakington, and other villages. A great attraction was a baby show under the capable control of Miss Rowbottom, the District Nurse. Entries were limited to Swavesey infants not exceeding twelve months of age, and there were three classes. The entries numbered nine, and the prizes were awarded as follows:- From 1 to 4 months of age, Eric Robert Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Williamson; from 4 to 8 months, Higham Hovell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hovell, Mow Fen Gate House; from 8 to 12 months, Eric Percy Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Parish, Albert Edward Brasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brasher, and John Martin Sharp, son of the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Sharp were adjudged equal. Mrs. Sharp withdrew her child, and prizes were awarded to babies Parish and Brasher. The judges, Dr. Robinson, County Medical Officer, and Miss Bills, Secretary of the County Nursing Association, experienced great difficulty in selecting the best babies, as all, they said, were exceptionally fine children, and all will receive certificates. The judges declared that Swavesey must be a very healthy spot. Half-hour concerts under the management of Miss M. Cole, assisted by Miss Beaumont and Mrs. Aldred, given in the Coach-house, which had been converted into an excellent concert room, attracted good audiences. Mr. Barwell also gave two magic-lantern exhibitions in the same place, which were much appreciated. A produce stall under the management of Mrs. W. F. Gleaves and Mrs. Cooke, and a jumble and new work stall supervised by Mrs. Twist, assisted by Miss Ethel Garner and Miss Banks, found ready buyers.

ADVERT. 18th June 1920

Follow "those who save," and visit CANHAM'S STORES this week. Margarine, 1s. 1d. per lb; Dripping, 1s. 2d. per lb.; good Currants, 6d. per lb.; Stoned Raisins, 8d. per lb.; Saccharins, 9½d. per hd. Agents for College Sweetened Cake Four, coming shortly! College Sweetened Custard Powder and Excello Sweetened Lemonade 2½d. pkt. Drapery Dept. – Grey and White Calicoes from 1s. 3¾d. per yd.

CRICKET. 18th June 1920

Playing Willingham I in a Milton and District League (Div. I) fixture on Saturday, Swavesey scored 47 and the visitors 38. Dennis Williams bowled well for Swavesey, taking nine wickets for 18 runs.

A PLEASANT OUTING. 18th June 1920

The members of the Mothers' Union were invited by Mrs. Herbert to meet the Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey mothers on the 9th inst. Fourteen were able to accept, and after a most pleasant drive reached Hemingford Abbots Church shortly before 3 o'clock, when a brief service was held, and a most helpful address given by the Vicar of Godmanchester from the words, "Is it well with thee; is it well with thy husband; is it well with the child?" After the service the visitors adjourned to the beautiful grounds at Hemingford Abbots Rectory, where tea was provided, and a very happy time spent. In the evening the Hemingford Abbots Girl Guides gave a very good entertainment on the lawn, and after a vote of thanks to the kind host and hostess, the Swavesey party returned home at about 7 p.m. It was much regretted that some members were prevented from going. In the early spring Mrs. Herbert held a campaign in Swavesey for the Mothers' Union, and by her kindness endeared herself to all.

SMELLS IN THE HIGH-STREET. 26th June 1920

The stench arising from the open drain at Turn Bridge at the end of High-street has been most offensive this week, and must have been a great nuisance to people living in the cottages close by.

LOCKED IN! 26th June 1920

A respected inhabitant who combines private business with manifold public offices, and his chief assistant, had an unpleasant experience the other day. They were putting the finishing touches to a fowlhouse in the village when the owner came along, and, unconscious of the fact that the two craftsmen were inside, locked the door and went on his way. Why he did not hear the workers is not explained, and the suggestion that they were resting is dismissed as ridiculous. At any rate the two unfortunates were imprisoned for some time in the dark, and to add to their discomfort they could not stand upright, for the roof was low, and the report says that they kept on treading on each other's feet.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th June 1920

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, and was attended by Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, and F. Norman, with the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Mr. A. L. Parish, one of the Overseers, was also present. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting on May 7th, the Clerk reported that he had ascertained that the by-laws of the parish were under the control of the Rural District Council, who

made no charge except in regard to the pay of the roadman; that Mr. W. Linford, who had been roadman, had recently resigned, and that it was not proposed to fill the vacancy until Michaelmas. On the question being asked as to Mr. Cyril Day, who had been co-opted at the last meeting to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Stanton, Mr. Goad said that Mr. Day had informed him that he would not accept office. The Clerk, however, stated that he had not formally notified Mr. Day of his appointment, and, when some surprise was expressed that he had not done so, urged that there was nothing in the Standing Orders requiring him to communicate with a newly-elected councillor in the case of a casual vacancy. The Chairman thought the Clerk should write officially to Mr. Day, and on the proposal of Mr. Beales, seconded by Mr. F. Norman, it was decided that Mr. Day should be written to accordingly. Mr. A. L. Parish asked whether newly-elected overseers were not entitled to an official notification of their appointment, but no answer was forthcoming. These preliminary matters having been disposed of, the Council settled down to the consideration of the business for which the meeting was specially summoned. The Clerk was careful to explain that the meeting had been called "at short notice," that two instead of three clear days' notice had been given, and that therefore it was open to any councillor to object to the meeting being held. The councillors one and all declared their attention "to get on with the work." The special business was the appointment of a committee to assist the Overseers, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole and A. L. Parish, in a revaluation of the parish. The discussion was long, but unanimous so far as the necessity for a committee was concerned, and would have been much curtailed but for the Clerk, who, actuated doubtless by a laudable desire to impart information and instruction, introduced matters that did not bear immediately on the subject under discussion. At length the Chairman applied the closure, and on the motion of Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. F. Norman, Councillors A. Norman, F. J. Beales, W. Burton and J. S. Goad, and Mr. A. J. Willson were elected unanimously to serve on the committee. In replying to a question put by Mr. Beales as to the payment of the account for the fence protecting the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground, the Clerk said that the special banking account for the Recreation Ground had been closed, and that the Local Government auditors objected to a separate account. Mr. Beales also asked if the Clerk had received any notification from the District Council as to filling the vacancy on that Council caused by Mr. Stanton's death. The Clerk replied "that the matter did not concern the Parish Council, but he added that nominations had to be in the hands of the Clerk of the District Council by noon on that day (Monday), that he had been informed that one gentleman only had been nominated, and that this gentleman, Mr. C. W. H. Cole, would

no doubt in due course be declared duly elected. — Our Swavesey correspondent writes: Very few of the 900 inhabitants of Swavesey knew that nominations were required to fill the vacancy on the District Council. Mr. Beales, for instance, would not have asked his question on Monday night if he had been aware that an election was in progress. Notices were posted on the church and chapel doors, but, as has been pointed out time after time in these columns notices would be better on the notice board on the parish property in High-street.

ROLL OF HONOUR. 2nd July 1920

Copies of the booklet containing the Swavesey Roll of Honour and record of men of the parish who served in the Great War can still be obtained from the compiler, Mr. C. R. Vincent, High-street, Swavesey, price one shilling each.

DANGEROUS HIGH-STREET. 2nd July 1920

The Overseers of the parish of Swavesey, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, and A. L. Parish, came to grief on Friday evening when cycling along High-street. In getting out of the way of a cart which was being drawn by hand out of a yard, one cyclist collided with the other, and both parochial dignitaries came a cropper. No material damage was done.

CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd July 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: It has been suggested that, if for some occult reason, the parish authorities have decided to boycott the notice board in High-street, which was specially erected in 1912 by the then Parish Council for the display of official announcements, the board might be let to an auctioneer. The position is the best in the village for advertising purposes, and the parish would reap a little benefit from the sum paid for rent. Before adopting this suggestion, however, the Parish Council should remember that the board was put up in consequence of complaints that official notices were not seen by the public when only displayed amongst numerous other documents, usually more or less out of date, on the church and chapel doors. One councillor, I recollect, pleaded in excuse for failing to see a notice of a parish meeting that when he went to a place of worship his thoughts were far away from such mundane matters as those dealt with in official documents. The board in High-street was at one time used to a limited extent by parochial officials, but of late years has been boycotted. The failure to post the notices relating to the recent District Council election in a conspicuous place has given rise to the suspicion that the election was a “hole and corner affair,” and that it was not desired the public should know anything about it. Anxiety to

save the parish the expense of a contested election – the last Parish Council election cost £8 – may have had something to do with restricting the knowledge that nominations were asked for to as few people as possible. There are two other matters to which attention may be called. At the first meeting held after the present Parish council was elected in April, 1919, the Council representatives on the Board of Feoffees of Galon's Charity should have been appointed, but the matter was postponed until the next meeting. The subject has not even been mentioned at any subsequent meeting. This omission is remarkable in view of the fact that the Clerk of the Council is also clerk of the charity, and it is also unfortunate as the feoffees appointed by the Council are the only feoffees not co-opted by the feoffees themselves. The Council is, however, not unrepresented, as the gentlemen appointed by a previous Council remain in office, but the period for which they were elected expired long ago. Secondly, are the village street lamps to be lighted next winter?

FOOD CONTROL. 9th July 1920

The Food Office for the Swavesey district has been removed from St. Ives to Huntingdon.

OBITUARY. 9th July 1920

Miss Annie Dodson, daughter of the late Mr. Berry Dodson, died during last Friday night, and was buried in Swavesey churchyard on Tuesday afternoon.

OPEN-AIR DANCE. 9th July 1920

The organisers of entertainments in aid of the War Memorial Fund, determined not to be beaten by the elements, announce that an open-air dance will take place on Dr. Ellis's lawn on Thursday next, 15th July, at 8 p.m., weather permitting. The garden will be illuminated, and refreshments provided at reasonable prices. The charge for admission will be one shilling.

WHIST DRIVE. 9th July 1920

Owing to the wet evening the whist drive and dance in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, which should have taken place on Dr. Ellis' lawn on Thursday evening in last week, had at the last moment to be adjourned to the National School. Chairs and tables were removed by willing hands from one place to the other, a distance of a quarter of a mile or more, in a surprisingly short space of time. Cyclists carried loads of chairs and tables, and so burdened rode gaily along the village street. One cyclist in some mysterious way managed to hang six chairs about his body and then mount his

machine without difficulty, while another succeeded in transporting four chairs and a table at one fell swoop. Notwithstanding the elements, the attendance was good, but not as good as it would have been if the evening had been fine, and the entertainment held out of doors. Twenty-six tables were occupied for the whist drive, and the prizes were awarded as follows: - Ladies, Miss M. Cole, Mrs. Oakman, Miss M. Ellis; gentlemen, Mr. A. Jenkinson, Mr. H. Burling, Mr. J. Strapps. At 10 o'clock the dancing began, and was kept up with great spirit until midnight.

UNVEILING OF ROLL OF HONOUR. 9th July 1920

Fifty-one old boys of Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School are known to have served in the Navy, Army or Air Force during the war, and eight of them made the supreme sacrifice. A roll of honour, beautifully and artistically illuminated, on which the 51 names are inscribed, has been placed in the entrance lobby of the chapel, and last Sunday afternoon was unveiled by Mrs. Ussher, the wife of the pastor. There was a special service in the chapel, at which the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided. A goodly congregation assembled, and the roll for convenience of unveiling was placed on the rostrum. The service opened with hymn "O God, our help in ages past" and prayer by Mr. Benjamin Prior, one of the deacons. Hymn "Jesu, Lover of my soul" followed, and then Mrs. Ussher unveiled the Roll, and gave a brief and suitable address. Another hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way" having been sung, Mr. H. S. Aldred, who has been superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, read the names on the roll, the congregation standing. He concluded with a few words of sympathetic appreciation, especially in regard to those who had died. Mr. James Prior and Mr. G. E. Canham, both returned soldiers, also spoke, and a memorable service closed with hymn "God holds the key of all unknown," and prayer by Mr. Joseph Payne. The roll is enclosed in a fumed oak frame, and is the work of Messrs. Hankin, St. Ives.

CRICKET. 16th July 1920

What ought to be an interesting match from a local point of view is to be played on the Recreation Ground to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, the opposing teams being an eleven captained by Dr. Ellis, and an eleven of Swavesey ex-soldiers. Included in Dr. Ellis's team will be two or three veterans, without whom no Swavesey eleven was complete a few years ago.

ANNIVERSARY. 16th July 1920

Bethel Sunday School anniversary was kept last Sunday, and was particularly interesting, as the special preacher was a former pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, the Rev. B. G. Knight, now of Fletton. Mr. Knight, who left Swavesey about 20 years ago, and has since only paid flying visits, few and far between, had a cordial welcome from his old congregation. His sermons at the morning and evening services were eloquent and helpful, the services were bright and hearty, and the attendance, especially in the evening, good. In the afternoon there was a flower service, when tastefully arranged gifts of flowers were presented by the children. The flowers have been sent to St. Ives Infirmary. At the evening service certificates gained at the Sunday School Union Scripture examination were presented to the successful scholars by Mr. Knight. The collections throughout the day were on behalf of the Sunday School Fund, and amounted to over £6.

NEGLECTED BATHING PLACE. 23rd July 1920

The Swavesey bathing place in the River Ouse is reported to be in a terrible state, and is unsafe for bathers.

OUSE DRAINAGE. 23rd July 1920

At last week's meeting of St. Ives Town Council, Mr. G. G. G. Wheeler reported that the Ouse Drainage Bill had passed the Committee of the House of Lords and would now become law.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS. 23rd July 1920

Six pupils of Swavesey National School – Llewellyn Nicholson, Bernard Parish, Charles Wood, Edward Melbourn, Muriel Beales, and Margaret Prior – succeeded in passing the recent County Minor Scholarship examination, and E. Melbourn and C. Wood have been awarded scholarships.

SCHOOL TREAT. 23rd July 1920

The children attending Bethel Chapel Sunday School had their summer treat on the 15th inst., and spent a very happy time. First of all, they had their splendid tea in the chapel schoolroom, and then their parents and adult friends were entertained. After this games of various kinds were played in Mr. Jabez Day's meadow. Swings were provided, and there was cricket, racing, tugs-of-war, etc. At the close prizes were presented by Mrs. Ussher and the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher (pastor) and Mr. H. S. Aldred, Sunday School Superintendent, said a few words. The children cheered lustily, and with gifts of sweets went home.

FORTHCOMING GARDEN FETE. 23rd July 1920

In aid of Swavesey War Memorial Fund, a garden fete is to be held in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage on Bank Holiday, 2nd August. Many attractions are announced, including concerts by minstrels, Mrs. Jarley's waxworks, fancy dress football match (Ladies v. Gentlemen), needlework competition (open), with special prize for children, best bouquet of wild flowers arranged by schoolchildren, produce, jumble, and new work stalls. Teas and refreshments will be provided at moderate charges. The lawn will be illuminated for dancing from 7 to 10 p.m., and a string band will be in attendance. The fete will be opened by Mrs. R. Ellis, of Cottenham.

OPEN-AIR DANCE. 23rd July 1920

The dance on Dr. Ellis' lawn which should have taken place on 1st July, but had to be postponed on account of the bad weather, was brought off on Thursday evening in last week, and was a great success. The attendance was good, the weather kind, and the lawn in perfect condition. The roses were exquisite, and won general admiration, and at dusk the garden was prettily illuminated. Dancing was kept up with undiminished vigour until well-nigh 1 a.m., and all visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The pianoforte accompaniments to the dances were played by the Misses Ellis, Goad, Jacobs, and Spolton, and Messrs. Percy Watts and E. Williams. The refreshments under the capable management of Miss Goad and Miss Parsons, were in great request, the excellent and much appreciated viands having been given by friends in the village. Mr. George Goad carried out the duties of M.C. At the close a vote of thanks to Dr. Ellis, proposed by Mr. J. S. Goad, and seconded by Mr. P. Godfrey, was carried with acclamation, and hearty cheers for the pianists followed. The proceeds have been given to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund.

PUBLIC NOTICES. 23rd July 1920

The boycott of the official notice board in High-street by the parish authorities still continues. The board was erected about eight years ago by the then Parish Council, in consequence of complaints that notices posted on the church and chapel doors were not seen by the public. For some reason or other the official responsible for the publication of public documents does not use the board, although attention has been called again and again in these columns to the inconvenience caused by his not doing so. Last Saturday the official compromised; he posted a notice concerning the autumn register of voters (claims and objections, etc.) on the brick wall within a few yards of the board. With tin tacks, he attached the poster to the brickwork about two feet above

the level of the footpath, and no better position could have been chosen if his intention was to frighten nervous horses, or give little children something to play with. Dwellers in High-street watched the poster with interest, and speculated as to how long it would remain in position. It survived intact until Monday morning, and then began to flap gaily. During the afternoon it hung by the two top tin-tacks, and flapped still more vigorously. By early evening it had disappeared, and only the tin-tacks remained. Yet it is important that the notice should be on view for at least a month.

NORTH STOWE CHORAL FESTIVAL. 23rd July 1920

Successful Revival at Swavesey Parish Church.

After a lapse of some years, the festival of church choirs in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe has been revived and, on Wednesday evening, six choirs sang evensong in Swavesey Parish Church. The choristers, male and female, over two hundred in number, came from Conington (13), Cottenham (25), Histon (40), Over (65), Swavesey (40), and Willingham (25).

The service was according to the Ely use, and the music selected was that used for Ely Diocesan Church festivals in 1867, when the late Canon Henry Isaac Sharp, who had been vicar of Swavesey from 1862 to 1884 – he was the first resident vicar of the parish – but then held the living of Little Downham, was a leading spirit in matters concerning Church music. The ancient church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, is well adapted for gatherings of the kind. It is close to a railway station, it is large, and it possesses a somewhat ancient two-manual organ of fair size and power, which once did duty in St. Ives Parish Church.

On Wednesday evening a large congregation drawn from all round the neighbourhood, filled the sacred building, when at 7 o'clock the surpliced choirs, all the men and boys, entered in procession, headed by the Swavesey banner, which, it may be mentioned, saw its first service at a choral festival in Ely Cathedral many years ago. The women and girl choristers occupied the front rows of seats on either side of the nave, and the conductor, Mr. H. Adcock, organist of St. Luke's Chesterton, stood at his rostrum in the middle.

The late Rev. S. J. Stone's hymn "Round the Sacred City gather," to music by Henry Smart, was the processional. Following the choirmen came the clergy, the Revs. C. H. Crossley (Willingham), F. Ingle (Willingham and Australia), W. C. Massey (Conington), R. L. B. Oliver (Over), C. W. Tibbits (Elsworth), Canon E. G. Wood (St. Clement's, Cambridge), W. C. Cooke (vicar of Histon, and rural dean), and J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar of Swavesey).

The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar. The chanting was excellent. Rev. W. C. Massey read the first lesson, and the Rural Dean the second. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were rendered to an effective

setting by Felix W. Morley, and the anthem, "O praise God in his holiness," by Thomas Tallis. Trinnell – a composition which gained the prize offered by the Ely Diocesan Music Society in 1871 – was sung in a way deserving of the highest praise. The succeeding prayers were said by the Rev. C. H. Crossley. The hymn before the sermon was H. Collins' "Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all," to music (St. Katharine) by J. G. Walton.

Canon Wood preached. His subject was "Worship", and in particular worship by the voice and its dangers, illustrating the latter by an old legend. During the collection two hymns were sung.

The Blessing was pronounced by the Rural Dean. The collection was in aid of the expenses of the festival, and amounted to £7 3s. 9d.

Mr. Adcock is entitled to the heartiest congratulations on the success of his labours. The choirs had had only one combined rehearsal, yet they sang well together. They attacked fearlessly and without hesitation. There was not one sign of weakness or of dragging. Mr. G. H. Skeeles, the Swavesey organist, was at the organ.

ADVERT. 30th July 1920

SPECIAL OFFERS. – Boys' Heavy Boots, 11s. 11d. per pair; Men's Heavy Boots, from 19s. 11d. per pair. A few 7lb. Jars of Chivers' Jam left at 7s. 6d. per jar. A splendid Margarine at 1s. per lb. English Tomatoes, 1s. per lb. Have you tried Cooks' Farm Eggs? 2s. per dozen. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 30th July 1920

Emily Elizabeth Prior, one of the Swavesey school children who recently passed the County Minor Scholarship examination, but were not awarded scholarships at the Council School, has been instructed to attend the new Central Schools, Melbourne-place, Cambridge.

ADVERT. 6th Aug. 1920

We are giving "Bucksheesh," a Packet of Sweetened Lemonade, to all purchasers of 2s. 6d. worth of Groceries and over (Drapery, etc., included) on Friday and Saturday next, 6th and 7th inst. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

NOTICE. 6th Aug. 1920

Will the gentleman who took a drab mackintosh by mistake from the cloak-room at the School on Monday night kindly return it to Mr. R. Banks, the Priory?

FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT. 6th Aug. 1920

We are asked to announce that the performances of Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks and the minstrels, which, owing to the rain, had to be postponed last Monday evening, will be given in the National School next Thursday, 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Admission 1s. Proceeds in aid of the War Memorial Fund.

PUBLIC SPIRIT. 6th Aug. 1920

Two instances of public spirit on the part of parishioners of Swavesey have to be recorded. A new diving board has been erected at the bathing place in the river by an ex-soldier. Unfortunately, while fixing the board the gallant warrior took an involuntary header into the weedy waters of the Ouse. The second case has to be placed to the credit of the Clerk of the Parish Council, who was seen by astounded ratepayers between 9 and 10 p.m. on Thursday in last week busily engaged in repairing single-handed the disreputable and nearly unusable roadway of River Drove. It will be remembered that the Clerk announced at the last meeting of the Parish Council that the District Council, from motives of economy, had decided to postpone until Michaelmas the appointment of a by-way roadman in place of the official who retired some time ago.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 6th Aug. 1920

This year's house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund in the villages comprised in the Swavesey district (Cambs. III, Part I) has resulted in £70 13s. 9d. being handed to the honorary secretary. (Swavesey, Mrs. Cooksey and friends, £12 12s.). Mrs. Cooksey, vice-president, wishes to congratulate all collectors and donors on the splendid result, which exceeds any previous year's collection.

GARDEN FETE. 6th Aug. 1920

Rain seriously interfered with the garden fete in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, which was held in the grounds of the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Bank Holiday. All sorts of entertainments, stalls, competitions and the like calculated to amuse the visitors, and while amusing extract money from their pockets, had been arranged by the energetic and resourceful Entertainment Sub-Committee, under the general management of Mr. C. Wood, and all that was wanted was a fine day, followed by a fine evening. The sun shone brightly during the earlier hours, and then ominous clouds appeared in the sky. Early in the afternoon rain fell for a time, and the weatherwise shook their heads. But notwithstanding the gloomy prospect, a surprisingly large number of people, some of whom came from far away, had

assembled when at 3 o'clock Mrs. Ellis, of Cottenham, wife of Dr. Robert Ellis, chairman of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Committee, with a few graceful words declared the fete open. No time was lost in speech-making; business was proceeded with at once. The jumble stall, with Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Wood in charge, and the produce stall groaning under a large and varied stock of fruit, vegetables, etc., where Messrs. Pontefract and Canham were salesmen, and the new work stall displaying the articles made by the Ladies' Working Party, superintended by Mrs. Burton and Miss Thorp, speedily found eager patrons. Mrs. Sharp sold sweets at another stall, and the craving of the very thirsty was relieved by lemonade dispensed by Mrs. G. Burling and Miss Sutton. Miss Parsons looked after a bran-tub, and had plenty to do. The refreshment stall soon commenced operations, and as the prices were reasonable and the viands excellent, the business was brisk. As time went on the weather did not improve, for steady rain succeeded occasional showers. Still the people defied the elements like heroes. At 3.30 a minstrel troupe, under the command of Mr. A. Prime, M.M., gave their first show to a large audience in an open-air theatre, rigged up in an adjoining field, kindly lent by Mr. Allen Thoday. At 4.30 Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks were presented in the same place by a talented company, organised and trained by Mrs. Ussher. A still larger crowd witnessed this performance, in spite of increasing rain, and the fact that hardly one person left before the show ended ought to be proof of its seductive excellence. It was announced that the second "house" of both the minstrel concert and waxworks show would be in the National School at 7 o'clock, but owing to the drenched condition of the waxworks it was found impossible to carry out this arrangement, and many people who had collected outside the school had to go away disappointed.

STREET LIGHTING. 13th Aug. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: The question whether the public lamps in the village streets should or should not be lighted during the coming winter months should be decided without further delay. If they are to be used much will have to be done in the way of preparation – some of the missing posts, for instance, have yet to be replaced – and only a few weeks remain before the lighting should begin. During the war the village was condemned to darkness by D.O.R.A., but last year the newly-elected Parish Council agreed, unanimously, it is believed, that street lamps during the dark winter season were necessary, and a committee was appointed to have the lamps and appurtenances put in order. At the next Council meeting on the 11th August the Committee reported that the repairs were in hand. In the "Independent Press" of 12th September inquiry was made whether the lamps, etc., would be

ready for use by the end of that month, when lighting should start. No reply was forthcoming to this question, but on 6th October, at the end of a long meeting, called, according to the agenda, to discuss “general business,” someone casually mentioned the street lamps, whereupon someone else remembered that a temporary Lighting Restriction Order had been issued in consequence of the railway strike, and the Council promptly decided, in view of the Order, that the question of lighting the lamps should remain in abeyance “for the present.” It should be noted that this Council meeting was held about a week after the lamps should have been alight, that no steps had been taken to obtain the authority of a parish meeting for the necessary lighting rate, and that no steps had been taken to appoint a lamp-lighter. And further, it should be noted that the Lighting Restriction Order was withdrawn on the day the meeting was held, the strike having ended. The lighting question has “remained in abeyance” ever since so far as the Council are concerned. Whether the streets should be lighted during next winter would appear to be a question that should more properly be settled by the ratepayers of the parish assembled in a parish meeting than by the Parish Council. While there is much to be urged in favour of lighting the streets, there are also strong reasons why the expense of lighting should not be incurred. The rates are already very heavy, and the lighting rate would make them still heavier. In pre-war days street lighting cost £25 or £30 a year; now the expense would be far greater, probably more than doubled. Is the game worth the candle? That is the point for the parish and the Council to decide, but the decision should be taken without delay, for if the lamps are to be lighted this year, they should be ready for use within the next six weeks and the lamp-lighter appointed. The summer statutory meeting of the Parish Council will no doubt be held soon – if the standing orders had been obeyed the Council should have met on 19th July – and it will be interesting to see whether any, and if so what, steps are taken by the Council in regard to street lighting. There are two other matters “in abeyance,” viz., the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Stanton, and the appointment of the Council’s representatives on the board of feoffees of Galon’s Charity, the latter question having been in abeyance since 2nd May, 1919, when it was postponed to the next meeting and forgotten. In view of the ominous rumbles of discontent in the village caused by the recent raising of the allotment rents by the feoffees, it would appear to be most desirable that the only feoffees who are in any way appointed except by co-option by the feoffees themselves should not hold office irregularly or on sufferance, the period for which the present Council representatives having expired long ago. A parish meeting, it may be mentioned, can be called not only by the Chairman of the Parish Council, but by any two Councillors, or

any six parochial electors. If a parish meeting is summoned, it is to be hoped that it will be adequately announced, not merely by scraps of paper stuck on the overcrowded notice-boards on the church and chapel doors, and that the ratepayers of the parish, women as well as men, will attend in strong force.

ADVERTS. 20th Aug. 1920

A MOTOR 'BUS will pass Swavesey-road End on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for Cambridge. See time tables.

EXTRA SPECIAL!!! Large tins of Plums at 1s. 6d. per tin, in heavy syrup. Buy now and store for winter. English tomatoes, 8d. per lb. Come early and avoid disappointment. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

BUY at Prior's Stores, a Mahogany Chest of Drawers, £4; Oak-frame Dining Table, with extra leaf, £5 12s. 6d.; Set of Oak Chairs, in leather, £2 4s.; Carpets, for kitchen, drawing-room and bedroom, £1 to £5; Cottage Wringer, £4 17s. 6d. Come and choose your bargains.

CRICKET. 20th Aug. 1920

C. Wood, Captain of the Swavesey C.C., has taken 97 wickets this season.

A RESOURCEFUL HORSEMAN. 20th Aug. 1920

In a field on the confines of the parish a horse tied to the wheels of a cart during the dinner hour was observed to be wearing a novel head-dress the other day. Its thoughtful owner had buttoned his waistcoat round its head to keep away the flies.

ROAD CENSUS. 20th Aug. 1920

A census of the road traffic in Swavesey is being taken this week, but the enumerator has been stationed near the old Red Lion, at the entrance to the village from the Cambridge-Huntingdon road, where he misses at least 50 per cent. – some road-users say 75 per cent. – of the traffic passing through the village. The wheel traffic from the roads under District Council control which join the main road between Boxworth End and Wilderspin's corner would appear to have been overlooked. Much of it is very heavy.

NEGLECTED STILES. 20th Aug. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: A substantial ratepayer of Swavesey, whom even the Parish Council would deem worthy of consideration, has asked me to call attention once more to the neglected and to a great extent unusable, stiles in the parish. He specially referred to the three stiles on the right of way between the Recreation Ground and Brickhill Drove, which affords a shorter

and pleasanter way to Over than by the high road for persons residing in Middle Watch and Boxworth End, besides giving access to Cow Fen and adjacent fields. An inspection of the stiles fully bore out the ratepayer's statement. The stile at the end of the Recreation Ground has no step, is very shaky, and is approached by a narrow plank, which spans a morass of deep mud (now dry), and in wet weather of water, and, moreover, wobbles dangerously. And no wonder, for one end of the plank has rotted away to a narrow point, through which an antiquated nail has been driven. When this nail gives way over will go the plank, and the venturesome pedestrian on it will have a muddy bath. The stile at the end of Brickhill Drove is far advanced in decay, and is shaky. It possesses a step of sorts. The intervening stile is not a stile, but an awkward fence, upwards of 4 feet in height, with a bad "take off." The step has disappeared, but one stump, lopsided and tremulous, remains. Not one of these "stiles" is fit for a woman or an elderly or feeble person to get over, and therefore an important right of way is practically closed to the public. A resident remarked the other day that he hoped the Clerk of the Parish Council would take the stiles in hand when he had finished his self-imposed task of mending the road-way in River Drove. The attention of the Parish Council has been repeatedly called in these columns to the stiles – always at the request of ratepayers – but the Council have treated the representations with silent contempt. The subject has not been even mentioned at any meeting during the sixteen months the present Council has been in office. Economy is most desirable, but the neglect of small repairs, which results in the big and expensive jobs, is not economy, but the reverse. "A stitch in time saves nine" is an old proverb, and a very true one.

WAXWORKS AND MINSTRELS. 20th Aug. 1920

Included in the attractions at the garden fete in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, which was held in the Vicarage grounds on Bank Holiday were performances of Mrs. Jarley's waxworks and of a minstrel troupe in an open-air theatre. The afternoon shows were brought off in spite of rain, but the evening performances had to be abandoned, and as many people were greatly disappointed in consequence, the organisers decided to give performances in the National School on Thursday evening in last week. It must be admitted the Mrs. Jarley's "stupendous and unrivalled collection", which that energetic lady declared was "the delight of the nobility and gentry," gained immensely by the change of venue, and moreover more money found its way into the banking account of the Memorial Hall Fund. For one thing, the figures, their dresses, and appointments were bright and dry, whereas on

Bank Holiday they were bedraggled and limp with moisture. The lighting of the stage last week was admirable. The large schoolroom was crowded when Mrs. Jarley, in traditional poke bonnet of ample dimensions, appeared before the curtain, accompanied by her faithful ally, the indefatigable and garrulous George. After the introductory speech by the world-famous show-woman, the curtain drew up and displayed eight shrouded figures (Description of display in newspaper). One of the audience declared at the end that it was the best show he had seen in Swavesey, an opinion shared by most, if not all, of those present; but next time Mrs. Jarley visits the village, may we suggest that a little instrumental music during the show might not be out of place. Miss Elsie Dodson was most admirable as Mrs. Jarley, and she could not have had a more capable assistant than Mr. Barwell as George. After the waxworks the minstrel troupe gave a musical sketch entitled "The Black Rivals." Want of space unfortunately prevents anything being said of the performances except that it was well done.

ADVERT. 27th Aug. 1920

HARVEST SALE, Special Lines. – Ladies', Gent.'s and Children's Reliable Footwear – Boots, Shoes and Hosiery. September 4th to September 18th. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

OUR DRAPERY DEPARTMENT is offering splendid value this week, in Men's Shirts, Pants, Undervests, Caps, etc., Ladies' Bodices, Combinations, Undervests, Overalls, Stockings, etc. You always save money by visiting Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

BAD SMELLS. 27th Aug. 1920

Complaint is again being made of the obnoxious odours arising from the main drain near the church bridge on the main road from the village to the parish church, the railway station and to the village of Over, and it is suggested that the Medical Officer of Health might with advantage devote some attention to the matter. The stench is no doubt caused to a great extent by sewage deposited in the drain from a sewer which has its outlet a few yards from the bridge, and as the water in the drain is for the greater part of the year practically stagnant it can well be understood how the nuisance arises. The sewer was laid a few years ago by the Rural District Council. It consists of large tile pipes, and starts at Turn Bridge at the southern end of High-street, where it connects with the old High-street sewer. The pipes follow the course of the large open drain or dyke which passes round Hobbledod's crossing, Cow Fen-road, near Swavesey Manor, and proceeding by Brooklands to Church Green. From Turn Bridge to Church Green the pipes are laid on the

side of the bank, and it is reported that in places pipes have broken through the earth giving way, or being washed by flood from underneath them, and that in consequence sewage matter escapes into the open drain. The pipes are carried underground at Church Green, under the main road at the bridge and underground at the outlet. When the sewer was constructed it was understood that the present outlet was only temporary, and that the pipes would be carried on further in a year's time, when more money was available. That the outlet was intended to be temporary only is shown by the rough planking in the drain bank at the outfall. Persons not connected with the District Council have, however, been bold enough to suggest that want of money was not the reason why the sewer ends where it does, but the physical impracticability of obtaining an outfall if carried further. How many feet above sea level is the present outlet? A rumour is current that Dr. Grove has resigned the post of Medical Officer of Health, and if there is any truth in the rumour, it is to be hoped, in view of recent happenings in the district, that a new Medical Officer of Health will be appointed immediately, or that Dr. Grove will withdraw his resignation.

OBITUARY. 3rd Sept. 1920

Mr. Robert Rule died on Thursday, 26th ultimo, aged 76 years. He had been in failing health for some time. Born in Swavesey, he lived in that village until shortly after the death of his wife three or four years ago, when he went to Broughton, Hunts., to reside with his daughter. The funeral took place at Broughton.

CRICKET. 3rd Sept. 1920

The match with Boxworth, which was announced in these columns for last Saturday afternoon, was not played in consequence of the visiting eleven failing to put in an appearance, and not only were they absent, but they failed to let the Swavesey Club know that they could not fulfil their engagement. The home eleven were duly on the ground, and so were the spectators. No explanation or apology has since reached Swavesey from the defaulters.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Sept. 1920

Mr. James Wells, notwithstanding his 80 years and more, mounted a ladder on Friday to cut dead wood out of a tree. Whilst at work the ladder slipped, and Mr. Wells fell, but he hung on to branches of the tree. Unfortunately he had to let go before assistance could reach him, and he dropped to the ground. He is suffering from shock and bruises, and is confined to bed, but no bones were broken.

THE RISING GENERATION. 10th Sept. 1920

Three little children, four years of age or less, a boy seated on a doorstep, another boy and a tiny girl standing on the footpath in High-street, were discussing the other day the all-important question as to what game they should play. A decision was at length arrived at, the boy on the footpath closing the debate by announcing in a lordly tone to the occupant of the doorstep that "We two men will be the drivers."

A DANGER SPOT. 10th Sept. 1920

Complaints are being made of the dangerous condition of the side of High-street near the Post Office, caused by a drain having been opened and the earth not properly levelled afterwards. The danger is increased by a ridiculously deep drain grating, to which attention has several times been called in these columns. This piece of High-street is much used by pedestrians, especially those hurrying to the Post Office about 7 p.m.

SOLDIER ILL IN INDIA. 10th Sept. 1920

The relatives of Pte. Fred Ding, 1st Suffolks, have been officially informed by telegraph that he is lying seriously ill in hospital at Jubbulpore, Central India. Pte. Ding joined up on January 27th, 1916, and served with the 1-5th Suffolks in Egypt and Palestine from July, 1916, until May, 1919, when he signed on for three years' further service. He arrived home on three months' furlough on June 6th, 1919, and in September last sailed for India.

MEAN THIEVING. 10th Sept. 1920

Depredators are abroad in Swavesey- depredators of the meanest type. Fruit and vegetables have mysteriously disappeared from orchards, gardens and allotments, and the people who have suffered most have been the small grower, the cottager, and the allotment holder, though the orchards of the bigger men have, it is believed, not escaped the attention of the pillagers. Trees known one day to be fairly well laden with plums or apples have been found by their exasperated owners next day to have been stripped, except as regards their highest branches. A long stick was discovered under one plundered tree; it had evidently been used to knock down fruit out of reach. Two men with bulging pockets were seen leaving a small orchard the other evening. One man climbed over the gate, while the other crept through the hedge, and both ran off as fast as their legs would carry them when they saw they were observed, and were soon lost sight of in the deepening gloom.

ADVERT. 17th Sept. 1920

Ox-cheek, 9½d. per 12oz. tin, is a fast seller. We are offering Pure Cocoa, 6½d per ¼lb. Drapery Dept.: Splendid assortment of Ladies' Overalls from 3s. 11½d. each. – CANHAM'S Stores, Swavesey.

THE SCHOOLS. 17th Sept. 1920

The National Schools were reopened on Monday after the harvest holidays.

LABOUR MOVEMENT. 17th Sept. 1920

A public demonstration, under the auspices of the National Union of Agricultural Workers, which had been announced to be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday last, at 6.30 p.m., did not take place. The advertised speakers, Mr. George Hewitt, J.P., C.C. (member Central Wages Board and Cambs. Committee), Mr. H. R. Lovell, J.P. (Assistant Secretary, Head Office), and Mr. J. H. Vincent (Cambs. district organiser), duly attended, but the audience failed to put in an appearance.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th Sept. 1920

Referring to the letter from the secretary of the Boxworth Cricket Club in last week's "Independent Press," our local representative is informed that no communication "refusing the date" of the return match between Boxworth and Swavesey was received by the secretary of the latter club. The feeling exists in Swavesey that when the announcement appeared in this paper on 27th August that the match would be played on the following day, the Boxworth club might, as an act of courtesy, have communicated with the Swavesey Club, as it was evident that there had been some misunderstanding. If there was not sufficient time for this to be done by post, a message could have been sent by one of the carts which continually pass between Boxworth and Swavesey Railway Station.

DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIALS. 17th Sept. 1920

The large cross which has been erected in the churchyard near the main gate as a memorial of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War, and a tablet inside the church, were unveiled and dedicated by the Rt. Rev. H. M. E. Price, late Bishop of Fuh-Kien, China, and now Archdeacon of Ely and Assistant Bishop of the diocese, on Thursday evening in last week, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives of the fallen, ex-soldiers, parishioners and friends. A special service was held in the church at 6.30 p.m., before which the bells, fully muffled, were rung. Seats near the table were reserved for the relatives of the men to be commemorated. The ex-soldiers, except those in the

choir or engaged as ringers, assembled outside the churchyard, and, under the command of R.S.M. Heasman, marched in half sections to the church and passed to the front seats in the nave. Mr. J. Mustill, who was at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord," and then the choir, followed by the Vicar and Bishop, entered from the vestry at the north-western end of the building, singing the hymn "O God, our help in ages past." Arriving in the chancel sentences from the Burial Officer were said by the Vicar, Psalm xxiii, was chanted, and the lesson (Revelations xxi., 1-5) was read, after which came prayers for the fallen, concluding with one in which the names of the 26 men were recited. The well-known Scandinavian hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," was sung, and as it ended the Bishop and Vicar, led by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. H. Key and W. T. Thorp, proceeded to the south aisle. Short prayers were here said by the Vicar, and then the Bishop unveiled the tablet, which he solemnly dedicated. The Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ, the congregation still standing, and the service in the church ended with the chanting of the Nunc Dimittis. A move was now made to the churchyard. The choir led the way, the Bishop and Vicar, preceded by the churchwardens, followed, next came the relatives and ex-soldiers, and lastly the general congregation. The bells, now half muffled, again chimed. The clergy, choir and relatives stood beside the cross, and the ex-soldiers formed in single line behind them. The rest of the congregation grouped around. Sentences from the latter part of the Burial Office having been said by the Vicar, the Bishop gave a brief and simple address, his main points being (1) the pride the people of Swavesey should feel in having been allowed to have had their share in the great and just struggle; (2) sorrow for the loss of the fallen and sympathy with those who were near and dear to them; and (3) the general lesson to be learnt of trying to secure for the nation the ideals for which the country had entered into the war and the fallen had given their lives. At the conclusion of the address the Bishop unveiled and dedicated the cross. The choir and people sang Charles Wesley's hymn, "Let saints on earth in concert sing," and the Bishop dismissed the congregation with the Benediction. Once again the partly muted bells rang out. Many beautiful wreaths and other floral tributes from relatives and friends, including a wreath from the ringers, were placed around the base of the cross. The memorial in the churchyard is a plain Latin cross of best hard red Mansfield stone, 10 feet in height. It stands on a square block of the same stone, on which the names of the 26 men have been cut, with the inscription: "In loving and grateful memory of the following men of this parish who gave their lives for their King and country in the Great War, 1914-1919. I am the Resurrection and the

Life.”” The tablet is of white Sicilian marble, on a polished red marble background, and measures 3 ft. 11in. by 2ft. 1 in.

NOTICE. 24th Sept. 1920

The St. Ives ‘Bus will run into Swavesey, Wednesday and Friday. Leave Fen Drayton-road 9.30 and 2.30.

BETTER NEWS. 24th Sept. 1920

In the “Independent Press” of September 10th it was announced that Pte. Fred Ding, 1st Suffolks, was lying seriously ill in hospital in Central India. His relations have this week been informed by telegraph that he is progressing satisfactorily.

WOMEN’S UNIONIST ASSOCIATION. 24th Sept. 1920

It is proposed to form a branch of the above Association in Swavesey, and a meeting for that purpose was held on Friday last. Mrs. Pashler (organising secretary for the county) and Miss Burton (National Unionist Association) attended, and the latter gave a spirited address, explaining the need for such an organisation, and its growing popularity among women. The meeting was well attended, and it having been decided that a branch should be formed, to include Swavesey and Fen Drayton, a chairman, hon. secretary and committee were formally elected.

MYSTERIOUS HOLE. 24th Sept. 1920

A mysterious hole, about 18 inches in depth and 8 inches in diameter, appeared at the side of the road in High-street on Monday afternoon – just the sort of hole to cause an awkward accident to the unwary pedestrian. It is presumed that a drain pipe below had fallen in. During the evening Messrs. Arthur Froment and P. Ding temporarily built in the cavity with brick rubbish, etc. A delay has occurred in remedying this little defect. The County Council have control over the surface of the road, while the Rural District Council are responsible for the drain, and the latter authority have to obtain the permission of the other authority before they can venture to open the road.

ACCIDENT. 24th Sept. 1920

Whilst engaged last Friday in moving part of a stack at Trinity College Farm, in the village of Swavesey, Mr. Robert Henry Norman met with a strange accident. The stack was mainly of lucerne, with some clover at the bottom at one end, and as the latter showed some signs of over-heating, it was decided to cut that end away and stack afresh. The new stack, a narrow strip, was nearly

finished, and Mr. R. H. Norman was standing on the top waiting for a ladder by which to descend. Mr. J. Savage, who went for the ladder, called out that the stack was going, and as he shouted, Mr. Norman rolled off between the two stacks. His feet and his pitch-fork struck the old stack about half-way down, and here he remained pinned, the upper part of the new stack falling upon and around him and completely covering him. Mr. Robert Norman, the tenant of Trinity College Farm, and his son, with Mr. Savage, set to work without a moment's delay, but at least ten minutes elapsed before they were able to extricate the unfortunate man. Mr. Norman was unable to stand, and his legs appeared to be badly injured. He was lifted into a cart and taken home, Dr. Ellis being at the same time summoned. He attended at once, and on examination found that no bones had been broken, but that Mr. Norman was suffering from general shock, and was badly bruised, and his muscles, especially those in his right hip and leg, were severely strained. He has since been confined to his bed, but is progressing favourably.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Sept. 1920

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Mr. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, R. Norman, and W. Twist. Mr. A. Norman, chairman of the Council, entered the room after the proceedings had commenced. The Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham) read the minutes of the previous meeting on June 21st, and they were confirmed. He reported that the new valuation of the parish had been sent to the Board of Guardians, and that nothing had been heard from them since, and he read a letter from Mr. Cyril Day, declining to serve as a parish councillor in place of the late Mr. J. L. Stanton. Having done this, the Clerk admitted in penitential tones that the meeting was long overdue – by Standing Orders the Council should have met on the third Monday in July – but he added that there had been no special business to transact. He had forgotten one or two matters to which the attention of the Council had been called by ratepayers in these columns; for instance, the lighting of the village streets during the winter months, and the scandalous condition of the public stiles in the parish. The councillors raised no question respecting the delay in calling a meeting, and so the Clerk went on to tell them why he had called them together that evening. He had received a letter from the Rural District Council, dated September 4th, asking the Parish Council to recommend a suitable man as by-ways roadman in place of Mr. W. Linford, who resigned a few months ago. The recommendation had to be sent in immediately, as the District Council were to make the appointment on Friday. One or two councillors grumbled about the

long time that had elapsed since the receipt of the letter, and the short time left before the reply had to be sent in, but the Clerk, with his accustomed diplomatic tact, smoothed down the grumblers, and announced that he had ascertained that Mr. A. Day, a district councillor, received an application for the vacant post from one parishioner. The councillors could think of no one else, so they instructed the Clerk to recommend the parishioner in question to the District Council. Out of this appointment arose a discussion respecting the unsatisfactory condition of the by-ways, especially the Hale-road, due to the lack of material with which to repair them. A letter was next read suggesting the Council should make definite arrangements for the care and cleaning of the case containing the parish Roll of Honour in High-street, which, owing to its exposed position, required constant attention. The Council, when they accepted the case and had it erected in May, 1919, made no provision for its being kept clean and tidy. This duty had, the letter stated, been undertaken latterly voluntarily and unasked, by Miss Grace Froment and Mrs. Chaddock. It was further suggested by the writer of the letter that the Council should make some arrangement, with the view of exercising control over the placing of wreaths or decorations by private persons on or about the Roll, so as to ensure that no harm was done to the case or the surrounding brickwork. The Council unanimously resolved that a letter should be sent to the two ladies, expressing warm appreciation of their patriotic action, and hoping that they would continue to do the work, but the question raised in the latter part of the letter was relegated to the dim future, that is to say, in plain words, until the case or the brickwork is damaged. The Council then proceeded to elect a new councillor in place of the late Mr. Stanton. Mr. Beales proposed Mr. J. Ansell, who polled the highest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates at the general election in the spring of 1919. He thought that was a strong reason why Mr. Ansell should be chosen. Mr. Burton seconded. Mr. A. Norman proposed Mr. Alfred Day jun., elder brother of Mr. Cyril Day who had declined the office. He was, Mr. Norman urged, an old member of the Council, but had not been nominated in 1919 for some reason unknown to him. Mr. Cole seconded. On being put to the vote each candidate secured three votes. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Day, and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether he would serve. On the proposition of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Twist, it was agreed that the public notice board in High-street should be lowered and brought out level with the front of the wall running along the street. A desultory conversation ensued respecting the public street lamps. One councillor declared that it was too big a question to go into that evening, and another thought postponement desirable, as any discussion on the subject would involve strong language. The Chairman knew

of one mishap due to the dark streets last winter, and that was one in which the Clerk's nose had been damaged. The Clerk would say nothing on this point, but fell back on increasing the rates, a subject which usually acts as a check on expenditure, which can by any means be avoided. The councillors then separated, congratulating themselves on having had a comparatively short and most amicable meeting.

CRICKET. 1st Oct. 1920

The Swavesey Cricket Club's season was brought to a close on Saturday with a match with Lolworth. The visitors won. Scores: Swavesey 45, Lolworth 52.

WOMEN ON JURY. 1st Oct. 1920

The names of six ladies appear in the jury lists now being exhibited on the notice boards at the parish church and Nonconformist places of worship.

STREET LIGHTING. 1st Oct. 1920

New lamp posts have been erected within the past few days in place of those which had fallen down through old age or decay, and people are anxiously inquiring when the lighting of the streets will commence.

GARDEN ITEMS. 1st Oct. 1920

Mr. A. E. Thixton has succeeded in growing gourds in his garden in High-street from seed brought by him from Palestine, where he served during the war. The seed came from El Yehudie, a village about 12 miles due east from Jaffa, close to Kefr-Ana, known in the days of Nehemiah as Ono, the valley of craftsmen. The largest gourd weighs 20lbs. In Mr. W. H. Key's garden at Top Leys Cottage an asparagus top has grown to the height of 9ft. 8in.

FOOTBALL. 1st Oct. 1920

At a meeting held in the National School on Thursday evening in last week, Mr. G. E. Canham presiding, it was decided to revive the Swavesey Football Club, and the following officers were elected: Captain, G. E. Canham; vice-captain, H. Ellwood; hon. sec., E. J. Mitham; assistant sec. C. Godfrey; committee, T. Daintree, T. C. Heasman, H. Holmes, T. W. Savage, and C. Wood. The annual subscription was fixed at 5s. Any clubs in the district desiring matches should communicate with the hon. secretary.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st Oct. 1920

It is rumoured in the village that Mr. A. Day, jun., has followed his brother's example and has declined to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council caused by

the death of Mr. Stanton. The selection of Mr. A. Day, jun., who by the way was not conspicuous for regularity of attendance when previously a member of the Council, or of Mr. Cyril Day, D.C.M., was hardly a happy one. That both belong to the younger generation is in their favour, but against them can be urged the fact that they are farmers, and that the number of farmers already on the Council is out of proportion. Assuming that Mr. A. Day, jun., has not agreed to serve, the Council at present consists of eight members, viz., five farmers, two fruit growers, and Mr. Beales, the railway stationmaster. Mr. Stanton was a retired London business man, who had been successful in his undertakings, and had gained great and varied experience, and he represented general interests. His successor should, therefore, in common fairness, also represent the people generally, and not a section well, if not too well, represented. Mr. J. Ansell, who has twice been proposed to fill the vacancy, and so nearly was successful last week, is a railway man. The strong point in his favour is that he polled the highest number of votes of the five unsuccessful candidates in the contested election in April, 1919, but against him may be urged the objection that he is a railway man, and that that section of the community is already represented on the Council, whereas agricultural labourers, small holders, shopkeepers, and other business men, and last, but by no means least, the ladies have no direct representative. As Mr. Stanton died on the 18th April last, it behoves the councillors to bestir themselves and lose no more time before filling the vacancy, but when they make their next attempt it is to be hoped that the councillors who propose candidates will have previously satisfied themselves that their nominees will accept office, if elected. It is also to be hoped that the new councillor, whoever he or she may be, will endeavour to induce the Council to introduce more business-like and up-to-date methods, and, even if in a minority of one, will not allow, without emphatic protest, such important matters affecting the rights, the convenience, or the safety of the public as the lighting of the street lamps, the neglect of the rights of way in the parish with their stiles, to be shelved, if not absolutely ignored.

IN MEMORIAM. 1st Oct. 1920

COULSON. – In loving memory of Pioneer Walter Coulson, R.E., who died of wounds in France, October 2nd, 1918, buried in British Ceremonial Cemetery, Doingt, near Peronne.

This day brings back to memory
Our dear one gone to rest,
And we who think of him to-day
Are the ones who loved him best.

From his loving Wife and Little Ones, Mother and Father, Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 15th Oct. 1920

We gladly welcome your inquiries for Lamp Glasses, of all descriptions, at reduced prices. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

J. PRIOR, Swavesey, has been appointed agent for the Phoenix Powders, the great prevention against Swine Fever and all Inflammatory Diseases, besides being a good Appetising Tonic, Health Restorer and Conditioner for all live stock. Specially recommended to farmers and small-holders. Trial 1lb. Container 3s. Larger quantities at lower rates.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 15th Oct. 1920

The Swavesey Sunday School football team journeyed to Cambridge on Saturday to meet Sturton-street and Tabernacle F.C. After a long cycle ride the boys were not very fresh, and therefore failed to do themselves full justice. A good game resulted in the homesters scoring two goals to the visitors' one, F. Coulson securing the point for Swavesey. The match arranged for tomorrow has been scratched by the visiting team, Newmarket-road Mission, thus giving Swavesey two points. The committee of the Swavesey S.S. Club desire to express their warmest thanks for the generous support given the club by the people of the village.

OBITUARY. 15th Oct. 1920

On his return from market on Monday Mr. William Twist received the sad news that his younger son, Mr. Oliver Lennox Twist, had passed away during Sunday night at his residence in Walthamstow. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Twist in his bereavement. Mr. O. L. Twist was born in Swavesey 42 years ago in the house in which his father now lives, but the greater part of his life has been spent away from his native village. About two years ago he had a very serious illness, from which he never really recovered. During the afternoon of the 4th inst., he was again stricken with illness, which quickly developed into congestion and pneumonia, and, as stated, he succumbed on Sunday night. He leaves a widow and one child.

JURY SERVICE. 15th Oct. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- The question whether a person ceases to be liable to serve on a jury on attaining the age of 60 years, or whether he or she is still liable until 65, has been troubling the minds of certain people in Swavesey. According to some books of reference and also reports which have recently appeared in newspapers, 60 years would seem to be the limit, but the

official responsible for the compilation of the Swavesey lists maintains the liability to serve continues until the age of 65 years, and he has no doubt authority for his contention, or he would not, being over 60 years old himself, have included his own name in the lists last month. The question might have been settled at the Petty Sessions on 25th ult., but unfortunately two or three persons who were anxious to be relieved from jury service, and who pleaded guilty to being over 60 but under 65 years of age, were assured by the local compiler that it would be useless for them to appeal, as they were not yet 65. They, therefore, did not put in an appearance at the Shire Hall.

AFTER SIX YEARS. 15th Oct. 1920

Sapper S. F. Mitham, R.E., youngest son of Mr. Robinson Mitham, has arrived at his home on a month's furlough, and on 3rd November will be transferred to the Army Reserve on completion of six year's service with the colours. He was the only Swavesey man who enlisted after the outbreak of hostilities under ordinary conditions, and not merely for the duration of the war. Joining up on 4th November, 1914, he served in France continuously until, after being slightly wounded, he was taken prisoner by the Germans on 25th March, 1918; at that time he was attached to the 51st (Highland) Division. Sapper Mitham was at first interned at Dulmen, but after staying there was drafted to a coal mine at Dortmund, about 18 miles from Munster No. 2 camp, to which he was supposed to belong. Here from the 18th April until his release on 25th November, 1918, he was employed on underground work 8½ hours on four days a week, and 12 hours on the other two. No work was done on Sundays. His fare was hard, and utterly insufficient; he was always hungry; and his bodily strength failed. When things went well and plenty of coal was got, not much fault was found with the civilian ganger, but when, owing to the weakness of the starving prisoners, or shortness of supply, not enough coal was obtained, then the ganger, who always carried a heavy cudgel, was wont to belabour the unhappy victims. Soldier sentries usually contented themselves with pushing and kicking on the slightest provocation. After some 18 weeks Red Cross parcels began to arrive with fair regularity, but often some of their contents had been stolen. Had it not been for these parcels many captives must have succumbed. When Sapper Mitham and 1,700 other British prisoners left Munster No. 2 Camp on 25th November, 1918, for home, they sang with gusto "Rule, Britannia," and the Germans heard a decent song sung by decent men.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Oct. 1920

The Parish Council did not meet last Monday, when, according to the Council's Standing Orders, the autumn quarterly meeting should have been held.

CONTINUATION CLASSES. 22nd Oct. 1920

Evening classes were commenced at the National School on Monday, and will, it is hoped, be continued throughout the winter months. The following is the programme: Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., needlework and woodwork; Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., mensuration, 8 to 9 p.m., elementary science (boys), housewifery (girls); Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., modelling; Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m., mensuration, 8 to 9 p.m., elementary science (boys), housewifery (girls). Those who wish to attend these useful classes and have not already notified their desire to do so, should see the headmaster at the National School without delay.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 22nd Oct. 1920

On Thursday evening in last week Bethel Chapel was prettily decorated for the yearly harvest thanksgiving service. A very good congregation attended, and a striking and most helpful address was given by the Rev. C. E. Sparrow, the pastor in charge of the Comberton group of Baptist churches. The choir acquitted themselves right well in their rendering of the anthem "Praise the Lord, O my soul" (R. Smart). The collection, which was devoted to a local object, realised a substantial sum, and the gifts of fruit and vegetables, in accordance with custom, have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Before the service there was a public tea in the schoolroom attached to the chapel, the trays for which were provided by various generous friends. Upwards of 70 persons were present.

THE LATE MR. O. L. TWIST. 22nd Oct. 1920

The funeral of the late Mr. Oliver Lennox Twist, a native of Swavesey, and the younger son of Mr. William Twist, whose death after five days' illness at the age of 42 years was announced last week, took place on the 14th inst. at Queen's-road Cemetery, Walthamstow, in the presence of a considerable assemblage of relatives and sympathising friends. The Vicar of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, assisted by the Rev. H. E. Tillston, senior curate, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. O. L. Twist (widow), Mr. W. Twist, senior (father), Mr. W. Twist, jun. (brother), Mrs. Twist (stepmother), Mr. W. Rayment (brother-in-law), Messrs. Joseph, William, and Frank Rayment, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Bignell, and Mrs. W. Twist, jun. (brothers and sisters-in-law), Miss Sutton (cousin) and Miss Porter and Miss Rayment (aunts). The late Mr. Twist in earlier life was a keen cyclist, the

creator of club records, which it is believed have not yet been beaten, and the winner of innumerable prizes. He was also to his dying day a most enthusiastic campanologist. He belonged to no less than six bellringers' societies, viz., Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Kent, and London County Associations of Bellringers and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and was a regular ringer at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, taking the tenor bell, besides very frequently assisting the ringers at the mother church of St. Mary's. On the evening of Friday, 15th inst., muffled peals were rung at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, as a tribute to his memory, and, but for a strange happening to the tenor bell at St. Saviour's, would have been rung on the night of the funeral. One mark of affectionate respect remains to be mentioned. After the mourners had left the cemetery on the 14th inst. the bellringers who had been present at the funeral rang hymn tunes on handbells over the grave.

ADVERT. 29th Oct. 1920

WHEAT DRESSING, Down's Farmer's Friend 7, Blue Vitrol 9; Fireworks in variety; Agent for Perth Dye Works, and Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Insurance Company – H. S. Aldred, General Stores, Swavesey.

POSTAL SERVICE. 29th Oct. 1920

The box at Swavesey Post Office has since Monday been closed for night mail correspondence at 5.55. p.m., in consequence of the temporary suspension of the 7.41 train.

PARISH CHURCH. 29th Oct. 1920

Special sermons were preached at the parish church at the morning and evening services last Sunday by the Rev. Hubert Shears in aid of the National Society.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 29th Oct. 1920

A service of song entitled "The Minister's Hymn" was rendered at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a good congregation. A collection was taken in aid of the Baptist United Fund.

MARRIAGE. 29th Oct. 1920

A wedding took place at the Registry Office, Hammersmith, London, W., on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, between Mrs. Florence Bush, of Saffron Walden, and Mr. Frank Hepher, son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, of Swavesey.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 29th Oct. 1920

In consequence of the coal miners' strike, the down train due at Swavesey Station at 6.46 p.m., and the up train due at 7.41 p.m., have been suspended since Monday. The up train due at 8.59 p.m., and the down train due at 9.4 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays, have also been withdrawn.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 29th Oct. 1920

Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the referee, the Cambs. S. S. League match between Chesterton Baptists and Swavesey S.S. Boys was not played last Saturday. It has been arranged that when Chesterton visit Swavesey for the return game, the winning team will take the four points. The Swavesey boys will be at home to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon for another S.S. League fixture, their opponents being the Wesley Church, Cambridge, boys. They will play on Manor Close, near the Railway Station, by kind permission of Mr. A. Watts.

FOOTBALL. 29th Oct. 1920

Swavesey footballers journeyed to Knapwell last Saturday and played a friendly game with the local club. The result was 6-2 to Swavesey.

ACCIDENT. 29th Oct. 1920

When cycling with two companions to the County Girls' School for class work, last Saturday morning, Miss Agnes Linford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, a teacher at Swavesey National School, met with an accident and narrowly escaped death, or at any rate very serious injury. The three cyclists were riding between Oakington and Girton, about 9 a.m., when they met one of Messrs. Chivers' motor lorries. Miss Linford's cycle skidded, it is thought, and she was thrown on to the bonnet of the motor, where she lay. The lorry pulled up at once, but not before the wheels had passed over and smashed the bicycle. Miss Linford, who lost consciousness for a short time, was placed in the lorry with her cycle, and taken to her home in Swavesey, where it was found that in addition to general shock, she had been badly bruised on the left side. Her ear and shoulder were contused, her arm and leg cut, and her clothing torn. She is under the care of Dr. Ellis, and is progressing favourably.

DAMAGED HOUSES. 29th Oct. 1920

Many owners and occupiers of houses in Swavesey have long been exercised in their minds respecting the damage done to buildings by ponderous traction engines and heavily-laden trucks on their passage through the village, many of them on their way to or from the railway station. Houses are violently shaken

from foundation to ridge tiles, walls have cracked, and ceilings have fallen, and the knowledge that many, if not most, of the heavy loads are for, or from, other parishes has not tended to allay the general feeling of dissatisfaction and alarm. A suggestion has been made that the Parish Council, as the body directly representing the inhabitants, should send a strong protest on the subject to the road authorities. It is admitted that traction engines and laden trucks serve a useful purpose, and therefore must be tolerated as necessary evils, but it is urged that they should not be a danger to property and a public nuisance. The damage caused by them to buildings might, it is thought, be minimised if a limit were placed on their speed when passing through the village. In view of the universal shortage of houses, and the difficulty in getting new ones built, it seems a pity to shake down those already in existence.

MIDNIGHT BEER. 5th Nov. 1920

Charge Against Swavesey Publican Dismissed.

A charge of a somewhat serious nature was heard at the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday, when, before Mr. J. O. Vinter and other magistrates, E. O. Of Swavesey, was summoned for allowing intoxicating liquor to be consumed on his premises during closing hours, to wit 12.50 a.m., at Swavesey, on October 20th.

Mr. G. A. Wootten appeared for the defence, and pleaded not guilty.

The case was heard together with that of H. H., also of Swavesey, who was charged with being found on O.'s licensed premises during closing hours, at the same time and on the same date.

Police-Sergt. Pallant stated that at 12.50 a.m. he saw a light in the tap-room and heard conversation. He and P.C. Breed looked through a chink in the window, and heard O. say to H., "I'll toss you for a couple of pints." Money chinked, and O. went to the cellar, returning with a pint of beer, which H. drank. Witness then went into the tap-room and questioned H., who said that "he had paid for his bed and was stopping there."

P.C. Breed stated that when he looked through the window he saw H. take the beer from O. and drink it. H., when interrogated, stated that he was staying at the house for the night.

The defence, said Mr. Wootten, rested upon that section of the Act which said that a licensee of an inn was not precluded from selling intoxicating liquor at any hour of the twenty-four, so long as the customer should be either lodging in the house or a bona fide traveller. H. and his wife were lodgers in the house at the time, and in a therefore perfectly legitimate position, whichever way it was looked at. It was an important inn, the landlord has borne a clean

character for years, and it was therefore hardly reasonable to imagine that he would endanger his licence by allowing lights to be seen and doors open at midnight, with people drinking in view of the police.

O. in the box said that owing to the illness of his wife, Mrs. H. had been staying in the house for about twelve days as a help. On October 19th H. himself came to lodge with his wife and filled in the registration form produced. On the night in question H. drank no beer whatever – witness drank it himself.

Evidence of a similar nature was given by H., Mrs. O., and Mrs. H.

The whole case, said Supt. Allen, rested upon the point of whether H. had been a bona fide lodger or whether he had been an ordinary customer who, upon the entry of the police, had been “converted into a private Friend.”

The magistrates decided to dismiss both cases.

A GOAT TO THE RESCUE. 5th Nov. 1920

Unable to move a cultivator into a shed, a villager requisitioned the services of a goat. He harnessed the animal to the implement, which was then shifted without difficulty.

WHIST DRIVE. 5th Nov. 1920

It is proposed to hold a series of whist drives during the winter for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund. The first was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, when 23 tables were manned. The prizes were as follows: Ladies, Miss Parsons, Miss Gadsby, Miss H. G. Key; gentlemen, Mr. B. Prime, Mr. C. Lyon. Excellent light refreshments were provided, under the superintendence of the Misses Dodson. Mr. George Goad was M.C.

FOOTBALL. 5th Nov. 1920

Swavesey F.C. played Fen Drayton at home on Saturday afternoon, and scored two goals (Smart and Culpin). The home eleven had the best of the game, but missed many opportunities of scoring. On the same afternoon Swavesey Sunday School boys entertained the boys of Wesley Church, Cambridge, on Manor Close, in a Cambs. S.S. League fixture. After a very good game the visitors won by two goals to one, B. Daintree scoring for Swavesey early in the game. The Swavesey boys are to be congratulated on having put up such a plucky fight, seeing that their opponents were a much heavier lot.

PARISH COUNCIL. 5th Nov. 1920

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening. Mr. Arthur Norman, chairman, presided, and the other councillors present were: Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C.W. H. Cole, F. Norman, R. Norman, W. Twist, and J. S. Goad. The Clerk explained that the meeting was a quarterly one, and ought to have been held a fortnight previously. There was, however, he said, no special business to be brought before the Council. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Alfred Day, jun., declining to serve as a councillor in the place of the late Mr. J. L. Stanton, whereupon Mr. Twist proposed that Mr. Sidney Prime, who would act, should be elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. R. Norman seconded. Mr. Beales proposed Mr. J. Ansell, on the ground that he (Mr. Ansell) had polled the highest number of votes of the unsuccessful candidates at the contested election in April, 1919, but no seconder was forthcoming. Mr. F. Norman proposed Mr. A. J. Willson, but it was intimated that he would not accept office. On a vote being taken, four councillors out of the seven then present supported Mr. Prime, who was duly declared elected. The Clerk announced that he knew of no other business, but Mr. Twist had a matter to bring forward. He said his period of service as a Parish council representative on Galon's Charity expired some time ago. The Clerk expressed the opinion that in consequence of the war Charity Trustees had remained in office after their period of service expired. The Council thought a re-appointment should be made, but further consideration of the matter was postponed, as it was not on the agenda. The Chairman asked whether the other trustee appointed by the Council was also "time-expired," and the Clerk promised to make inquiries. Mr. Burton said he had been asked by some ratepayers to call attention to the condition of the school pond, which had not been cleared out for about eight years. Discussion followed, and then Mr. F. Norman proposed, and Mr. Twist seconded, that the pond be cleared out. On the proposition of Mr. Goad, seconded by Mr. R. Norman, Messrs. Burton and Twist were appointed a committee to have the work done as quickly as possible. Mr. Goad reported that the gate of the parish pond was out of order, and Messrs. Burton and Twist were authorised to have it repaired. It was also mentioned that the public notice board in High-street had been lowered and brought nearer the street, and that its new position was regarded as satisfactory. A suggestion that the board should be painted black was adopted. The meeting was then declared closed. When Messrs. Burton and Twist, with commendable promptitude, went to inspect the school pond on Tuesday morning, they had proof that the complaint respecting an undue proportion of mud, was justified. A horse belonging to Mr. A. Prime, which had gone into the pond for water, was firmly stuck in deep mud, and considerable difficulty was experienced in extricating it.

WHEN “TWO SPARKS” MEET. 5th Nov. 1920

Alleged Threats at Swavesey.

At the Cambs. Divisional Petty Sessions on Saturday, before Ald. J. O. Vinter (in the chair) and other magistrates, J. K. was summoned for threatening bodily harm to H. W. on Oct. 24th.

Complainant, who is K.'s landlord, stated that on Sunday evening K. “raged up and down the road in his braces, turned his wife out of her house, and ‘hollered’ like a madman” under the witness's window, threatening to “do him in” at the same time. He kicked the railings and “put the wind up” all the neighbours and used “fearful language.” It all arose, said the complainant, from the fact that he had given K. notice to leave his cottage.

Mr. Wootten: But you're not afraid of him? – I am, sir; so would you be!

Mr. Wootten: But were you not a little excited yourself? – No, sir, I never get excited with tenants – or ladies!

It was stated that there were 13 previous convictions against defendant, 10 of which were for assaulting people, including the police.

Mr. Wootten submitted that it was “a case in which two sparks had met,” and the case was dismissed, the Chairman cautioning the defendant against any further outbreaks.

SMALL HOLDINGS. 12th Nov. 1920

The County Council have allotted small holdings to 11 ex-Service men in Swavesey. The land is situated in Rose and Crown-lane, with an adjoining field.

OBITUARY. 12th Nov. 1920

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Edwards, who died on the 1st instant, aged 84 years, took place in Swavesey churchyard last Friday. She was the widow of the late Mr. George Edwards, and has left three sons, one of whom is in Canada.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT. 12th Nov. 1920

The children of Bethel Sunday School gave a concert in the chapel schoolroom on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Baptist United Fund. The entertainment provided was excellent, the room was full, and the financial result most gratifying.

AFTER THE STRIKE. 12th Nov. 1920

The passenger trains on the G.E. Railway which had been suspended during the miners' strike, have since Monday been running as usual, and as a consequence correspondence for the night mail despatch can once more be posted at Swavesey Post Office until 7 p.m.

WEDDING. 12th Nov. 1920

The marriage of Mr. George Frederick Holmes and Miss Grace Beatrice Brooks, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Swavesey, was solemnised very quietly at the Swavesey parish church on 4th inst., the Rev. J. S. Sharp, vicar, officiating. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. B. Rivers, and was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Alice Brooks.

FOOTBALL. 12th Nov. 1920

Swavesey F.C. visited Fen Drayton on Saturday and played a return match with the local team. The visitors, who were at full strength, pulled off a runaway victory, scoring 12 goals to Fen Drayton's nil. To-morrow (Saturday) the Swavesey XI are at home to Knapwell, and the Swavesey Sunday School boys will play Histon Baptists in a Cambs. S.S. League fixture on Manor Close. The Histon lads were at the head of the league last year.

MUD. 12th Nov. 1920

The work of clearing the mud from school pond, which was ordered by the Parish Council on the 1st inst., is being carried out with commendable promptitude, but exception is being taken to the dumping of the mud on the northern side of the Recreation Ground, close to where school children and young people play games. It is suggested that a better dumping place could have been found at the eastern end of the Recreation Ground, which is scarcely used for games, and where the land is far from level.

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th Nov. 1920

We have received the following letter: "In your last issue I see that the Swavesey Parish Council have at last found a suitable man to fill the vacancy. May I take this opportunity of thanking Councillor Beales for his strenuous, but unsuccessful, attempt to obtain justice. As the head of the unsuccessful candidates, I should have had the chance of a seat when a vacancy occurred. No doubt if I had been a farmer I should have been put on straight away, but being a worker it makes all the difference. What I should like to know is, why should not the workers be allowed to have a voice in their own affairs. I might say that several of the electors have expressed to me their surprise and regret

that some of the councillors should take up such an attitude against the working classes. – Yours, etc., J. Ansell.”

CONCERNING THE PARISH COUNCIL. 12th Nov. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- The Parish Council meeting on the 1st inst., a report of which appeared last week, was unusually brief; it was also disappointing. The Clerk more than once during the proceedings announced that he knew of no business for the Council to transact, and he gave expression to the wish that councillors would advise him before a meeting of any business they desired to bring forward. Parenthetically it may be remarked that the eighth of the Standing Orders of the Council requires that this should be done, but like most of the Standing Orders is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. The minutes of the previous meeting, however, provided one important matter that demanded attention, namely the election of a parishioner to fill a vacancy that had been in existence since last April. The selection of Mr. Sidney Prime, who was chosen, is open to objection that he is a farmer, and that farmers and fruit growers already dominated the Council, as they numbered seven out of the Council of nine. The late Mr. Stanton, whose lamented death caused the vacancy, was a retired business man of great and varied experience gained in London, and he represented – and represented well- the interests of the parishioners generally. Two matters of business were introduced by councillors. One concerning a pond, which it was alleged contained a superabundance of mud, was satisfactorily disposed of. The other, which had reference to the Council’s representatives on the Board of Feoffees of Galon’s Charity, was, after discussion, postponed to the next meeting. The point was raised by a councillor-trustee, who was of opinion that the period for which he had been elected had expired, and the Chairman was anxious to know whether the other trustee appointed by the Council was not also “time-expired.” Strangely enough, the Clerk of the Council, who is also Clerk of the Charity, could give no definite information, but he promised to make inquiries. It may be mentioned that the re-appointment of the two trustees was brought forward at the first meeting of the present Council in May, 1919, and was adjourned to a meeting to be held during the following month, but was not even mentioned at that or any subsequent meeting until the 1st inst. While the Councillors are on the subject of Charity Trustees they might inquire whether any of their other representatives have over-run their period of service; the school managers appointed by them, for instance. While it is possible to understand the Clerk’s difficulty in finding business for the Council, it is not so easy to acquit the councillors from the charge of failing to supply him with items for his agenda. Several matters of considerable importance to the parish

have during the past few months been ventilated in the "Independent Press," all of which could usefully have been dealt with by the Council. These matters have been brought forward by, or at the instigation of, ratepayers. Only three days before the last meeting attention was called in these columns to the damage done to buildings by traction engines with heavily-laden trucks, and it was suggested that the Council should make a representation on the subject to the proper authorities. Previously reference had been made on more than one occasion to the lighting of the village during the winter, and to the neglected condition of the public stiles and rights of way in the parish. If the Council are of opinion that, as a measure of economy, the lamps should not be lighted, they should come to that decision in open meeting, and not let the matter lapse by default. If the lamps are not to be used it is suggested that the councillors should satisfy themselves that the lockless, earthen-floored, and rat-infested shed in which they are stored is a fit and proper place for fragile parish property to be kept in. To replace the lamps and fittings would involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of the ratepayers' money. In conclusion, let me add that the complaints in newspapers lose much of their force if they are not backed up by the people interested. Parishioners should attend parish meetings and bring forward their grievances; they should personally tackle their representatives on the Parish Council or whatever public authority is concerned. Their presence at Parish Council meetings would stimulate the councillors to a keener interest in their duties and responsibilities. If ratepaying parishioners are apathetic, it is not surprising that their representatives on Boards, Committees and Councils are also supine.

NEW HOUSES. 19th Nov. 1920

The work of excavation for the foundations of the first pair of houses to be built on Dove House Close, at the back of the National School, under the Government housing scheme, is now in progress.

A FREAK OF NATURE. 19th Nov. 1920

A heifer in calf belonging to Mr. R. Mitham, had to be killed last week, and the calf was found to have one head, five ears, two bodies, eight legs and two tails.

VISIT OF LABOUR CANDIDATE. 19th Nov. 1920

Sir George Fordham, the prospective Labour candidate for the county, addressed a meeting on Tuesday evening in the White Horse Inn, under the auspices of the Cambs. Trades Union Council and Divisional Labour Party. He was accompanied by Mr. G. J. Huckle. Mr. H. Hovell presided.

FOOTBALL. 19th Nov. 1920

The return match between Swavesey and Knapwell was played last Saturday on Mr. Banks' field, and resulted in a decisive victory for the home eleven, who scored six goals. The visitors, who only played ten men, failed to score.

“OUR DAY.” 19th Nov. 1920

A whist drive, arranged by some of the members of the Cambs. V.A.D. and their friends, in aid of the Red Cross Society, took place in the National School on the evening of the 11th inst. There were 21 tables, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss Goad, Mrs. Smart, Nurse Rowbotham. Gentlemen – Mr. Warboys, Mr. Burling, Mr. Martin. The refreshments were provided, with one exception, by members of the Detachment. Thanks are due to all those who gave their time and energy to make the evening a success, and also to those who lent tables, etc.

ARMISTICE DAY. 19th Nov. 1920

Early on Armistice Day a laurel wreath was placed beneath the parish Roll of Honour in High-street, while Union Jacks flanked the proud record on either side. Another circlet of laurel, made by the same skilful hands, rested against the base of the memorial cross in the churchyard, and floral tributes from bereaved relatives lay around. In High-street one flag was hoisted. Shortly before 11 a.m. the tenor bell of the Parish Church tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who had made the supreme sacrifice during the fateful years, 1914-1919. At the National School the day was marked by a service, conducted by the Headmaster (Mr. C. Wood, M.S.M.). Called to attention shortly after 10 o'clock, the children sang the National Anthem, and the two hymns, “Now thank we all our God” and “For all the Saints who from their labours rest,” and the Headmaster read the 146th Psalm. Then Psalm 124 and the Jubilate were sung, and a few prayers said, after which Dr. J. W. Ellis, the only manager who was present, gave a short address, which was followed by the reading of the Roll of old boys of the school who were known to have served in the Navy, Army, or Air Force during the war, special mention being made of those who had surrendered their lives, 25 in number, and those who had won honours. The Roll contained 145 names, and the record of honours is one of which any village school can justly be proud. It included the M.B.E. (Military Division), two Military Cross, two D.C.M., five M.M., two M.S.M., and one mentioned in Despatches, while five old boys gained commissions. At 11 o'clock children and teachers stood silent and motionless for two minutes, the stillness being broken only by the rapid passing of a horse and

cart on the highway outside. The silence ended, Arkwright's noble "O, valiant hearts," was sung, and the little service, unpretentious but memorable, was brought to a close by a short address by Mr. Wood on "Playing the game," and another hymn, "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven." When the youngsters were dismissed at noon, they were given sweets, kindly presented by Dr. Ellis.

BROTHER'S TRAGIC DISCOVERY. 26th Nov. 1920

Sister Dead for Two Days Before Found.

INQUEST ON SWAVESEY WOMAN.

The circumstance attendant upon the death of a Swavesey woman, who, according to medical evidence, had been dead for about two days before she was discovered, were investigated at an inquest conducted by the County Coroner (Col. A. J. Lyon, V.D.) at the Church School, Swavesey, on Monday evening. The dead woman was Miss S. J. B. (39), of Middle Watch, Swavesey.

Deceased's brother, a farm labourer, stated that he last saw his sister alive at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, when she left his house to go to her own home. On Sunday, having missed her for two days, he went to her house, where he found the door locked and the blinds down. Getting no reply, he burst the door open, and found his sister in bed upstairs, dead and cold. He at once sent for Dr. Ellis and a police constable. His sister had quite recently complained of her head.

Susan Spearman said that deceased, who worked in the gardens with her, came to draw her wages at about 4 o'clock on Friday. At that time she complained of her head, and said that it felt "numbed." On Sunday witness went to see her, but could not get in, so went and told Mr. B.

P.C. Breed, of Swavesey, stated that Miss B.'s death was reported to him at 7.45 on Sunday. He went to her house, where he saw her lying dead in bed. A cup stood on the floor by the bedside, which contained Epsom salts. There were no marks of violence on the body. He had known deceased for four years, and had never known her to make any complaint.

Dr. J. W. Ellis, of Swavesey, stated that when he saw the body, the deceased had apparently been dead for about two days. He made a post-mortem examination, and found that death was due to heart failure. He concluded that she had died in her sleep.

A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned, in accordance with the medical evidence.

ADVERTS. 26th Nov. 1920

The winter is here. We have a large stock of Hot Water Bottles just come in, from 3s. 9d. to 6s. 9d., according to size. – Prior's Furnishing Stores, Swavesey.

Choice Dried Fruits, Apricots, Apple Rings, Californian Plums, Peaches, Pears, Figs, etc. Fruit in tins, Apricots, Pears, Pineapples, etc. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

A SILENT CLOCK. 26th Nov. 1920

A correspondent desires to call the attention of the trustees and managers to the inconvenience caused to the village generally by the non-striking of the clock on the National School. For over a year the clock has been silent. The clock on the tower of the parish church strikes the hours, but as the church is at the extreme end of the village, the bell can only be heard in the village when the wind happens to be in the right quarter. The school clock, on the other hand, is in the middle of the long village, and when striking is audible for a considerable distance.

MASSACRE OF CATS. 26th Nov. 1920

"A Victim" writes: During the last week or two, some twenty cats belonging to people living in High-street and adjacent houses have disappeared mysteriously or have died, presumably from poison. Within three days I have lost three of my own cats, and the fourth is ill and probably dying. My neighbours on all sides tell the same tale. If this massacre of cats is due to careless use of poison laid with the intention of destroying rats, I should like to point out that the person responsible is not only guilty of cruelty and the wanton destruction of other people's property, but is defeating his own ends by killing the cats, as many of them were good rat catchers.

AN EFFORT BY MEN. 26th Nov. 1920

With the view of helping the Baptist United Fund, the men of Bethel Chapel attempted great things on Thursday evening in last week, and what they attempted they achieved. With reckless daring they ventured on ground hitherto sacred to the ladies. They organised a tea in the chapel schoolroom which was followed by a concert, and not content with this, they provided a supper to finish up with. The ladies had a "night off"; the men did everything. They attended to the feeding and comfort of their guests – paying guests by the way, for tea, concert and supper were all charged for – and they took their share in the excellent concert programme. Their efficiency in all respects surprised their friends and critics and the general verdict was that the whole evening was a huge success, and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned,

the ladies emphatically declaring that it was a very successful affair. As a result of this men's effort the sum of £15 has been handed to the treasurer for the B.U.F.

FUNERAL. 26th Nov. 1920

Miss Sarah Jane Bull, daughter of the late Mr. Edward Bull, market gardener, Swavesey, was on Sunday evening found dead in her bed at Rose Cottage, Middle Watch, where she lived alone. She was last seen alive on Friday evening, and her death is held to have been due to heart failure. A full report of the inquest, which was held on Monday, will be found in another column. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, vicar of Over, officiated, and the following chief mourners attended: Miss Mary Bull, Mr. E. Bull and Mr. J. K. Bull (brothers), Mrs. D. Garner, Mrs. W. Bedford and Mrs. S. Lambert (sisters), Mrs. E. Bull (sister-in-law), Mr. W. Bedford, Mr. S. Lambert and Mr. D. Garner (brothers-in-law), Miss Minnie Bull (niece), and Mr. R. Bedford, Mr. E. Lambert and Master John Bull (nephews).

OBITUARY. 26th Nov. 1920

After a long illness Mrs. Ellen Mary Galligan, wife of Mr. Bernard Galligan, and daughter of the late Mr. George Symonds of Over, and Mrs. Symonds, passed away on Friday last at her mother's house in Swavesey. She was 27 years of age, and leaves one little daughter, three years old. Much sympathy is felt for her husband, mother and sisters in their bereavement. On Tuesday afternoon she was laid to rest beside her father in Over churchyard. The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, vicar of Over, officiated, and in the church and at the graveside were many sympathising friends. The chief mourners were: Mr. B. Galligan (husband), Mrs. G. Symonds (mother), Miss D. Symonds, Mrs. P. Smith, and Mrs. B. Hodson (sisters), Mr. J. Symonds, Mr. E. Symonds and Mr. F. Asplin (uncles) and Mrs. J. Symonds, Mrs. E. Symonds, Mrs. F. Asplin, and Mrs. C. Parnell (aunts). By special request there were no flowers. The coffin was of polished elm, with brass fittings, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

RED CROSS FUND. 3rd Dec. 1920

The following sums have been sent to the Rev. C. F. Townley, the County Director, from Cambs. 12, V.A.D.: From members of the detachment £2 5s., proceeds of whist drive on "Our Day" at Swavesey £6, from Elsworth, through exertions of Miss Tibbits (a member) £2 19s. 6d; total £11 4s. 6d.

DEATH OF MR. STRAPPS. 3rd Dec. 1920

Many of our readers will learn with regret that Mr. Jonathan Strapps died early on Wednesday morning, at his residence in Middle Watch. He had carried on the business of baker, etc., in Swavesey for the last 21 years. He leaves a widow and a young son and daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Dec. 1920

Muriel Beales, daughter of Mr. F. J. Beales, stationmaster at Swavesey, met with an accident on her way to school on Monday afternoon. She had climbed into a tumbrel cart when near the church for a "lift," and before she had properly settled down the horse moved on and she fell over the back of the cart into the road. On being taken home it was found that her right shoulder had been dislocated. This was soon reduced by Dr. Ellis and she is going on well.

SILENT CLOCK. 3rd Dec. 1920

With reference to the paragraph under the above heading in last week's "Independent Press," it appears that the Swavesey Rural District Council is the authority responsible for the clock at the National School, and not the trustees and managers of the school. The District Council, it is stated, inherited the responsibility from the old surveyors of the parish. The clock's inability to strike the hours is said to be due to a trifling defect, the adjustment of which would involve an insignificant expenditure of time, trouble and money. Yet the clock has been silent for over 12 months.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 3rd Dec. 1920

A well-known figure has been removed from Swavesey by the death on Saturday last, after two months' illness, of Mr. Alfred Cain. Born in Swavesey 80 year ago, he had spent the whole of his long life in the parish. He was also well known throughout the district and in bygone years at Cambridge, St. Ives and St. Neots markets. He is survived by seven sons and daughters, two of the former living in Canada. On Wednesday afternoon he was laid to rest in Swavesey Churchyard, beside his wife, who died on February 19th last. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. James Cain and Mr. Joseph Pauley Cain (sons), Miss Alice Cain and Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., (daughters), and Mr. William Cain, Histon (cousin). The coffin was of elm, with black furniture. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was responsible for the funeral arrangements.

HELPING THE B.U.F. 3rd Dec. 1920

If the men of Bethel Baptist Chapel did wonderful things when, "all on their own," they made their effort on behalf of the Baptist United Fund a fortnight ago, the ladies of the chapel have done still better. On Thursday afternoon in last week they held a sale of work in the schoolroom attached to the chapel. The sale was opened by the Pastor's wife (Mrs. H. J. N. Ussher). There was a new work stall and a jumble stall, and another for refreshments at which teas were provided. All were well patronised by a continual flow of eager customers. In the evening there was a concert in the chapel, which attracted a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr. T. W. Thurlow presided, and the programme included solos, duets, quartets and recitations. No charge being made for admission, a collection was taken during the interval. Refreshments were supplied.

A PERSISTENT FOWL'S JOURNEY. 10th Dec. 1920

While Mr. J. Prior was loading a van with furniture on Monday, one of his hens persisted in getting into the vehicle. Time after time she was routed out, and at last it was thought she had desisted from her efforts, as she was no more seen. On unloading the van in a neighbouring town the hen was found amongst the furniture, and not only the bird, but also an egg that she had laid during the journey.

WHIST DRIVE. 10th Dec. 1920

On Thursday evening in last week a whist drive, the second of this winter's series, in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund, was held at the National School. Twenty tables were occupied and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss Sutton, Miss D. Banks, Miss Rich; gentlemen, Mr. F. Causer, Mr. A. Pettitt, Mr. R. Gleaves. The Entertainments Committee desire to thank the donors of the prizes, etc., for their generous gifts.

FOOTBALL. 10th Dec. 1920

In spite of inclement weather, Cottenham Reserves arrived in Swavesey by motor on Saturday afternoon for a friendly game with the Swavesey team. The visitors were by far the better eleven, owing probably to more constant practice, and in the first half they registered four goals, while the homesters failed to score. After the change of ends Cottenham added a fifth goal, and a few minutes later the weather put an end to play. Swavesey Sunday School boys entertained Zion S.S. boys, who came from Cambridge by motor. Swavesey put the best team possible in the field, and a fast game resulted in their winning a very creditable victory, considering the strength of their

opponents, by two goals to one. Harold Bridgeford and Jack Clarke scored for Swavesey.

FUNERAL. 10th Dec. 1920

The funeral of the late Mr. Jonathan Strapps, whose death on the 1st inst. was briefly recorded last week, took place on Sunday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, in the presence of a large assemblage of sympathising friends from Swavesey, Over, Fen Drayton, Lolworth and Fenstanton. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were Mrs. Strapps (widow), Mr. Marshall G. Strapps (son), Miss Mona Strapps (daughter), and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strapps, Mr. John Strapps, and Mrs. Wyatt (brothers and sisters-in-law). On account of the inclement weather there were no hymns at the graveside, but special hymns were sung at the Sunday evening service at Bethel Chapel, and Mr. Ussher made sympathetic reference in his sermon. Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The late Mr. Strapps, who was 50 years of age and the seventh son of the late Mr. Marshall George Strapps, of Wisbech, had been in bad health for some considerable time, but had bravely remained at work until a few weeks ago. For the last 21 years he had been in business as a baker, etc., in Swavesey, and was well-known in the district.

THE DARK STREETS. 10th Dec. 1920

Our Swavesey correspondent writes:- Villagers continue to grumble about the darkness of the streets owing to the non-lighting of the public lamps, but beyond grumbling they do nothing. It is reported that parish councillors have informed certain rate-payers that the Council have decided that the lamps shall not be used this winter – the sixth winter in succession – in consequence of the heavy rates, but when they arrived at this decision is not clear, as at the Council meeting on November 1st the subject of street lighting was not mentioned, and no meeting of the Council has since been held, unless held in camera. On the other hand, in June, 1919, the councillors agreed, *nemine contradicente*, that street lamps were necessary for the convenience and safety of the public, and they then appointed a committee with full powers to have the lamps, fittings, etc., overhauled so as to be ready for use in the following winter. No steps were, however, taken to appoint a lamp-lighter, and at a meeting in October, 1919, in consequence of a temporary Lighting Restriction Order, issued in connection with the railway strike, and rescinded, by the way, on the day the meeting was held, the Council decided that the question of street lighting should remain in abeyance for a time. Last winter, it will be remembered, the darkness was responsible for several mishaps, in one of

which the Clerk to the Parish Council came to grief, and within the past week or two three or four people have had unpleasant experiences. One prominent gentleman lost his way when going to his place of worship, and found himself in a hedge, last Friday a much-respected lady and a wandering pig fell foul of one another in Middle Watch, and this week a valued parishioner got entangled in the hedge previously mentioned, and a few minutes later discovered that he was walking into school pond. The councillors, in their laudable efforts to save the ratepayers' pockets, seem to have forgotten that the streets are much darker than they were before the war owing to the earlier closing of the shops and to the substitution, by order of D.O.R.A., of dark window blinds for the flimsy white calico ones previously in almost universal use. To post a letter on a moonless, foggy night at the Post Office in High-street, demands the navigating instinct and dauntless faith of a Columbus. The posting-box, unless hit upon by lucky chance, has to be groped for. If the councillors are honestly of the opinion that the Public Lighting Act, so far as Swavesey is concerned should be suspended indefinitely, they should pass a resolution to that effect in open meeting, or better still, they should call a parish meeting, give reasons for the faith that is in them, and leave the decision to the ratepayers. Not to adopt the latter course gives rise to the suspicion that the councillors feel they cannot rely on the support of the general body of ratepayers. Before the Lighting Act could be adopted a two-thirds majority of the ratepayers was necessary, surely a similar majority is needed before the Act can be suspended. It should not be overlooked that the owners and occupiers of houses and property other than land have to contribute in respect of the lighting rate considerably more – three times, I believe – than owners and occupiers of land. A parish meeting can be called, be it remembered, by any six parochial electors.

ADVERT. 17th Dec. 1920

H. S. ALDRED, Swavesey, solicits your kind orders for Bon Bons, Chocolates, Cry's Ginger, Tunis Dates, Loose Dates, Figs, Finest Denia Oranges, Glace Cherries, Nuts, Preserved Fruits (C. and B.), Non-Alcoholic Wines, Christmas Stockings.

WHERE WAS THE SNOW-PLOUGH? 17th Dec. 1920

Villagers were surprised that no attempt was made on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning to clear away the snow on the County Council's roads in the Swavesey district by means of the snow-plough, which is believed to have been provided for use in such emergencies. It is understood that in adjoining

districts ploughs were used, and it is not clear why the Swavesey district was neglected.

CATS. 17th Dec. 1920

A correspondent writes: Friends in Worcestershire have informed me that there has recently been a mysterious epidemic amongst cats and dogs in their district, and that many of the animals attacked have died. I wonder whether a similar epidemic was the cause of the death or disappearance of the cats in Swavesey, to which attention was called in the "Independent Press" two or three weeks ago.

MISHAPS IN THE DARK. 17th Dec. 1920

Two more mishaps due to the dark streets in the village have to be recorded. A schoolgirl ran into the parapet of Turn Bridge, and was rewarded with a black eye, and the Clerk of the Parish Council, who came to grief last winter in the Stygian gloom, and whose face was injured last week-end had the misfortune to again come into collision with another pedestrian in the dark. Unfortunately, on this occasion the person with whom he came into contact was a lady, whose hat played havoc with the parochial official's face.

ADVERT. 24th Dec. 1920

H. S. ALDRED, London House, Swavesey, in thankfully acknowledging the kind and liberal support accorded for many years, this being the 25th Christmas, wishes to state that his establishment will be closed from Christmas Eve till Wednesday, 29th.

MUSIC IN THE STREETS. 24th Dec. 1920

The Willingham Salvation Army band perambulated the streets of Swavesey on Monday evening, and played Advent and Christmas carols and hymns.

PROPERTY SALE. 24th Dec. 1920

Messrs. Dilley, Son and Read, auctioneers, sold by auction at the White Horse Inn, on Monday, a freehold dwellinghouse, shop, farm buildings, etc., in Middle Watch to Mr. William Dennis, for £560.

FOOTBALL. 24th Dec. 1920

Swavesey F.C. had no engagement last Saturday, but the Sunday School boys' eleven were booked to play Mill-road Baptists, Cambridge, in a Cambs. S.S. League fixture. The home team turned up in full force on Manor Field, but

their opponents failed to put in an appearance, and moreover sent no explanation of their absence.

THE SNOW PLOUGH. 24th Dec. 1920

In reply to the question asked last week re the snow plough, Mr. E. Oakman, of the New Inn, Boxworth End, the contractor, writes that all arrangements had been made by the Council and the contractor for working the plough in the Swavesey district. On getting the plough out from its long resting place, however, one of the horses slipped down and had to be shot. And then it was found that the two horses left were unable to carry out the work.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT. 24th Dec. 1920

The Entertainments' Sub-Committee of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund Committee announce a Christmas entertainment at the National School on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 27th and 28th December, the proceeds to be devoted to the Hall Fund. The programme will include two sketches ("A Nice, Quiet Morning" and "My Turn Next"), songs, dialogues, etc., and last, but not least, Professor Snooker's orchestra will be in attendance. Tickets, 1s. 3d., 1s., and 9d., (including tax), can be obtained from any member of the sub-committee. The doors will open at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 7.30 p.m.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 24th Dec. 1920

The annual share-out of the White Horse Mutual Benefit Society was held at the White Horse Inn on Saturday evening, when each of the 65 members received £1 5s. 3d., a very satisfactory return seeing that £8 4s. 1d. had been paid out in sick benefit during the year, while the weekly contributions amounted to £1 5s. 6d. per member. After the business meeting the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, songs being sung by Messrs. A. Daintree, J. Kester, jun., J. Peppercorn, Stanley Badcock, and G. Dyer. The chair was taken by Mr. Albert Payne, who was supported by Mr. J. Froment, hon. sec. Before separating the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary and the other officers for their services during the past year.

A STRANGE ENDORSEMENT. 31st Dec. 1920

On the back of a £1 Treasury note paid to a Swavesey innkeeper last week the following words were written:- "God be with you till we meet again."

WEDDING. 31st Dec. 1920

Miss Ethel May Daintree, daughter of Mr. Albert Daintree, Swavesey and Mr. Stanley Badcock, son of Mr. Fred Badcock, Cottenham, were married at

Swavesey parish church on Christmas morning. The Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in rose pink silk, and was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Sally Daintree (her sister), and the Misses Doris and Gertie Badcock (sisters of the bridegroom), who were in brown and pink. Mr. Stanley Gawthrop was best man. After the ceremony the wedding guests were entertained by the bride's parents. The happy couple, who are spending their honeymoon in London, received numerous useful wedding presents.

CHRISTMAS NOTES. 31st Dec. 1920

Although the snow had melted away, much to the satisfaction, it must be owned, of most people, and with it had disappeared the traditional outward sign of a good old Christmas; and although the weather was almost spring-like in its mildness, still the festive season was duly celebrated in Swavesey. Sons and daughters of Swavesey who are seeking their fortune far afield revisited their homes, and many were the greetings of old friends long parted. At the parish church, which was tastefully decorated with evergreen, etc., there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral), Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and choral Evensong, with the anthem ("Emmanuel," by C. Simper) and sermon at 3 p.m. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. The work at the local Post-office was very heavy last week, the parcels received for delivery in the district being exceptionally numerous, even for the Christmas season. Mr. A. Day, Mill Farm, very kindly presented all his work-people with substantial joints of meat, welcome gifts that were greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL BREAKING UP. 31st Dec. 1920

A pretty little Nativity play was presented by some of the children attending the National School on Wednesday week prior to breaking up for the Christmas holiday. The youngsters did their part most admirably, and to the evident satisfaction of their comrades and of the few parents and friends who attended. It is a pity more adults were not there. The characters were taken as follows:- Marjorie (the Goose Girl), Lily Laws; Gillian (a shepherdess), Winnie Parish; the Beggar Child, Maggie Parr; Constance (farmer's wife), Sarah Daintree; Alisoun (an old servant), Elsie Pettitt; Mary, Connie Sweetland; Shepherds, A. Kester, S. Culpin, and H. Dodson; Wise Men, Ll. Nicholson, J. Clarke, and H. Bishop. In the play various tuneful songs and Christmas hymns were introduced, and these were sung with taste and heartiness, not only by the performers, but by the scholars generally. The

extemporised scenery, which included a manger, and the dresses were quite effective. After the play, elephants and other marvellous animals, dolls and dolls' garments, calendars, cards, and various other things made by the youngsters, which had been on view, were distributed, and then the Headmaster, Mr. C. Wood, wished the children a happy Christmas, which evoked the prompt response, "We wish you the same," and the warning not to indulge too freely in the toothsome luxuries of the season – a warning received with derision, for what child will admit that it is possible to eat too much at Christmastide? The scholars were then dismissed and the school will reopen on Monday, 3rd January.

ENTERTAINMENT. 31st Dec. 1920

Soon after 6 p.m. on Monday people began to congregate outside the National School for the Christmas entertainment, which the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Entertainments' Sub-Committee had announced for that evening. The bills posted in the village had stated that the doors would not be opened until 7 o'clock, but long before that time the waiting crowd had assumed large dimensions, and the officials, taking pity, threw open the doors, and admitted their eager patrons. The large room was soon filled, every seat being occupied, and when the curtain went up for the first time not a foot of standing room was left. An excellent bill of fare was provided, every item of which was to the evident satisfaction of the audience. Professor Snooker's orchestra included many and various instruments. There was a cornet, a trombone, a violin (the identity of the fiddler was the subject of many guesses – was he a "she" or a "he"?), a drum (small in size, but aggressive in tone), banjos, guitars, flutes and other instruments of music – or torture – suggestion of Nebuchadnezzar's famous band. The lady artistes were arrayed in charming raiment, the violinist looked the real musical professional, and the artist who manipulated the cornet was of the true street musician type. Professor Snooker, disguised in a robe of Oriental magnificence, conducted his unruly forces with energy – so great indeed was his energy, and so wobbly was his stand, that once when dealing with a grand outburst of melody, he lost his balance and fell headlong amongst the banjos and guitars. (Long report in newspaper).

SWAVESEY CHRONICLES 1921 –

ADVERTS. 7th Jan. 1921

A huge stock of Second-hand Blankets, Sheets, Tablecloths and Carpets, now for Sale, at Prior's Furnishing Stores, Swavesey and Over, Cambs.

SEEDS! SEEDS! Try Sharpe's reliable seeds. Once bought, always sought – H. S. Aldred, London House Swavesey.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 7th Jan. 1921

The following interim balance sheet, to 31st December, 1920, has been issued by the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Committee: - Dr.: By cheque £10 5s., petty cash payments £46 0s. 8½d., cash in hand £5 8s. 11½d., balance at bank, £430, total £491 14s. 8d. Cr.: By subscriptions £168 10s. 7d., collections at cricket matches £3 15s. 6d., balance from Peace Day celebrations £4 17s. 3d., collection boxes £7 12s. 9½d., entertainments sub-committee £306 18s. 6½d.; total £491 14s. 8d. Subscriptions to the fund, or definite promises of subscriptions will be gladly received by the treasurer, Mr. C. Wood, School House, Swavesey.

PROTECTION WANTED. 7th Jan. 1921

Twelve months or so ago the Parish Council, at the instance of the late Mr. Stanton, called the attention of the District Council to the danger to the public from the unprotected condition of the large drain at Turn Bridge, and the latter Council had a fence erected on one side of the bridge, but did nothing on the other, and equally dangerous, side near Turn Bridge Cottages. One very dark evening this week a valued member of the community, when on his way to the Post Office, had the narrowest of narrow escapes from falling into the unprotected part of the drain, and had he fallen in the consequences would probably have been serious, for not only is the drain deep, but it has a brick bottom. This danger spot should during the winter months be illuminated by a stout lamp, but the parish councillors will not light the lamps. It is suggested that the parish councillors at their next meeting, which in accordance with the Standing Orders ought to be held on the third Monday in this month, should make a further representation on the subject to the District Council.

NEW HOUSES. 7th Jan. 1921

The work of building the new cottages in Swavesey under the Government housing scheme, which has been entrusted to Messrs. B. and W. R. Wayman, of Over, is progressing steadily. Eight houses are to be erected in Dove House

Close, with a frontage to Carter's-lane. They are to be in pairs, and the first pair is in hand. The two outer pairs will stand 40 feet back from the road, while the two inner pairs are to be set back in line with the backs of the outer houses, viz., about 60 feet from the road. A roadway 11 feet in width is to separate each pair of houses. Each pair has a frontage of 60 feet, and is 18 feet 10 inches in width. The ground floor of every house will contain a living room, 17 feet by 11 feet, a parlour 10 feet by 10 feet, and a scullery (with copper) 11 feet by 7 feet, with pantry, coalplace, and w.c. (with water). There is also a small hall into which the front door and the living room doors open, and from which the staircase rises. The back door opens into the scullery. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, one 17 feet by 11 feet (approx.), and two smaller in size, and also a bathroom with water laid on. The houses should be attractive in appearance. The walls are hollow up to the ground floor window sills and are faced with red brick. Above this line the walls are to be rough cast. The chimney stacks are to be of red brick, and the houses will be covered with red Broseley tiles. The windows are of good size, and a fair amount of garden land has been allotted to each cottage.

A SUGGESTION. 14th Jan. 1921

A correspondent writes: - "Week by week your Swavesey correspondent tells us of the awful dangers entailed by living in Swavesey, owing to the refusal of the Parish Council to waste money on street lamps. May I offer a suggestion by which the money of the ratepayers should still be saved and valuable lives spared? Like all great ideas, it is simple. Let all those who have a habit of running into walls or tumbling over bridges carry lanterns at night. For fear lest a grateful village should recommend me for the O.B.E., I will not sign my name, but remain, sir, An Inhabitant of a Neighbouring Village."

SMALLHOLDERS' SOCIETY. 14th Jan. 1921

The first general meeting of the recently-formed Swavesey Smallholders' Society, Limited, was held at the White Horse Inn on the 5th inst., Mr. J. Kester, jun., presiding. The first business was to elect officers, and committee for the ensuing year, and the following appointments were made: President, Sir H. G. Fordham (subject to his acceptance); chairman, Mr. J. Kester, jun., hon. secretary, Mr. A. P. Payne; committee, Messrs. C. Eason, W. Large, J. J. Marriott, A. Prior, C. Savage, T. W. Savage, with power to co-opt two additional members. Subsequently Mr. Dennett, of the Agricultural Organisation Society, gave an interesting and instructive address on the future activities of the local society and its possibilities and usefulness.

MISSIONARY TEA. 14th Jan. 1921

This annual event was held at the National School on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6th, at 6 p.m. There was a very large attendance. The trays were provided by the following members of the congregation: Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. Gleaves, and the churchwardens, (being presided over by Mrs. Cook). After a really excellent teas had been disposed of, the Rev. S. Brent Harris, B.D., S.P.G. missionary from Chota Nagpur, India, gave a most interesting and earnest lantern lecture on the work of the Church in Chota Nagpur, which was listened to by the large audience with rapt attention. At the conclusion of the lecture the hymn, "When I survey the wondrous Cross," was sung, and a collection was taken for the S.P.G. After heartily thanking the Rev. Brent Harris, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, who operated the lantern, and those who provided the trays, the Vicar gave the Blessing. Both tea and lecture were successful in every way; all those present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The financial result of the evening was satisfactory, rather more than £5 being raised for the S.P.G. A novel feature was a stall of missionary books and cards, presided over by Mrs. Brent Harris, who found many eager customers.

MORE COMPLAINTS. 14th Jan. 1921

The following letter has been received from an indignant parochial elector of Swavesey: - "I should like to call attention to the bad condition of the Ramper-road. We cannot understand why the Rural District Council cannot have some granite placed on the road. There was a little excuse while the war continued, but now the war is over there is still no improvement. What excuse do the councillors make now? I would further like to call attention to the shocking condition of Soldiers' Drove from Golden Cottages to Trinity College Farm. Why don't the authorities send some person to let the water off and fill in the ruts? It is twelve months since any roadman put in an appearance. The Drove is quite unsafe for vehicular traffic, and pedestrians have great difficulty in getting along. Both Ramper-road and Soldiers' Drove are a disgrace to the parish. Children cannot go to and from school without getting wet-footed. If grown-up people are not worthy of consideration, surely the little ones are. If they are kept at home from school they lose the benefits of education, and their parents get into trouble. If they go their health is endangered. Cannot our Parish Council distinguish themselves by taking up the matter?" - With regard to the foregoing communication, it may be pointed out that the remedy for the evils complained of, and for others to which attention has recently been called in these columns, is in the hands of the people of Swavesey themselves.

When electing district and parish councillors they should be careful to select persons who will look after the interests of the parish, and if the elected representatives of the people should fail to do their duty steps should be taken to have a parish meeting summoned. At that meeting the representatives should be afforded an opportunity of defending themselves, and if the parochial electors should consider the explanation given to be unsatisfactory, or if none is offered, measures should be concerted by the meeting to bring the defaulting authority to a proper sense of its duty. It is believed we do not err in suggesting that the people of Swavesey are rather lax in their attendance at parish meetings, and that the last annual parish meeting could not be held because only one parochial elector, in addition to the Chairman and Clerk, found it convenient to be present.

NO MEETING. 28th Jan. 1921

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which, according to the standing orders, should have been held last Monday, has not yet been summoned. This is not surprising, as a prominent member of the Council declared not long ago that, being a body of intelligent men, the councillors were not bound by any cast-iron rules.

FOOTBALL. 28th Jan. 1921

The Swavesey football team visited Needingworth on Saturday, but had no luck. Result: Needingworth 3, Swavesey 0.

THE GALE. 28th Jan. 1921

Swavesey did not escape Tuesday's gale, but no very serious harm was done. Slates and tiles were swept off houses, a chimney pot or two disturbed, and stacks suffered. A shed in an orchard is reported to have been blown down, damaging some young trees, and at Boxworth End a small building attached to a cottage collapsed while the cottager was inside.

STRANGE ADVENTURE OF A CAT. 28th Jan. 1921

The thatched roof of a cottage in the village was repaired last week, and at the same time the cottager's cat mysteriously disappeared. Its plaintive mews were, however, faintly heard from time to time, but nothing could be seen of the animal itself. As the mewing appeared to proceed from the roof, some of the thatch was at length removed, and poor pussy released after three days' imprisonment.

A REJOINDER. 28th Jan. 1921

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: "An Inhabitant of a Neighbouring Village" in last week's paper was kind enough to suggest that Swavesey people should carry lanterns when venturing into the village streets on dark nights, and, while claiming that his proposal is simple, and would be effective, he hints that the O.B.E. would be a fitting reward for the suggestion. I am inclined to agree with him on the latter point. But has he reflected that his proposal is reactionary? Why put the clock back thirty years? Many years ago the parish – not the Parish Council – adopted the Lighting Act, and the parish has not been asked to consent to its suspension, temporary or otherwise. Nor, as far as my knowledge goes, have the Parish Council decided at a properly constituted meeting not to "waste money on street lamps." If the Council have come to any such decision, it has been in camera; and why should such an important matter be settled in secret? In my opinion, an opinion shared by other people in the parish, the question whether the lamps should be lighted or not lighted ought to have been submitted to a parish meeting, but the councillors have not adopted that course, and as far as the man in the street is aware, have not even dealt with the matter at a meeting of the Council. They have, however, recently had some new lamp-posts put up, presumably at the public expense, but as they will no doubt be useful for cattle to rub against, your correspondent would not call the expenditure waste of money. The natural inference is that for some mysterious reason the Council dare not bring the lighting question openly before the parishioners either at a parish meeting or at a Council meeting. And why? If the saving of expense to the already heavily burdened ratepayers were the only reason for no lights, the Council would have a very strong case, for no ratepayer is desirous of adding to his burden. Is there some other reason which the Council are anxious not to divulge to the public? Personally, I have not during the last year advocated, neither in these columns nor privately, the lighting of the lamps as a whole. My contention has been that the matter should be submitted to and decided by the parishioners. I have, however, called attention to the urgent need for light at the Post Office and for protection of dangerous places. If the parishioners think the lamps are necessary they should have a parish meeting called and the question fought out there. With regard to the lantern suggestion, let me assure your correspondent that many people do now carry lamps on dark nights, but others fail to see why they should be put to the expense of obtaining lamps or be troubled with carrying them, when street lamps are already in existence.

ANGLING INCIDENT. 28th Jan. 1921

While pike fishing last week in the Ouse, near the Sheepwash, between Holywell and Overcote Ferries, Mr. H. G. Key, who was using spoon bait,

hooked a large bream in the back. The fish, which weighed 3lbs. 9ozs., was safely landed, after a long struggle.

LECTURE. 28th Jan. 1921

Under the auspices of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union, a lantern lecture was given in Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 20th inst. by Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, of Cambridge. The lecture, which dealt mainly with the evils of drink, was most interesting and instructive, and the lime-light pictures of life and scenery, many of the latter being Irish, were excellent. The chapel was full, and the collection, on behalf of the Union, realised the satisfactory sum of £1 2s. 8d.

WHIST DRIVE. 28th Jan. 1921

The third of the series of whist drives organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee, in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Twenty-nine tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Mrs. J. Culpin, Mrs. Cecil Dean, Miss. M. Ellis. Gentlemen, Mr. G. Burling, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. Cyril Godfrey.

WHAT AN OVERSEAS' MAN THINKS. 28th Jan. 1921

A native of Swavesey, whose parents still live in the village, who migrated some years ago to a British Dominion thousands of miles away, but still takes a keen interest in his old country parish, and is, moreover, an appreciative reader of the "Independent Press," writes: "I am much interested in the spicy remarks in the 'Independent Press' re street lighting in Swavesey, and quite agree that the street lamps alight add the finishing touch to an ideal village. Perhaps the apparent dislike of the Parish Council to lights is due to the presence of unmarried men." Our far distant correspondent may be interested to learn that only three of the nine parish councillors are bachelors and the councillors will, doubtless, take note that their proceedings are being watched by Swavesey men on the other side of the globe.

MARRIED IN CANADA. 28th Jan. 1921

The following paragraph from the "Acton Free Press", a Canadian journal, of the 6th inst., will be of interest to some of our readers: "At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Wednesday, December 29th, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Alvinna Allen, youngest daughter of the late John and Mrs. Allen, Lake-avenue, Acton, to Sergt. Jack Wilderspin, M.M., of Cambridge, England. Sergt. Wilderspin is a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. John Wilderspin. He went to Canada some years ago, and in

August, 1914, promptly responded to his country's call and joined the 4th Canadian Infantry, with which regiment he served with distinction in France from early in 1915 to the end of the war. He was twice wounded, and in September, 1918, was promoted on the field, and awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry. His friends at home will wish him a long and happy married life.

ADVERTS. 4th Feb. 1921

Valuable money prizes are being given to users of Viota Specialities. Prices have been reduced. We also recommend the school children to enter the painting competition. – Full particulars at Canham's Stores, Swavesey. Again we gladly report further reductions in many articles. A visit will amply prove the above. Carr's Biscuits have now arrived. – Canham's Stores.

H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, has much pleasure in stating amongst the many reductions are:- Choicest Breakfast Bacon (American bacon not stocked), Harris's Noted Pork Sausages, Hugon's Suet, Cakeoma, Lard, Margarine, Butter Beans, Haricots, Dried Pears, Peaches, Apple Rings, Apricots, Prunes, Coffee (Camp), Tea, Cocoa, Rice, Tapioca, Starch; also Hosiery, Balls Angola, Coat's Cotton, etc. Carr's Biscuits, re Children's Painting Competition, in stock.

HOCKEY. 4th Feb. 1921

The Over-Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club still has vacancies for players, and would be pleased to welcome any new members from the above or surrounding villages. Playing days, Thursdays and Saturdays, in Mr. Banks' field in School-lane, Swavesey, at 2.30 p.m.

NEW HOUSES. 4th Feb. 1921

A start has been made on the second pair of cottages that are to be erected in Dove House Close under the Government building scheme, and the foundations of the two remaining pairs of cottages are in hand. The work is, however, not progressing as fast as could be wished, owing to the difficulty in obtaining bricklayers.

FOOTBALL. 4th Feb. 1921

Swavesey F.C. were at home to Dry Drayton last Saturday. Although the visitors were the superior team, and had the best of the game, the result was a draw of one goal each. T. Daintree scored for Swavesey. The boys' Sunday School F.C. played Chesterton Baptists in a Cambs. S.S. Football League

fixture on Manor Close, and gained a notable victory after a very good game. Score: Swavesey 2 goals (L. Breed and H. Bridgeford), Chesterton 0.

WEDDING. 4th Feb. 1921

A wedding of considerable local interest took place in Swavesey parish church on Wednesday, when Miss Ethel Mary King, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King, High-street, Swavesey, was married, in the presence of a considerable gathering of relatives and friends, to Mr. Alfred Robinson, youngest son of the late Mr. C. Downs Robinson and Mrs. Downs Robinson, of Over. The Rev. J. S. Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in white silk. Her hat, in which was a spray of orange blossom, matched her dress, and she wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. In attendance upon her was one bridesmaid, Miss Alice Robinson, dressed in blue silk repp, with a fawn hat underlined with blue, and wearing a gold brooch, also the bridegroom's gift. Mr. Noble Robinson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a gold tiepin from the bride to the bridegroom.

CRICKET CLUB DINNER. 4th Feb. 1921

There was revelry on Tuesday night in the National School, the festive occasion being the Swavesey Cricket Club dinner. Between eighty and ninety members and friends attended, and two long tables, nicely decorated, which ran from one end of the large room to the other, were fully occupied. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. S. Sharp (Vicar), Mr. H. O. Daintree (Lolworth), Dr. Cox and Dr. R. Ellis (Cottenham), Mr. Thomas Johnson and Mr. T. S. Johnson (Fen Drayton), Mr. R. Barwell, and others. The bill of fare was varied, and, when viewed from the standard of village banquets, ambitious. It was the product of the genius of the caterers, Mr. C. Wood, captain of the club, and Mr. J. C. Heasman, committeeman and wicketkeeper, the former having distinguished himself by his culinary accomplishments while serving with the 23rd Royal Fusiliers from 1914 to 1919. The dinner was served in excellent style, and the volunteer band of lady waiters was beyond all praise. There were no waits between the courses, for one delicacy after another followed in quick succession. After the tables had been cleared, the chairman gave the toast of "The King," which was duly honoured. The toast of "The Cricket Club" was proposed by Mr. Thomas Johnson, himself a veteran who for countless years has played on many occasions both for and against Swavesey, and is still good for more runs. He

wished the club better luck during the coming season than it had had in 1920, and hoped there would be a return to the good form and notable successes of 1912 and 1913. Mr. Wood, in reply, admitted that last season had not been one of triumph, but the club had, he said, suffered from there having been no cricket during the war. Some of the old reliable players had gone, never to return. He appealed to the members to pull together and "play the game." Bad fielding was mainly the cause of last year's failures, but the fielding improved as the season went on.

FOOTBALL. 11th Feb. 1921

Elsworth Rovers F.C. visited Swavesey on Saturday afternoon, and an even game ended in a goalless draw.

WHIST DRIVE. 11th Feb. 1921

The fourth of a series of whist drives organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was held at the National School on Monday evening, and, as usual, attracted a good attendance, 27 tables being occupied. The prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, Mrs. H. H. Williams, Mrs. Warboys, Mrs. W. Kester. Gentlemen, Mr. H. Holmes, Mr. T. Savage, Mr. H. Beales.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND. 11th Feb. 1921

A tea and social meeting was held at the National School on Thursday, February 3rd, on behalf of the above Institute. An excellent tea was provided by the following ladies: Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Barwell and Mrs. Wood, who were assisted by a most efficient and willing band of waitresses. After tea the Vicar, who acted as Chairman, briefly introduced Mr. Sydney Temple (himself blind) to the meeting. Mr. Temple then gave a most interesting address, in which he explained the methods used in training the blind for various trades and occupations; he also passed round several models, which aroused great interest. Mr. Usher, in a few happily-chosen words, thanked Mr. Temple for his address. A collection was then taken by Messrs. W. H. Key and H. S. Aldred. The net financial result of the tea and meeting was £6 10s., which has been forwarded to the National Institute. Thanks for this happy result are due to the ladies who provided and dispensed the tea, and to the gentlemen who assisted in every possible way to make the evening a success.

PARISH COUNCIL. 11th Feb. 1921

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the School on the 3rd inst., and there were present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman, R. Norman, S. Prime, W. Twist, and the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Before the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Mr. S. Prime, who had been co-opted a councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. L. Stanton, signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Arising out of the minutes, Messrs. Burton and Twist reported that the School pond had been cleared out, and that the work had been done satisfactorily, at a cost of £4 13s. 10d. for labour, and £2 10s. for cartage. These amounts were passed for payment. The only item on the agenda was the appointment of two feoffees for Galon's Charity. The Clerk explained that the feoffees appointed by the Council should be elected every two years, but that owing to the war and other circumstances there had been no appointments for a long time. The old feoffees were Messrs. W. Twist and Samuel Wright, but it was intimated that the latter desired to retire. Mr. Twist was re-elected, and on the proposal of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Twist, Mr. George Clarke was chosen in place of Mr. Wright. Certain bills were passed over for payment, and a precept on the overseers for £15 was authorised. Mr. Beales said he had been asked by the Committee of the Cricket Club to call attention to the damage done by horses to the fence surrounding the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground, and after some discussion he moved that a letter should be written to the owner of the horses, drawing his attention to the damage, and asking him to kindly make the same good. Mr. Twist seconded, and the resolution was carried. (Unfortunately, no mention was made of a young walnut tree near the pond, which, with its protecting cage, was knocked considerably out of the perpendicular at the time the fence was damaged. The Clerk observed that some time ago the Council had been asked to recommend a parishioner as by-ways roadman. The man who had been selected had, has understood, left the village. Mr. Burton remarked that the man had previously declined to undertake the work. Mr. Cole said that no appointment had yet been made by the District Council, but that something would be done soon. (As the late roadman retired many months ago, this will explain the neglected state of the by-roads.) The Clerk then raised the question of street lighting. There had, he observed, been a good deal said on the subject in the local newspaper lately. Mr. Burton protested with intense, but suppressed, indignation against these newspaper comments, which he described as "rot", and Mr. Twist remarked that no one took any notice of them. Other councillors appeared to be in sympathy with these gentlemen, and Mr. Burton observed that Council meetings would have to be held in camera. Mr. Beales was confident that the Council had been

actuated by motives of economy in not lighting the lamps, and, as the strictest economy was necessary at the present time, he thought that things should remain as they are, and that if any parishioners wanted the lamps they should call a parish meeting. The parish could not stand the expense, and in his opinion there had been no neglect on the part of the Council. Another Councillor declared that those people who wanted lamps should pay for them. The Chairman appealed to Mr. Beales to make a proposition, but he declined to do so, whereupon Mr. F. Norman moved that the question of lighting the street lamps should be held in abeyance until the lighting could be done at a reasonable cost to the parish. Mr. Prime seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. Beales inquired whether the tenant of the parish land in High-street on which the War Memorial Hall is to be built had signed a formal agreement as to surrendering the land in accordance with the arrangement arrived at in October, 1919. The Clerk replied that no agreement had been signed, but that the tenant had consented to surrender the land at three months' notice, given at any time. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare an agreement. The meeting then terminated.

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: A few observations from me in regard to the last meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council may not be inappropriate. In the first place, may I say that many of the communications in the "Independent Press" which appear to have raised the ire of the councillors, and which one councillor described as "rot," while another contemptuously remarked that no one took any notice of them, have emanated from, or have been written at the request of, responsible parishioners. Whether these persons will be pleased when they learn how their representations are regarded by the Council is doubtful, and probably they will give expression to their feelings at the Council election next year. Secondly, notwithstanding the declaration that no notice is taken of representations and suggestions in the Press, both Mr. Beales' suggestion that aggrieved parishioners should call a parish meeting and Mr. F. Norman's resolution were in accordance with recommendations in these columns. Thirdly, may I once again raise the question whether the Parish Council have the power to suspend indefinitely the operation of the Lighting Act, which required a two-thirds majority of the parishioners to adopt, and is ineffective each year until the parishioners assembled in a parish meeting have authorised the necessary expenditure. In connection with the lighting question, may I point out that Mr. Beales in his speech on economy overlooked one fact, viz., that the Council had not until last week even discussed the lighting question, neither from the point of view of economy nor of the safety and convenience of the public, since they decided in October, 1919, to temporarily suspend lighting in consequence of an official Order

issued in connection with the railway strike. Fourthly, when appointing the charity feoffees, why did not the Council deal also with their representative on the board of school managers? His period of service must have expired years ago. Lastly, in regard to the threat to hold Council meetings in camera, I would venture to suggest that before adopting such a course the councillors would be well-advised to make themselves acquainted with the law on the subject.

SWAVESEY LABOURER'S DEATH. 18th Feb. 1921

Inquest at Addenbrooke's Hospital as Sequel to Accident.

The death of a Swavesey man who met with an accident on January 10th, was inquired into by the Borough Coroner (Mr. G. A. Wootten) at an inquest held at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday evening. The deceased was Fred Dodson, farm labourer, aged 67 years.

Evidence of identification was given by Mrs. Dodson, deceased's wife, who said that about 6 p.m. on January 10th her husband took a cart load of bricks to Stanton View Farm, Swavesey. At the entrance to the farm one of the wheels of the cart got into a rut, deceased at the time having his right hand on the shaft of the cart. His left hand got wedged between the cart and the wall. Dr. Ellis was called, and attended deceased until 24th January, when he advised his removal to hospital. Deceased had not been attended by a doctor for three years previously, and was in the best of health.

James Prior, of Stanton View, Swavesey, house furnisher and dealer, said that about 6 p.m. on January 10th, deceased brought him from Cambridge some building material in a cart. Deceased left the horse and cart at the entrance to the farm, and asked witness where he was to put the load. The gate through which the cart had to pass was about 14 or 16 feet wide, and there was a wall on the left hand side. Witness told him to put the load in the yard. Witness took a lamp to show deceased the way. The horse did not start very freely, and witness told deceased to hold the lamp while he (witness) brought the animal forward. Deceased at the time was on the near side of the cart. Witness was prevented seeing ahead because of the lamp witness was holding moving about, and in consequence witness got nearer the wall than he anticipated. Deceased called out, and witness stopped the horse almost immediately. Dodson told witness he had crushed his hand and bruised his back, and witness noticed that the skin was off the back of deceased's hand. Deceased was seen by Dr. Ellis almost immediately afterwards.

Dr. G. W. Theobald, house surgeon at Addenbrooke's, said Dodson was admitted on 24th January, suffering from injury on the back of the left hand. The injury was a fortnight old, and there was some suggestion of tetanus. On

January 27th the signs of tetanus were more marked. On February 3rd the tetanus had apparently been cured, but deceased cried out a great deal day and night. On February 9th bronchial trouble appeared, and the heart began to get very weak. Dodson died in his sleep at 10.50 a.m. on February 10th. Death was apparently due indirectly to the accident. Witness made a post mortem examination and found the cause of death was heart failure and septicaemia, probably following an accident.

The Coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

RECREATION GROUND TREES. 18th Feb. 1921

By a slip of the pen the young trees on the Recreation Ground were stated last week to be walnuts. They are chestnut trees.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 18th Feb. 1921

Twenty-five aged widows and widowers have received a gift of money, in lieu of tea, sugar, etc., under the bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Payne.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT. 18th Feb. 1921

Our Swavesey readers will be interested to learn that at Christmas the wife of Mr. W. Lawson Hephher, M.C., presented her husband with a son and heir at Boswell, Koatenay Lake, B.C., Canada.

FOOTBALL. 18th Feb. 1921

Swavesey F.C. journeyed to Dry Drayton on Saturday, and a keenly contested game resulted in a win for the homesters by five goals to three. F. Daintree, Oakman and Dangerfield scored for Swavesey. The Swavesey S.S. Boys entertained the Victoria-road, Cambridge, Congregational S.S. team on the same day and failed to score. The visitors, however, captured three goals.

LANTERNS CONDEMNED. 18th Feb. 1921

"Boxworth-Ender" writes: A few weeks ago "An Inhabitant of a Neighbouring Village" writing in the "Independent Press", recommended Swavesey people to carry lanterns on dark nights. I sincerely hope his advice will not be generally adopted, for in my opinion hand lamps are worse than useless; they are dangerous. The other evening I met a lady and gentleman carrying a lantern, and was so dazzled that immediately after passing them, my unfortunate head came into collision with a wall, and my face was damaged. Electric flash lamps as used by some people in the village are worst still, and can only be described as the invention of the Evil One.

COLLISION. 18th Feb. 1921

Shortly before 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening in last week, a man proceeding on foot along the centre of the road in High-street, on his way to the Post Office, came into violent collision with a lady and a lightless bicycle. The night was very dark, and not a glimmer of light shone from the window of any private house or shop. Neither party saw the other. Beyond loss of breath, and possibly of temper, it is believed that, fortunately, neither suffered harm. The bicycle, however, crashed heavily to the ground, but whether it was damaged is not known. The lady, recovering her breath first, reproached the man for not looking where he was going. The man, still panting, ventured to retort that blame, if any, attached to the lady, as the mishap would not have occurred if her bicycle lamps had been alight. At that moment two or three cyclists rode up, but further spills were prevented by the lady's prompt cries of warning. Having business at the Post Office, which closed at 7 p.m., the male collider had to hurry away, and when he returned to the street the lady and bicycle had disappeared.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th Feb. 1921

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. Wood presiding, and about thirty members being present. Last year's accounts having been passed, the officers and committee for the coming season were elected, viz.: President, Dr. R. Ellis, vice-presidents, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. R. Barwell, H. O. Daintree, Bramwell Davies, T. Johnson, and R. Sutton; captain 1st team, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. H. Ellwood; captain 2nd team, Mr. A. Prime, jun.; vice-captain, Mr. T. Daintree; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretary, Mr. Cyril Godfrey; committee, Messrs. P. Burton, F. Hayward, T. C. Heasman, G. Hephher, jun., A. Payne, and T. Savage. It was decided to enter two teams in the Milton and District League, the 1st team in Division I., and the 2nd in Division II., and also to enter for the Cambs. Junior Cup. It was further resolved that the annual subscription should be increased to five shillings per member.

FUNERAL. 18th Feb. 1921

The funeral of the late Mr. Fred Dodson, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on the 10th inst., as the result of an accident four weeks previously, took place in Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. F. Shellabear, of Fenstanton officiated, in the absence of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Bethel Chapel, who was unwell. The mourners were: Mrs. Dodson (widow), Mr. James W. Dodson and Mr. E. Dodson (sons), Mrs. Spearman and Miss S.

Dodson (daughters), Messrs. W. Dodson and Jabez Dodson (brothers), the Misses I. Spearman and Joyce Dodson, and Master Hubert Dodson (grandchildren). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, belonged to an old Swavesey family, his father being the late Mr. William Dodson. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM THORP. 18th Feb. 1921

We regret to announce the death, after a few days' illness, of Mr. William Twist Thorp, which occurred at his residence in Swavesey shortly before 9 p.m. on Sunday. He had not been in the best of health of late years, and had had occasional spells of illness. On Wednesday morning in last week he complained of feeling unwell, but seemed to recover before he sat down to dinner, which he ate with enjoyment. Shortly afterwards he was seized with acute pains in his chest, and realising that he was suffering from a recurrence of old heart trouble, he went to bed at once, and Dr. Matthewson was sent for. On Saturday and Sunday he appeared to be better and more comfortable, until about 8.30 p.m. on the latter day, when his wife noticed a sudden change, and within a few minutes he had breathed his last. The sympathy of all goes out to Mrs. Thorp in her san and sudden bereavement. Mr. Thorp was born in Swavesey 66 years ago, being the younger son of the late Mr. Edward and Mrs. Maris Thorp. For many years he was in business as a butcher at Swavesey and Cambridge Market, and was well known at St. Ives and throughout the district. He retired nearly twenty years ago. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and was Vice-Chairman of the Swavesey Conservative and Unionist Association. In 1915 he succeeded the late Mr. William Perry as parish churchwarden, and held the office to the end of his life. He had previously served as sidesman, and in all that concerned Swavesey's noble church he took the keenest interest, and was never a laggard when financial help was needed. Mr. Thorp was also a life feoffee of Galon's Charity, and was a member of the Parish Council in its earlier days; on several occasions he has also acted as overseer of the poor.

ADVERT. 25th Feb. 1921

SHARP'S Reliable Seeds; also Special Stock-taking Bargains to clear. — H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOUNDS. 25th Feb. 1921

After an interval of some years the Cambridgeshire Hounds met at Swavesey last Friday. A good company assembled on the Recreation Ground, and

attracted a large number of interested spectators, some of whom subsequently followed on foot, on cycles, or in motor-cars. The hounds first tried Friesland Farm, but drew blank, and then moved off towards Lolworth and Childerley, by way of Cow Fen and Longstanton.

A FAMILY DISPUTE. 25th Feb. 1921

A case of some local interest was heard at Huntingdon County Court on Feb. 16th, when D. W. sued his father, H. W., for possession of land. It was stated that the claim for possession was based on the fact that defendant had assigned or underlet land contrary to the provision of an agreement made between the then owner of the property, Mr. S. W. C., of Cambridge, and defendant. The property in 1917 was sold and conveyed to plaintiff for £995. The breach of the agreement alleged was the sale last year of the grazing rights of part of the occupation. For the defence it was argued that even if there had been a breach of the agreement, this had been definitely waived, and plaintiff had no right of action. The letting of the feed in 1920 was not an isolated instance, and had occurred twice previously without complaint by the landlord. Among the witnesses was Mr. C. W., auctioneer, of St. Ives, who said that he had never heard of the sale of grasskeeping being a breach of a leasing agreement. – Cross-examined: He simply sold the feed. The vendor had a perfect right to sport on the land, though the right was not expressly reserved. – After a long hearing his Honour reserved his judgement, and the question of costs was allowed to stand over.

THE LATE MR. W. T. THORP. 25th Feb. 1921

Amidst manifestations of sorrow and respect, the funeral of the late Mr. William Twist Thorp, whose sudden death on the 13th inst. was reported last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, a large assemblage of people from Swavesey and the surrounding district being present. Before the service the bells rang muffled peals. The body, enclosed in a panelled and polished elm coffin, with brass furniture, was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Sharp) and the choir. After a hymn, lesson and prayers the Nunc Dimittis was chanted. The procession left the church for the grave in the south-western angle of the churchyard. After a hymn was sung, the bells were heard from the tower close by, this time only partially muted. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. W. T. Thorp (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorp (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Metcalfe (sister-in-law) and Misses Clara, May, and Ivy Thorp (nieces). (Full list of mourners in newspaper report). The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey. – On Sunday the Vicar made reference to the late Mr. W.

T. Thorp both at the morning and at the evening service in the parish church. "We have," he said, "suffered a great loss in the passing of William Twist Thorp. For five very anxious years he was churchwarden of this church; he was a most loyal Churchman, a conscientious and devoted worker, a trusted colleague. The passing of such a man must be deeply felt in our church life. In all that concerned the upkeep and repair of our noble church he was always willing and anxious to help; when the tower was repaired in 1913 he was one of the first to come forward, and again when the work on the south aisle was started the following year his support was given generously. His end came very suddenly, and our deepest sympathy goes out to those, his nearest and dearest, whose grief was made even more grievous to bear by the shock of his departure, so startling in its suddenness. An upright man of unshaken faith has been taken away, and we cannot but feel a sense of great loss at his going from us." After the Blessing at the evening service the Dead March in "Saul" was played by the organist, the congregation standing.

ADVERT. 4th March 1921

About 18 tons of good winter oat straw chaff for immediate sale, f.o.r., what offers? – Prior, Stanton View, Swavesey.

A WELL-REMEMBERED DAY. 4th March 1921

Yesterday (Thursday) was the eighth anniversary of the great fire at Swavesey, when about thirty houses were destroyed.

HOCKEY. 4th March 1921

On Thursday, Feb. 24th, the ladies' eleven from the Lilley Club, Cambridge, visited Swavesey, and after a very good game were defeated by the home team by 4 goals to 2.

CIRCUS. 4th March 1921

For the first time for many years a travelling circus visited Swavesey on Thursday in last week, and gave two performances, viz., in the afternoon for children, and again in the evening, the latter attracting a good-sized company.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 4th March 1921

The annual tea of members, seat-holders and friends of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on the 24th ulto., and was largely attended. After tea the treasurer (Mr. A. Norman) presented the year's accounts, which were most satisfactory in every department, and the reports of the various workers were also most encouraging. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, presided.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN. 4th March 1921

A Vestry meeting was held at the parish church on Monday evening to elect a churchwarden in place of the late Mr. William T. Thorp. The Vicar presided. Mr. Henry James Walls, who was proposed by Mr. C. Wood, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Key, was the only candidate, and his election was unanimous. On the motion of the Vicar, seconded by Mr. Wood, a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late churchwarden was carried, and the clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) was instructed to write to Mrs. Thorp accordingly.

FOOTBALL. 11th March 1921

Swavesey F.C. entertained Needingworth on Saturday, and were defeated by four goals to nil. The boys' eleven were also at home to Coton boys in a Cambs. S.S. Football League fixture. Each side scored two goals.

UNIONIST MEETING. 11th March 1921

A meeting of Swavesey Unionists was held at the National School last Friday evening. After an address by Mr. W. de L. Devereux, Unionist agent for Cambs., it was decided that the Swavesey Polling District Conservative Association, which had been suspended during the war, should be revived, and a small committee was appointed to prepare a scheme of reorganisation.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th March 1921

An interesting and instructive lecture on temperance, illustrated by chemical experiments, was given by Mr. David Moore, of Cambridge, in Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in last week, under the auspices of the Bethel Band of Hope. The attendance was good, especially of young people, who were invited to take notes and write essays for which prizes would be given.

MISSIONARY MEETING. 11th March 1921

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, a drawing-room meeting on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was held at the Priory on Thursday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. The Vicar took the chair, and the speakers were the Revs. R. P. Moline, Rural Dean and Rector of Cottenham, and A. E. Burne, for 21 years missionary in China. The attendance was excellent. After the meeting Mrs. Banks kindly invited those present to tea.

PARISH COUNCIL. 11th March 1921

The Swavesey Parish Council met at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, the following councillors being present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, J. S. Goad, F. Norman, R. Norman, W. Twist, and the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. H. Wilderspin as directed at that meeting with reference to the damaged cricket pitch fence on the Recreation Ground. Mr. Twist asked when the letter had been sent, and the Clerk replied "Two or three days after the meeting." Mr. Twist said that a fortnight after the meeting Mr. Wilderspin had told him that he had received no letter. The Clerk thought that he had sent the letter, but could not say for certain, as he had not his letter book with him. He promised to make inquiries. The Clerk then submitted a draft agreement between the Council and Mr. W. J. Hepher, the tenant of the parish property in High-street. The agreement was approved, and the Clerk was instructed to have it signed forthwith. The next business was the selection of four men eligible to serve as parish constable during the ensuing year, and Messrs. B. Hodson, A. J. Willson, C. W. H. Cole, and C. J. Shepperson were chosen. On the proposal of Mr. Twist, seconded by Mr. Beales, it was agreed that the constable's remuneration should be the same as that authorised last year. Mr. Burton called attention to a young tree on the Recreation Ground, which, with its protecting railing, had been knocked considerably out of the perpendicular at the time the cricket-pitch fence was damaged, and instructions were given that Mr. Challis should attend to the matter. Mr. Burton also drew attention to the nuisance of many years' standing in the large open drain at Church Bridge caused by an accumulation of undesirable and highly offensive matter deposited from the sewer, which has its outlet into the drain within a few yards of the bridge. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to the District Council, but a councillor objected that perhaps this might lead to the ratepayers being put to the expense, and therefore an alternative suggestion that Mr. Beales should speak to the District Council Surveyor on the subject was adopted. After some cheques had been signed the meeting concluded.

B.W.T.A. SOCIAL. 18th March 1921

The members of the Swavesey Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association held a most successful social evening in the Schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 10th inst., under the genial chairmanship of Mrs. Ussher. An excellent miscellaneous programme of singing, recitations, etc., was rendered, and refreshments were served during the interval. A special feature of the evening was the hearty welcome given to new members. The school-room was well filled.

A NUISANCE TACKLED. 18th March 1921

The recent representation of the Parish Council to the District Council respecting the longstanding nuisance at the Church Bridge has had prompt attention. A gang of men during this week has been employed in clearing the accumulation of mud and other offensive matter out of the large open drain, but it is to be feared that though some abatement of the nuisance may be effected, it will not be entirely removed so long as the outlet of the sewer remains within a few yards of the main road. It is understood that the original scheme provided for the sewer outfall at a considerable distance from the road.

CONFIRMATION. 18th March 1921

A confirmation was held at the parish church on Thursday, March 10th, at 3 p.m., by the right Rev. Bishop Price, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely. There were 19 male candidates (Swavesey 8, Over 8, Willingham 1, Fen Drayton 1) and 19 female candidates (Swavesey 3, Over 10, Willingham 1, Fen Drayton 2, Boxworth 3). The congregation was very large and the service most impressive. After the service tea was provided in the School, where the candidates and their relatives met the Bishop.

A REMINDER. 18th March 1921

Parishioners of Swavesey should note that in the ordinary course the annual parish meeting should be held within a few days before or after the 25th March. These meetings, except in times when something has occurred to stir the villagers out of the "noiseless tenor of their way," are usually very poorly attended, and last year no meeting could be held, as only the Chairman, the Clerk, and one parochial elector found it convenient to be present. Annual parish meetings are of importance, and should be of interest to ratepayers, especially in these days, as the accounts of the parish are submitted for the information of the parishioners. Furthermore, they afford an opportunity to "discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions thereon."

ADVERT. 25th March 1921

SPECIAL LINES. – Curtains, Curtainettes, Bordered Casement, Art Muslin, Toilet Covers, Duchesse Set, Cushion Covers, Wallpaper (newest designs), Rugs, Mats. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

FOOTBALL. 25th March 1921

Swavesey F.C. visited Needingworth on Saturday afternoon, and a well-fought game resulted in a draw of three goals each. G. Oakman, H. Holmes, and E.

Smart scored for Swavesey. The S.S. Boys' Club should have played St. Andrew's-street Baptists' boys in a Cambs. S. S. League fixture, but the Cambridge team failed to put in an appearance, and therefore conceded two points to their rural opponents.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE WANTED. 25th March 1921

It is suggested that a more suitable place for keeping the local snow plough when not in use or not likely to be wanted might be found than the edge of the Recreation ground, close to the main road and immediately facing the National School. The plough is not a thing of beauty, though at times it may be useful; in its present position it is in the way, and is a possible danger to the public, children especially who play their games on that portion of the Recreation Ground. Ratepayers have been heard to grumble that the plough will not improve in condition by being left at the roadside month after month. It will be remembered that a few years ago the Parish Council protested against the present plough's predecessor being dumped upon the Recreation Ground.

WEDDING. 1st April 1921

WILLIAMS - WELLS

The marriage of Miss Agnes Annie Wells, second daughter of Mr. James Wells, of Swavesey, and Mr. Tom Williams, of Tolworth, Surbiton, son of the late Mr. John Williams, once of Swavesey, but later of Cambridge, was solemnised at the church of St. Matthew, Surbiton, on Wednesday. The Rev. Anderson W. Wells, vicar of Goldthorpe, Yorks. (brother of the bride), and the Rev. T. G. L. Lushington, a former vicar of Swavesey, officiated. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in navy blue, with hat in harmony, and was attended by Miss Ruth Williams (daughter of the bridegroom), who wore powder blue, with hat to match. Mr. Stanley Angell was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's future home. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

WEDDING. 1st April 1921

NICHOLS – PRIOR

Mr. Wilfred James Nichols, son of Mr. Wm. T. Nichols, of Luton, was married to Miss Constance Maud Prior, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Prior, of Swavesey, at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Saturday last. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore old rose eolienne, very tastefully embroidered, and she was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss May Thorp and Miss Louie Causer, the former in navy blue crepe de chine, and the latter in white voile embroidered. Mr. Richard S.

Nichols was best man. A very happy wedding breakfast was held at the bride's home after the service. The happy couple have received many useful and valuable presents, including a beautiful silver salver from the bride's co-workers in Winnipeg, Canada.

ADVERTS. 1st April 1921

REDUCED LINES. – Ladies' Diploma and Mascot Shoes, Children's and Infant's Boots, Shoes, Sandals, and Plimsolls, Ladies Black and Coloured Hose, Children's Tan and Black $\frac{3}{4}$ Socks; also above with Fancy Turnover Tops. Infants' Cream Socks with striped tops – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

DRAPERY DEPT. – Boys' Shirts from 1s. 11½d; Enamelware much cheaper, Provision Dept.: Maypole Margarine, 9d. per lb. – G. E. Canham, General Stores.

DROVE LETTING. 1st April 1921

Messrs. Underwood had a good company on Wednesday evening. Falling prices and abundance of fodder kept prices considerably lower than last year.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES. 1st April 1921

Ratepayers will be interested to learn that £1, 932 has been paid in contributions to the County Council out of the poor rate levied in the parish of Swavesey during the year ended 31st March.

CRICKET CLUB. 1st April 1921

At a meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club on Tuesday evening it was decided to enter Division I. and Division II. of the Milton and District League and also the knock-out competition in the same league. The proposal to enter the Cambs. Junior Cup was dropped.

DROVE LETTING. 1st April 1921

The annual letting by public auction of the herbage of the drove ways and roadsides in the parish of Swavesey took place at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening, by order of the District Council, and realised £19 2s. 6d., being £14 5s. less than last year (£33 7s. 6d). £25 17s. 6d. was realised in 1919, £27 in 1918, £21 10s. in 1917, while before the war in 1913 the herbage brought in £25 5s.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 1st April 1921

Certificates granted by the Cambs. Education Committee to those candidates who passed the County Minor Scholarships Examination last year have recently been presented to the following pupils of Swavesey National School, viz.: 1st division – Edward Melbourne, Emily Prior and Charles Wood; 2nd division – Muriel Beales, Llewellyn Nicholson and Bernard Parish.

FOOTBALL. 1st April 1921

An unusually large number of spectators witnessed the match between Swavesey and Knapwell on Manor Field last Saturday afternoon. The visiting team was a good one, and the home eleven was stronger than usual, owing to holiday time. The game, fought keenly and cleanly, ended in the defeat of the visitors by one goal to nil. J. Mustill scored for Swavesey.

AN OFFENSIVE DRAIN. 1st April 1921

Complaints are being made of the most offensive odours arising from the open drain which runs parallel with Middle Watch, between Gibraltar-lane and the School. These odours are held to be not only objectionable, but deleterious to the public health. It is understood that a representation has already been made to the sanitary authority, but that no effective steps have yet been taken to remedy the evil.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 1st April 1921

Preceded by a tea, a sacred concert was given in Bethel Baptist Chapel on Good Friday evening by the choir, assisted by friends from Cambridge and Over. The interesting programme included solos and choruses, all of which were much appreciated by the large audience, over whom the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided. The proceeds have been devoted to the Church Expenses Fund.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st April 1921

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday were well attended. On Easter day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m., children's service and baptisms at 3 p.m., and Evensong and sermon at 6.30 p.m. A large congregation was present at the evening service.

VESTRY MEETING. 1st April 1921

The only business at the Easter Vestry meeting held in the parish church on Monday evening, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, was the election of the churchwardens for the ensuing year. Mr. W.H. Key, who

had been churchwarden for 22 year, having intimated that owing to advanced years he wished to be released from office, the Vicar nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as vicar's warden, and in doing so spoke in terms of the warmest appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Key, whose retirement he deeply regretted. Mr. Key thanked the Vicar for the kind way in which he had spoken, and declared that it had always been a pleasure to work with him. Mr. H. J. Wells, who was appointed people's warden on 28th February, in place of the late Mr. W. T. Thorp, was re-elected nem. con.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND. 1st April 1921

A sale of new work and jumble, organised by Miss M. Cole and the Ladies' Working Party, was held in the National School on Easter Monday afternoon in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, and was well patronised. Tea and refreshments were also provided, and found a ready sale. A whist drive followed in the evening. Twenty-one tables were occupied, and the prizes were awarded as follows: - Ladies, Miss Gadsby, Miss N. Dodson, Miss Barwell. Gentlemen, Mr. Walter Thurbon, Mr. J. Mustill, Mr. T. Froment. A donation of one guinea to the Memorial Hall Fund has been received from Mr. Thomas W. Dean, a native of Swavesey who has been living in South Africa for many years.

MILK. 8th April 1921

The retail price of milk in Swavesey has this week been reduced to 8d. per quart by all retailers, except one, who is charging 6d. per quart, the price he charged at this time last year.

RAILWAY AND POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 8th April 1921

In consequence of the coal crisis, the following trains calling at Swavesey station have been suspended: 6.44 p.m. to St. Ives, 7.41 p.m. to Cambridge; also the following trains which run on Mondays and Saturdays only: 8.59 to Cambridge, and 9.14 p.m. to St. Ives. Owing to the withdrawal of the 7.41 p.m. train, the night mail from Swavesey is now sent to Cambridge by the 6.17 p.m. train, and the latest time for posting at Swavesey Post Office is now 5.55 p.m.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 8th April 1921

The last and best match of the Sunday School boys' football fixtures was played on Saturday last on manor Close, by kind permission of Mr. Watts, with Hills-road Wesleyans as their opponents, whose present position in the Cambs. S.S.F.L. makes them holders of the shield for the year. The game

ended in a goalless draw, but the Swavesey lads gave a very good account of themselves, taking one point, the only point lost by their worthy visitors during the season. Swavesey boys now look forward to continued support and still greater improvement for next season.

PARISH CONSTABLE MISSING. 8th April 1921

For some reason at present not known to the public, the parishioner who had been chosen to fill the office of parish constable during the ensuing year, and who should have been sworn in last Saturday, did not appear before the magistrates at the Shire hall, although the Assistant Overseer was duly in attendance. Villagers need, however, be under no apprehension that they are in danger of losing the protection of the parish constable, for it is understood that Mr. C. J. Shepperson, who has been constable for some years, will be sworn in to-morrow (Saturday).

AN AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE. 8th April 1921

A cable message was received in Swavesey on the 30th ulto. announcing that Mr. Leonard Williams, third son of the late Mr. John Williams and Mrs. Williams, Market-street, Swavesey, had been married that day at Sydney, New South Wales, to Miss Clara Sutherland, of Harlinghurst, Sydney, and on the same evening the bells of Swavesey parish church rang merrily in honour of the event. Mr. L. Williams left Swavesey ten years ago to join an older brother in Australia, and he has not since revisited his old home. He has the best wishes of his friends in Swavesey for a long and happy married life.

WEDDING. 8th April 1921

The marriage of Miss Minnie Prime, daughter of Mr. Alfred Prime, sen., of Swavesey, and Mr. Henry William Andrews, son of Mr. Arthur Andrews, of Pinner, Middlesex, was solemnised at Christ Church, Roxeth, Harrow, on Easter Monday, the Rev. Stower officiating. The bride, given away by her cousin, Mr. William Wright, wore a navy blue costume, with hat to match, and was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Fanny Prime and Doris Gleary. Mr. Arthur Andrews, brother of the bridegroom was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Albion House, Middle-road, Harrow, the residence of the cousin of the bride. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

EXIT THE VILLAGE PUMP. 8th April 1921

The chief pump of the old, but now condemned, water supply of the village, known locally as the town pump, which stood at the junction of Black Horse-

lane with High-street, has disappeared, but whether it has been removed by a public authority, or has vanished into thin air, is not known. All the public knows is that it has gone. The pump had been a sad wreck for a long time, and was useless as a pump, but it afforded much amusement to children, by whom its disappearance will doubtless be regretted. When the new water supply was introduced some years ago, the pumps of the old system were handed over by the Rural District Council to the tender mercies of the Parish Council.

ADVERT. 15th April 1921

H. S. ALDRED, London House, Swavesey. – Agent for Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Insurance Coy.; Thompson's Dye Works, Perth; Sharp's World-renowned Seeds; Cash's Woven Names.

SNOW PLOUGH. 15th April 1921

Under the superintendence of the District Council Road Surveyor, the snow plough which had been lying on the Recreation Ground, close to the main street, was removed last week and duly stored.

THE CEMETERY. 15th April 1921

A great improvement has been effected in the Cemetery by the cleaning of all the grave stones. The work was done by Mr. Jethro Linford.

THE PARISH PUMPS. 15th April 1921

A correspondent writes: "With regard to the paragraph in last week's paper about the disappearance of the old public pump from the corner of Black Horse-lane, may I ask whether another of the parish pumps has not also been removed, and is now lying in a private yard, whither it had no doubt been taken for safety? These pumps are useless as pumps, but their metal pipes, etc., are probably of some value. Why cannot they be sold, and the money realised applied in relief of the rates?"

PARISH MEETING. 15th April 1921

The annual parish meeting is to be held at the National School on Monday next at 6.30 p.m., for the presentation of parochial and charity accounts, and "for any other business." The Local Government Act, 1894, states that "a parish meeting may discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions thereon." As usual, the notice calling next Monday's meeting is hardly likely to strike the eye of the unofficial parishioner, as it has been written on small pieces of paper. The notice on the board in High-street is particularly inconspicuous, having been superimposed on a list of voters, which has been on view for

some time. The suggestion has more than once been made in these columns that printed skeleton bills, boldly headed with the words "Parish Meeting," should be used, but like other useful and inexpensive suggestions, has been ignored by the parish authorities. The Clerk of the Parish Council, it is understood, defends his economy in the use of paper by the plea that he has to provide stationery for parish purposes out of his own pocket.

CHURCH MEETING. 15th April 1921

The annual parochial church meeting, held at the National School on the 7th inst., was attended by between 60 and 70 Church electors, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Sharp), who was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. F. Banks, and H. J. Wells. The Vicar, in his introductory remarks, eulogised the devoted work of the Church Council, whose year of office had expired. Their attendance at meetings had been well-nigh perfect – it was 97 per cent. – and their responsibilities has been heavy, seeing, for instance, that they had been faced not only with increasing ordinary church expenses, but with the expense of providing for vitally urgent repairs to the parish church, estimated to cost £2,700, towards which £352 17s. had been received or promised. The Vicar read the annual report of the Council, and Mr. W. H. Key, late churchwarden, presented the year's accounts, which disclosed the satisfactory fact that the collections for church expenses had been the largest on record, viz., £101 0s. 3d., but, said to say, this satisfaction was neutralised by the expenses having been heavier, and although at Easter, 1920, there was a balance in hand of £13 1s. 10d., the balance at Easter, 1921, had dwindled to 18s. 1d. Mr. R. Barwell, who had had charge of the finances of the Council, urged the importance of larger contributions to the collections for church expenses, and strongly advocated the contribution by each member of the congregation of a fixed sum each Sunday, whether present at a service or not. Mr. R. Mitham also spoke, and other electors made suggestions. The accounts were passed, and, it being recognised that the organ blower's remuneration was inadequate, it was decided that it should be augmented this year. The Council, in their report, having recommended that the number of elected councillors should be increased, the Vicar moved a resolution to that effect, which was carried. Mrs. Cooksey proposed that the elected councillors should be ten in number, instead of four. Mr. R. Mitham, sen., seconded. Mr. Barwell moved, and Mr. Banks seconded, an amendment that the whole of the Council should number eleven, that meant an addition of two elected members. On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried by 26 votes to 15. The alteration will not take effect until Easter, 1922. Messrs. Barwell and R. Mitham, sen., having been re-appointed parochial representatives to the

Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences, the election of church councillors was proceeded with, and when the voting papers had been collected, and the votes counted, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Banks and Mr. C. Wood were found to have received most votes, and were declared duly elected. The unsuccessful candidates were Mrs. Barwell, Mr. C. Dean, Mrs. Cooke, and Mr. A. Spolton. This year's Council will consist of the following: the Vicar, the two churchwardens, the two representatives to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences, and four elected members, and Mr. W. H. Key, the late churchwarden, who had been co-opted by the late Council. Last year's sidesmen, eight in number, were re-elected with the addition of Messrs. W. H. Key and F. Howard.

FIRE ENGINE. 22nd April 1921

The parish fire engine was brought out for its quarterly test on Thursday evening in last week, and advantage was taken of the occasion to thoroughly water the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground. The engine was kept at work for about an hour, members of the Cricket Club assisting in pumping.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 22nd April 1921

The Ladies' Working Party connected with the War Memorial Hall Fund Committee have handed to the treasurer, Mr. C. Wood, the sum of £25, the results of the sale of work on Easter Monday and of work done for private persons since the garden fete and sale of work on August Bank Holiday last. The Working Party have now raised nearly £50 for the fund.

TRAIN AND POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 22nd April 1921

Further alterations in the railway and postal services at Swavesey have been announced this week in consequence of the coal miners' dispute. The following trains have been suspended: To Cambridge, 12.22 p.m., 1.47 p.m., and 7.41 p.m.; to St. Ives, 1.55 p.m., and 6.46 p.m. The 8.59 p.m. train to Cambridge and the 9.4 p.m. to St. Ives, which used to run on Mondays and Saturdays only, have also been withdrawn. The 10.49 a.m. train to St. Ives now leaves at 11.4 a.m. Commencing on the 24th inst., Sunday trains will run as follows: to Cambridge, 5.18 p.m. (instead of 4.23 p.m.), and to St. Ives 6.41 p.m. (instead of 5.41 p.m.). Owing to these changes the letter box at Swavesey Post Office is now closed at 10.50 a.m. for the day mail despatch, and at 5.55 p.m. for the night mail despatch.

COAL SHORTAGE. 22nd April 1921

To deal with the present coal shortage in the Swavesey rural district a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. W. I. Hemington, Over, on Tuesday last. A small committee was formed, consisting of Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), Mr. I. Hemington (co-opted), Messrs. Parish, Williams and Adams (merchants), and Beales (Swavesey station, hon. secretary), and it was decided to adopt the orders now generally in operation. This means that no householder will be entitled to a delivery of more than $\frac{1}{2}$ -cwt. of coal per week, and if anyone is fortunate enough to get a full cwt. it will have to last a fortnight. Cases of sickness will be specially dealt with, and arrangements for issue of permits have already been made. A very generous offer has been made to the committee by the Over Drainage Commissioners, who have a fair quantity of coal on hand at the Over drainage engine station, near Earith Bridge, and it is hoped to get a portion of this coal carted into the villages during the next few days. Unfortunately this extra cartage will considerably increase the delivery price of coal, but in the circumstances it cannot be avoided. Any person now holding more than one month's stock of coal is invited to assist by advising Mr. Kirby or the hon. secretary of what they have to spare.

PARISH MEETING. 22nd April 1921

Although there are 400 parochial electors in Swavesey, only eight found it convenient to be present at the annual parish meeting, held at the National School on Monday evening, and even most of these eight seemed reluctant to attend. At the appointed time, 6.30 p.m., only one parochial elector and the representative of this paper were waiting. They were soon joined by Parish Councillor Beales, and the trio waited patiently until 7 o'clock, when the Clerk put in an appearance. Coun. Burton arrived about this time, and it was decided to open the meeting. In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Burton was voted to the chair, and before long Alderman Dr. Ellis, Mr. S. Challis, Mr. W. J. Hephher, and Mr. J. S. Goad, another parish councillor came in. The meeting began with the minutes of last year's annual meeting, which was not held owing to no one but the Chairman, the Clerk, and one parochial elector attending, also the minutes of the parish meeting on 1st April, 1919, and of the public meeting on 14th July, 1919. These minutes were signed, and then the Clerk desired to read the minutes of a Vestry meeting, but this was objected to, and he proceeded to present the Parish Council accounts for last year. When these had been read Dr. Ellis called attention to the dilapidated and dangerous condition of a wall on the parish property in High-street, and the Clerk undertook to bring the matter before the Parish council at their next meeting, which, he said, would be held shortly. (According to the Standing Orders the annual meeting of the Council should

have taken place on Monday evening.) Dr. Ellis also wanted information respecting certain expenditure on street lamps and posts, and expressed the opinion that the lamps and fittings should be inspected, but unfortunately he omitted to ask about the condition of the shed in which they are stored. Mr. Beales assured Dr. Ellis that the lamps had been overhauled, and in reply to other inquiries, said he believed a parish meeting would be called before the autumn to decide whether the lamps should be lighted next winter.

ALDERMAN. 22nd April 1921

Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, of Swavesey, who was elected an alderman of the Cambs. County Council, in succession to Mr. D. L. A. Huddleston, of Sawston Hall, was born on June 10th, 1853, at Swavesey. He is the son of the late Mr. Robert Sage Ellis, surgeon, who was in practice at Willingham, and a grandson of Captain John Hitch Ellis, 66th Foot, who was with Napoleon I at St. Helena, and who subsequently resided at Meldreth. He was educated at Epsom, St. John's Hurstpierpoint, and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London (M.D. Brussels, M.R.C.S. Eng.; and L.S.A.). In 1876-7 he was house surgeon at Huntingdon Hospital, and then settled in Swavesey, where he has been in practice ever since.

Alderman Ellis was a member of the first Cambs. County Council, having been elected in January, 1891, as representative of the Swavesey Electoral Division, in place of the Rev. F. Shaw, of Fen Drayton, who died in December, 1890. Re-elected in 1892, he was defeated in 1895 by the late Mr. George Long, of Swavesey, but regained the seat from Mr. Long in 1898, and has since represented the division without a break. He is the only member of the original Council serving as alderman or councillor at the present time, and with 27¼ years' service (23 years' continuous) may well claim to be the senior member.

Ald. Ellis has served on many committees of the Council, and since February 5th, 1916, has been chairman of the Old Age Pensions Committee.

ADVERTS. 29th April 1921

H. S. ALDRED, London House, Swavesey, begs to announce another reduction in Coats' Sewing and Mercer Crochet Cottons, Arden's Crochet Cotton, "Bright-eye" and Machine Sylko. Also in Grey and White Calico.

Do you want a good cup of Tea? If so, try our "own Name." 16oz. Packets of Quorn Custard Powder, 10½d. Drapery Department: Ladies' Plain Hose from 1s. 6½d per pair. – Canham's Stores.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 29th April 1921

In the recent drawing and painting competition, promoted by Messrs. Brooke Bond and Co., four Swavesey school-children gained prizes: Senior group – 1 Constance Sweetland, 2 Gertrude Froment. Junior group – 1 Beatrice Savage, 2 Wilfred Webster.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA. 29th April 1921

His friends in Swavesey and the neighbourhood will learn with interest that the wife of Mr. Fred Wilderspin gave birth to a daughter on the 31st January at Innisfail, North Queensland, where Mr. Wilderspin is engaged in sugar farming. He left Swavesey for Australia ten years ago.

LONG SERVICE. 29th April 1921

After over fifty years' railway service, Mr. John Wilderspin retired on April 6th, and is now living in High-street, Swavesey, within a few yards of the site of the house in which he was born 70½ years ago. For forty years he was with the Midland Railway Company at Whitecross-street Station, in the City of London, holding for 37 years the position of gate policeman.

OBITUARY. 29th April 1921

The funeral of the late Miss Sophia Dodson, who died at her residence in High-street during the early hours of last Friday morning, after a long illness, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated, and the following chief mourners attended: Mrs. P. Hepher, Miss J. Webster and Mrs. A. Day (cousins). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Miss Dodson was a daughter of the late Mr. Berry Dodson, of Swavesey, and Miss Dinah Dodson (nee Webster). She was 81 years of age.

A SWAVESEY JUDGEMENT. 29th April 1921

At the last sitting of the Huntingdon County Court, his Honour Judge Farrant delivered judgment in the action D.W. v. H. W., of Swavesey, in which the son sued the father to recover possession of land, on the ground that the terms of the agreement entered into by the defendant with the previous owner, the son having since purchased the property, had been broken. His Honour found that the action of the defendant in selling grasskeeping was a breach of his covenant under which he was not to assign or sub-let any of his land. On the other hand, he found that it was within the knowledge of the plaintiff that the land had been previously sub-let; that he took no steps to enforce his right of action until nearly eight months after the grass had been sold, and further, that plaintiff before the expiration of the period of sub-letting accepted a cheque

from defendant in respect of these fields. His Honour held that these constituted a waiver of the terms of the agreement. There would be judgement for defendant; but in view of the letter defendant wrote to his son's solicitors – a letter which in his opinion ought never to have been written – he made no order as to costs.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 6th May 1921

Mr. Stubbs to Stand Against Mr. Mailer in Swavesey Division.

Mrs. Anderson-Scott unopposed.

Nominations for the vacancies on the County Council caused by the election of Col. Tebbutt and Dr. Ellis to the Aldermanic Bench closed on Monday.

Mrs. Anderson-Scott, of Iona, Gresham-road, has been nominated for the New Town Ward, which was formerly represented by Col. Tebbutt, and as she is the only candidate she will be returned unopposed.

There will be a contest in the Swavesey Division, two candidates, Mr. Robert Mailer and Mr. A. E. Stubbs, having been nominated. Mr. Robert Mailer, farmer, of Boxworth, is standing as an Independent candidate, his nomination papers having been signed by members of all political parties. His proposer is Mr. Kirby (Over) and his seconder Mr. A. day (Swavesey). The assentors are: Dr. J. W. Ellis (Swavesey), Messrs. H. O. Daintree (Lolworth), C. W. Elliott (Boxworth), Thos. Johnson (Fen Drayton), Ingle Hemington (Over), Alfred Hawkes (Over), Robert Norman, sen. (Swavesey), and C. Hines (Over).

In his election address, published in our advertisement columns, Mr. Mailer points out that he has had a considerable experience of public work, having been for several years a Rural District Councillor and Guardian. He mentions that he farms 1,000 acres of land, and is well acquainted with the needs and requirements of the district.

Mr. Alfred Ernest Stubbs, Trades Union organiser, 3, Arbury-road, Cambridge, has been nominated in the Labour interests.

Mr. Stubbs put in two nomination papers – one from Swavesey, and the other from Lolworth. In the former village, we understand, six of the eight assentors are women and two men. Both the Lolworth nominators are women, and six of the eight assentors also.

Mr. Stubbs was to have addressed a meeting in Swavesey on Saturday evening. A company of between 25 and 30 men awaited his coming on the Green, but Mr. Stubbs did not put in an appearance, and no meeting was held. On Sunday morning, however, Mr. Stubbs went over to the village, and explained that he was unable to get there on the previous night owing to the motor cycle breaking down.

Polling will take place on Tuesday, May 10th.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 6th May 1921

A meeting to decide about holding a garden fete on behalf of the above fund was held at the Vicarage on Thursday, April 28th. The Vicar reminded those present of the extreme urgency of the repair of the church roof. He said that it had been decided that the work should be started as soon as £500 had been collected; at present £350 had been given or promised. It was decided to hold a fete on Thursday, July 7th, in the Vicarage garden. An attractive programme of events, etc., was drawn up, and numerous offers of help were given.

ACCIDENT. 6th May 1921

Whilst cycling round the corner of a road near Brampton, Hunts, on Saturday, Mr. Joseph Froment, Market-street, Swavesey, had a nasty fall, badly cutting his face. A motor cycle, travelling in the same direction, was passing at the time, but whether it slightly collided with the push bicycle, or in trying to keep clear, Mr. Froment swerved, is not known. The motorist, however, went on his way as if nothing had happened. Notwithstanding his injuries, Mr. Froment managed to cycle home, but has since been under medical treatment and confined to his house. The only damage to his bicycle was a bent carrier

WELL-EARNED TESTIMONIAL. 6th May 1921

On his retirement from the office of churchwarden, a post he had held for 22 years, and in warm appreciation of his services to the parish church in ways too numerous to mention, Mr. W. H. Key has been presented with a testimonial, consisting of an easy chair, tobacco and leather pouch, subscribed for by over one hundred past and present members of the congregation, including the Rev. A. C. Vidler, late vicar of Swavesey. In compliance with Mr. Key's wish, the presentation was not made in public, but he will be glad if subscribers will call at his house and inspect the gifts and afford him the opportunity of personally expressing his thanks.

OBITUARY. 6th May 1921

The funeral of the late Mr. Rebecca Nixon, wife of Mr. Alfred Nixon, who died at their residence in High-street on April 27th, aged 70 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiating. The following chief mourners attended: Mr. Nixon (husband), Mrs. H. W. Hawkes (niece and adopted daughter), Mrs. C. Hephher and Mrs. Maltby (sisters), Mr. G. Thorp (uncle), Mr. A. C. Hephher, Miss F. M. Maltby and Mr. H. W. Hawkes (nephews and niece). Other relatives were unable to be present owing to the restricted railway service. The coffin was of

polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Mrs. Nixon belonged to an old Swavesey family, being the eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Coulson, blacksmith and horse and cow doctor. With the exception of the last 17 months, the whole of her married life of 44 years was spent at Newport, Essex, and Ely, where her husband was employed as a signalman on the Great Eastern Railway. On his retirement at the end of 1919 after 45 years' service, they settled in Swavesey. Mrs. Nixon has been in failing health for some time.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 13th May 1921

Since Wednesday the train leaving Cambridge at 6.30 and due at Swavesey at 7.14 a.m. has been suspended, in consequence of the coal crisis. The night mail letters for Swavesey and district are being sent from Cambridge by road.

SERVICES RECOGNISED. 13th May 1921

Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis, who was chairman of the Cambridgeshire Local Pensions Committee, who deal with old age pensions, from February 5th, 1916, until his recent promotion to the aldermanic bench, has been informed by the Clerk of the County Council that the following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Committee on the 7th inst: "That the best thanks of the Committee be offered to Alderman J. W. Ellis for the exceedingly able and gracious way in which he has carried out the duties of chairman of the Committee during the last five years."

ELECTION NOTES. 13th May 1921

During Tuesday morning, while the County Council election polling was in progress, Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis made the following estimate of the result of the poll: For Mr. Mailer 600, for Mr. Stubbs 212. The actual figures as announced elsewhere in these columns were: Mr. Mailer 602, Mr. Stubbs 209. The poll was a fairly heavy one, as 820 electors, including nine whose papers were rejected as spoiled, went to the poll out of a total of 1,120 local government electors for the Swavesey electoral division, viz., 73 per cent. At Boxworth polling district the total number of electors was 197, of whom 177, or 90 per cent., polled. At Over polling district the electors numbered 438, of whom 322, or 73 per cent., polled, and at Swavesey polling district the total number of electors was 485, of whom 321, or 66 per cent., polled.

THE FEAST. 13th May 1921

Notwithstanding all the drawbacks, Swavesey Feast has been held this year and, if not the big affair of pre-war days, has attracted visitors, and been far

from a failure. A fair number of show folk attended with their paraphernalia, including a roundabout, swings, cocoa-nut shies, etc., and did good business, especially on Tuesday evening. The village Cricket Club played matches on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, but, unfortunately, failed to win any of them. On Sunday the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilson, vicar of the Cathedral Church, Bury St. Edmund's, officiated at all services at the Parish Church, in the absence of the Vicar, and his sermons were greatly appreciated by those who were privileged to hear them. A large congregation was present at Evensong. Tuesday was the polling day for the vacancy on the County Council. Electors turned up in strong force, but there was no excitement.

WEDDING. 13th May 1921

Bethel Baptist Chapel was crowded on the afternoon of Thursday in last week for the marriage of Mr. Frank Prior, youngest son of Mr. Charles Prior, Swavesey, and Miss Caroline Rosetta Crisp, only daughter of Mr. Charles Crisp, also of Swavesey. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiated. The bride, given away by her uncle, Mr. E. J. Warboys, Fen Drayton, looked charming in grey eolienne, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white lilies. In attendance upon her were two bridesmaids, Miss Mary Warboys, her cousin, and Miss Beatrice Prior, niece of the bridegroom, in white silk and carrying bouquets of narcissus. They wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. F. Chapman, of Sawston, cousin of the bride, was best man. At the close of the service the Wedding March was played by Mr. H. S. Aldred, who presided at the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. F. Prior left for Brighton for the honeymoon. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

CRICKET. 13th May 1921

SWAVESEY v. WILLINGHAM.

Played at Swavesey on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Willingham 72, Swavesey 16.

SWAVESEY v. OVER.

Played at Swavesey on Feast Tuesday, 10th May, and resulted in a win for the visitors.

SWAVESEY v. LOLWORTH.

Played at Swavesey on Feast Monday, and was won by the visitors. Scores: Swavesey 1st innings 40, 2nd innings 48; Lolworth 1st innings 56, 2nd innings 12 for 2 wickets.

COUNTY COUNCIL BY-ELECTION. 13th May 1921

Mr. Robert Mailer's Big Majority Over Mr. A. E. Stubbs.

The result of the County Council by-election in the Swavesey division, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Dr. Ellis to the aldermanic bench, was declared on Tuesday as follows:

Mr. Robert Mailer (Ind.)..... 602

Mr. A. E. Stubbs (Lab.)..... 209

Majority 393

These figures were announced about ten minutes past nine at the Swavesey School by Mr. Ashley Tabrum (Clerk to the County Council). There was very little excitement. A vote of thanks to the Returning Officer was proposed by Mr. Robert Mailer, and seconded by Mr. G. J. Huckle (secretary of the County Trades and Labour Council). There were nine spoilt papers.

Both candidates addressed meetings at Swavesey on Monday evening.

Mr. Mailer's meeting was in the National School. Ald. Dr. Ellis was in the chair, and the speakers were Mr. Sam Gibson, of Hardwick, and the candidate. A resolution pledging support was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stubbs' meeting was on the Recreation Ground, opposite the school, a motor car being used as a platform. Mr. T. Langan, of Willingham, presided, and the speakers were Sir George Fordham (ex-chairman of the County Council and prospective labour candidate for the County), Mrs. Leah Manning and Mr. Stubbs.

ADVERT. 20th May 1921

How about a nice piece of Bacon for boiling? Very best Danish from 1s. 2d. per lb. Choicest Danish Butter, 2s. 2d per lb. Sliced corned beef, 1s. ½lb. – Canham's Stores.

LADY JURORS. 20th May 1921

Four Swavesey ladies, who have the privilege of having their names included in the jury list, have been summoned to attend the Assizes at Cambridge next week.

OBITUARY. 20th May 1921

Mr. James Smith, who until May, 1919, had resided in Swavesey for some years, died on the 17th inst. at Bishop's Stortford, where he had been living with his daughter, Mrs. Edwards. He was 79 years of age, and had been ill for about three months. Mr. Smith was an old soldier, having had long service

with the East Yorkshire Regiment in India and elsewhere, and when he retired with a pension held the rank of colour-sergeant. He will be best remembered in Swavesey as the father of Mrs. H. G. Graves, late of the Rising Sun Inn whose husband was killed in the action in France on March 25th 1918. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday), the late Mrs. Smith already lying in the churchyard there.

DANCE. 20th May 1921

Nearly 100 people attended an open-air dance held on Whit Monday evening on Dr. Ellis' lawn, which was kindly lent for the occasion. The dance was in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, and was organised by the Entertainments Sub-Committee. Visitors, including Mr. R. Mailer, the newly-elected County Councillor for the division, came from all surrounding villages. The lawn was in perfect condition for dancing, and was prettily lighted with fairy lamps. Light refreshments were provided, and found a ready sale. The evening's entertainment realised £5 18s., which included the contents of Miss C. Goad's collecting box, with which she diligently plied the visitors. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Ellis. Mr. George Goad acted as M.C.

AN OBJECTIONABLE AMUSEMENT. 20th May 1921

The pastime of squirting was once again freely indulged in by thoughtless juveniles at the recent feast, much to the disgust and resentment of older and wiser persons, who are wondering why the reprehensible practice is permitted by the authorities. Victims are reported to have returned home with clothing drenched or damaged, while staid folk have curtailed their visits to the feast ground, or have stayed away altogether. A further reason for prohibition is being urged, namely, the risk of a breach of the peace resulting from the squirting of a lady being actively resented by her male companion and protector. Who would be the prisoner in the dock, it is asked, if a husband knocked down the oaf who insulted and assaulted his wife by deluging her with the dubious contents of one of these toys? At present the police appear to have no power to deal with the nuisance, and it is suggested that the County Council should adopt a by-law which would enable them to act.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY. 20th May 1921

The severely restricted railway service on Saturday and the total suspension of trains on the Cambridge-St. Ives line on Sunday and Monday, prevented the usual Bank Holiday influx of visitors, but on Whit Monday the village was brightened up by a team of cricketers from the Salisbury Club, Cambridge,

who came to play Swavesey C.C. a friendly game. The cricketers, accompanied by the families and friends, travelled by motor 'bus from and to Cambridge. The game was a very pleasant one, but was keenly fought out to the end, and resulted in Swavesey avenging their last year's defeat at the hands of the Salisbury Club. Between the first and second innings 42 of the visitors had an excellent meat tea, provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun, Swavesey, in the Infant's School, at the end of which the Salisbury Club Vice-President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Heasman for the capital feed he had supplied, adding that his party were having a very enjoyable outing. The Captain, in seconding, added his tribute of satisfaction, and announced that it was hoped to repeat the visit next year, but with a still larger party. An unusually large crowd of villagers and visitors from other parishes witnessed the match. The holiday concluded, so far as Swavesey was concerned, with an open-air dance on Dr. Ellis' lawn.

DEATH OF DR. W. H. ELLIS. 20th May 1921

Dr. William Henry Ellis, who passed away on May 8th at his residence, Oak Royd, Manningham, Bradford, Yorks., belonged to the Cambridgeshire branch of the Yorkshire family of Ellis, of Kiddal, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Sage Ellis, surgeon, of Swavesey, and later of Willingham, and half-brother of Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, of Swavesey. Born 76 years ago at Swavesey, Dr. W. H. Ellis, after receiving his medical education at Cambridge and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, migrated about 55 years since to Shipley, Yorks, where he had a large practice for a long period, and held the offices of Medical Officer of Health for Shipley, and certifying factory surgeon for a considerable area. Closely associated with the Salt family as medical adviser and friend, he was intimately connected with the hospital which the late Sir Titus Salt established at Saltaire. Apart from his medical activities, Dr. Ellis did much useful public work. He was a member of the Shipley School Board and of the Board of Governors of the Salt School, and was active in Church work and a churchwarden.

ADVERT. 27th May 1921

All parts of Beatrice Oil Stoves, Wicks, etc., supplied. Large Packet of Custard Powder, 6½d.; Loose Lemonade; Chivers' Raspberry Jam, 2s. 6d. 2lb jar. – Canham's General Stores.

A TEMPORARY EXCHANGE. 27th May 1921

The Rev. J. S. Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, is doing duty at Newport, Essex, for a week or two, and the Rev. W. M. Bellamy, Vicar of Newport, has taken his place at Swavesey.

ELY CHORAL FESTIVAL. 27th May 1921

Thirty-two members of the parish church choir attended the Diocesan Choral Festival at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday. With a few of the congregation they travelled by motor 'bus to and from Ely, leaving Swavesey at 9 a.m. and arriving home at 9 p.m.

FUNERAL. 27th May 1921

The late Mr. James Smith, whose death at Bishop's Stortford on the 17th inst., aged 79 years, was announced last week, was buried in Swavesey Churchyard, in the grave in which his wife's body already rested. The body had been conveyed from Bishop's Stortford by motor. The Rev. W. M. Bellamy, Vicar of Newport, Essex, officiated in the absence from home of the Vicar of Swavesey, and the chief mourners were: Mrs. Edward and Mrs. Graves (daughters), Mr. Edwards, Bishop's Stortford (son-in-law) and Moss C. Edwards, Miss C. Graves, and Master Henry J. Graves (grandchildren). Old Swavesey friends and neighbours, including the Rev. J. F. Cooksey and Mr. Walter Thorp, were also present in church and at the graveside. The coffin was of polished elm with brass furniture. Mr. S. F. Mitham, Swavesey, acted as undertaker.

LISTS OF VOTERS. 27th May 1921

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: At the recent County Council election several parishioners of Swavesey were surprised to find that they were not able to vote, as their names did not appear in the register of voters. In days gone by the lists of voters were closely checked by the agents of the different political parties, and omissions from, or inaccuracies in, the electoral register were few and far between, but under the present system no such check exists. It is therefore most important that every person, male and female, who is entitled to a vote, should see that his or her name duly appears in the lists of voters which are published every half-year, and are open to inspection at the Post Office and at the office of the Assistant Overseer. In the event of the omission of a name, or any inaccuracy in the description of a voter, a claim form should be obtained at once from the Assistant Overseer, who will doubtless be pleased to give full instructions as to its filling up and disposal.

POSTAL NOTE. 3rd June 1921

The day mail despatch from Swavesey Post Office, which was temporarily suspended owing to the non-running of the 11.12 a.m. train, has been resumed since Monday.

IMPROVED RAILWAY SERVICE. 3rd June 1921

Three of the passenger trains calling at Swavesey station which were suspended recently in consequence of the coal crisis, have been restored since Monday. The following is the present service: To Cambridge 8.23 a.m., 9.59 a.m., 11.12 a.m., 3.59 p.m., 6.17 p.m. To St. Ives 7.15 a.m., 8.44 a.m., 11.14 a.m., 4.34 p.m., 7.44 p.m. The Sunday service is still suspended.

CAMPANOLOGY. 10th June 1921

Ringers from Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, visited Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday evening, and rang the bells for a short time.

CRICKET. 10th June 1921

Swavesey schoolboys journeyed to Lolworth on Thursday evening in last week, to play a game of cricket with Lolworth boys, and a keenly-fought struggle resulted in a decisive victory for the Swavesey youngsters. Scores: Swavesey 29 and 48 for 3 wickets, Lolworth 19 and 35.

A DELUSIVE COMPOUND. 10th June 1921

Mistakes happen in the best regulated families, and even the most careful and expert workmen are known occasionally to make a slip. A well-known Swavesey artisan was the victim of an unfortunate error last week. He filled a bucket with a sticky substance he believed to be creosote, and tramped a mile with bucket and brush, but he soon returned, hot and tired, and indignantly told his employer that he could not get the creosote to work anyhow; it must be bad stuff, so he had buried it. He asked for a fresh supply. Then it was discovered that the artisan had drawn his supposed creosote from a barrel containing treacle, used for feeding stock.

ACCIDENT. 10th June 1921

While doing a good turn for a neighbour on Tuesday evening, Mr. Alfred Prime, sen., came to grief. A handcart laden with coal-dust had to be dragged up an incline into the blacksmith's shop in High-street. Mr. Prime kindly lent a hand, and grasping a rope attached to a staple in the cart pulled vigorously. The staple gave way and Mr. Prime, a man of weight, fell backwards, his head striking the hard ground with great force. Here he lay stunned. He was taken to his house near by, and on Wednesday it was reported that though no serious

results were anticipated, Mr. Prime was compelled to stay at home, and unable to attend to his business.

TENANTS WANTED. 10th June 1921

A local rural district councillor on Tuesday morning posted on the parish notice board in High-street an official notice, intimating that persons who wish to become tenants of the new cottages in Swavesey now in course of construction, under the Government housing scheme, should make formal application to the clerk of the Rural District Council on or before to-morrow (Saturday). The rent of each cottage is to be 8s. per week, the tenant paying rates. The notice was superimposed on a collection of ancient and shabby official documents, all out of date, and therefore is hardly likely to catch the eye of those persons for whose information it is intended.

CAMBS. CHURCHES ROBBED. 17th June 1921

Offertory Boxes Rifled in Seven Villages.

A SUPPOSED CLUE.

Offertory boxes in a number of village churches in Cambs. were broken open last week and the contents stolen. The facts have been reported to the County Police, and it has been ascertained that a man was seen to visit Swavesey Church on the morning of Tuesday, June 9th. From there it is stated he went to Over, and thence to Willingham, and on the same day was seen in Longstanton. In all the churches in these parishes the offertory boxes were broken open and the contents removed. The boxes in the churches at Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck and Exning have also been rifled, and it is presumed this occurred about the same date as the other cases.

The man who was seen in Swavesey, Over, Willingham and Longstanton is about 50 years of age, and about 5ft. 10ins. to 6ft. in height. He has rather a heavy beard, and was wearing a grey sports jacket, grey flannel trousers and grey cap. His boots were black, and had toe-caps, and were very much down at the heel. The most conspicuous thing about the suspected man is that his right hand is missing, and the end of the arm is covered with a leather shield. He was riding a bicycle when seen in the neighbourhood concerned.

If anyone can supply any information regarding a man answering this description they are asked to communicate with Supt. A. E. Allen, at the County Police Office, Cambridge.

ADVERT. 17th June 1921

We are continually selling Wire netting, at 1s. yard, 2 yards wide; 6½d. yard, 1 yard wide. Wire Nails, 4s. per stone. Tar, by the gallon or barrel. Nearly new

Banford Horse Rake, £9 15s.; a Farmers' Roll Top Desk, £12 17s. 6d. – Prior's General Store.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 17th June 1921

The Rev. S. W. Hughes, successor to Dr. Clifford at Westbourne Park, was the welcome preacher at Bethel anniversary on Tuesday, when friends gathered from surrounding villages and from Cambridge to greet him. There was a large congregation, and the tea tables were all crowded. At the evening service Mr. Hughes' sermon was specially eloquent. His subject was "The unique plan and power of Jesus." The collections throughout the day, and the proceeds of the public tea between the services, which amounted to rather more than £13 were devoted to Bethel Chapel Fund.

GARDEN FETE. 17th June 1921

For the benefit of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association, an institution which has proved of inestimable value since its inception about two and a half years ago, a garden fete, organised by Mrs. Cooksey, the treasurer, and the other officers of the Association in Swavesey, was held on Thursday in last week in the beautiful grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. A similar fete in June, 1920, for the same beneficent object, followed by a dance in the school, brought in £40 4s. 4d.; this year that sum was exceeded for last week's fete, which did not include a dance, resulted in £42 2s. 2d. being added to the association's banking account, and patrons of the fete will be gratified to learn that no deduction whatever was made for expenses which were borne by private individuals, and that the whole of the proceeds have been placed to the credit of the Association. The weather was fine, though the temperature dropped towards the evening, and the people of Swavesey, with many visitors from all round the district, attended in full force. The fete having been opened by Miss Downham, of Fen Drayton, the stalls began business. The new work stall (Mrs. W. Twist and helpers), jumble stall (Mrs. Cooke), and produce stall (Mrs. Beales), quickly found customers, and various side-shows were soon in full swing. The baby show, from which much had been expected, was rather a disappointment, as fewer infants put in an appearance than were expected. The judges, Dr. Frank Robinson, County medical Officer, and Miss Bills, gave their decision as follows: Infants between 6 and 12 months, prize and certificate, Mrs. E. Adams' baby (Over); between 1 and 6 months, prize and certificate, Mrs. Ingle's baby (Fen Drayton), certificate, Mrs. H. Asplin's baby (Over). Three most excellent half-hour concerts, under the superintendence of Miss M. Cole, drew large and enthusiastic audiences, who keenly appreciated

the attractive programme provided by local talent and friends from Cambridge and Oakington. Competitions of many kinds, all calculated to capture money, met the visitor at every turn, while Aunt Sally, and rocking horse for youngsters, which unfortunately soon came to grief, bran tubs, etc., were to be found in different parts of the grounds. In the beauty competition, for which there were numerous entries, the guerdon was awarded to Miss Alice Upchurch, Fen Drayton. The refreshment department, in the capable hands of Mrs. J. Dean and Mrs. Aldred, with assistants too numerous to mention, did a roaring trade, and for a very good reason – the tea and toothsome viands, dispensed at moderate charges, could not have been better. The arrangements at the gate, in charge of Mr. Pontefract, worked admirably.

CENSUS. 24th June 1921

The census was duly taken in Swavesey, Messrs. E. J. and S. F. Mitham acting as enumerators.

THE PONDS. 24th June 1921

A correspondent writes: - The village ponds are nearly dried up. Why not have them thoroughly cleaned out before the rain sets in?

NEW HOUSES. 24th June 1921

It is reported that tenants have been found for four of the eight houses in Carter's-lane, now being erected by the Rural District Council under the Government housing scheme.

THE MISSION CHURCH. 24th June 1921

The Mission Church, dedicated to St. Peter, a picturesque wooden structure at Boxworth End, built in 1893 during the later years of the vicariate of the Rev. T. G. L. Lushington, has disappeared, much to the regret of some Swavesey people. With the approval of the congregation of the parish church and with the sanction of the diocesan authorities, the building has been sold, and will, it is understood, re-appear at Over – not as a church, but as a bungalow. The money realised by the sale of the building is to be used in connection with the extensive repairs in early contemplation at the parish church.

ADVERT. 1st July 1921

If you want a Bargain, call at Prior's Stores and Buy a 9-piece Drawing-room Suite in Tapestry, for £10 10s.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st July 1921

Members of the congregation at the parish church met at the National School on Thursday, 23rd June, to concert measures for placing the finances of the church on a business basis, and after an interesting discussion, a tentative scheme was adopted, to which all present promised their hearty support.

BAND OF HOPE. 1st July 1921

The members of Bethel Band of Hope have this year resumed their annual excursion, which had been discontinued during the war, and on Tuesday spent a very pleasant day at Hunstanton, travelling there and back by motor 'bus. The party started from the National School at 7 a.m., and reached home about 9.45 p.m.

THE THUNDERSTORM. 1st July 1921

A short but violent thunderstorm, which roused many people from their beds, passed over Swavesey during the early hours of Sunday morning, and most welcome rain fell, followed during the day by further grateful showers. Although the lightning was very livid, and much of it of the forked variety, no damage appears to have been done in the parish.

REVISED TRAIN SERVICE. 1st July 1921

The following revised train service came into operation to-day (Friday), and will remain in force until further notice: To Cambridge 8.23 a.m., 9.59 a.m., 11.12 a.m., 1.47 p.m., 3.59 p.m., 6.17 p.m. To St. Ives 7.15 a.m., 8.44 a.m., 10.49 a.m., 2.9 p.m., 4.34 p.m., 7.44 p.m. In consequence of the restoration of the 1.47 p.m. train to Cambridge, the day mail will from to-day be despatched from Swavesey Post Office at 1.25 p.m., instead of at 10.50 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY. 1st July 1921

Sunday School anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday, but unfortunately, owing, no doubt, to the unsettled weather, the congregations in the morning and afternoon were not as large as in previous years, but at night the attendance was good. Mr. A. Rhodes, of Histon, officiated, and preached throughout the day. In the afternoon there was a flower service, the flowers, of which there was a plentiful supply, being sent subsequently to the St. Ives Infirmary. Special hymns were sung, and sung remarkably well, by the scholars at all services, and at the close of the evening service the certificates gained in the recent Sunday School Union examination were publicly presented.

GARDEN FETE AT SWAVESEY. 8th July 1921

Successful Effort on Behalf of Church Repair Fund.

A successful garden fete, in aid of Swavesey Parish Church Repair Fund, was held in the Vicarage grounds yesterday (Thursday). The object of the fete was to raise money to repair the roof of the church. The work must be put in hand without delay, and its estimated cost is £2,700, towards which sum between £400 and £500 has already been received or promised. Col. T. W. Harding, of Madingley Hall, High Steward of Cambridge, and chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, performed the opening ceremony. Col. Harding congratulated the people of Swavesey on their glorious church – one of the most beautiful and interesting in the county. Its records dated from the time of Henry VIII, but the present building belonged to the 14th century. There had been still earlier churches on the same site, and for 20 generations at least Swavesey people had worshipped on that spot. They ought to be proud of their church, which, they should remember, they did not build, nor had they provided the comparatively small endowment. It was, therefore, their duty to keep the building in repair, and he begged them to make sacrifices, for the restoration that was now contemplated would cost much money. He was glad the work was to be carried out by so competent an architect. In conclusion, Col. Harding referred to the grant of £100 to the Repair Fund, which had been made by the Diocesan Finance Board, and added that a further grant of £100 would be made if Swavesey people did their utmost on behalf of the fund.

Stalls for the sale of new work, jumble, sweets and produce were a great feature of today's venture. The new work stall, well stocked with useful and ornamental goods, was run by the Vicarage Working Party, under Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Barwell; Mrs. E. J. Linford, jun., and Mrs. Gilby presided over the jumble, while Misses Banks and E. Dodson dispensed most excellent sweets, most of which were home-made. Messrs. A. Slater and F. Hayward sold produce. At 3.30, and again at 6.30 performances were given of a play, entitled "Caught in his own trap".

Side-shows, competitions, etc., were numerous, and varied. (Full list in newspaper) The tea and refreshment department was under the experienced management of Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. J. Dean, who were assisted by a host of most capable, charming and willing young ladies far too numerous to specify.

In the evening there was dancing on the lawn, under the superintendence of Miss Banks and Miss Dodson, to the strains of Mr. W. Newman's band from Huntingdon, Mr. D. Williams acting as M.C. The duties of gate-keepers were undertaken by the churchwardens (Messrs. C. F. Banks and H. Wells), and Messrs. W. H. Key and W. Twist, Mr. H. J. Hall being in charge of the storage of bicycles.

CRICKET. 15th July 1921

In the return match between elevens of married and single men, played on the Recreation Ground last Friday evening, the married team were again victorious.

A GREAT AGE. 15th July 1921

Mrs. Caroline Covell, High-street, celebrated the 89th anniversary of her birth last week. It is understood that she is the oldest woman but one in Swavesey.

A LONG CHIT. 15th July 1921

A potato stored with others in a cupboard in the cottage occupied by Mr. Alfred Prime, jun., M.M., Market-street, was found last week with a stout healthy chit 8ft. 2in. in length.

MORE TRAINS. 15th July 1921

The Sunday train service on the Cambridge – St. Ives line will be re-instated on and from Sunday, 17th inst. Trains will run from Swavesey Station at 4.23 p.m. to Cambridge, and 5.41 p.m. to St. Ives. Commencing on Monday a train is due to run to Cambridge and intermediate stations at 7.41 p.m., and the train to St. Ives now timed out at 2.9 p.m. will leave at 1.55 p.m. In consequence of the restoration of the 7.41 p.m. train a later despatch of the night mail from Swavesey P.O. is probable.

AN OFFICIAL ANSWER WANTED. 15th July 1921

Although applications from persons who wished to become tenants of the houses in course of erection by the Swavesey Rural District Council had, after very short notice, to be in the Clerk's hands on or before 11th June, no official notification of acceptance or rejection has yet reached any of the applicants, and as most of the applicants will have to give notice to quit their present residences, some inconvenience, and possible difficulty, may arise from the Council's delay. The councillors may have overlooked the fact that quarter day, old as well as new style, has passed.

THE VILLAGE PUMPS. 15th July 1921

The pumps connected with the old and condemned village water supply would have been most useful during the drought for watering stock and purposes other than for human consumption. But they cannot be used. Two of them having fallen down, have been removed, and the rest are out of order. When the new water supply was introduced a few years ago, the District Council

handed the pumps over to the Parish Council, and that sapient body, actuated possibly by motives of economy, has allowed them to go to ruin. At the last Parish Council meeting the pumps were discussed, but the debate was adjourned.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 15th July 1921

Certificates of merit awarded by the County Education Authority have been presented to the following children attending Swavesey National School: For the year's form work, Stanley Wood, Mary Parish (Form 2), Winnie Froment, John Wells (Form 3), Ruby Williams (Form 4), Winnie Godfrey, Maggie Prior (Form 5), Lilian Laws, Constance Sweetland (Form 6), Llewellyn Nicholson and Margaret Wells (Form 7); for needlework, Marjorie Coulson (Form 2), Bessie Linford, Rose Spearman (Form 4), Gertie Froment (Form 5), Carrie Froment and Vera Symonds (Form 6); for drawing and modelling, Harry Bishop (Form 5), Leslie Godfrey and Arthur Kester (Form 7).

THE HEAT WAVE. 15th July 1921

The great heat has been much felt by the fruit pickers and other persons working in the open, and everything growing, or trying to grow, vegetable and animal, is languishing from want of water and the scorching sun. The highest temperatures registered daily in the National School garden from Thursday, 7th inst., to Wednesday, inclusive, have been as follows: Thursday, 102, Friday 104 (sun), 88 (shade), Saturday 105 (sun), 88 (shade), Sunday, the hottest day, 106 (sun), 90 (shade) at 2.15 p.m., 100 (sun), 90 (shade) at 4 p.m., 90 (sun), 88 (shade) at 7.30 p.m., 72 (shade) in open at 10 p.m., Monday 100 (sun), 93 (shade), Tuesday 100 (sun), 88 (shade), Wednesday 98 (sun), 86 (shade). Other thermometers in the village hanging on walls or tarred fences have shown considerably higher figures. The pupils in Standard ex-VII, have daily compared neatly and accurately-drawn temperature charts, and those done by Lilian Laws, which were adjudged the best, have been posted outside the school.

RECENT GARDEN FETE. 15th July 1921

The garden fete in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, held in the Vicarage grounds on the 7th inst., was an unmistakeable success, and financially a record so far as similar ventures in Swavesey are concerned. The total takings amounted to £112 11s. 5d., and the expenses to £11 0s. 6d., leaving a net profit of £101 10s. 11d., over £20 more than was realised by a garden fete for the same object in July, 1914, the £80 then raised being regarded as a record for the village. The Thrift Club ticket system, which was introduced this year

to assist the Repair Fund, is reported to have contributed appreciably to the financial success of the fete. That the system worked so satisfactorily was due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. H. J. Hall. One or two items of revenue may be mentioned. The gate money (6d. for adults and 3d. for children) realised £11 18s., the new work stall £35 17s., and the play £8 1s. 7d. The dancing on the lawn in the evening was much appreciated, not only by the many dancers, but by a large crowd of on-lookers and the Huntingdon Comrades' Band, under Bandmaster Newman, played excellently for the dancing and also the outdoor theatre before the evening performance of the play. The evening, after a threatening day, was as fine as could be desired, but the temperature was high, and unfortunately the supply of liquid refreshment, for which there was a great demand, ran out early. Mr. A. C. Hephner, an ex-prisoner of war, however, gallantly came to the rescue, and obtaining a fresh supply after some delay, showed what the British Army could do in an emergency. He and his assistant, Mr. R. Seekings, did a roaring trade, and when he was sold out he was able to hand over £1 11s. 1d. to the fete funds.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 22nd July 1921

Certificates of merit awarded by the County Education Authority to children attending the National School were presented on Wednesday afternoon.

GRASS ON FIRE. 22th July 1921

By some unknown means the grass at the side of the main road at Boxworth End got alight on Wednesday, close to the fence of the garden in front of Mr. David Garner's house. Fortunately, the fire was detected before the old fence caught, and was soon extinguished by Mr. J. Kester, sen., and Mr. R. H. Norman.

BOYS' CRICKET MATCH. 22nd July 1921

The return match between the boys of Swavesey and the boys of Lolworth was played on the Recreation Ground on June 30th, and was keenly contested from start to finish. The fielding by both teams was very smart. The visitors lost by 29 runs.

MARKET FARES WANTED. 29th July 1921

A correspondent writes: Wednesday's daily papers announced that market tickets at reduced fares are to be re-introduced by the Great Western Railway Co. Cannot the Great Eastern Railway Co. pluck up courage to grant a like concession on their system? Three shillings and fourpence for a return third-class ticket between Swavesey and Cambridge is a very heavy impost. A

reduced charge would undoubtedly result in more people travelling and probably in a larger revenue to the railway company.

SCHOOL TREATS. 29th July 1921

The children attending the Sunday Schools attached to the Parish Church and Bethel Baptist Chapel were given their summer treats on Thursday in last week. The Church School treat was held at the Vicarage, where tea was provided on the lawn. Afterwards the youngsters amused themselves in playing cricket and other games and running races in Mr. Allen's field adjoining. Bethel children had tea in the Chapel schoolroom, and then spent a very happy evening in games of all kinds in Mr. Jabez Day's meadow, kindly lent for the occasion.

TRIP TO THE SEASIDE. 29th July 1921

Organised by Messrs. H. S. Aldred, and A. J. Willson, a party of Swavesey people had a pleasant day's outing at Hunstanton on the 21st inst. They were 24 in number, and should have been more, but several intending holiday-makers found at the last moment that they were obliged to deny themselves the pleasure of a day at the seaside owing to the urgent need of beginning harvest work. The party left Swavesey in a motor omnibus at 7 a.m., and arrived home safe, sound, tired, but happy, about 10 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th July 1921

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which was held on Monday week, the precise date fixed by the Standing Orders, which, it may be remarked, are usually more honoured in the breach than in the observance, may have consequences of far-reaching importance to the parish, for the Council agreed, with only one dissident, to a proposal or suggestion from the Rural District Council to block the river end of Navigation Drain in order to save the expense, estimated at £300, of cleaning it out. Navigation Drain runs from the River Ouse to the Lock and landing-place near Hoy Pasture Gatehouse, on the G. E. Railway, and in years gone by was used for the water transit of goods. Mr. Arthur Norman, chairman, presided, and the other councillors present were Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. S. Goad, F. Norman, R. Norman and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Robinson Mitham. The minutes of the previous meeting on April 25th having been passed without challenge, the Clerk in reply to a question stated that he had not received the bill for repairing the cricket pitch fence on the Recreation Ground, but had been given to understand that it had been sent to the owner of the animal which did the damage, and in answer to a further inquiry he

admitted that the agreement in regard to the tenancy of a portion of the parish property in High-street, approved at the April meeting, had not yet been signed. Mr. Beales protested against the prolonged delay, and the Clerk was instructed to have the agreement signed at once. Mr. Twist reported that a wall and the main gate on the High-street property had been satisfactorily repaired, and that the herbage of the Recreation Ground had been let to Mr. T. C. Heasman, whose tender was the highest received. The only matter specified in the agenda was then considered, namely, the village ponds. The Chairman remarked that some of the councillors were of the opinion that this would be a good time to have them cleaned out, as there was little or no water in them. (A suggestion to this effect from a correspondent appeared in these columns on June 24th). Mr. Goad was anxious to know how the mud would be disposed of. The Chairman replied, "Put it in carts at once." Mr. Goad inquired further where the carts were to be obtained, and he thought as many horses and carts as possible should be employed, as there would be no difficulty in regard to labour. Mr. Beales suggested that farmers using the ponds for watering stock would assist, and Mr. Goad thought they ought to be approached on the subject. The Clerk observed that as soon as mud was removed from Swan pond there would be water, as there was a spring in the pond, and probably the same would happen in the Market-street pond. After considerable discussion, it was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. Beales, seconded by Mr. R. Norman, who maintained that no time should be lost in getting to work, that a committee should be appointed with full powers, to have the four public ponds in the village cleaned out, and Messrs. Burton, Twist, R. Norman, and Goad were nominated to serve on the committee. Mr. Goad, however, declined to act, and Mr. Sidney Prime, who was not at the meeting, was chosen in his place. In reply to the Chairman, the Clerk said he anticipated no difficulty in providing money to pay for the work. Mr. Goad informed the Council that Messrs. A. Day, sen., and F. Kirby, representatives for Swavesey and Over respectively on the Rural District Council, had asked him to bring before the councillors a suggestion or proposal to erect a dam at the river end of Navigation Drain, which would, it was held, have the effect of preventing water from the river entering the fen, and would save the expense of cleaning out the drain – some £300. The drain, he said, was intended to give access to the dock near the railway, and was for navigation purposes only. Mr. Beales asked whether the Clerk had received any communication on the subject from the District Council. The Clerk admitted that he had had some conversation with Messrs. Day and Kirby, whom he had cautioned, as the dock is the property of the Great Eastern Railway Co. Mr. Twist contended that the drain was under the control of the District Council,

whereupon a chorus of councillors exclaimed, "Then it has nothing to do with us." Conversation ensued, and eventually Mr. Goad proposed that the Parish Council do agree with the proposal of Messrs. Day and Kirby, but accept no responsibility in the matter, and that a letter to this effect be sent to the District Council. Mr. Cole seconded, and the Chairman declared the resolution carried. Mr. Burton, however, protested that he had not voted for the resolution, and could not vote against it, as the Chairman had given him no opportunity to do so. He was strongly of the opinion that the Parish Council should have nothing to do with the proposal. If Navigation Drain were blocked there would be only one very small fob by which flood water could be let off, and that would be quite inadequate. A parishioner present, Mr. C. H. Parish, asked the Chairman's permission to make a statement, and on this being granted, he said that as an occupier of land in the Hale, he emphatically protested against the blocking of Navigation Drain, and he assured the councillors that having formally expressed agreement with the proposal they could not divest themselves of responsibility by the saving clause in the letter. No Councillor attempted to answer Mr. Parish, and the Chairman declared the meeting at an end. – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: Towards the end of the April meeting of the Parish Council a discussion took place respecting the pumps connected with the old village water supply, which had been handed over to the care of the Parish Council by the District Council, but allowed by the former body to become useless, two pumps having fallen down and been removed to private yards for safe custody. The discussion was adjourned to the next meeting, but no reference was made to the pump question in the minutes of the April meeting, and the subject was not even mentioned during Monday's meeting, notwithstanding that attention had been called in last week's "Independent Press" to the great use the pumps, if in order, would have been for watering stock and other purposes during the present drought. Honour where honour is due. The committee appointed to see after the cleaning out of the ponds must be congratulated on their promptness. Work at the Swan Pond was begun on Tuesday, and at the school pond on Wednesday.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL COUNTY ORGANISATION FUND.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT 1921 COLLECTION. 5th Aug. 1921

The total collection amounted to £77 4s. 7d; Swavesey's contribution was £12 18s. 9d., co-ordinated by Mrs. Cooksey.

A BROKEN WIRE. 5th Aug. 1921

For a short time on Tuesday communication with Swavesey by telegraph and telephone was interrupted owing to the wires being broken by the strong wind. The necessary repairs were effected with remarkable rapidity.

FIRE. 5th Aug. 1921

The destruction by burning of rough grass and rubbish on the small holdings in Rose and Crown-lane on the evening of the 28th ult., nearly led to a serious conflagration. The smouldering grass set alight to a hedge, and the fire then spread to a field belonging to Mr. R. Norman, containing lucerne, some of which was destroyed or damaged before the fire was extinguished.

ADVERT. 12th Aug. 1921

We have for sale this week some Good Carpets, £10 10s., £4 10s., £3 17s. 6d.; Strips of Carpetting, 37s., 32s., 25s.; Sofa Rugs, £2 7s. 6d.; Hearthrugs, 15s. 9d., 14s. to 8s. 6d., for bedrooms; Good Second-hand 20ins. Wringer, £4 12s. 6d.; Chest of Drawers, £4 10s., and £4 (mahogany), and £3 15s.; Good Couches, Rexine, £4 10s., Saddlebag, £2 12s. 6d., Leather, £3 17s. 6d., Horsehair, £1 10s. – Prior's General Stores, Swavesey.

NEW HOUSES. 12th Aug. 1921

The eight cottages that are being erected in Carter's-lane by the Rural District Council, under the Government housing scheme, are approaching completion. One pair are practically ready for occupation, two pairs are roofed in, plastered and well forward, and the remaining pair will be roofed in a few days. What appears to be an excellent system of drainage is being installed. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Wayman Bros., Over.

THE DRAINS. 12th Aug. 1921

The doors at Webb's-hole, where for some time there has been a serious leakage, have been thoroughly repaired, together with the sill, and a new foot bridge has been erected. The work has been done by Messrs. Wayman Bros., Over, under the superintendence of Mr. F. W. Hagger, District Council Surveyor. Covell's drain, by which water from Conington, Elsworth and beyond is conveyed to the Ouse, is being cleaned out in a most effective way by Mr. Hagger and his band of workers.

THE VILLAGE PONDS. 12th Aug. 1921

Three of the four public ponds in the village, which the Parish Council recently decided should be cleaned out, have been attended to, and a large quantity of mud, the accumulation of years, has been removed from each of

them. The committee entrusted with the supervision of the work are to be congratulated on the thoroughness with which the work has been done, and they will no doubt accept in the friendly spirit in which they are given, suggestions on three points, viz., that the grass and soil partly blocking the entrance to the tunnel leading from Swan pond should be cleared away, a hole which may be dangerous for stock in School pond filled up, and some dry mud at the side of Chapel pond be removed before it is washed back by heavy rain. Nothing appears to have been done so far at the pond in Market-street.

WEDDING. 12th Aug. 1921

A pretty wedding was solemnised at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. James Godfrey Brown, son of Mr. John Brown, of Wangford, Surrey, was married to Miss Kathleen Culpin, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millice Charles Culpin, of Swavesey. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The bride, who carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations, and was given away by her father, looked charming in ivory crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossoms. In attendance upon her were her sisters, Misses Ethel M. and Hilda Culpin, and her niece, Kathleen Stubbings, in pale blue and hats to match. The two younger maids carried baskets of flowers. Mr. Reginald Stubbings (brother-in-law of the bride) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and at 6.9 p.m. the happy couple left Swavesey for London. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

A GOOD ROAD. 19th Aug. 1921

Thanks to tarring by the County Council, the main road through Swavesey is in excellent condition just now.

THE PONDS. 19th Aug. 1921

In justice to the Parish Councillors responsible for the work (Messrs. R. Norman and S. Prime), it should be stated that the removal of the dry mud at the side of chapel pond had been begun before the paragraph on the subject appeared in our last issue.

RAILWAY CHANGES. 26th Aug. 1921

A correspondent suggested in these columns a week or two ago that the Great Eastern Railway Company should follow the example of the Great Western Railway, and introduce cheaper fares for passengers on market days. It is now pointed out that the G.E.R. might with advantage consider whether their charges for the conveyance of parcels are fair and just. Within the past few

days a Swavesey lady accidentally left on a seat on St. Ives station platform a roll of wall paper, which she had bought at a St. Ives shop for 1s. 3d. On alighting at Swavesey station she reported her loss to the railway authorities there, and a message was promptly sent to St. Ives, asking that the parcel, if found, should be forwarded to Swavesey. The roll was found, and before long was delivered to the lady, whose satisfaction at recovering her property was modified by an accompanying official notification in writing that there was one shilling to pay, exactly four times the cost of the pre-war third class passenger fare from St. Ives to Swavesey.

A MESSAGE AND GIFTS FROM AUSTRALIA. 26th Aug. 1921

Although Mr. Leonard Williams, third son of the late Mr. John Williams, and Mrs. Williams, of Market-street, left Swavesey ten years ago for Australia to join his elder brother, he retains a keen interest in his native parish, and his old friends and companions at home; and he has given practical proof of his interest by remitting through our Swavesey correspondent the sum of £3 to be distributed in donations of £1 each to the War Memorial Hall Fund and the Cricket and Football Clubs. He has also sent a contribution of £1 to the Swavesey Parish Church Repair Fund. Mr. Williams writes: Please tell the older members of the Cricket and Football Clubs – and the younger ones too – that although it is ten years since I played with them, I shall never forget them, nor the games I played with them. When I read the home paper I am often with them in spirit playing again the old games we used to play at home. Alas, some of the older men, amongst them S. J. Froment, W. Goad, G. Beaumont, I shall not play with again, for they have played their last game in the big one just over. Please assure their friends, and my friends too, in the old home, that I have not forgotten them, and never will.” Mr. Williams adds that he hopes to revisit Swavesey next year, and to bring his wife, whom he married on March 30th last, with him.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 26th Aug. 1921

A meeting of the Swavesey Football Club was held at the National School on Saturday evening, Mr. G. E. Canham presiding. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham, presented a satisfactory report respecting last season, and the year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £3 11s. 4d., which included a donation of £1 from Mr. Leonard Williams, of Brisbane, Queensland, an old Swavesey player. The members warmly appreciated the gift, and the kindly thought that prompted it. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp; vice-presidents, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, and Messrs. C. F.

Banks, R. Barwell, W. Mustill and A. L. Parish, subject to their acceptance of office. The re-election of Mr. Canham was proposed, but he pleaded that owing to his business engagements he could not undertake the office, and Mr. Percy Burton was appointed instead; vice-captain, Mr. Canham; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Mitham; assistant secretary, Mr. Cyril Godfrey; committee, Messrs. T. Daintree, H. Ellwood, A. C. Hepher, H. Holmes, and T. W. Savage. It was decided that the club should enter the Histon and District Football League, and that the subscription should be 4s. New members are cordially invited to join the club. Practice has already been begun, and a trial match was played on the Recreation Ground yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

A DRAIN AND A TABERNACLE. 26th Aug. 1921

Ratepayers and others interested should pay a visit to Covell's Drain, or rather that section of it that runs between the railway line and the river, and see for themselves the work in progress there. Many years must have elapsed since the drain has had so thorough a clearing out, and the extremely dry season and the low level of the river water has enabled the work to be done without extensive and expensive damming. Within the last few days the large doors protecting the drain from the river have been overhauled, and made sound and watertight, each door having been relined and thoroughly repaired, the posts and the V sill have been re-cased, and the latter filled in with concrete, and the floor on each side of the doors has been renovated. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Wayman Brothers, Over. This week the channel between the doors and the river is being cleared of mud, weeds, etc. After inspecting the drain and the doors, a visit might be paid to a unique structure at the side of the drain near the railway line. This structure is known locally as "The Tabernacle", and a stranger who had not heard of it before might be excused if he came away with the impression that he had stumbled on a prehistoric building, or the habitation of a successor of the cave man. It is not unlike some buildings seen in old pictures. Thick tree trunks placed in close proximity form pillars to support the roof beams, which are also tree trunks, and the roof itself is composed of bushes. The drain bank, surmounted by trees laid longitudinally, constituted the back wall, and tree trunks firmly bedded in earth divide the structure into three or four compartments, and help to hold up the roof. All the timber is securely bound together with strong wire, no nails or screws being used. The building, it is understood, is used as a shelter and milking shed, and fastened at one end will be found a very modern appliance, namely a refrigerator. Notwithstanding its prehistoric appearance, the Tabernacle is not a relic of bygone days, for it was only erected two or three years ago. Its architect and builder must be congratulated on the solidity and

ingenuity of his work. Whether the design was evolved from his inner consciousness, or from close study of "Robinson Crusoe", or was the outcome of vivid descriptions of pioneer buildings in the wilds of Canada by a son at home on holiday from the Dominion, is not known, but whatever its origin, the Tabernacle ought to stand, and doubtless will stand, for many a long year as a monument of the patient toil, dogged perseverance, and inventive genius of a true-bred Swavesey man.

GARDENING ITEM. 2nd Sept. 1921

While digging potatoes last week, Dr. Ellis' gardener turned up one tuber through which a fibre of twitch had grown from side to side.

SNAKE IN THE GARDEN. 2nd Sept. 1921

A snake over two feet in length was killed last Friday morning in the garden at the back of Mr. James Cain's house in High-street. It was found coiled up on the top of the hedge dividing Mr. Cain's garden from the parish property, and was promptly despatched by him with a spade.

BURST WATER PIPES. 2nd Sept. 1921

The not infrequent bursting of the pipes connecting private property with the water main, especially in Middle Watch and Boxworth-end, is causing anxiety to thoughtful ratepayers, who are asking on whose shoulders the cost of repairing, or upkeeping, the damaged pipes falls, and whether means cannot be devised to prevent leakages. The bursts are attributed, it is understood, to gault in the soil eating into the pipes, and the question is asked whether the evil could be remedied, or at any rate considerably modified by the trenches in which the pipes are laid being filled in with gravel wherever a defect is dealt with. Although there may be no gravel at Boxworth-end, there is an ample supply elsewhere in the parish, and any extra expense incurred in obtaining and carting the gravel would be counter-balanced by fewer repairs being necessary and less water, for which it is presumed the parish is charged, being allowed to run to waste. Some people are under the impression that, either directly, or indirectly, the ratepayers have to pay for the repair of the bursts, but perhaps this impression is a mistaken one, and an authoritative statement on the point would be welcomed.

FAIR AND FETE AT SWAVESEY. 2nd Sept. 1921

In aid of the Swavesey Memorial Hall Fund, an old English fair and fete will be held in the Manor Field, Swavesey, adjoining the railway station, on

Thursday, Sept. 15th. A very attractive programme has been arranged, including Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks, a gipsy camp, an art gallery, a tug-of-war (open to cricket and football teams within a radius of seven miles), and many side-shows. The Cambridge Town Silver Band will play selections during the afternoon and for dancing in the evening. Trains for Swavesey leave Cambridge at 1.31 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. and St. Ives at 1.40 p.m., 3.51 p.m., and 6.9 p.m. Cycles and motors can be stored on the ground.

ADVERT. 9th Sept. 1921

Just one word to those who are giving Cakes and Fancies, etc., next Thursday. "CRESTONA." A password of excellence, in eight different varieties. Do not fail to visit the "Candle Lighting Competition" Stall. A surprise in store for you. – Canham's Stores.

THE SCHOOL. 9th Sept. 1921

Owing to structural alterations in the large room, the National School will not be re-opened until Monday, 19th inst.

SNAKE IN THE GARDEN. 9th Sept. 1921

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: - The paragraph respecting the killing of a snake, 2ft. in length, in a garden at the back of a house in High-street, which appeared with Swavesey news last Friday has inspired an indignant but anonymous protest from Cambridge. The protest, which is addressed to the person who killed the snake, and is written on a postcard, is as follows: - "Cambridge, 5th Sept., 1921. I much regretted to read this week-end in the 'Cambridge Weekly News' that a snake was killed by you because it was discovered in your garden. Why on earth was it 'promptly despatched' with a spade? Why kill it at all? The thing would be perfectly harmless, and surely might have been left alone, being, as it undoubtedly was, only a grass snake. This shameful desire of Englishmen to kill anything and everything alive is disgusting. You never need be afraid to meet a poisonous snake within 100 miles of your home. – (Signed), C.H.R." It is some satisfaction to learn that no poisonous snakes are to be found within 100 miles of Swavesey, but the assurance would be far more satisfactory if we knew on whose authority it is given. It is true that the snake in question was "promptly despatched" because it was discovered in the garden, but it is also true that the garden and others adjoining are happy playgrounds of little children, and for their sake it was hardly wise to leave a snake to roam about at will pending the arrival of an expert who would decide whether the "thing" was poisonous or harmless.

Further, these gardens are in the centre of the village, and are close to the back doors of houses and outbuildings, and it is well known to most people, though possibly "C.H.R." may be ignorant of the fact, that to ladies, even those whose nerves are under control, snakes are as abhorrent as mice, toads, and black beetles. Surely no man ought to be dubbed a monster of cruelty, or something analogous, simply because he painlessly decapitated a snake with one blow of a spade, and thereby enabled the ladies of the district to walk in their gardens and carry on their duties around their back doors free from the haunting dread of encountering a reptile. Speaking from my own personal knowledge of the destroyer of the snake, I can vouch for his being the last man who would "kill anything and everything alive" merely from a shameful desire to destroy life, and I venture to suggest that if "C.H.R." had pause to reflect, or had taken the trouble to ascertain what perhaps may be described as the local circumstances of the case, he would not have inflicted an unmerited rebuke on an honourable and kind-hearted gentleman, or if after reflection and inquiry he still felt impelled to give expression to his feelings, he would have adopted a method more in accordance with the sentiments of the country in which he is living than an anonymous postcard.

ADVERTS. 16th Sept. 1921

English Bacon, Harris's Hands, fresh cut, 1s. per lb. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

The demand for our latest specialities has exceeded our expectations. One trial makes you a satisfied customer. All you need ask for is "Twink" or Crestonia according to your requirements. – Canham's Stores.

At last week's sale of pigs at Messrs. Dilley, Theakston and Read's, we obtained the highest price for pork, £22 10s., fed on Kositos. We use and sell tons of it. Try a cwt., for 16s. 6d., delivered, and you will be satisfied. – Prior's General Stores, Swavesey and Over, Cambs.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th Sept. 1921

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday in last week, Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Bedford, being the special preacher, both in the afternoon and evening. Between the services there was a public tea.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 16th Sept. 1921

During the holiday a glass and panel partition on the Coburn system of sliding accordion screens has been erected in the large room, the work having been

executed by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey. The school will be reopened on Monday.

ACCIDENT. 16th Sept. 1921

Mr. Ingle Hemington, who for many years has been one of the representatives of Over on the Swavesey Rural District Council and St. Ives Board of Guardians, met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday in last week, by falling off the back of a cart in Swavesey station goods' yard. He injured his hip, and was confined to his house for two or three days.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 16th Sept. 1921

A service of thanksgiving for the harvest was held in Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in last week, the special preacher being the Rev. C. T. Allen, of Cottenham. His subject was God's preparation for his people, which sometimes was not fully understood by them. There was a good congregation, and the collection was satisfactory, but the offerings of fruit, vegetables and flowers were not as bounteous as in other years, owing to the drought. These offerings have, as usual, been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Before the service there was a public tea in the Schoolroom attached to the chapel, which was well attended.

MOTOR OIL VAN STRANDED. 16th Sept. 1921

For at least three hours on Monday afternoon a large motor oil van, belonging to Shell-Mex, Ltd., was stranded at the side of the main road in Middle Watch, opposite the Particular Baptist Chapel. A short time ago the roadside grass bank at this point was removed, owing, it is said, to its being a cause of stumbling to worshippers at the chapel. The oil van, which was proceeding in the direction of the railway station, seems to have pulled on one side to allow another vehicle to pass, and in doing so the rear wheels ran off the hard metalled road on to the softer earth at the side, where they sank in deeply and the van came to a standstill. Plenty of helpers soon came to the scene, the van was unloaded as far as possible, and baulks of timber, jacks, levers, etc., were quickly produced, but despite all efforts the van could not be extricated. Shortly before 4 p.m. another determined effort was made to get the van out under its own engine power, and was nearly successful, but not quite. At this juncture another large oil van, belonging to the Anglo-American Oil Co., arrived, and chains being provided by Mr. Alfred Day, jun., the new arrival was attached to the derelict, and both engines being set to work a rescue was effected. Amongst others who rendered help were Mr. Ben Thorp, of the

Swavesey Motor Garage, and his assistant, Mr. R. Godfrey, while Mr. George Mitham provided timber.

PARISH COUNCIL. 16th Sept. 1921

A special meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. J. S. Goad (vice-chairman), F. J. Beales, W. Burton, F. Norman, R. Norman, S. Prime, W. Twist and the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved, the Clerk reported that the agreement between the Council and Mr. W. J. Hephher, in respect of the parish property in High-street, hired by the latter, had duly been signed. It was also reported that the four public ponds in the village had been satisfactorily cleaned out at a cost of £40 13s. 4d. A good deal of the mud had been carted away without a charge to the parish. A letter was read from the Clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council, stating that that Council had appointed Messrs. F. Kirby, A. Day, sen., and Ingle Hemington to serve with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council as a committee to inspect and decide what action should be taken in regard to Navigation Drain, and asking the parish councillor's approval of the appointment of their Chairman and Vice-Chairman. After considerable discussion as to the usefulness, or otherwise, of Navigation Drain for drainage purposes, in which some difference of opinion was disclosed, Mr. Twist proposed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be empowered to act on the committee. Mr. R. Norman seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

OLD ENGLISH FAIR AND FETE AT SWAVESEY. 16th Sept. 1921

Successful Effort in Aid of War Memorial Hall Fund.

The Old English Fair and Fete in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund (organised by the Fund Committee's Entertainments Sub-Committee) was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon and evening in the Manor Field adjoining Swavesey Railway Station, by kind permission of Mr. A. Watts. The Sub-Committee consisted of Messrs. C. Wood, M.S.M., A. J. Willson, P. Godfrey, F. W. Pontefract, J. S. Goad, and G. Goad, and many helpers. As an instance of the difficulties that had to be surmounted, it may be mentioned that a long range of canvas-covered erections, in which the stalls, etc., were to be housed, was more or less blown down on Tuesday night, and this necessitated its removal from one side of the fairground to the other, which was carried out under the able generalship of Regtl.-Sergt.-Major T. C. Heasman, late R.F.A., the chief superintendent of the erections.

Dr. R. Ellis, Chairman of the War Memorial Hall Fund Committee declared the fair open, and in doing so reminded people that the subscription list to the fund was still open and in need of support. Although subscriptions already received amounted to a considerable sum, a still larger sum, he said, had been raised by means of entertainments, fetes, whist drives, etc.

During the afternoon and early evening the Cambridge Town Silver Band (Mr. A. E. Tucker conductor) played selections of music.

Business was brisk at the various stalls. The amusements included a Gipsy Camp; an Art Gallery; shooting gallery; darts; bran tubs; cokernut shies; hidden treasure hunt; football kicking; candle-lighting.

Many of the officials, stallkeepers, and entertainers were attired in fancy dress. During the afternoon there was a short variety entertainment under the management of the Misses E. Dodson and C. Goad, consisting of songs, a monologue, and a Charlie Chaplin impersonation by Mr. Eric Bloom. The attendance was good.

"The Swavesey Hippodrome," housed in a commodious marquee kindly lent by Mr. Dale, of Cambridge, gave two performances under the capable management of Mr. R. Barwell. The programme included "Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks."

Refreshments were served in a marquee. A second performance of the "Hippodrome" took place and later there was a balloon race. The tugs of war announced for 6 o'clock had to be abandoned owing to lack of entries. The day's entertainment was brought to a close with dancing to the strains of the Cambridge Town Silver Band.

ADVERT. 23rd Sept. 1921

Let us recommend you to join our Christmas Club. Pay in what amount you like; draw out what you like. – Canham's Stores.

SMALL HOLDERS' SOCIETY. 23rd Sept. 1921

A meeting of the Swavesey Small Holders' Society was held at the White Horse Inn on the 16th inst., Mr. J. Kester, jun., presiding. After an interesting address by Mr. A. Dennett, Agricultural Organisation Society, it was decided to commence trading in coal, feeding stuffs, etc. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dennett.

HOCKEY CLUB. 23rd Sept. 1921

At a meeting of the Swavesey and Over Ladies' Hockey Club, held at the National School on Tuesday evening, the following officers were reappointed for the ensuing season: - Captain, Miss J. Kirby; vice-captain, Miss D. Banks;

secretary, Miss K. Banks; and it was arranged to start play on Thursday, 29th inst. Six new members were admitted, and others will be welcomed.

A RUNAWAY. 23rd Sept. 1921

A horse attached to a cart bolted in Middle Watch last Friday, and after running some distance collided with a telephone pole on the roadside near School Pond. The telephone wire was snapped by the impact, and the contents of the cart, packages of grocery, etc., were scattered all around. The horse broke free from the shafts, but did not get away owing to the reins. The axle of the cart, a rave, and a step were bent, and some of the harness was broken. A linesman being fortunately in the neighbourhood, the telephone wire was repaired very quickly.

LAST WEEK'S FAIR. 23rd Sept. 1921

Only four balloons could be released in the balloon race, owing to the non-arrival of a cylinder of gas from London. Nothing had been heard of any of them by Wednesday evening. As the gas has since come to hand, it has been arranged to bring off the balloon race at 6 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday), on the Recreation Ground. The Committee responsible for organising the Fair desire to thank most cordially everyone who helped in any way and contributed to the great success of the enterprise.

A LOSS TO SWAVESEY. 23rd Sept. 1921

Death of Mrs. W. C. Cole.

The village of Swavesey has sustained a heavy loss by the death on Saturday last of Mrs. Catherine Mary Cole, of "The Farm," Swavesey, widow of the late Mr. William Carter Cole. Mrs. Cole had been ill for about a year, and she passed away at Evelyn Nursing Home, Trumpington-road, Cambridge. Born at Longstanton, being the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles King, farmer, of that parish, she was connected with the district throughout her life. In Swavesey she always took the keenest interest in all social activities, and in connection with the Parish Church. During the war she was Assistant Quartermaster, and afterwards Quartermaster, of the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital, and a member of the Swavesey District Food Control Committee. She was Chairman of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, and an active member of the Mothers' Union. In politics a staunch Conservative, she was a sub-warden of the Primrose League, and latterly chairman of the Swavesey Polling District Branch of the Women's Unionist Association. She is survived by an only son and two daughters, for whom sincere sympathy is felt.

THE FUNERAL.

A large congregation assembled at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon for the funeral. The cortege had to traverse the long village from end to end, and drawn blinds and other tokens of sorrow and respect were manifest throughout the sad journey from The Farm to the church. In waiting at the churchyard gate were the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar of Swavesey), the Rev. F. E. Herbert (vicar of Hemingford Abbots), and the surpliced choir. The body, enclosed in a polished oak coffin, was borne into the church, and later to the grave by employees on the Swavesey and Oakington farms. The service in church, which was fully choral, and at the graveside, was taken by the Vicar of Swavesey, and the Rev. F. E. Herbert read the lesson. Mrs. Cole was laid to rest in the flower-lined grave in which her husband was buried in May, 1916.

The immediate mourners were: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (son), Miss Cole and Miss M. Cole (daughters), Mr. A. E. King (brother), Mrs. F. Cole and Miss King (sisters) and Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole (cousins).

Many others were present, including representatives from the V. A. D., Cambs. 12, Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, the Mothers' Union and the Women's Unionist Association.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

OF TO INDIA. 30th Sept. 1921

Trooper Gamaliel Froment, son of Mr. Joseph Froment, Market-street, sailed from Southampton last Saturday with his regiment for India. He recently spent a month's furlough in the village.

CRACKING WALLS. 30th Sept. 1921

Several houses in Swavesey are showing serious cracks in consequence of the prolonged drought, and the fissures in the brickwork at the north end of the National School which have been in evidence for some years would now appear to have reached a stage worthy of the earnest attention of the trustees and managers.

FOOTBALL. 30th Sept. 1921

The Swavesey football eleven journeyed to Elsworth on Saturday for a friendly game, which resulted in a draw, three goals being captured by each team. Oakman, Brooks, and Canham scored for Swavesey.

REVISED TRAIN SERVICE. 30th Sept. 1921

On and from Monday next the train service at Swavesey station will be as follows: - Week-days – To Cambridge, 8.25 a.m., 9.59 a.m., 11.9 a.m., 1.46 p.m., 3.59 p.m., 6.17 p.m., 7.49 p.m.; To St. Ives, 7.18 a.m., 8.44 a.m., 10.49 a.m., 1.55 p.m., 4.34 p.m., 6.42 p.m., 7.48 p.m. Sundays – To Cambridge, 4.23 p.m.; to St. Ives, 5.41 p.m. It will be observed that the train to St. Ives due to leave Swavesey at 6.42 p.m. (Cambridge 6.18 p.m.), which was suspended some time ago, has been restored, and that the times of six other trains have been slightly altered.

LONG SERVICE. 30th Sept. 1921

Mr. John Savage, of Middle Watch, who was 64 years of age on the 20th instant, has been employed on Trinity College Farm during the whole of his working life of 55 years, and has served with only two farmers, the late Mr. T. W. Carter, and Mr. Robert Norman, the present tenant. On his birthday he was at work as usual, but on the following day, it is sad to relate, he was examined by a doctor, who told him that he must toil no longer, as, although he might not know it, he was seriously ill. Mr. Savage has the sincere sympathy of his fellow villagers, and it is their earnest hope that he may be restored to health.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 30th Sept. 1921

The erection of a dam at the river end of Navigation Drain has been commenced this week. It will be remembered that at the Parish council meeting on the 13th inst. a letter from the Clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council was read, stating that that Council had appointed three of its members, Messrs. F. Kirby, A. Day, sen., and Ingle Hemington, to act with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council as a committee to inspect and decide what action should be taken in regard to Navigation Drain. The blocking of this drain is being strongly criticised in the parish, many people maintaining that a most necessary outlet in case of flood is being done away with, and it is thought that before such an important step was decided upon the consent of the parish should have been obtained, or at least that the owners and occupiers of land specially affected should have been consulted. At the Parish Council meeting there was considerable divergence of opinion as to the usefulness or otherwise of the Drain for drainage purposes. One objection to the blockage is that if Navigation Drain is put out of action the only outlet for certain water will be through "the Dock," which, being the property of the Great Eastern Railway Company, could be stopped at any time. Other people live in hope that the day may not be far distant when it will be possible to transport goods, etc., to Swavesey, as in years gone by, by water, and when that day arrives

Navigation Drain will be a necessity. A councillor at the last Parish Council meeting urged that useful work could be found for men out of employment during the coming winter by using them in clearing out the Drain.

BALLOON RACE. 30th Sept. 1921

The scene on the Recreation Ground last Saturday evening for the start of the miniature balloon race was most animated. The committee of management, Messrs. C. Wood, S. Godfrey, G. Goad, F. W. Pontefract and R. Barwell, were located on the cricket pitch, which is protected by a movable fence. The spectators, many of whom invested in balloons, lined the fenced-in area. In all one hundred and one balloons were sent up between 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. and to each was attached a stamped and addressed postcard, which the finder was requested to return, stating where the balloon was found. All balloons rose well and sailed away in a nearly cloudless sky in a south-westerly direction, that is to say, towards Bedford and Oxford, but according to the cards that have already been returned, their course must have changed from a south-westerly to an easterly or south-easterly. Four balloons landed in Germany. It is significant to note that every card returned from Germany bore a German postage stamp in addition to the British stamp. The final result of the race will be announced in about a fortnight's time.

ADVERTS. 7th Oct. 1921

Mrs. Stockbridge, of Swavesey, desires to thank her late husband's customers for their patronage during many years, and begs to inform them that she is continuing the business of Saddler and Harness Maker. All orders will be promptly attended to.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 7th Oct. 1921

At a meeting of the managers on Friday evening it was decided to carry out immediately certain temporary measures with a view to ensure the safety of the northern end of the main room, pending the consideration of a more comprehensive scheme of restoration. This week the brickwork above the large northern window has been removed.

HOCKEY CLUB. 7th Oct. 1921

A meeting was held in the National School on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of forming a mixed hockey club. Mr. Barwell presided over a large attendance. Mr. A. Herman was elected captain, Miss J. Kirby vice-captain, and Miss K. Banks secretary and treasurer. Miss D. Banks, Miss Goad, Mr. B. Johnson, and Mr. H. Ashby were also elected on the committee.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 7th Oct. 1921

The agitation against the dam which is being erected at the river end of the Navigation Drain by a Committee of the Swavesey Rural District Council is materialising. A requisition signed by more than the necessary number of parochial electors has been sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council, calling upon him to summon a parish meeting to afford the ratepayers an opportunity of publicly giving expression to their views on the subject.

COUNCIL HOUSES. 7th Oct. 1921

The first of the eight cottages erected in Swavesey by the Rural District Council under the Government housing scheme, has been occupied this week. Notices have recently been posted in the district inviting applications from persons who could undertake the duty of collecting the rents from the Council houses in Swavesey and Over, ten in all, the collector to be remunerated on a percentage basis. There are economists in Swavesey who are of opinion that a paid collector is an unnecessary expense at the present time, and that arrangements could be made for receiving the rents which would involve no deductions from the rents or cost, direct or indirect, to the ratepayers.

WHIST DRIVE. 7th Oct. 1921

The first of the series of whist drives which are being arranged for the winter months by the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund took place at the National School on Wednesday evening. Twenty-two tables were occupied, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Mrs. Hayward, Miss G. Goad, Mrs. Smart; gentlemen, Messrs. G. Oakman, F. Day, Mr. T. Daintree. Mr. George Goad acted as M.C.

BALLOON RACE. 7th Oct. 1921

Three more of the postcards which were attached to balloons sent up in the miniature balloon race on Sept. 24th have been returned to Swavesey since last Friday. One card announced that Mr. Topham's balloon fell at Boxford, Suffolk. The other two cards came back from Germany reporting that Mr. Frank Aldred's balloon had dropped in a potato field at Hagendieringhausen, Westfalen, and that Miss K. Banks' second balloon had been found on 30th September at Kohlhausen, Heesen-Nassau. Sixteen of the 101 balloons that were despatched have been accounted for down to the present, six of which are known to have reached Germany.

OBITUARY. 7th Oct. 1921

After a long and painful illness, borne with great fortitude, Mr. Joseph Stockbridge, the well-known Swavesey harness maker and saddler, passed away on Saturday night at his home in Wallman's-lane. He is survived by his wife, an invalid, for whom much sympathy is felt, three sons, the youngest of whom Staff-Sergt. (Saddler) Fred Stockbridge, R.F.A., is lying ill in hospital at Constantinople, and three daughters. Mr. Stockbridge was born at Gamlingay 69 years ago, being the son of the late Mr. Peter Stockbridge of that parish. When 22 years of age he migrated to Swavesey, where he commenced business on his own account as harness maker and saddler – a business he carried out until his death 47 years later. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, vicar, officiating. The immediate mourners were Mr. W. Stockbridge, Gransden (son), Miss E. Stockbridge (daughter) and Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff and Mr and Mrs. A. Rose (daughters and sons-in-law). Mr. J. Stockbridge, eldest son, was unable to be present owing to urgent business. The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham.

ADVERTS. 14th Oct. 1921

We are selling good Country Furniture 50 per cent lower than last season. Good, solid second-hand furniture is 100 per cent cheaper than shoddy new. For your wants try Prior's General Stores. Further reduction in English Bacon, Harris's, Hands fresh cut from above, 10½d per lb. – H. S. Aldred, Swavesey.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 14th Oct. 1921

The Sunday School boys of Swavesey have again entered the Cambs. Sunday School Union Football League, and their home matches will be played in a field at Boxworth-end, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. A. L. Parish.

BALLOON RACE. 14th Oct. 1921

Another of the 101 miniature balloons despatched from Swavesey on Sept. 24th has reached Germany, viz., Mr. H. G. Key's, which fell at Dieringhausen. Mr. C. Wood's second balloon was picked up this week near Diss, Norfolk.

FOOTBALL. 14th Oct. 1921

Swavesey footballers sustained their second defeat of the season in the Histon and District league last Saturday, when entertaining Bourn, and the visitors captured three goals to Swavesey's one. F. Causer scored for Swavesey.

LADIES WORKING PARTY. 14th Oct. 1921

At a meeting in the National School on Wednesday evening of ladies interested in the Working Party whose labours in the past have resulted in substantial contributions to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, it was decided to hold working meetings every Wednesday afternoon during the winter months in a room in Mr. Prime Godfrey's house, generously lent by that gentleman. The first meeting is to take place on Wednesday next at 2 p.m. New members will be heartily welcomed, and Miss M. Cole, hon. secretary, and Miss G. Dodson, treasurer, will be glad to furnish information, and, it is needless to add, will gratefully receive contributions in money and materials from those who cannot join the party as active members, but are desirous of assisting the Memorial Fund.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 14th Oct. 1921

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church on Thursday in last week and again on Sunday, the church being nicely decorated with flowers, fruit, corn, etc. A good congregation was present at Evensong on Thursday. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. R. Caffry, Precentor of the Cathedral Church, Bury St. Edmund's. On Sunday afternoon there was a children's service, to which the young ones brought gifts of fruit and flowers, to be sent to St. Ives Infirmary. The collections on Thursday and on Sunday morning were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the offerings of fruit vegetables, etc., other than the children's, have been forwarded.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 14th Oct. 1921

The Chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council has given notice that a Parish Meeting will be held in the National School on Monday, October 17th, at 7 p.m., "for the purpose of hearing any suggestions on the work done by the Rural District Council in the Navigation Drain." It may, however, be pointed out that the six, or more, parochial electors at whose request the meeting has been summoned, stated in their letter to the Chairman that they wished the meeting to be called in order "to protest against the action of the Rural District Council in erecting a dam at the end of the Navigation Drain, near the River Ouse," and they expressed no desire either to hear or to make suggestions on the work done in the drain. It is understood that down to the present the making of the dam is the only work done in the drain. As it is most desirable that the question whether the dam should remain or should be removed should be definitely settled one way or the other without delay, every ratepayer of the parish interested in the matter should attend Monday's meeting. On the one

hand the District Council Committee may be able to prove that the fears of the objectors to the dam are groundless and that their scheme will save the ratepayers heavy expenditure. On the other hand suggestions may be made that would be of great assistance to the committee.

B.W.T.A. 21st Oct. 1921

Members of the Swavesey branch, British Women's Temperance Association, held a meeting, preceded by a tea, at Bethel Chapel on the 13th inst. Mrs. Ussher presided, and the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher gave an address.

BALLOON RACE. 21st Oct. 1921

The result of the miniature balloon race was announced on Wednesday, viz.: 1st prize, Miss Kathleen Banks (second balloon), 2nd Mr. H. G. Key and Miss Queenie Spolton (equal), 3 Mr. Frank Aldred. All of these balloons reached Germany.

ACCIDENT. 21st Oct. 1921

Leslie Peppercorn, aged 11, only son of Mr. James Peppercorn, Gibraltar-lane, is lying in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from serious injury to his eye, caused by a flying fragment of a gun cap. Shortly after 1.30 p.m. on Friday last a lad of 15 was striking gun caps with a hammer on the iron railing at the National School. The noise of the explosions attracted other boys, one of whom was Leslie Peppercorn, who was standing about six yards away when struck. He was at once taken home by the older lad, and, after attention by the district nurse, his parents obtained a pony and light cart and set out for the hospital. Before they had gone many yards something went wrong with the harness, and the cart tipped up and the whole party were thrown out into the road. The pony bolted a short distance. Rather than risk a further mishap, the boy was conveyed to Cambridge by the 3.59 train. On Wednesday he was reported to be progressing satisfactorily. Leslie Peppercorn has been most unfortunate, for on Easter Monday, 1920, his left hand was crushed in a cake-breaking machine and he lost the fingers on that hand.

WEDDING. 21st Oct. 1921

A wedding of considerable local interest was solemnised at Frimley, Surrey, Parish Church on the 12th inst., when Mr. Samuel Furniss Mitham, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Mitham, sen., of Swavesey, and Miss Emma Ellen Mann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, were married in the presence of many relatives and friends. The Rev. H. J. Stone, assisted by the Rev. W. Basset (rector of Frimley) officiated. The

bride, who wore a navy blue costume and grey hat, and carried a bouquet of cream roses, was given away by her cousin, Mr. Basil Southgate, and was attended by one bridesmaid, her cousin, Miss Queenie Southgate, in navy blue with blue velour hat, and carrying a bouquet of pale pink carnations. Mr. Ernest J. Mitham, the bridegroom's eldest brother, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Southgate, The Bakery, Frimley, and later the happy couple left for Bournemouth for the honeymoon. The wedding presents were numerous and useful. The bridegroom "did his bit" in the war. Joining the Royal Engineers on November 4th 1914, he went to France on June 12th, 1915, and there he served until on March 25th, 1918, when attached to the 51st (Highland) Division he was taken prisoner. His captivity was mainly spent in a coal mine at Dortmund, and his experiences were unpleasant and painful, and his health suffered. At the Armistice he obtained his freedom, and on his arrival in Swavesey on December 5th, 1918, he received a hearty welcome.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 21st Oct. 1921

An important and largely attended parish meeting was held at the National School on Monday evening. It had been called on the requisition of about a dozen parochial electors "to protest against the action of the Rural District Council in erecting a dam at the end of Navigation Drain, near the River Ouse." The dam, it may be observed, had been authorised by a committee appointed by the District Council (Messrs. F. Kirby, A. Day, I. Hemington, District Councillors, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council), who were empowered "to inspect and decide what action should be taken with reference to the drain." Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided, and in his opening remarks, after detailing the circumstances in which the committee had been appointed, said that it was only after a good deal of discussion that the committee had unanimously come to the decision that the best plan of dealing with Navigation Drain was by means of a dam. He explained the discrepancy between the wording of the requisition and the notice calling the meeting was due to a misunderstanding between the Clerk and himself, and he was grateful to the "Independent Press" for having called attention to the discrepancy. Mr. Herbert Wilderspin opened the attack by emphatically declaring that the committee had done wrong, and that the building of the dam was the worst bit of work ever done in Swavesey. Drains were a necessity, and none ought to be blocked, besides that, Navigation Drain might be needed for transport purposes before long. The discussion was continued by Messrs. H. Hovell, W. Parish, W. H. Key, C. H. Parish, Dr. Ellis, Messrs. Walter Thorp, D. Williams, J. Kester, jun., and A.

Payne, all of whom condemned the dam, maintained that the drain was a public waterway, and generally criticised the action of the District Council and the committee. Mr. Alfred Watts, an Over resident with land in Swavesey, held that the drain had been provided for navigation purposes, and that it was a great mistake to say that it is a drain or waterway. It had not been cut by the Dutch Fen drainers, and never had been a waterway. Mr. A. Day championed the committee and the District Council, and stoutly maintained that they had done, and were still doing, the right thing in regard to the complex drains of Swavesey. Mr. R. Mitham, who in addition to being Clerk of the Parish Council, is also a considerable owner and occupier of land in the flooded area, remarked that the District Council have full control over the drains, and that the Parish Council should not be blamed for what had been done. In his opinion the dam would stop flooding of Mow Fen Road and adjacent land. He gave interesting information respecting the Swavesey Enclosure Act of 1837, and the work of the Enclosure Commission between that date and 1841, and he reminded the meeting that before the Great Eastern Railway line was constructed in 1848, the only means of transport for corn, etc., was by road. In his opinion Navigation Drain was not intended for drainage purposes, as there was a bank on one side only. This statement was contradicted by Mr. Hovell. Mr. Mitham, continuing, admitted that an old waterway known as Barrow Ditch (Navigation Drain is now also called Barrow Brigg Ditch) was in existence before Navigation Drain was cut on practically the same course, and he read the following extract from the Swavesey "Award": "Navigation Drain. One public drain called the Navigation Drain, commencing at the north-east corner of an allotment to John Dodson and Philip Dodson, and proceeding in westward and north-westerly directions nearly on its ancient course between Mow Fen and Middle Fen to the River Ouse." Finally, he said he did not wish to express an opinion whether the dam would be of benefit to his own land or not, but he thought the District Council should have gone to the magistrates before putting in the dam. Mr. D. Williams inquired whether the District Council had the right to pass water through the "dock," which is the property of the Great Eastern Railway Co. The Chairman replied that he could not say. Mr. A. Day contended that people were under a delusion in regard to the dam, which was merely a continuation of the bank of Conington Brook, and he proceeded to deal with various complaints and requests respecting the drains that had been made at different times by occupiers of land, and he specified the steps that had been taken to meet the requirements of the complainants. After a long and occasionally irrelevant discussion, Mr. W. J. Hephner moved: "That the safety doors at the end of Navigation Drain be repaired and put in order, the drain be cleaned out, and the dam removed." Mr. Hovell seconded.

The Chairman asked Mr. Hepher if he was aware of the expense his resolution involved. Mr. Alfred Watts proposed as an amendment "that no action be taken until it is ascertained who is responsible for Navigation Drain." Mr. Charles Norman seconded. On the amendment being put to the meeting only Mr. A. Day voted in its favour, while practically every other parochial elector present voted for the resolution. The meeting, which had lasted for nearly two hours, was then declared closed. Mr. John Evison, the local candidate for the Ouse Drainage Board, was present, but not being a Swavesey elector, took no part in the proceedings.

ADVERTS. 28th Oct. 1921

FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!! FIREWORKS!!! Splendid selection; order early to avoid disappointment. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

ANOTHER consignment of Good Second-hand Wire Netting to hand, cheap. Come early, Kositos, 16s. cwt., delivered 5 bushels. – Prior's General Stores, Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 28th Oct. 1921

The collections at the recent harvest festival in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital amounted to £7 16s. 4d. On Sunday last sermons were preached by the Rev. W. W. Kenny on behalf of the National Society for Promoting Education in the Principles of the Church of England.

FOOTBALL. 28th Oct. 1921

Swavesey footballers visiting Bourn last Saturday for a return game in the Histon and District League met with another reverse, for Bourn scored five goals to Swavesey's one, for which F. Hepher was responsible. Swavesey Sunday School Boys' Club played Wesley Sunday School Club at Cambridge on Saturday in a Cambs. S.S. Union Football League engagement. A well-fought game resulted in the victory of the homesters by three goals to nil.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Oct. 1921

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. F. J. Beales, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Norman, R. Norman, S. Prime, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). A considerable number of parishioners were also present, anxious no doubt to hear what decision the Rural District Council had come to in regard to the vexed question of the Navigation Drain. The minutes of the previous meeting having been signed, the Clerk reported that he had informed the Swavesey Rural District Council that the Parish Council had

agreed to Messrs. A. Norman and J. S. Goad serving on the Committee appointed by the District Council to inspect and decide what action should be taken in regard to Navigation Drain, and that he had also sent the resolution respecting the drain which had been passed at the recent Parish Meeting to the District Council, with a covering letter. He read the following reply from the Clerk of the District Council: "St. Ives, Hunts, 22nd October, 1921. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Clerk to Parish Council, Swavesey. Dear sir, - Navigation Drain. I read your letter of the 19th inst. to the Council at their meeting yesterday, and was directed to remind you that the Navigation Drain has for a great number of years ceased to be used for the purpose for which it was originally made, namely, navigation purposes. The Council received an estimate for cleaning out the Drain at a cost of £7 per chain, and as there are about 40 chains this would entail a cost of about £280, and if the doors were repaired the cost of the same would be in addition. The water on that side has another and lower outlet into the river, and the dam in question has been put in order to prevent a back flow from the Conington water and to save the heavy expense of repairing the Navigation Drain and doors. Before taking any action in the matter the Council's representatives met the representatives appointed by your Council for the purpose, and the action that they have taken in the matter was taken with their approval, and was believed to be in the interests of the parish generally. - Yours faithfully (signed), Geo. D. Day, Clerk." (It will be observed that no mention is made in this letter of the parish meeting, or of the resolution passed practically unanimously at that meeting. The resolution requested that the safety doors at the end of Navigation Drain should be repaired, the drain cleaned out, and the dam removed.) The Chairman ruled that before the question of the Navigation Drain was discussed the first item on the agenda should be disposed of, viz., street lighting. This subject led to much debate, and eventually Mr. Beales proposed that the public street lamps in the village be lighted this winter. Mr. F. Norman moved an amendment that only alternate lamps be lighted. Neither resolution nor amendment found a seconder, so both fell through. Mr. Twist then proposed that the lamps be not lighted. Mr. Prime seconded, and on the resolution being put, was voted for by four councillors and was declared carried. During the discussion it transpired that some of the lamps and fittings are not in a condition to be used, and that to put the lighting of the village on a proper footing would involve heavy expense. Mr. Burton opened the discussion concerning the Navigation Drain by inquiring whether the District Council had decided to remove the dam. The Chairman replied that the letter did not say. Mr. Burton, continuing, said that the parish meeting requested the removal of the dam. Was the parish meeting to be ignored? The Chairman, replying to

Mr. Beales, said that the committee was still in existence, and he added that the dam had been put in as an experiment, and there was no intention of retaining it if it proved a failure. Personally he thought it would be successful. He complained that the committee had been accused of wasting money. He was one of the largest ratepayers in the parish, and his great aim was to save money, not waste it. Some of those who voted at the parish meeting, he observed parenthetically, were not ratepayers. Mr. Beales, in a somewhat lengthy speech, referred to various aspects of the question, and expressed the opinion that the committee should have approached the land agent of the Great Eastern Railway, who would no doubt have been able to give expert advice. Neither he (Mr. Beales) nor anyone else in Swavesey was authorised to speak for the G.E.R. He reminded the Council that the railway company was the largest ratepayer in the parish, and that its line had been flooded again and again, stopping and disorganising traffic. He had confidence in the committee and was sure that if they found they had made a mistake they would reconsider their line of action. He proposed a vote of confidence in the members of the Rural District Council and of the Swavesey Parish Council, who are acting as a committee in the matter of the Navigation Drain. The resolution was seconded by Mr. R. Norman and was carried. Messrs. Burton and Twist did not vote. Mr. Twist now asked whether the District Council had power to over-ride a parish meeting, and the Clerk replied that the District Council, having taken over the duties of the old Surveyors, had full control over the Drains. Mr. Burton thought that all that was necessary was to put the doors in order. The Chairman answered that they could not be repaired, whereupon Mr. Burton retorted, "Then why not put in a concrete wall and fob?" The Chairman assured the Council that the committee had done what they thought was best. Mr. F. Norman complained of unfair criticism to which the committee was subjected at the parish meeting, and Mr. Beales appealed to the parishioners generally for a little brotherly love. The Clerk expressed the opinion that if the owners and occupiers of the land affected found that the dam was a failure, they would send a petition to the District Council, who would doubtless remove the dam. The subject then dropped, and the Council passed on to a matter on which there was no difference of opinion. It was agreed that the case containing the Roll of Honour in the High-street should be re-varnished, etc., and on the proposal of Mrs. Twist, seconded by Mr. Prime, a vote of thanks to Miss Grace Froment for her voluntary services in dusting and cleaning the case every week was carried unanimously. Shortly before the meeting was declared closed Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, who was in the audience, requested permission to ask the Chairman a question relating to the parish. The Chairman refused permission, and Dr. Ellis resumed his seat in silence.

Another parishioner then rose and handed to the Chairman a duly signed requisition for a parish meeting to be held at an early date. The Chairman vouchsafed no reply.

HOCKEY CLUB. 4th Nov. 1921

The first match of the season was played at Swavesey on Thursday, Oct. 27th, between the Cottenham and Swavesey teams. A very enjoyable game resulted in Swavesey being beaten by two goals to one.

A TESTIMONIAL. 4th Nov. 1921

Mr. James Taylor, who prior to his recent retirement had been verger at the parish church for nearly forty years, has been presented with a testimonial subscribed for by members of the congregation. The sum of £5 17s. 7d. was collected, and has been expended in useful articles of clothing, which were handed to Mr. Taylor last Saturday. He expressed his warm appreciation of the gift and of the kindly feeling that prompted it.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 4th Nov. 1921

At a special service at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Sunday School, a most interesting address was given by Mrs. Mill (nee Miss Ethel Starte), who a few years ago was a well-known personality in Swavesey. Since leaving the village she has been engaged in missionary work on the Congo, and the subject of her lecture was missionary effort in those regions, particularly in relation to the family life of the natives. She mentioned that it was only within the last two years that the New Testament in the native dialect had been introduced, and that there are now a good number of native teachers, who after instruction in schools had been sent back to work in their own villages. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, presided, and there was a very good attendance. A collection was taken at the lecture on behalf of "Save the Children" Fund, which, with retiring collections at the other services on Sunday, amounted to £4 4s. 6d.

FOOTBALL. 4th Nov. 1921

SWAVESEY v. COMBERTON.

Played at Swavesey on Saturday. Swavesey lost by four goals to one. Canham scored the Swavesey goal.

HOCKEY. 11th Nov. 1921

The mixed team were at home to the Cam hockey team on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. Owing to bad weather, neither of the teams were in full force, but after a good game the Cambridge team won by 3 goals to 1.

SMALLHOLDERS' SOCIETY. 11th Nov. 1921

At a meeting of the Swavesey Smallholders' Society, held on Monday evening at the White Horse Inn, the Secretary reported that a horse and cart had been purchased, and that the business prospects of the society were favourable. Mr. A. Dennett, A.O.S., who was present, congratulated the society on the progress made.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 11th Nov. 1921

A service of thanksgiving and memorial for those who were killed in action, or died of wounds or sickness during the Great War was held at the Parish Church on Sunday evening. Proper psalms and lessons were used, the hymns were appropriate to the occasion, and during the specially appointed prayers the names of the 26 men of Swavesey who had made the supreme sacrifice were recited. An address was given by the Vicar, and before the Blessing the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded by a bugler stationed at the west end of the church. In the churchyard a large wreath of laurel and rosemary rested against the foot of the memorial cross, and around the base were white flowers from the relatives of the fallen.

PARISH MEETING. 11th Nov. 1921

For the further consideration of the question of the blocking of Navigation Drain by the Swavesey Rural District Council, a parish meeting, called on the requisition of parochial electors, was held in the National School on Tuesday evening. A large number of parishioners attended the first meeting of protest on the 17th ulto., but a still larger number was present on Tuesday, and at times the proceedings were decidedly animated. Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman of the Parish Council) presided, and was supported by Mr. R. Mitham (the Clerk). Amongst the audience was Mr. R. Mailer, who represents the Swavesey district on the County Council, and is also a district councillor. He is, however, not on the committee which was appointed by the District Council "to inspect and decide what action should be taken in regard to Navigation Drain." The only members of that committee present at the meeting were the Chairman (Mr. A. Norman) and Mr. A. Day, a district councillor. After the minutes of the last meeting had been signed, the Clerk read the letter from the Clerk of the District Council, which was read at the Parish Council meeting on the 25th ulto., and was given in the "Independent

Press" on 28th ulto. The Chairman begged that parishioners would not indulge in personalities as at the last meeting, and with emphasis he declared that the committee had acted as they thought best for the interests of the parish in the circumstances. Mr. C. Wood, referring to the letter from the District Council, asked whether Navigation Drain was a public water-course before it was cut for navigation purposes. The Clerk quoted from the Swavesey Award, and admitted that there was an ancient ditch called Barrow Drain. (Later in the meeting he said that Barrow Drain was a public drain.) Mr. Wood, continuing, suggested that the District Council Clerk had been misinformed when he stated in his letter that the drain had been cut for navigational purposes. Had the District Council any legal authority to block a right of way? The Clerk replied that he was not in a position to answer the question. Ald. Dr. Ellis then took up the attack. He spoke, he said, on behalf of those parishioners who had very strong opinions on the subject, but could not give adequate expression to them at meetings. Referring to the Local Government Act, 1884, he challenged the authority of the District Council to block a public watercourse. They had no more right to erect a dam across Navigation Drain than they had to place a gate across a highway. They had acted illegally. The Chairman, in reply, said the committee had not thought of doing anyone any harm, and if the Parish Council thought the dam would injure any person, they would reconsider their action. Give the dam a chance, he pleaded; it would be wanted if the drain was cleared out at any rate. The discussion was continued by Messrs. Hovell, Herbert Wilderspin, W. H. Key, P. S. Spring and C. H. Parish, all of whom were strongly opposed to the action of the District Council, and some reflected with much emphasis on the neglect of the rights of way generally in the parish by the District Council. Mr. A. Day defended the Council and the committee in a discursive speech, in course of which he said he wished to express his thanks to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the assistance rendered and the consideration shown when the tunnels under the railway line were being cleared out. He mentioned incidentally that the District Council derived its drainage authority from a special Act of Parliament passed years ago to deal with the drainage of Swavesey, but which had never been put into operation. Mr. R. Mitham, speaking in his private capacity, expressed qualified approval of the dam. He thought it should be given a trial, and if it proved a failure it could be removed. Mr. Wood maintained that the main point at issue was what right had the District Council to block the drain, and he suggested that if the legal course had been adopted there would have been little or no trouble. In reply to Mr. Frank Norman, who inquired whether the expense of putting Navigation Drain into order would fall on the six parishes comprising the district, or on Swavesey alone, the

Chairman replied "On Swavesey alone," whereupon Mr. Hovell ejaculated, "Then why did six parishes pay for putting in the dam?" The following resolution was moved by Mr. W. H. Key: "That this meeting of the parochial electors of Swavesey is of opinion that the letter dated 22nd October, 1921, from the Clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council to the Swavesey Parish Council, is no reply to the resolution passed at the parish meeting held on 17th October, 1921, and again requests the District Council to repair the safety doors at the river end of the Navigation Drain, to clear out the drain, and to remove the dam; that this meeting emphatically protests against the stopping of an ancient water-course by the District Council without the consent of the parish having previously been obtained; further, that this resolution be sent to the District Council without delay." Mr. H. Wilderspin seconded, and on being put to the meeting, the Chairman declared the resolution carried, 20 having voted in its favour and none against. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. C. Parish.

LANTERN LECTURE. 18th Nov. 1921

In aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, a lantern lecture, entitled "Across Canada," was given in the National School on the 10th inst. by Mr. Nigel Wilson, who could speak from personal knowledge of the Dominion. There was a fairly good attendance.

PRIZE FOR NEEDLEWORK. 18th Nov. 1921

Carrie Froment, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Froment, High-street, and a pupil of Swavesey National School, has been awarded a third prize with certificate in a needlework competition open to all England in connection with "The Watkin Needlework Scheme, 1921".

HOCKEY. 18th Nov. 1921

A match between the Huntingdon Grammar School girls' team and the Swavesey ladies' team was played at Huntingdon last Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by 8 goals to nil, after a very enjoyable though rather one-sided game. The visiting team were very kindly entertained to tea by the school, and afterwards danced and played games until it was time to make for the station.

NAVIGATION DRAIN. 18th Nov. 1921

A correspondent writes: In the controversy concerning Navigation Drain, I have neither heard, nor seen, any reference to the Ouse Drainage Board. Surely the Board has some sort of interest in the Swavesey drains, even if it

has not control over them. I cannot, therefore, understand why the District Council did not consult the Board before putting in the dam, and thereby blocking an ancient water-course. The expert advice of the Board's engineer on the drainage side of the question ought to be of great value. The interference with a public right is, of course, another, and a most important point in the dispute, and should not be lost sight of.

ARMISTICE DAY. 18th Nov. 1921

Last Friday, the third anniversary of Armistice Day was duly observed in Swavesey. From early morn Union Jacks flanked the Roll of Honour in High-street, and beneath the base was hung a large wreath of laurel, rosemary and Flanders poppies. At the base of the Memorial Cross in the churchyard a similar wreath was placed, both being the work of Miss Pook. At the cross there were also two wreaths in memory of individual soldiers, one of whom, Pte. Joseph B. Parish, had died in France on Armistice Day, 1918, from wounds received in action a few days previously. The tenor bell of the Parish Church tolled twenty-six times at 11 a.m. – twenty-six Swavesey men made the supreme sacrifice – and a little band of ladies spent the few moments of silence within the church. There was no service, the only man present being the sexton tolling the bell. In the village the request that all work and movement should cease and that silence should prevail was almost universally obeyed. At the National School the children stood to attention in silence for two minutes, and then followed prayers and hymns and an address by the headmaster. Flanders poppies were sold in the village for the benefit of Earl Haig's Appeal by some of the older schoolgirls, but the supply, six dozen, was utterly inadequate, and every poppy was disposed of within a few minutes. Lord Haig's fund, however, benefited to the extent of £1 1s.

SWAVESEY STATIONMASTER'S PROMOTION. 18th Nov. 1921

Mr. F. J. Beales Appointed to Wisbech.

Mr. Frederick J. Beales, stationmaster at Swavesey, has been appointed stationmaster at Wisbech in succession to Mr. R. Thompson. Mr. Beales is no stranger to Wisbech, for a considerable portion of his railway life of 35 years has been spent at that town, and it is probably due to his great experience in dealing with the transport service there, especially during the fruit seasons, that his promotion to such an important centre is due. Mr. Beales belongs to an old railway family. His father, the late Mr. Isaac Beales, was a signalman at Audley End, and both his paternal and maternal grandfathers were in the G.E.R. service all their lives. His brother and other members of the family are in the same Company's employ at the present time. Mr. Beales entered the

G.E.R. service at Saffron Walden in March, 1886, and amongst the shoal of congratulations he has received on his promotion, there is none he prizes more than that from the stationmaster at King's Lynn, under whom he started his railway career at Saffron Walden. After holding clerkships at Audley End (twice), King's Lynn, Newmarket, March, Haverhill, Hunstanton, and Wisbech, he was transferred in 1904 to the District Superintendent's staff, and, though he continued to reside at Wisbech, his duties took him to all parts of the district as relief stationmaster. During this period he had also the management of the fruit traffic at Wisbech, and while loyally working for the advantage of the railway, he never lost sight of the true interests of the growers, whose confidence he won. The industry increased by leaps and bounds, and from a comparatively small beginning developed to a wonderful extent. In April, 1915, Mr. Beales was appointed stationmaster at Swavesey in succession to the late Mr. William Perry. At Swavesey he has coped successfully with all the railway difficulties which have arisen in the last few troublous years, from the war and from subsequent untoward happenings, and has gained the confidence and respect of his staff and the customers of the Company.

Apart from the railway, Mr. Beales will be missed in the Swavesey district, for he has done much useful work for the community generally. His friends there, while heartily congratulating him on his well-earned promotion, sincerely regret his approaching departure. He served on the local Food Control Committee on the nomination of the Ministry of Food, and was also a member of the Profiteering Company. He was secretary of the Swavesey Rural District Fuel and Lighting Committee, and it was largely due to his energy and resourcefulness that the six parishes in the district were so well served with fuel. During the miners' strike he acted gratuitously as Emergency Coal Officer for the whole district, and for his services was formally thanked by the Rural District Council. Mr. Beales has rendered valuable services as a parish councillor, having at the election in April, 1919, been returned at the head of the poll, and he has been vice-chairman of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund Committee since its formation. Charitable enterprises of all kinds have found in him a sympathetic, generous and active helper.

FOOTBALL. 18th Nov. 1921

SWAVESEY v. OVER HOTSPURS' RES.

The result of this match was a win for Swavesey by three goals to 1, Prime scoring all three goals for Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 25th Nov. 1921

FOR SALE. – Good Eating Potatoes, Good Coal, Cake, Pollard and Bran, at lowest possible prices. – Apply, Secretary, Swavesey Smallholders' Society. PRIOR'S STORES wish to inform their patrons that they have opened a branch of Upholstery on the premises. Chairs, Couches and all description of Upholstery executed on the shortest notice, at to-day's prices. – Prior's Furnishing Stores, Swavesey and Over, Cambs.

HOCKEY. 25th Nov. 1921

The Swavesey mixed team visited Cottenham on Saturday, and after a good game beat the home team by six goals to three.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 25th Nov. 1921

Swavesey S.S. boys entertained Cherryhinton boys in a game in the Cambs. Sunday School Union Football League on Saturday afternoon. A good game resulted in a goalless draw.

WHIST DRIVE. 25th Nov. 1921

The second of the whist drives which are being organised by the Entertainments' Sub-Committee in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was held at the National School on Thursday in last week. Twenty-three tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss Alice Holbrook, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; gentlemen, Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. Symonds.

PRESENTATION. 25th Nov. 1921

A pleasant little ceremony took place at the Railway Station on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. and Mrs. Beales, who are shortly removing to Wisbech, were presented by all sections of the staff with a tobacco pouch and silver-plated teapot. The presentation was made by Mr. H. J. Hall, chief clerk, in a few well-chosen words of appreciation, in which he was joined by Messrs. W. Kester, S. Carter (signalman), S. Culpin (platform staff), and H. Hovell (permanent way staff). Mr. Beales feelingly thanked the staff on behalf of himself and his wife. Mr. Beales took up his new appointment as stationmaster at Wisbech on Monday, the 21st inst.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. 25th Nov. 1921

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: - It is understood that Mr. C. W. H. Cole, who succeeded the late Mr. J. L. Stanton in June, 1920, has ceased to be a member of the Swavesey Rural District Council, in consequence of non-attendance, and it is unfortunate that at the present time, when matters of

supreme importance to Swavesey are being dealt with by the Council, that the parish should not be fully represented, especially as the other local representative is credited with being the author of the dam to the erection of which the majority of his fellow-parishioners strongly object as being an infringement of their rights. A report is current in the village that at last Friday's Council meeting the Chairman ruled that the question of the legality of the Council's action in erecting the dam could not be discussed, as the point was not mentioned in the resolution passed by the Parish Meeting on the 8th inst. This ruling seems rather strange to the lay mind, as the resolution contained an "emphatic protest against the stopping of an ancient watercourse without the consent of the parish having previously been obtained." It is also stated that only five councillors attended the meeting, three of whom are members of the committee whose action was condemned by the Parish Meeting, and whose decision in regard to the dam has been publicly announced to have been unanimous.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. 2nd Dec. 1921

The Parish Council at their meeting on Tuesday, the 25th October, gave instructions for the case containing the Roll of Honour in High-street to be revarnished and otherwise attended to. It was hoped that this little job would have been completed before Armistice Day, but it has not yet been begun.

CONSERVATIVE GATHERING. 2nd Dec. 1921

A concert under the auspices of the Conservative Party in Swavesey Polling District was given in the National School on Thursday evening in last week by a concert party from Cambridge. During the interval Mr. W. de L. Devereux gave an address on current politics.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FOG. 2nd Dec. 1921

Several mishaps, none, fortunately, of a serious nature, occurred in the thick fog which enveloped Swavesey on Saturday night. Two youthful cyclists attempting, when near the school, to get out of one another's way, came into collision, and both narrowly escaped a ducking in the adjacent pond. Both youths were shaken by falling, and one went home with a bleeding nose and damaged machine. A farmer who had been visiting relatives at Church End had some difficulty in finding his bicycle, which he had left outside the house, and while groping for the machine struck his head with considerable violence against a brick wall, sustaining a cut face and nose. Earlier in the evening a party set out gaily for an evening's entertainment in Cambridge, but did not

get far before they found themselves in the chapel pond. The driver refused to go any further, and so they went back home.

SUDDEN DEATH. 2nd Dec. 1921

The village was deeply shocked on Tuesday to learn that Miss Jane Webster had died suddenly. Miss Webster was 80 years of age, and lived alone in an old house which belonged to her in High-street, facing Market-street. Last week she had sold this house by auction, and was to have removed on Tuesday into a smaller house adjoining, also her own property. The sad discovery was made by Mr. Ernest Mitham, of Middle Watch, who called at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday to assist in the removal of the furniture. Finding the back door half open, he called out, and receiving no answer walked into the kitchen. On looking round he discovered Miss Webster lying on a couch fully dressed, and a cursory examination was sufficient to show him that she was dead, having to all appearances passed peacefully away without the slightest struggle. As far as can be ascertained, Mr. Mitham was the last person who saw her alive when he called on Monday at noon to make arrangements for the following day's work. She then explained to him that she was not feeling well, but continued notwithstanding to busy herself in moving small articles from one house to the other. To Miss E. S. Eason, who had been helping her with her work during the morning, she also mentioned that she was feeling unwell, and wondered if she had hurt herself by lifting. Miss Eason left at 11.40 a.m. At 5 p.m. a lady knocked at the front door of the house, but failing to get an answer, went away, thinking that Miss Webster had gone out. In the kitchen on Tuesday morning the blind was found drawn down, but there were no signs of any lamp or candle having been lighted. The bed upstairs had not been slept in. Police-constable Breed was quickly on the scene, and Dr. Robert Ellis called in. The matter was reported to the Coroner, who decided that there was no need for an inquest. Miss Webster belonged to a very old Swavesey family, being a daughter of the late Mr. Robert Webster, farmer and inn-keeper. She was greatly respected in the village, and will long be remembered by many people for her unobtrusive acts of kindness.

FOOTBALL. 9th Dec. 1921

SWAVESEY v. ELSWORTH.

Played at Swavesey on December 3rd. Result was a win for Elsworth by 2 goals to 1. Oakman scored the goal for Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 9th Dec. 1921

It is important that you should buy well to-day, especially the everyday requirements. We are lower in price for several articles, even cheaper than town prices. We are showing serviceable Presents, suitable for the young and elders. – Canham's Stores.

NOW ON SHOW. – Good assortment of Toys, Games, Dolls, Picture Books, Fancy and Picture Handkerchiefs, Afternoon Tea Aprons, Duchesses sets, etc. Christmas and New Year Cards and Calendars, in variety. – At Aldred's, Swavesey.

HOCKEY. 9th Dec. 1921

The Willingham Ladies' Hockey Club visited Swavesey on Saturday, and after a well-fought game came out winners to the score of 4 – 2. The play throughout was fast and evenly contested, the score at half-time reading two goals each.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 9th Dec. 1921

Swavesey Sunday School boys' team entertained Victoria-road boys in a game in the Cambs. S.S. Football League on Saturday. The result was: Swavesey 2, Victoria-road 0.

OBITUARY. 9th Dec. 1921

The funeral of the late Miss Jane Webster, whose sudden death on the 28th ult., was recorded last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of friends and villagers, who were desirous of paying their last tribute to the memory of so old and highly respected a parishioner. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Webster (brother), Mrs. S. Webster (sister), Mr. and Mrs. R. Webster (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Stearn, Miss Russell, Miss Odams, Mrs. H. Northrope, Mrs. Topham, Mrs. D. Sandifer (nieces) and Mr. T. Webster (nephew). Messrs. George Mitham and Son had charge of the funeral arrangements. On Sunday at the Particular Baptist Chapel the Pastor, the Rev. E. Short, made appreciative and sympathetic reference to the late Miss Webster, who would, he said, be greatly missed by the congregation and himself, as she had always been a most regular attendant at the services on Sundays and week-days.

ADVERTS. 16th Dec. 1921

No need to travel far to procure your requirements for Christmas this year, as we can supply most if not quite all. We specialise in Grapes, Oranges, Dates, Figs, Muscatels, etc. Games, Bon-Bons, Toys, Christmas Stockings, Cakes,

Chocolates, etc. Special offer to the men: A New Cap, Tie, Soft Collar and Wool Socks for 5s. 6d. Don't forget Crestona Ginger Wine, at 1s. bottle, makes 75 glasses. – Canham's Stores.

CHRISTMAS CHEER. – Kind orders solicited. Fine Bunchey Grapes, Denia Oranges, Mixed Nuts, Figs, Dates, Metz Fruits, Biscuits, Chocolate Biscuits, Fch. Plums. Best Genoa and Cherry Cake. Toys, Games, Picture books, in variety. AGENTS FOR CARTER'S TESTED SEEDS. Catalogues free EARLY IN NEW YEAR. – Aldred's, Swavesey.

GALON'S CHARITY. 16th Dec. 1921

At a meeting of the Feoffees of Galon's Charity on the 8th inst., Mr. Reginald Barwell was elected a life Feoffee, in the place of the late Mr. William Twist Thorp, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 16th Dec. 1921

Swavesey Sunday School boys went to Cambridge last Saturday for a game with Hills-road boys in the Cambs. S.S. Football League. Swavesey were left victors by two goals to one.

OUSE DRAINAGE. 16th Dec. 1921

A correspondent writes: I am given to understand that three local bodies in Bedfordshire are considering the question of undertaking certain work in connection with the River Ouse between Olney and Bedford, and that if this work is done the upland water would come down faster, which would involve serious flooding in Huntingdonshire, and especially at St. Ives. What would affect St. Ives would also be likely to affect the Swavesey district. May I therefore ask if the local authorities who are responsible for the protection of our low-lying areas are taking any steps in the matter?

A FAITHFUL WORKER. 16th Dec. 1921

After two and a half months' painful and distressing illness, Mr. John Savage passed away during Wednesday night at his home in Middle Watch. Mr. Savage's life's record is a notable one, for the whole of his working life of 55 years was spent on Trinity College Farm, and during that long period he served with only two farmers, the late Mr. T. W. Carter and Mr. Robert Norman, the present tenant. On the 20th September last, his 64th birthday, he was at the farm as usual. On the following day, not having felt well for some time, he went to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was told that he was seriously ill, and must work no longer. He returned home, and the fell disease

from which he was suffering made rapid strides, and, as stated, he succumbed on Wednesday night.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 16th Dec. 1921

In aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, a sale of work, under the auspices of the Ladies' Working Party, was held at the National School on Tuesday afternoon. In addition to the new work stall, which was in charge of Mrs. J. S. Sharp, assisted by several ladies, Mrs. Cooke presided over a sweets stall, Mrs. Barwell another for Christmas cards, etc., and Miss Banks for pottery, including some quaint specimens of Swavesey pottery, manufactured by Master John Barwell, a ten-years-old craftsman. Excellent teas and refreshments were dispensed by Mrs. Cooksey and a band of willing helpers. Miss Beaumont ran a fish pond. There were two competitions, one of which for a cake given by Mrs. H. G. Key was won by Mrs. Cooke and Miss M. Ellis, who divided the spoil, and the other, for chocolates was taken by Miss Vera Williamson. At the close of the sale articles remaining unsold were disposed of by Dutch auction conducted by Mr. Nigel Wilson. A concert, under the management of Mr. N. Wilson, followed in the evening, and attracted a large and keenly appreciative audience. Every item in the programme was warmly applauded, and encores were the order of the day, or rather the evening. During the interval there was another Dutch auction of articles left from the sale, Mr. Barwell acting as salesman. It is understood that the day's venture has resulted in about £30 being handed over to the Church Repair Fund.

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA. 16th Dec. 1921

The following extract from a letter, dated October 21st last, from Mr. Leonard Williams, of Brisbane, Queensland, will be of interest to some of our readers. Although Mr. Williams, who is the third son of the late Mr. John Williams, of Market-street, Swavesey, migrated to Australia ten years ago, he still takes a warm interest in all that concerns his native village, and is, moreover, an appreciative reader of the "Independent Press"; "As far as this country is concerned," he writes, "just at present, things are very quiet, and I expect it is the same over at home. There are a lot of unemployed out here, and I see by the papers that it is the same over there. They are still migrating people out here, but I do not personally advise anyone to come out here unless they have someone to come out to, as they will find it very hard to get a go on just now, as the labour troubles break out very often here, and they make things go very hard for those who do not know the ways to get the little things to get along with. Just at present the Queensland Government are in a happy mood, as they

have floated a loan of something over two million in New York, but before that they were just about on their beam ends, and as you well know when the Government is up against it things are bad, although as you also know that every State has a separate Government, and that things are not quite so bad in other parts of Australia. Of course, it is getting summer-time now, and that makes things a little better, although taking things all round there does not seem any money about for any kind of big works that make for employment. Those who are in some kind of business are all right, as they can afford to wait a little while, and that is what they are doing, and in the meantime they have their money at so much per cent. in some bank for a sure return. I must say, in conclusion, that the labour unions must see their fault very soon, or they and also other people are going to see some trouble. I myself believe in the unions for what they in their proper place are meant for, and I sincerely hope that they will see their fault and work for the future, for the benefit of the country at large. There is one thing that helps them out here, and that is, we never get much cold weather, and that is a great help to all concerned at a time when things are so bad as they are at present, although honestly speaking, the Governments are so extravagant with other people's money that it makes one a little bit afraid what they are going to do next, and, what is worse, no one can say anything to stop them.

TO THE EDITOR. 16th Dec. 1921

Sir, - I hope you can find a corner in your paper for this letter about the agricultural wages. I think the farmers are doing too much to it, as the wages are going down a lot faster than foodstuffs and other necessities. I don't say they ought not to go down, but they want dealing out a bit fairer. The present standard rate of pay for a single man, who calls himself a man, is fair, for he has only his board and lodging to pay, but a married man with a family of five children earning nothing is in a very different position, with 4s. a week rent, 1½ cwts. of coal a week (3s. 9d.), 12½ quartern loaves of bread and half-a-stone of flour (6s. 10d), groceries, meat, clothes and boots to buy. Either the children will have to go to school ill-fed and badly shod, or the breadwinner will have to go to work hungry. There is many a working man to-day who deprives his own inside on purpose to let his children live, and in time he either falls ill for want of nourishment, or the children don't grow and develop as they should, and are grumbled at because they don't do enough work. - Yours, etc.,
"FAIR PLAY."

ADVERT. 23rd Dec. 1921

We wish one and all the Compliments of the Season and a Brighter Future. Our motto for 1922 is "A Satisfied Customer." – Canham's Stores.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 23rd Dec. 1921

The Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club's annual distribution of funds took place on Tuesday evening, when each member received 25s. 2d., a satisfactory sum considering the rather heavy calls on the club during its first year's existence for sick benefit. There were 77 members.

WHIST DRIVE. 23rd Dec. 1921

A whist drive in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Mrs. F. Hayward, Mrs. Symonds, Miss Pook; gentlemen, Mr. S. T. Paine, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. G. Asplin.

WEDDING. 23rd Dec. 1921

Mr. Percy Victor Maltby, only son of Mrs. Maltby, Swavesey, and Miss Hilda Mary Bailey, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, of Westhouses, Derbyshire, were married very quietly on Saturday morning at St. Werburgh's Church, Blackwell, near Alfreton. The Rev. T. S. Hudson, vicar, officiated. The happy couple spent the early days of their honeymoon in Swavesey, the bridegroom's native village.

CHRISTMAS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. 23rd Dec. 1921

The following are the special arrangements which will be in force in Swavesey during Christmastide: - Christmas Day (Sunday), Post Office open from 8.30 to 10 a.m. One delivery of letters and parcels, and one despatch at 1 p.m. Boxing Day, 26th December, office open from 9.30 to 11 a.m. No delivery or despatch of mails. Bank Holiday, 27th December, office open from 9.30 to 11 a.m. One delivery in morning and one despatch at 10.45 a.m. A special mail will be made up at 5.45 to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday).

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 23rd Dec. 1921

Two Swavesey butchers, Mr. R. Williamson and Mr. Cyril Page, have joined forces in a laudable endeavour to raise a little money for St. Dunstan's. By their direction the village crier announced on Tuesday morning that a competition to guess the weight of a bullock had been arranged, that prizes would be given by Mr. Williamson and Mr. Page, and that the animal would be driven through the village during the afternoon. In due course, headed by the crier ringing the bell, the bullock perambulated the streets, accompanied

by collectors, who recorded the names and competitors and received their entrance money. On Wednesday the bullock visited Over. The prizes offered were: 1st, 14lbs. of beef; 2nd, 9lbs. of beef; and 3rd, 5lbs. of beef. The first day's takings amounted to over £6.

FUNERAL. 23rd Dec. 1921

In the presence of a large assemblage of sympathising friends and neighbours, the funeral of the late Mr. John Savage, whose death, at the age of 64 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. J. Savage (widow), Messrs. C. W. and J. K. Savage (sons), Mrs. Shergold, Mrs. G. Howlett, Miss L. Savage and Mrs. T. Froment (daughters), Mr. W. Savage (brother) and Master Kenneth Savage (grandson). (Full list of mourners in newspaper). Messrs. W. H. Key and Jethro Linford represented the Wheatsheaf Lodge of the Order of Shepherds, of which the deceased had been a member for many years. The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Ernest Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey. The late Mr. Savage left two sons and five daughters, all of whom were at the funeral with the exception of Mrs. D. Brookes, a daughter, who is in ill-health.

ADVERTS. 30th Dec. 1921

1896 – 1922. – Thanking all my customers for their many years' kind patronage and sincerely wishing each and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

PRIOR'S STORES wish to thank all patrons for their support during the past year, and solicit their patronage in 1922. Our motto is value for money; times price. Once a customer, always a customer, and ne plus ultra. – Prior's Stores, Swavesey and Over, Cambs.

We are still buying Old Wooden and Half-Tester Bedsteads of every description. If you have one or more, drop a p.c. to Prior's Stores, Swavesey. One customer last week saved 9½d. on 1s. 3d. purchase. You also can make the "Bradbury go further by shopping at Canham's Stores.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 30th Dec. 1921

The County Education Committee have awarded medals or bars to the following children attending Swavesey National School for perfect attendance: Medals for one year's attendance to George Hodson, Montague Coulson, Carissa Peppercorn, Elsie Thorp and Gwen Thorp; bars for two years'

attendance to Maurice Godfrey and Dorothy Pettett; bar for three year's attendance to Ivy Thorp.

FOOTBALL. 30th Dec. 1921

Two football matches were to have been played in Swavesey last week-end, but only one was brought off. On Saturday a team from Needingworth were expected, and the Swavesey eleven waited long and anxiously, but no visitors appeared, nor did any explanation of their absence. On Monday afternoon Elsworth Rovers gave the home team a good game, and went back to Elsworth with four goals to one to their credit.

PARISH CHURCH. 30th Dec. 1921

The Parish Church was simply but effectively decorated with flowers and evergreens for the Christmas festival and the services on Christmas Day were well attended. Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong with sermon by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m. Owing to the Vicar being unwell, he was assisted throughout the day by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The collections at the mid-day celebration and at Evensong were in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

SUPPER. 30th Dec. 1921

The first annual supper of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club was held at the National School on Thursday evening in last week, and was attended by a full muster of members. An excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun Inn. Mr. Albert Payne, who presided, proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, which was seconded by Mr. James Culpin. Mr. Heasman, in responding, announced that the club would start again on Saturday, January 7th. The rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment and songs were sung by Messrs. S. Badcock, C. Wood, F. Brickwood, Giddings and E. Oakman, while Mr. Wood recited and Mr. Badcock presided at the piano.

ENTERTAINMENT. 30th Dec. 1921

For the joint benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund and the Parish Church Repair Fund, a variety entertainment was given by the Swavesey Hippodrome on the evening of Boxing Day, when the large room of the National School was filled to its utmost capacity. The programme opened with an historical pageant play, entitled "Boadicea," most excellently performed by the school children. The play was capitally mounted, and the dresses and properties, which were, it is understood, the work of the

youngsters themselves, were quite appropriate and artistic. The chief characters were taken by Llewellyn Nicholson, Alice Heasman, Muriel Beales, Margaret Prior, and Harry Bishop. The audience showed their appreciation of the programme by enthusiastic applause. A comic wrestling bout by Alphonsi (Mr. P. Barwell) and Uglimugski (Mr. R. Banks) followed, and then Miss C. Goad, in Quaker garb, sang "The Quaker Girl." The curtain next rose to enable Mr. Has-been (Mr. Topham) to present Chocolate, the wild man (Mr. R. Godfrey) and Camelia Blot, the bearded lady (Mr. T. W. Thurlow), and the first part of the programme concluded with "'Arriet of 'Ampstead 'Eath," sung by Miss Elsie Dodson, attired as 'Arriet with feathers, hat and all complete. After the interval, "Watteau Bille," the magician (Mr. H. Ashby) gave a display of magic. Miss Marjorie Barwell and Mr. Topham warbled a duet, "Dear mamma," and danced; and then came Harry Tate's famous sketch, "Motoring," in which Mr. R. Barwell as the motorist, Mr. Topham (his son), Mr. S. F. Mitham (the chauffeur), with the assistance of a friend, an urchin, ladies and a policeman, showed what a motor car could not do, and extracted fun out of the process. The entertainment was repeated on Tuesday evening.

LONG SERVICE. 6th Jan. 1922

By the operation, it is understood, of the age limit rule, Mr. Philip S. Spring has retired after 38 years and 9 months' continuous service as agent of the Prudential Insurance Company. Twenty-one years of age when first appointed, the whole of his career as agent has been spent in the Swavesey district, and while regretting his retirement, his numerous friends hope that he many long be spared to enjoy his well-earned rest.

HELPING THE BLIND. 6th Jan. 1922

The result of the recent bullock guessing competition in aid of St. Dunstan's was announced last week-end. The actual weight of the bullock was 40 stone 5 lbs., and the first prize (14lbs. of beef, given by Mr. R. Williamson) was won by Mr. W. Mustill, whose guess of 40 stone 4lbs. was nearest. The second prize (9 lbs. of beef, given by Mr. C. Page) went to Miss Lucy Key (40st. 7lb.) The third prize (5lbs. beef, given by Mr. Page) was secured by Mrs. Hall (40st. 2lb). The competition realised £7, which has been sent to St. Dunstan's. Messrs. Pontefract, H. Prime, and T. W. Thurlow acted as collectors, and the bullock in its perambulation through the village was in charge of Messrs. A. C. Hepher and Joseph Linford.

WEDDING. 6th Jan. 1922

Mr. Percy James Beaumont, eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who was for 42 years the greatly respected headmaster of Swavesey National School, organist at the parish church, and local assessor and collector of income tax, and Mrs. Beaumont, of Swavesey, was married very quietly to Miss Elizabeth Rowbottom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Rowbottom, at Christ Church, Tunstall, Staffordshire, on December 28th. The Rev. A. T. Down, Vicar of St. Mary's, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss L. Beaumont, the bridegroom's only sister. Mr. Arthur Beaumont, the bridegroom's youngest brother, was best man. The bride is well known in Swavesey, as she was the first nurse of the Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, and during her period of service from November, 1919, to 31st December, 1920, won golden opinions by her kindness and the capable performance of her duties.

THE GALE. 6th Jan. 1922

During last week's gales poultry houses recently erected in the gardens of the new Council houses suffered disaster. One collapsed entirely, while another, which faced in one direction at night, was discovered next morning to be facing exactly the opposite way. Fortunately, the poultry escaped injury. Sheets of corrugated iron forming the roof of a builder's shed were carried a considerable distance by the wind to different parts of the gardens, and along iron bath put out to catch rain-water once travelled many yards until its mad career was stopped by the entrance gate, and a later disappearance led to its discovery in a ditch. A respected householder at Boxworth End lost his headgear one dark, blustery night, when on his way to a card party at a friend's house. Having searched in all directions without success, he groped his way to his friend's residence for assistance and a lamp. But so intense was the darkness that he could not find the house, and for a time wandered aimlessly, but probably not painlessly, amongst outbuildings, until at long last he found himself in one, some of the contents of which he recognised, and was able to take his bearings. With the aid of his host and a flash lamp, the hat was recovered, and the party settled down to a quiet rubber.

TEA. 6th Jan. 1922

For forty years or more it has been the custom to have an annual missionary tea during the Christmas Season, a kind of family party of members of the congregation of the parish church. This year's function was held in the National School on Wednesday evening, and was well attended. It is customary for a lecture on missionary effort, abroad or at home, to follow the

tea, and this year's lecturer was the Rev. Walpole Sayers, Vicar of Burwell. Before the lecture, Mr. R. Barwell, the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, explained the duplex envelope system of freewill offerings for church purposes, which had been brought into use in connection with the parish church during last year. Mr. Sayers' interesting lecture was divided into two parts. Firstly, he rapidly sketched the history of the church down to the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign, when the Additional Curates' Society, on behalf of which he was speaking, was established, and then he gave a brief outline of the growth of the society since its inception. The second part of the lecture, which was illustrated by lantern slides, manipulated by Mr. Barwell, dealt with the work of the people and of the church in Grimsby, where some 28 assistant clergy labour under the auspices of the society for which he was pleading. At the close the collection was taken which, with the proceeds of the tea, realised £4 5s.

HOCKEY. 13th Jan. 1922

The Swavesey mixed eleven were at home to the St. Ives "Incogniti" holiday team on Tuesday, when, after a fast and enjoyable game, the home team were beaten by six goals to four.

FOR THE BLIND. 13th Jan. 1922

A sermon was preached at the morning service at the Parish Church on Sunday by the Rev. H. E. C. Lewis, M.A., F.R.C.O., on behalf of the National Institute for the Blind. Mr. Lewis, who is himself blind, is chaplain to the Institute.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 13th Jan. 1922

The annual New Year's meetings were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday. There were special services in the afternoon and evening, at both of which Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Beds., preached, and between the services there was a public tea. The attendance was good, especially in the evening. The collections, etc., were in aid of the chapel funds.

HOCKEY. 13th Jan. 1922

At a meeting of the Swavesey Hockey Club on the 5th inst., Mr. B. Johnson was elected captain in the place of Mr. Herman, resigned, and at a further meeting on Monday a selection committee for picking match teams was formed, consisting of the Misses A. Norman, M. Parsons, J. Kirby, E. Parish and Mrs. Wood, with the Captain and Vice-Captain. It was decided to post all notices connected with the club on the School.

TREAT. 13th Jan. 1922

The children attending Bethel Sunday School had a very welcome treat on the 5th inst. After doing full justice to a sumptuous tea in the Chapel Schoolroom, they played games until 7 o'clock, when, with some of the parents and friends, they adjourned to the Chapel, where, to their great delight two Christmas trees were discovered, gay with lights, flags and dazzling ornaments, and heavily laden with gifts. The trees were greeted with rapturous applause, and the gifts – no child was forgotten – gave supreme satisfaction. When the trees had been relieved of their burdens, the happy party returned to the Schoolroom for further refreshments, and before going home the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the enjoyable evening, referred sympathetically to the absence of young Leslie Peppercorn, owing to a serious accident, by which he lost an eye and had had the sight of the other imperilled. He had, however, not been forgotten for his Christmas gift and share of other good things had been sent to him. The success of the entertainment was due to the Misses Ridley and Mrs. Isgrove, who collected money and gifts in kind for tea and trees, and, with the help of Miss A. Norman, dressed the trees, besides arranging and superintending the entertainment generally, and to Mr. H. S. Aldred (supt. of the Sunday School), Mrs. Ussher, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. W. Coulson, Mrs. J. Day and Mrs. W. Savage, who assisted in various ways.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 20th Jan. 1922

Owing to the prevalence of illness, the National School has been closed temporarily. On Thursday in last week no less than 40 children and two teachers were absent.

BILLIARDS. 20th Jan. 1922

For the benefit of St. Dunstan's Blinded Soldiers and Sailors After-Care Fund, a billiard tournament has been commenced this week at the White Horse Inn. Upwards of fifty competitors have already entered.

HOCKEY. 20th Jan. 1922

The Swavesey ladies' team played the Cam Ladies at Cambridge on Thursday in last week. Play was fast, keen and very even, the score at half-time being one all. The game looked like being a draw two all, but in the last three minutes the Cam scored again, bringing the total to three – two.

ENTERTAINMENT. 20th Jan. 1922

The concert arranged by Mr. Nigel Wilson, in aid of the Church Roof Repair Fund on Friday evening, was held under rather trying circumstances, as owing to the prevailing influenza epidemic both performers and audience were much reduced in numbers. However, those who did attend listened to a most enjoyable programme, several hearty encores being responded to. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Miss C. Goad, Mr. R. Barwell, Mr. N. Wilson, Mr. E. Papworth, Mr. H. Topham and Mr. P. Ding. Mesdames Barwell, Ashby and Papworth kindly acted as accompanists.

OBITUARY. 20th Jan. 1922

By the death of Mrs. Susan Mitchell, widow of the late Mr. Joseph Mitchell, on Tuesday morning, Swavesey has lost a very old and most highly respected inhabitant. Although in her 90th year, Mrs. Mitchell, with faculties unimpaired, had been able to attend to her domestic duties, and even do her own washing until the last day of her life. She was about as usual on Sunday, but on Monday morning was unwell, and at 5 a.m. on Tuesday passed peacefully away in the cottage in Askew-row, in which she had lived for upwards of fifty years. Mrs. Mitchell was a native of Longstanton, being a daughter of a Mr. Bell, of that village, and she was married to Mr. Joseph Mitchell, of Swavesey, who died nearly half a century ago, leaving her with a young family, four of whom, three sons and a daughter, survive her.

SNOWSTORM. 20th Jan. 1922

About three o'clock on Sunday afternoon snow began to fall, and by Monday morning the land was covered to the depth of four inches, or thereabouts. The County Council snow plough was brought into use with commendable promptitude, and early on Monday the main road through the village was cleared for vehicular traffic. The accumulation of snow on the roof of the Parish church wrought havoc inside the building when a thaw set in on Monday; and if there are any people in Swavesey who have any doubt as to the urgent need for the repair of the roof, they would probably have had those doubts removed if they had paid a visit to their ancient church on Monday afternoon. Snow water had penetrated in copious showers through the old timbers of the roof, and had deluged the floor beneath and the seats, with their hassocks, cushions, books, etc. If the leakage had occurred during Sunday night's service a considerable portion of the congregation would have had to beat a hasty retreat, in order to escape a shower bath.

CONCERT. 27th Jan. 1922

“The Merrie Mummers” Concert Party from Cambridge paid a visit to Swavesey on Friday last, and gave a most enjoyable concert in the schools.

A CANADIAN MEMORIAL. 27th Jan. 1922

In Boswell, British Columbia, a hall has been erected as a memorial of the Great War and of the men who went out from Boswell to fight in it, two of whom, Henry Beaumont and W. Lawson Hephher, were natives of Swavesey. The former was reported missing, believed killed in action in France in April, 1915, and the latter, after serving with the Canadian forces, obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, and won the Military Cross in October, 1918. The hall, which was opened with due ceremony on 20th December last, is built on a commanding site overlooking the Kootenay Lake, given by Mr. J. Johnstone, of Nelson, and is constructed of native cedar logs, peeled and dove-tailed together at the corners, and has inside measurements of 40ft. by 24 ft. The interior has been finished with stained boarding, and at one end is a sanctuary for divine services. The building is, however, also intended for other purposes, such as social gatherings, entertainments, educational lectures, etc. Upon the south wall is hung a framed collection of photographs of all the Boswell men who served in the war, and nearby is a temporary “In Memoriam” tablet enclosed in a massive oak frame, on which are inscribed the names of the nine men who made the supreme sacrifice. The cost of the materials used in building the hall was met by local subscriptions, and the whole of the work of construction was done voluntarily as a labour of love. At a memorial service which followed the opening ceremony, Mrs. Lawson Hephher acted as organist.

ADVERTS. 3rd Feb. 1922

A word in season. Selected Seville Oranges 16 a 1s. and 12 a 1s. Flaked Tapioca from 2½d. lb. Have you tried Chivers’ “Olde English” Marmalade. Many reductions have taken place recently at Canham’s Stores.

This week’s prices: Set of 5 Enamel Saucepans, 7s. 6d. G. and W. Teas at 3s. half-dozen. Hot-water Bottles all sizes. En. Ware cheaper. Galv. Iron 7d. per foot run. Wire netting from 4½d. per yard. – Prior’s General Stores.

SCHOOL REOPENED. 3rd Feb. 1922

The National School, which was closed on Thursday, 12th January, on account of illness amongst the children and teachers, was re-opened on Monday morning.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 3rd Feb. 1922

Extensive repairs have been begun this week at the National School, part of which will, it is understood, have to be rebuilt. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Kidman and Sons, Cambridge.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 3rd Feb. 1922

The churchwardens made the annual distribution of Payne's Charity during last week, and 26 aged widows and widowers received 3s. each, in lieu of tea, sugar, etc., which used to be given away. The distribution is made on the anniversary of the late Mr. Thomas Payne's birthday, the 29th January.

MARKET TICKETS. 3rd Feb. 1922

Commencing on the 2nd inst., market tickets will be issued from Swavesey station as follows: Mondays and Saturdays, to Cambridge, return fare 2s. 3d.; Mondays, to St. Ives, return fare 8d.; Thursdays, to Ely, return fare, via Cambridge, 4s. 6d., via Sutton, 3s. 11d. Passengers must, however, leave Swavesey by trains due before 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL. 3rd Feb. 1922

Both the men's and boys' teams should have been engaged at home last Saturday, the former entertaining Girton and the latter Wesley Church, Cambridge, Sunday School Club, but both matches had to be postponed to a later date owing to the prevalence of illness.

HOCKEY. 3rd Feb. 1922

The Swavesey mixed hockey team played the Cambridge Town Mixed Club last Saturday on the Cherryhinton-road Polo Ground. Play was very even, both sides putting five ladies and six men in the field, but the game was rather slow owing to the muddy condition of the ground. Some good shots were, however, scored on both sides, and the game resulted in the Town scoring 6 goals to the villagers' 5 goals.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd Feb. 1922

For the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund a whist drive was held at the National School on the 26th January. Twenty-one tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by the following players: Ladies, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Miss Pook, Mrs. Walter Hodson; gentlemen, Mr. A. Prior, jun., Mr. H. Burling, Mr. C. Lyon. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. A. J. Willson.

SWAVESEY MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH. 3rd Feb. 1922

Found in Chair by Sick Wife's Bedside.

Mr. Charles Stocker, of Market-street, Swavesey, was found dead last Friday morning, the 27th January, in a chair at the foot of the bedside of his wife, who was ill, and with whom he had been sitting up. He was seen by neighbours late the previous evening, and, though he had complained of being unwell during the afternoon, he said he was then all right. Shortly after 7 o'clock on Friday morning Mr. B. Sutton, who lives in the next house, on crossing the joint yard, noticed that Mrs. Stocker was sitting on a chair just inside her back door, clad only in a nightdress and with a bag over her knees. In her hand was a broom with which she appeared to be trying to attract the attention of her neighbours. Mr. Sutton called Mrs. Wagstaffe, another neighbour, who went to Mrs. Stocker. Failing to get any explanation from Mrs. Stocker, and fearing something was amiss, Mrs. Wagstaffe went through the back room into the front room, in which was Mrs. Stocker's bed. Here she discovered Mr. Stocker leaning back in a chair as if asleep. He was facing the fireplace, with one foot resting on the fender. The fire was out, but a lamp on a table close by was alight. She summoned Mr. Sutton, who satisfied himself that Mr. Stocker was dead. Mrs. Stocker was unfortunately not in a condition either then or later to give any information as to what had happened during the night. She was at once carried into an adjoining house and put to bed. Police-constable Breed was immediately sent for, and he reported the matter to the Coroner, who decided that an inquest was not necessary, the death being obviously due to natural causes.

Mr. Stocker belonged to a very old Swavesey family, being a son of the late Mr. Thomas Cole Stocker, who died on 27th February, 1890. Strange to say, an older brother, Mr. Ephraim Stocker, died with tragic suddenness at Swavesey whilst at work for the Cambs. County Council, on the same day in 1920. Another brother, Mr. Thomas Stocker, a well-known Cambridge cabdriver, died on 26th March, 1921. In addition to his wife, Mr. Charles Stocker is survived by two sons and one daughter.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Stocker and Mr. Charles Stocker (sons), Mrs. A. Roberts (daughter), Master P. Roberts (grandson), Mrs. E. Stocker (sister-in-law), Messrs. James Stocker (St. Ives), William Stocker, Bert Stocker, Cambridge, and John Stocker (nephews). The coffin, which was of polished elm, was borne to the grave by four of the deceased's fellow workers, employed by the Rural District Council in connection with the large drains of the district. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

OBITUARY. 10th Feb. 1922

Mrs. Charlotte Dodson, widow of the late Mr. Charles Dodson, died after a short illness on Tuesday night. She was 84 years of age.

THE VICAR. 10th Feb. 1922

Acting under doctor's orders, the Vicar of Swavesey, whose health for some time has been far from satisfactory, has gone away for a few weeks' rest and change.

WOMEN'S UNIONIST ASSOCIATION. 10th Feb. 1922

At a meeting of the Swavesey polling district branch of the Women's Unionist Association, held on the 2nd inst., Mrs. Cooke presiding, the following ladies were added to the committee: Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. F. Hemington, Miss E. Dodson and Miss Banks. Amongst other business, a proposal that the Men's Conservative Club should be approached with the view of arranging a joint whist drive was considered.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 10th Feb. 1922

The Parochial Church Council met at the Vicarage on Thursday in last week, Mr. R. Barwell taking the chair, in the absence, through illness, of the Vicar. The leaking condition of the chancel roof of the church, repairs to which were ordered some time ago, was discussed, and Mr. Mitham was instructed to attend to the work without further delay. The Finance Committee presented the annual accounts, which were approved. An inventory of the church property, which had been prepared by Mrs. Cooksey, Miss Banks and Mr. Banks, was submitted, and on the suggestion of the churchwardens, it was agreed that the architect should be asked how soon after Easter it would be desirable to begin work on the main roof of the church.

RECREATION GROUND. 10th Feb. 1922

Some two or three years ago the Parish Council at the instigation of the late Mr. J. L. Stanton, went to considerable expense in levelling and relaying a cricket pitch on the recreation ground, and in providing a movable fence to protect from cattle the levelled space. The whole of the accumulated funds derived from the herbage rents of the ground were spent, but were not sufficient to pay the cost of the work, and it is understood the Council had to find more money to settle the bill. During the past few months many of the rails of the fence have been removed from the posts, and now lie about the ground, and nothing has been done to repair the turf which was damaged in

last summer's cricket matches. Ratepayers are not unnaturally asking who is responsible for the neglect – the Parish council or the Swavesey Cricket Club.

A DRAINAGE QUESTION. 10th Feb. 1922

A report is current in the village that the overflow from the cesspools, which take the drainage from the newly-erected Council houses, either runs into, or is about to be run into, the open drain which passes close to the backs of the National School and neighbouring houses, and thence under the bridge in High-street, along the front of Turn Bridge Cottages. This open drain has in times past been the cause of unpleasant odours, and of numerous complaints, and some years ago the sewage of the High-street district which fell into it at the bridge was diverted at no small cost into pipes, with the view of abating the nuisance. But even this relief did not entirely remove all cause for complaint, and it is feared that if the overflow from the cesspools at the Council houses is allowed to enter the drain the odours arising therefrom will be as objectionable as in days gone by. The possibility of a nuisance would be minimised if there was a regular flow of water along the drain, but unfortunately, except in times of heavy rain or of flood, there is practically none.

ADVERTS. 17th Feb. 1922

NOTICE. – Big reductions on Soap and Hardware Goods at G. T. Crouch's, Swavesey.

FULL particulars of the "New Pin" Competition are now to hand. Also "Crestona" Cake-Making Competition. We are passing on to our customers many reductions which have taken place recently in various articles. Have you tried Rola? – Canham's Stores.

SEEDS!! SEEDS!!! Carter's Tested Seeds. List free on application. Special terms for quantities. – Apply, H. S. Aldred, Swavesey.

To Buyers of Timber. – Beware of worthless imitations. We sell genuine stuff, no sap, no waste, just the length and quality you require, and we give credit. – Prior's General Stores.

FOOTBALL. 17th Feb. 1922

The game with Girton Reserves in the Histon and District Football league, which should have been played at Swavesey last Saturday, was scratched owing to the visitors being unable to run a team through illness. The Swavesey Boys' team met Cherryhinton Boys in a Cambs. S.S. League fixture on Saturday at Cherryhinton, and the game resulted in a draw of one goal each.

HOCKEY. 17th Feb. 1922

Two very good and enjoyable games have been played within the past few days. On the 9th inst. Swavesey visited Cottenham, and although they were one player short, owing to illness, succeeded in beating the home team by 4 – 3. Cottenham lent Swavesey a lady, who played in goal, and although only a beginner, saved several good shots. On Saturday a team which included several of the younger players journeyed to Willingham, where they were beaten by 4 – 0. No goals were scored until five minutes before time, and then Willingham made a spurt, scoring the four goals in quick succession. It was a very even and enjoyable game.

ANOTHER AGED INHABITANT DEAD. 17th Feb. 1922

The village has lost another very aged inhabitant – the third within the short space of about three weeks – by the death on Sunday afternoon of Mr. George Thorp, after a brief illness. Born in Swavesey on the 10th March, 1834, the son of the late Mr. William Thorp, farmer, he had nearly completed his 88th year. Migrating as a young man to London, he worked for many years for the Islington Vestry, afterwards the Islington Borough Council, until about twelve years ago, when he retired and returned to pass his remaining days in his native village; and here, unable to be idle, he devoted, until recently, much of his time to the care of the churchyard, tending the graves, and keeping the paths tidy – a labour of love, undertaken entirely on his own initiative. The funeral took place at the parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

OBITUARY. 17th Feb. 1922

The funeral of the late Mrs. Charlotte Dodson, widow of the late Mr. Charles Dodson, whose death at the age of 84 years on the 7th inst. was briefly recorded last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Dodson (son), Mrs. P. Ding, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. D. Prime and Mrs. S. Gray (daughters), Mr. P. Ding and Mr. S. Gray, Cambridge (sons-in-law) Mrs. J. Dodson and Mrs. Hayden (daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Ding, Mrs. Chaddock, Mr. Albert Ding and Miss M. Ding (grandchildren), and Mr. Walter Thorp (nephew). The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 17th Feb. 1922

A meeting of the General Committee of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund was held at the National School on the 9th inst., when there were

present: Dr. R. Ellis (chairman), Mr. C. Wood (hon.sec and treas.), Messrs. H. S. Aldred, J. Ansell, W. Burton, G. Goad, J. S. Goad, P. Godfrey, and A. J. Willson. Mr. Wood submitted a statement showing the present financial position of the Fund, from which it appeared that money in the bank (including interest) amounted to £569 15s. 7d., cash in Treasurer's hands £5 0s. 8½d., subscriptions promised, but not collected £29 17s., by Working Party and unsold goods £22, making a total of £626 13s. 2½d. It was resolved that the Building Sub-Committee should approach the architect with the view of obtaining an amended estimate, and that the building of the Hall should be begun, if possible, during the coming summer. The names of certain members of the Committee who had not attended meetings were removed, as it was taken that they had resigned, and their places were filled by the election of Messrs. F. Hayward, T. C. Heasman and F. W. Pontefract.

BILLIARDS. 24th Feb. 1922

The third round of the billiard tournament at the White Horse Inn for the benefit of St. Dunstan's is in progress this week, and it is hoped to play off the semi-final within a few days.

WHIST DRIVE. 24th Feb. 1922

Another whist drive, organised by the Entertainments Committee for the benefit of Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was brought off at the National School on Wednesday evening. Twenty tables were in play, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Mrs. W. Hodson, Mrs. C. Wood, Miss A. Wilderspin; Gentlemen, Mr. Payne, Mr. Topham, Mr. H. Beales.

GALON'S CHARITY. 24th Feb. 1922

The feoffees of Galon's Charity met at the National School on the 15th inst. and passed the accounts for last year. Amongst other matters, it was decided that two new gates should be provided for the Scotland Charity land, adjoining the Huntingdon-road, and that two existing gates should be repaired. The feoffees accepted Mr. S. Challis's tender for the new gates, and instructed him to repair the other two. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided.

RETURNED FROM HOLLAND. 24th Feb. 1922

The card attached to a miniature balloon sent up by Mr. Harold Beales in the Swavesey balloon race last September has been returned within the past few days from Holland. The finder, P. Scherpenige, Weststraat, Oosterland, Zeeland, states that the balloon, which he is keeping as a souvenir, and the weather-stained card were picked up recently in a field at Dykblok, by

Nieuwerkek, Holland. Several of the other balloons found their way to Germany.

ACCIDENT. 24th Feb. 1922

Bernard Parish, a County School boy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Parish, was knocked down near the Turn Bridge, High-street, on Tuesday evening by a lad riding a bicycle, and was seriously injured. It would appear that three lads were cycling along the street, and young Parish, who was on foot, in avoiding two of them, came into collision with the third, who knocked him over, and, with his machine, fell on him. The injured boy was at once carried to his home close by, and Dr. Grove, of St. Ives, who was promptly in attendance, with his assistant, ascertained that a leg had been badly fractured just above the ankle. On Wednesday, on the advice of Dr. Grove, the patient was removed to Addenbrooke's hospital.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Feb. 1922

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on the 16th inst. There were present: Mr. J. S. Goad (Vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, R. Norman, S. Prime, and W. Twist, with the Clerk, (Mr. R. Mitham). The question of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. F. J. Beales arose out of the minutes of the previous meeting, and after some discussion it was unanimously resolved not to elect a fresh Councillor in view of the fact that the term of office of the present Council would expire in a few weeks. Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, J. J. Marriott, and Prime Godfrey were selected as suitable persons to act as parish constable during the ensuing year, and their names will be submitted to the Justices in Petty Sessions, and it was agreed that the constable's remuneration for the past year should be 35s., as hitherto, and that no deduction should be made on account of the land known as Constable's Rood. The Chairman inquired who was responsible for the cricket pitch fence on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk replied that he could not say. Whereupon the Chairman expressed the opinion that as the neglected condition of the fence had been called attention to in the "Independent Press", the local representative of that paper should ascertain who is responsible – a somewhat astounding suggestion considering that the Recreation Ground is the property of the Parish Council, and that the fence was erected by the present Council and was paid for out of a fund in the hands of the Council. Another matter, to which attention was directed in these columns some time ago, was then brought up by Mr. Burton, namely the pumps of the old village water supply. Mr. Burton proposed that the Black Horse-lane pump should be

put in order at once, and that the cost of repairing three of the remaining pumps should be ascertained. He thought it desirable that the matter should be attended to before the Council went out of office. Mr. Twist seconded. Mr. Prime moved, and Mr. R. Norman seconded, an amendment that an estimate should be obtained of the cost of putting the four pumps in order, and that the value of the pump near Ramper-road, which it was not proposed to restore, should be ascertained. The amendment was carried and the six councillors present agreed to act as a committee to meet Messrs. Branson and Bagley, engineers, of Over, who it was proposed to employ.

POSTAL NOTICE. 3rd March 1922

Commencing on the 1st inst., the latest time for posting at Swavesey Post Office for the night mail despatch will be 7.15 p.m. instead of 7.25 p.m.

OBITUARY. 3rd March 1922

Mrs. John Thomas Daintree passed away during the early hours of yesterday (Thursday) morning. She succumbed to an attack of bronch-pneumonia.

ROYAL WEDDING. 3rd March 1922

A few flags were displayed from private houses in the village on Tuesday in honour of the marriage of Princess Mary, and the school children had a day's holiday.

BRIDGE ON FIRE. 3rd March 1922

The wooden bridge leading from Hog Pasture crossing, on the G.E. Railway line, to Middle Fen Drove, was damaged by fire about mid-day on Tuesday. The fire was caused, it is presumed, by a cinder or live coal from the engine of a passing train, and was extinguished by Mr. H. Hovell and other members of the permanent way staff.

THE SCHOOL. 3rd March 1922

The repairs to the National School, which included the rebuilding of the northern wall of the large room and the underpinning of other parts of the structure, were completed at the end of last week, and on Monday the whole of the building was once again in use. The work has been expeditiously and satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Kidman and Sons, Cambridge.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 3rd March 1922

Some alterations in the train service from Swavesey Station came into force on the 1st inst. The present service is as follows: - Week-days: To St. Ives, 7.18

a.m., 8.44 a.m., 10.49 a.m., 1.55 p.m., 4.34 p.m., 6.42 p.m., 7.48 p.m., and 9.14 p.m. (Saturdays only); to Cambridge, 8.23 a.m., 9.53 a.m., 11.13 a.m., 1.46 p.m., 3.59 p.m., 6.17 p.m., 7.41 p.m., and 8.59 p.m. (Saturdays only): Sundays, to St. Ives 5.41 p.m., to Cambridge 4.23 p.m.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd March 1922

Under the combined management of the Swavesey District Conservative Association and Women's Unionist Association, a successful whist drive took place at the National School on Tuesday evening, thirty-two tables being in play. The prizes were won as follows: - Ladies, Mrs. J. Culpin (Fen Drayton), Miss Sutton, Mrs. Ashby; gentlemen, Mr. E. J. Warboys (Fen Drayton), Mr. R. Banks, Mr. H. Nightingale. Excellent refreshments were supplied under the superintendence of Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. F. Hemington, and Miss Beaumont.

WEDDING. 3rd March 1922

Miss Gladys Ruth Coulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Coulson, Swavesey, and Mr. Charles Lyon, son of Mr. Daniel Lyon, Elsworth, were married at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Jethro Linford, in the absence of her father, through illness, was attired in a fawn coat-frock, with hat to match. In attendance upon her were her sisters, Miss Dolly Coulson and Miss Kitty Coulson, the former in grey and the latter in blue, with hats to correspond. Mr. Edwin Lyon, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

CRICKET CLUB. 3rd March 1922

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held in the National School on February 23rd. Last year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £6 4s. 9d., were passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: - President, Mr. H. O. Daintree; vice-presidents, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Dr. R. Ellis, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. H. Ashby, R. Barwell, G. E. Canham, T. S. Johnson, R. Sutton, and L. Williams, all subject to acceptance of office: captain, 1st XI., Mr. S. F. Mitham; captain 2nd XI., Mr. A. Prime, jun., M.M.; vice-captain 1st XI., Mr. T. Savage; vice-captain, 2nd XI., Mr. F. Causer; hon. sec. and treasurer: Mr. R. Godfrey; assistant secretary, Mr. C. J. Godfrey; committee, Messrs. P. Burton, T. Daintree, F. Hayward, G. W. Hephew, A. P. Payne, and D. Williams. It was decided again to enter the Milton and District Cricket League.

ADVERTS. 10th March 1922

PATTERNS of Wallpapers sent out on application, from 7½d per roll. Don't forget Water Glass. – Canham's Stores.

PAYNE BROS., Bury, Hunts, are still calling with Eating and Seed Potatoes in Swavesey and District. Large or small quantities delivered. Reasonable prices. Orders taken at 1, Council Houses, Swavesey.

HOUSEWIVES please note. Hundreds of Rolls of Wallpaper in stock. No middleman's profits. Good strong paper 6d per roll and upwards. Paint mixed to order, any colour, from 1s. per lb. Jackson's Stain, 1s., Varnish 2s. per pint. Strong Creosote, 1s. 9d. per gallon, delivered. – Prior's General Stores, 'Phone Swavesey 3.

HOCKEY. 10th March 1922

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team entertained Huntingdon Grammar School on Saturday, and a fast game was played. The visitors, however, proved much too quick for the homesters, and won by six goals to nil.

MOTOR COLLIDES WITH HOUSE. 10th March 1922

Shortly after 7 p.m. last Friday a motor lorry, in turning to enter the gates of the White Horse Inn yard, was backed across the roadway, and came into contact with the front of Mr. P. S. Spring's house, forcing in a window frame and damaging the brickwork.

BILLIARDS. 10th March 1922

The semi-final and final games in the billiard tournament, which has been in progress at the White Horse Inn, for the benefit of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, were played on Thursday evening in last week. In the semi-final Mr. E. C. Braysher, of Over (150) defeated Mr. E. Peters, Swavesey (84), and Mr. A. Slater, Swavesey (86) fell a victim to Mr. A. Palmer (150). Messrs. Braysher and Palmer fought a level game until the score reached 100, after which the former went rapidly ahead, and ran out the victor.

PRESENTATION. 10th March 1922

Mr. Philip S. Spring, High-street, Swavesey, who recently retired with a well-earned pension after 38 years and 9 months' continuous service as a local agent of the Prudential Assurance Co., has been presented with a valuable oak-cased clock by his late colleagues in the Huntingdon district, as a mark of their comradeship and esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. E. T. Druce,

Chief Superintendent, who spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Spring's long and devoted service, and Mr. Spring, in reply, thanked his late colleagues not only for their gift, which he should greatly value, but also for the kindly thought that prompted it.

THE LATE MRS. J. T. DAINTREE. 10th March 1922

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Daintree, wife of Mr. John Thomas Daintree, Swavesey, whose death on March 2nd at the age of 58 years, from broncho-pneumonia, after a few days' illness, was briefly announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The family mourners were: Mr. J. T. Daintree (husband), Mrs. Claybyn and Mrs. Allgood (sisters), Mr. W. Kester (brother), Mr. H. Bell, Mr. H. Claybyn, Mr. A. E. Daintree and Mr. A. E. Welch (brothers-in-law), Mrs. W. Kester, Mrs. S. Kester and Mrs. A. E. Daintree (sisters-in-law), Miss Kester (niece) and Master B. Kester (nephew). The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

SMALLHOLDERS' SOCIETY. 17th March 1922

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Small Holders' Society was held at the White Horse Inn on the 3th inst., Mr. J. Kester, jun., chairman, presiding. The Secretary, Mr. A. P. Payne, presented a satisfactory report of the year's working, and the officers and committee were re-elected.

FOOTBALL. 17th March 1922

Swavesey F.C. entertained Fenstanton on Saturday, and a good game resulted in a win for the homesters by 6 goals to 3. Stanley Godfrey, a promising youngster, made his debut with the first XI.

HOCKEY. 17th March 1922

The Swavesey Ladies' hockey team were at home on March 9th to Lilley Ladies' XI. The ground, to begin with, was quite good, but a hailstorm about five minutes after the start made it very sloppy and hard to run on. Play was slower than usual, as neither team was a fast one. The result was 4 – 2 in favour of Swavesey.

BILLIARDS. 17th March 1922

The silver medal awarded by St. Dunstan's Billiard Fund to Mr. F. C. Braysher, the winner, and the bronze medal to Mr. A. Palmer, the runner-up, in the recent billiard handicap at the White Horse Inn were presented on

Saturday evening by Mr. Walter Thorp, in the presence of a good company. The handicap resulted in £3 12s. being sent to St. Dunstan's, viz., £2 12s. competitors' entrance fees, and £1, the contents of a collecting box. No charge was made for use of the table, and all expenses were borne by Mr. A. Slater, the landlord, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded on Saturday evening.

NEW STATIONMASTER. 17th March 1922

Mr. T. E. Tagg, who has been stationmaster at Bluntisham for twenty-four years, has been appointed stationmaster at Swavesey in place of Mr. F. J. Beales, who was promoted to Wisbech a short time ago. Mr. Tagg is an old official of the Great Eastern Railway Co., whose service he entered in 1880 as a junior clerk at Wisbech. He subsequently held appointments as clerk at Lynn, Peterborough, Cambridge, and elsewhere. In 1898 he became stationmaster at Bluntisham, where he remained until recently, when, on account of an alteration in the working of the line, the stationmastership of Bluntisham was dispensed with and Mr. Tagg was promoted to Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. 17th March 1922

Fifteen candidates for election to the Swavesey Parish Council were nominated for the nine seats at a parish meeting in the National School on Wednesday evening, and a vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Mr. C. Wood (41), Mr. C. H. Parish (38), Mr. W. F. Gleaves (35), Mr. R. Williamson (32), Mr. T. Heasman (31), Mr. J. Ansell (30), Mr. F. Hayward (29), Mr. W. Burton (26), Mr. W. Twist and Mr. A. J. Willson (21). The Chairman, Mr. Robinson Mitham, sen., gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Twist, and declared the foregoing candidates, Mr. Willson excepted, duly elected. The other unsuccessful candidates were: *Mr. S. Prime (20), *Mr. R. Norman, sen. (20), Mr. Jethro Linford (20), *Mr. R. Norman (18), and *Mr. C. W. H. Cole (16). A poll was demanded by Messrs. A. Norman, C. W. H. Cole, E. J. Mitham, R. Mitham jun., and R. Norman, sen., and will be held early in April. *Members of the old Council.

CAMBRIDGE ELECTION. 24th March 1922

The full result of the Cambridge Parliamentary election, which was received in Swavesey by telephone from the "Cambridge Daily News" at 12.35 p.m. last Friday, was at once posted up, and was read with much interest, not only by the inhabitants, but by cyclists, motorists and others passing through the village.

PARISH PUMPS. 24th March 1922

Two pumps of the old, but now condemned, village water supply, namely, those at the corner of Black Horse-lane, and near Trinity College Farm, Middle Watch, have been thoroughly repaired and renovated by Messrs. Branson and Bagley, Over, by direction of the Parish Council.

HOCKEY. 24th March 1922

On Thursday last the Cambridge Town ladies' hockey team again visited Swavesey, when a hard and fast game was played. The home team played up well, the passing was much better. The visiting team were, however, much the stronger, and beat Swavesey by six goals to two.

A PLEASANT REUNION. 24th March 1922

A very happy time was spent in Bethel schoolroom on Tuesday, on the occasion of the reunion of former scholars with teachers and parents of present scholars. About forty sat down to tea, provided by the ladies. During the evening songs and recitations were rendered, and words of cheer and appreciation were spoken by many of those present, and at the close a vote of thanks to the Superintendent and teachers was proposed by one of the younger scholars.

FOOTBALL. 24th March 1922

Swavesey visited Fenstanton on Saturday for a friendly return match, which ended in a draw of three goals each.

DROVE LETTING. 24th March 1922

The herbage of the droves and by-ways in the parish, from April 1st to December 31st next, was let by public auction on Wednesday evening, and realised £16 against £19 2s. 6d. obtained last year. The herbage on the Recreation Ground was let at the same time, and was knocked down to Mr. A. Day, sen., for £2, ten shillings less than last year, when it was disposed of by private treaty. Mr. J. A. Thoday, acting for Messrs. Underwood, Willingham, was the auctioneer.

WEDDING. 24th March 1922

Miss Jessie Mildred Loades, daughter of Mr. J. E. Loades, Swavesey, and Mr. Sidney Alfred Clark, son of Mr. A. G. Clark, were married at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday, by the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar). The bride, given away by her father, wore grey silk, with hat to match, and was attended by two bridesmaids – Miss Alice Kester and her sister, Miss May Loades – in blue

silk with hats to correspond. Mr. Ernest E. Loades (brother of the bride) was best man. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

B.W.T.A. 24th March 1822

The members and friends of the British Women's Temperance Association met for tea at the Friends' Meeting House on Monday evening. About thirty sat down, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The tea was followed by an encouraging business meeting, and later the room was well filled for the public meeting. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided, and a number of solos, duets, and recitations were given by the younger members. During the evening an interesting address was given by the Rev. Allen Poole, of Willingham. Two new members were welcomed, and with every feeling of thankfulness to the ladies, a most profitable evening closed with the Benediction.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. 24th March 1922

Messrs. Alfred Day, sen., farmer; Frank Hayward, signalman; Robert Norman, sen., farmer; and Charles Wood, schoolmaster, have been nominated as candidates to represent Swavesey on the Swavesey Rural District Council and St. Ives Board of Guardians. Mr. Day has, however, withdrawn. He was first elected a Guardian of the Poor for the parish in November, 1893, and has served on the District Council since its formation some 28 years ago. As Swavesey is entitled to only two representatives, if none of the other three candidates has withdrawn, a poll will take place on Monday, April 3rd. Down to Wednesday night no official notification that any candidates had been nominated had been exhibited in the village for the information of the electors, or if nominated, whether any of them had withdrawn, the only official notification, it is understood, being posted at the St. Ives Union Workhouse at Hemingford Grey, a village in another county and another rural district.

DISCHARGED. 31st March 1922

Owing, it is said, to shortage of funds, four Swavesey men, who have been employed for a considerable time by the Rural District Council in cleaning out the large drains in the district, have been informed that their services will not be required after to-day (Friday). One man has a wife and seven small children dependent on him.

SUMMER TIME. 31st March 1922

The only noteworthy incident in Swavesey in connection with the change from Greenwich time to summer time occurred at one of the places of worship,

where the congregation on Sunday morning was kept waiting for a short space while a messenger went to remind the minister that the clocks had been advanced an hour since the previous night.

HOCKEY. 31st March 1922

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team visited Cambridge on the 23rd inst., and played the fourth and last match for the season with the Cambridge Town Ladies. Swavesey played up well, especially considering that several of the players were in unaccustomed places on the field. The Town players, were, however, stronger, but Swavesey kept them busy, and after an enjoyable and well fought game the home team won with the score 7 – 2.

TWO COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 31st March 1922

Polls for the election of parish and rural district councillors for the parish of Swavesey will be held at the National School, Swavesey, on Monday next, April 3rd, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. The number of parish councillors to be elected is nine, and of rural district councillors is two. Fifteen candidates have been nominated for the Parish Council, and three for the District Council. A white ballot paper will be used for the Parish Council election, and a yellow ballot paper for the District Council election.

ELECTION. 7th April 1922

The poll at Swavesey on Monday reversed the verdict of the previous parish meeting, at which Messrs. R. Norman, W. Burton, A. Norman, C. W. H. Cole, S. Prime, and W. Twist, the old Councillors, who stood for re-election with Mr. J. Linford, were unsuccessful. Notwithstanding the bad weather, 249 of the 410 electors on the local government register recorded their votes.

*Mr. Robert Norman 162, *Mr. William Burton 154, *Mr. Arthur Norman 145, *Mr. C. W. H. Cole 143, *Mr. Sidney Prime 138, *Mr. William Twist 134, *Mr. Charles Parish 111, *Mr. Jethro Linford 110, *Mr. Charles Wood 98.

Mr. R. Williamson 91, Mr. Walter Gleaves 88, Mr. John Ansell 84, Mr. Frank Hayward 74, Mr. Thomas Heasman 72, Mr. Alfred Willson 64.

LARGE EGG. 7th April 1922

A white leghorn pullet belonging to Mr. George Clarke laid an egg last week which weighed ¼lb., and measured 6¾ inches in circumference.

FOOTBALL. 7th April 1922

Swavesey entertained Knapwell to a friendly game on Saturday. The homesters put a strong team in the field and came off victors by 8 goals to 1. The following scored for Swavesey: J. Hall (4 goals), T. Daintree, T. Smart, G. Oakman, and H. Holmes (one goal each).

REPRIEVED. 7th April 1922

It was announced last week that owing to shortness of funds, the services of four men who had been employed by the Rural District Council for a considerable time in cleaning out the large drains of the district would not be required after Friday. On that afternoon one of the men was informed that he could continue at work in consideration of the fact that he had a wife and seven small children dependent on him.

HOCKEY. 7th April 1922

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team visited Lilley's ladies at Cambridge on the 30th ult. Swavesey played well together and had most of the play for the first half, and at half-time led by six goals to two. For the rest of the game play was much more even, and though Swavesey was only able to score one more goal, the backs worked hard, and only let the opposing team through once more, bringing the score at the finish to 7 – 3 in favour of Swavesey.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 7th April 1922

Two delightful Thursday evenings have been spent with the young friends from the Band of Hope, who, under the leadership of Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. W. Savage, have provided a very pleasant entertainment. Very prettily the little ones rendered songs, recitations, and dialogues, and in the second part of the programme several of the elder boys presented an effective and instructive dialogue. The collections, for the Piano Fund, were respectively £1 10s. and £1 3s. It is hoped to hear the children again shortly.

PARISH COUNCIL. 7th April 1922

The last meeting of the Swavesey Parish Council, whose three years' term of office will expire in a few days, was held at the National School on the 30th ult. Mr. Arthur Norman presided, and the other Councillors present were Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. S. Goad, F. Norman, R. Norman, S. Prime, and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk reported that two of the pumps of the old water supply had been repaired, and that a pipe from another pump which it was not proposed to restore had been used in connection with the work. He read letters from the County Medical Officer, Dr. Robinson, who had raised the question whether

the pumps might not be used by children, and said that he did not think he could regard favourably the re-opening of a polluted supply, and that he was consulting the Medical Officer of Health for the district on the subject. The Clerk added that he had informed Dr. Robinson, in reply to his first letter, that it was not intended that the pumps should be used for drinking purposes, but for stock. After considerable discussion, Mr. Goad proposed that Dr. Robinson be informed that a printed notice would be affixed to each pump, forbidding the use of the water for drinking purposes, and that the handles would be secured by locks. Mr. R. Norman seconded. Mr. Cole moved, and Mr. F. Norman seconded, an amendment that locks should not be provided. On being put to the vote, two voted for the amendment, and four for the resolution. All outstanding bills were submitted, and were ordered to be paid forthwith, and a precept on the overseers for £25 was issued. Before the meeting closed votes of thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were carried unanimously. Mr. Goad, in asking the Councillors to place on record their appreciation of Mr. A. Norman's conduct in the chair, observed that he had held the office for the last six years, and Mr. Twist, who seconded, warmly supported the proposer, and expressed the hope that Mr. Norman would be re-elected. The Chairman, in reply, assured the Councillors that it had been a pleasure to preside over their meetings. The Council, he believed, acted in a businesslike manner, and every member had done his duty. He referred sympathetically to the loss the Council and parish had sustained by the death of the late Mr. J. L. Stanton, and more recently by the removal of Mr. F. J. Beales, both of whom had done valuable work. Mr. Cole proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goad, the Vice-Chairman, for his services to the parish and the Council, of which he had been a member since Parish Councils came into existence some 28 years ago. Mr. F. Norman seconded. Mr. Goad, in returning thanks, remarked that the Councillors had sometimes been a bit at variance, but had always ended good friends. His farewell was a final one, as he was not a candidate for re-election.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 7th April 1922

Voting took place on Monday in connection with the Swavesey Rural District Council election, there being three candidates for two seats. The following is the result, the first two candidates being successful:

Norman, Robert.	186
Wood, Charles	98
Hayward, Frank	76
Majority over Wood	88

PERSONAL. 14th April 1922

Mr. Robert Norman desires to express his deep gratitude for the generous support given him at the recent District and Parish Council Elections.

ADVERT. 14th April 1922

Fifty Acres Good Old Meadow Grass, in four fields, well prepared for amply supply of water. On lease preferred. Immediate possession. – Apply, Wilderspin, Swavesey.

ADVERT. 14th April 1922

TO GROCERS. – Wanted an IMPROVER, village trade, good rounds. – State age and experience, good references, H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

BOYS' FOOTBALL. 14th April 1922

Swavesey Sunday Schoolboys played the boys of Wesley Church, Cambridge, at Cambridge, on Saturday, in a Cambs. S.S. Football Union fixture, and after a good game, well fought out in spite of rain and mud, gained a victory by two goals to one.

HOCKEY. 14th April 1922

Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team were at home to Milton Ladies on April 6th. Although quite a new team, the visitors played a good game, and up to half-time had scored the only goal. After that Swavesey scored three in succession, Miss N. Parish shooting two and Miss B. Burling one.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. 14th April 1922

By a slip of the pen, it was stated last week that Messrs. Burton and W. Twist, retiring members, were unsuccessful at the parish meeting on March 15th. They were the only old councillors out of the six who were candidates for re-election who were successful at the meeting. At the poll on April 3rd all of the six ex-councillors were elected, Mr. Burton being second and Mr. Twist sixth in the list.

BRITISH LEGION. 14th April 1922

A meeting was held in the schools, Swavesey, on April 4th, for the purpose of forming a branch of the British Legion in the village. Mr. Wright, the President of the Willingham branch, explained the object of the Legion to about 40 ex-Servicemen, and after his address it was decided to found a

branch of the Legion in Swavesey, all the ex-Servicemen present signifying their intention of becoming members. The following officers were chosen: President, Rev. J. S. Sharp; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. A. J. Willson; secretary, Mr. T. Thurlow; treasurer, Mr. E. Williams; committee, Messrs. A. Prime, jun., M.M., C. Page, H. Prime, C. Wood, M.S.M., and C. Culpin. At a further meeting on April 11th it was decided to incorporate Lolworth, Boxworth, Fen Drayton, and Conington with the Swavesey branch, that the branch should be recognised as the Swavesey and District Branch, and that the representation of Swavesey on the committee should be reduced and one representative from each of the other villages, to be chosen by the villages concerned, should be added. About 50 members and representatives from Fen Drayton were present at the meeting, which adjourned until 8 p.m. on April 25th, when it is hoped that all members will attend, both from Swavesey and surrounding villages.

OBITUARY. 21st April 1922

Many old patients of Addenbrooke's Hospital will learn with regret of the death of Miss Mary Ann Newman, who passed away at Swavesey shortly before noon on Tuesday. For 32 years, Miss Newman was at Addenbrooke's Hospital, first as a nurse and later as sister in the Victoria Ward, and on her retirement in 1900 she went to reside with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim, at Swavesey, in whose house she died. Had she lived until the 17th of next month she would have attained the great age of four score years and ten. Her health began to fail about three years ago, and for the last five months she had been bedridden. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next.

ADVERT. 21st April 1922

Special Display of Wallpapers on show shortly, also the following in stock: Fresco Distemper, Jackson's Varnish Stains, Tins of Paint, Scrub Brushes, Paint Brushes, etc., etc. – Canham's Stores.

VESTRY MEETING. 21st April 1922

At the Vestry meeting on Tuesday Mr. H. Wells was re-elected parish churchwarden for the ensuing year, and the Vicar again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as his warden.

REDUCED ASSESSMENTS. 21st April 1922

Owing to the Great Eastern Railway Company having appealed against their assessments, the Overseers of Swavesey have been instructed to reduce the

Company's assessments in the parish by 30 per cent., pending a decision in the matter. The G.E.R. Co. are large ratepayers in the parish.

HOCKEY. 21st April 1922

The Cam mixed hockey eleven from Cambridge visited Swavesey on Saturday. The high wind made playing hard, and the game was not very even, as the visitors had much the stronger team, but the homesters did their best, and had a good and enjoyable game, although they were beaten. Score: Cam 8, Swavesey 0.

WHIST DRIVE. 21st April 1922

In aid of the Swavesey war memorial hall fund, a whist drive was held at the National School on Monday evening. Twenty-three tables were in play, and prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss May Loades, Miss Gladys Holmes, Mrs. H. Culpin; gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mr. P. Barwell, Mr. W. J. Hephher.

SALE OF WORK. 21st April 1922

Organised by the Ladies' Working Party, a sale of needlework, etc., for the benefit of the Memorial Hall Fund took place at the schools on Easter Monday afternoon. The needlework stall was in charge of Mrs. Burton and Miss G. Dodson, the toy stall of Mrs. Twist, and the sweet stall of Miss E. Dodson, while the tea and refreshment department was in the capable hands of Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Dean, who were assisted by Miss M. Cole, hon. sec. of the working party, and numerous other ladies.

PARISH CHURCH. 21st April 1922

The numerous services at the parish church on Good Friday and Easter Day were well attended. The "Three Hours" service on Good Friday was taken by the Rev. G. A. W. Wilkinson, Rector of Great Eversden. For the Easter festival the church was nicely decorated with an abundance of spring flowers, and at Evensong, notwithstanding the wet night, there was an exceptionally good congregation. The Vicar was assisted at the various services by his father, the Rev. C. Sharp, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey.

BRITISH LEGION. 21st April 1922

A meeting of the newly-formed Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the school on Tuesday evening, Mr. R. Barwell, chairman, presiding. After routine business had been transacted, it was resolved that five members should visit Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth, to

explain the objects of the British Legion to ex-Service men in those villages, with the view of inducing them to join the branch. Nine new members were enrolled before the close of the meeting.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 21st April 1922

Preceded by a public tea, attended by upwards of 80 persons, Maxfield's sacred cantata, "The Old, Old Story," was given at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Good Friday evening, in the presence of a large audience, by the chapel choir, specially augmented for the occasion. The cantata was followed by a miscellaneous musical programme. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, presided. A collection was taken in aid of the church funds.

CHURCH WINDOW BROKEN. 21st April 1922

While attending to family graves in the south side of the churchyard on Saturday, Mr. Walter Thorp was startled by the loud report of a gun, and later, having occasion to go to the north side of the church, he found a crow that had been shot. He failed to notice whether any damage had been done, and took the bird home. On Sunday it was discovered that five small panes of glass in a large four-light window at the back of the organ in the north aisle had been smashed, and the lead work bulged inwards. A few bird's feathers were found, and also traces of blood, but no bird, and for a time the breakage was a somewhat disturbing mystery. On Tuesday, however, Mr. Thorp's discovery became known, and it was then clear that the damage had been caused by the jackdaw striking the window. But, who fired the shot that drove the bird into the window?

FOOTBALL. 21st April 1922

We have received the following communication signed "For the Committee, L. W. Ablett (capt.)": Re the paragraph in the Swavesey news about the football match with Wesley, Cambridge, on Saturday April 1st. The weather was awful, and the ground was in an unfit condition for football. Only five of our team turned up. The rest thought we should not play. Swavesey turned up, and we played them with five men, which, I should like to say, isn't a very discreditable performance. When a team is due to play us from the country, we always play, whether we have half a team or not. I should like to say we went over to Swavesey, but they knew nothing about it, as their secretary had forgotten all about it. As I have said, a 2 – 1 victory against half a team is not very convincing.

OBITUARY. 21st April 1922

Mr. David Prime, a G.E.R. foreman platelayer, who had been in bad health for some time, and latterly had suffered greatly, died on Easter Day at Hog Pasture Gate House, aged 50. He belonged to an old Swavesey family, being the third son of the late Mr. James Prime, and he leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Prime had been employed on the G.E.R. Permanent Way staff for 33 years, and for at least two-thirds of that time had been a foreman platelayer. Since a lad in his teens he had been an enthusiastic bell-ringer, and for a considerable period was leader of the Swavesey ringers. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. – Miss Eliza Prior, daughter of the late Mr. Philip Prior, of Swavesey, passed away in London on Saturday. Born in Swavesey 70 years ago, she spent the greater part of her adult life in London, but returned to her native village a few years since, and kept her mother's house until about six months ago, when, owing to failing health, she returned to London. She was buried at Bow Cemetery on Thursday. – Mrs. Susanna Jane Froment, wife of Mr. Charles Froment, who had been in ill-health for a long time, died at the residence of her daughter at Hartford, Huntingdon, on Wednesday. She was 71 years old. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday).

PARISH MEETING. 21st April 1922

The attendance at the annual parish meeting on the 13th inst. was rather better than had been the case of late years. In addition to the chairman (Mr. A. Norman) and the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham) four members of the old Parish Council and two recently-elected members of the new Council were present, with seven other parochial electors, a small proportion, it must be admitted, of the 410 electors on the local government register. Arising out of the minutes of a previous meeting, the Clerk read a letter from the Rural District Council respecting the dam at the river end of Navigation Drain. (The letter had already appeared in these columns in a report of a Parish Council meeting.) Mr. Hovell and Mr. C. Parish were of opinion that the letter was contradictory and misleading, and after some discussion a resolution, proposed by Mr. Hovell and seconded by Mr. Heasman, that the newly-elected Parish Council should take the letter into consideration, was carried. The Parish Council accounts for the years 1920-21 and 1921-22, and the Recreation Ground accounts for 1919-20, were submitted. Mr. Hovell asked whether the cricket pitch fence erected about three years ago had been put up to tender, and was told that the matter had been left in the hands of the parish councillors, one of whom had died and the other had left the parish. The Chairman, however, assured Mr. Hovell that the two councillors had made full inquiry as to cost, etc., before giving the work to the carpenter who had been employed. Mr.

Hovell also raised the question of the repair of two pumps of the old and condemned water supply, the cost of which was included in the Parish Council accounts. As, in accordance with District Council instructions, the pumps were to be kept locked, and the water only used for stock, they would not be available for the parish generally, and he therefore thought that those persons who would derive benefit from them should pay for their repair. Mr. Jethro Linford, who appeared to be of the same mind, declared that in his opinion the water from the old and condemned supply was very good and not at all injurious. The Clerk pointed out that any ratepayer who objected to the payment could attend at the next audit and there state their case. The reading of Galon's Charity accounts brought Mr. Hovell to the front once again with a complaint that although he had applied for a vacant allotment, the feoffees had not granted him one. Mr. Hovell's allegations led to somewhat animated rejoinders from Messrs. Twist and George Clarke, the two charity feoffees appointed by the Parish Council, until at length the Chairman interfered and peace was restored. Lastly, Mr. Hovell asked the Chairman to have the Award of the parish posted up on the parish property in High-street. This request quite upset the equanimity of the Clerk, and caused other parishioners to gasp for breath. It was explained to Mr. Hovell that the Award was contained in a very bulky volume, and that to post up a copy of it would involve heavy expense, and would, moreover, not be practicable. It then transpired that all Mr. Hovell wanted was a one-inch scale map of the parish. This modified request did not meet with favour and the meeting was declared at an end.

ADVERTS. 28th April 1922

SPRING CLEANING. – Many articles required for the above, have been reduced in price. You may rely upon our assistance in supplying your various needs at the lowest possible prices. Carbolic soap 5d per bar. – Canham's Stores.

PRIOR'S STORES for Cheap Wallpapers. Hundreds of rolls selling at 6d. and upwards to 1s. 2½d.; also Filocol Distemper, at 1s 6d. for 3½lb. tins. Creosote, Tar and Paint. Furniture to suit all customers this spring cleaning season. Old Mahogany Four Post and Rail Tester Bedsteads Wanted. – Swavesey, Cambs.

SALE OF WORK. 28th April 1922

The Ladies' Working Party sale of work, etc., on Easter Monday for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, resulted in a profit of £15 3s. 3d., viz., work stall, £7 10s. 6½d., refreshments, £3 1s. 7½d., sweet stall £4 4s. 7d., and cake guessing 6s. 6d.

OBITUARY. 28th April 1922

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susanna Jane Froment, wife of Mr. Charles Froment, who died at Hartford, Hunts., on the 19th inst., aged 71 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. C. Froment (husband), Mrs. Whittaker (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Froment (cousins) and Mrs. Netherwood (aunt). Mr. R. Mitham (Swavesey) was the undertaker.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 28th April 1922

On Thursday evening, last week, about 30 children of the Band of Hope who had taken part in the series of entertainments for the piano fund sat down to a dainty and sumptuous tea, provided by Mrs. Arthur Norman, to whom a prettily worded vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Hilda Dodson, and seconded by Miss Connie Sweetland. After tea a successful entertainment was given in the chapel by the children, who had been well trained by Mrs. W. Savage. This brought a very happy session to an end, and £1 5s. 7d. was added to the fund.

HOCKEY. 28th April 1922

The last match of the season was played on Saturday, when the St. Ives mixed eleven visited Swavesey. It was a bad afternoon, a fine rain falling all the time, but not enough to hinder the game. Play was quick and fierce, there being several fast players on both sides. Goals at half-time were two all, and the play was even all over the field. During the second half St. Ives scored three more goals, and Swavesey only one, bringing the total to 5 – 3 in favour of St. Ives. The game was rough towards the finish, and although beaten the homesters were almost as strong as the visitors. St. Ives played seven men to Swavesey's six.

THE LATE MISS NEWMAN. 28th April 1922

On Monday afternoon the late Miss Mary Ann Newman, who, as reported last week, passed away in her 90th year, at the house of her sister in Swavesey on April 18th, was laid to rest in Swavesey Cemetery. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Chapel, conducted the service. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Harry Newman (brother), Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Pilgrim (sisters) and Mrs. George Newman (sister-in-law), Nurse Walters (Swavesey Nursing Association), and Miss Bell (matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital), where for 32 years Miss Newman had rendered devoted service, first as a nurse and later as

sister in Victoria Ward. Mr. George Newman (brother) and Mr. Pilgrim (brother-in-law) were unable to attend owing to ill-health. The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CHURCH MEETING. 28th April 1922

At the annual meeting of the parochial Church electors on Wednesday, the following appointments were made: Lay representatives, Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences: Church Council, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Sharp, Miss Beaumont, Messrs. G. J. Paine, and C. Wood; sidesmen, as last year, with the addition of Mr. F. Hemington. The Church accounts for 1921-22 were passed, and Mr. Wood submitted the Financial Committee's budget for the coming year. The Vicar, who presided, thanked the congregation for their support during the last twelve months, and after referring to the contemplated extensive repairs to the roof of the church, called upon Mr. E. E. Bowden, the architect in charge of the work, to make a statement. Mr. Bowden said that he hoped to make a start within the next two or three weeks, beginning at the eastern end of the nave, and taking two bars at a time. The beautiful roof was, he added, in a bad state. The Vicar said it ought to be known that when work on the south aisle roof had to be stopped in August, 1914, owing to the war, Mr. Bowden, before joining the Army, returned his fees. Mr. R. Mitham remarked that in his opinion Mr. Bowden had been the biggest supporter of the Repair Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th April 1922

The first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council was held on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, W. Twist, and C. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The following appointments were made: Chairman, Mr. A. Norman; vice-chairman, Mr. Wood; overseers, Messrs. P. Barton and W. Mustill. It was agreed that the whole of the Council should act as the Fire Engine Committee, that Messrs. Burton and Twist should continue to receive sparrows, and that the keys of the old water supply pumps should be for the present kept by the Clerk. Arising out of a resolution passed at the recent parish meeting, the question of the dam erected at the river end of Navigation Drain by the Rural District Council was exhaustively debated, and the following resolutions were carried: (1) "That the Swavesey Rural District Council be requested to remove the dam and repair the sluice doors, or put in a concrete wall with a self-acting fob to carry off flood water" – proposed by Mr. C. H. Parish, seconded by Mr. J. Linford. (2) "That the Swavesey Parish Council consider that Navigation Drain is a charge on the District Council,

and will not take over the District Council's duties" – proposed by Mr. Wood, seconded by the Chairman. Mr. Wood called attention to the footpath by the side of Navigation Drain, which was, he said, blocked by barbed wire. In reply to the Chairman, the Clerk said that the path was under the control of the District Council. Mr. Linford was anxious to know whether there was a Street Lighting Committee. On his way to the meeting he had inspected the public lamps stored in High-street, and had found many of them broken and their condition generally a disgrace to the parish. It was a sin, he indignantly declared to "chuck away" all the money that had been spent on the lamps. Other councillors agreed that extensive repairs and renewals were necessary, though some of the lamps could be used again. The matter was allowed to drop for the present, and the meeting ended.

RAILWAYMAN'S BURIAL. 28th April 1922

Amidst many manifestations of sympathy and respect, the mortal remains of Mr. David Prime, a G.E.R. foreman platelayer and native of, and lifelong resident in, Swavesey, were laid to rest in Swavesey churchyard on the 20th inst. The bells of the church, where Mr. Prime had for years been a leading ringer, were pealing fully muffled as the procession, headed by railwaymen in uniform, slowly wended its way from Hog Pasture Gate House. At the entrance to the churchyard the Rev. J. S. Sharp (vicar) and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey were in waiting, and the coffin of polished elm was borne into the church by four members of the Swavesey permanent way staff, Messrs. H. Hovell (foreman), H. Wright, L. Webster, and S. Carrier. The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar, and at the graveside the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. D. Prime (widow), Messrs. Charles, George and Stanley Prime, Misses Mary, Grace and Eva Prime (sons and daughters), Mr. Alfred Prime, sen. (brother), Mrs. S. Kester and Mrs. G. Hephher (sisters), and Mrs. A. Prime, sen., Mrs. C. Gray, Mrs. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ding, Mr. G. Hephher and Mr. J. Hodson (brothers and sisters-in-law). (Very long list of mourners in newspaper) As the body was carried from the church to the grave, and again after the funeral the bells were rung half muffled. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 5th May 1922

Your attention is called to the many reductions which have taken place recently in the prices of Jam, Jellies, Marmalade, Lemonade, etc., etc., at Canham's Stores.

At Prior's Stores: Galvanised Iron is 6d. per foot run; Wire Netting, 6ft., 32s. per roll; Nails, 4s. per stone; and all other goods at the same reasonable prices. Call and inspect our stock any time. 'Phone Swavesey 3.

HOCKEY CLUB. 5th May 1922

A general meeting of the Hockey Club was held in the National School on Saturday, when the 1921-22 season's accounts were passed.

FOOTBALL CUP. 5th May 1922

Ten passengers were booked from Swavesey station to London last Saturday by the special train run in connection with the English Football Cup Final. The train left Swavesey shortly before 5 a.m.

WHIST DRIVE. 5th May 1922

A successful whist drive was held in the National School on April 27th, in aid of the Swavesey Hockey Club, when 22 tables were played. Excellent refreshments and prizes were provided by members of the club, which benefited to the amount of £8 9s. 3½d. by the evening's entertainment. Prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, Miss D. Hepher, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Miss Pook; gentlemen, Mr. L. Breed, Mr. H. Ashby, Mr. W. Thurbon; mystery prize, Mr. H. Holmes.

FOOTBALL. 5th May 1922

Swavesey entertained St. Ives Reserves on Tuesday evening, in the presence of a fairly large crowd of spectators, who were delighted to see the homesters hold the visiting team, and eventually score the first goal through J. Mustill. Well in the second half St. Ives responded, after many vigorous attempts. Play continued lively and fast, each end being visited frequently, and at the call of time each side had scored a goal. By request, an extra twenty minutes were played, during which J. Hall netted twice for Swavesey (once from a penalty).

WOMEN UNIONISTS. 5th May 1922

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton branch of the Women's Unionist Association was held at the National School on Monday evening, Mrs. Cooke presiding over a fair attendance of members. Last year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand, were presented by the secretary and passed, and the following appointments for the ensuing 12 months were made: President, Mrs. Banks (subject to her acceptance of office); chairman, Mrs. Cooke; vice-chairman, Mrs. E. J. Warboys; treasurer, Mrs. Page; secretary, Mrs. C. Wood; committee, Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. F. Hemington,

Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Misses D. Banks, L. Beaumont, and E. Dodson. The remaining business was of a routine character.

WEDDING. 5th May 1922

A marriage of considerable local interest was solemnised at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday morning, in the presence of many friends and neighbours, the bride being Miss Ellen Maud Prior, granddaughter of the late Mr. Thomas Prior, of Swavesey, and the bridegroom Mr. Hon Goodwin, son of the late Mr. Goodwin, of Audletts, near Nantwich, Cheshire. The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (vicar) officiated. The bride, given away by her brother, Mr. James Prior, was charmingly attired in white taffeta silk with veil and orange blossom. In attendance upon her was one bridesmaid, Miss Louie Causer, in navy blue crepe de chine, trimmed with gold beads, and a black picture hat, trimmed with cream crepe de chine. Mr. Wilfred J. Nichols was best man. As the newly wedded couple left the church, and again during the afternoon, the bells of the parish church rang merrily. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was held at Stanton Vue, the residence of the bride's brother, and later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodwin left for London for the honeymoon. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

ORGAN RECITAL. 12th May 1922

An organ recital was given in the Swavesey Parish Church by Mr. Edmund V. Megson, of Cambridge, before a fairly large congregation on Wednesday evening. The programme, though light, was of an interesting character, the principal items being the Allegro from Schumann's Suite for Strings and Chant Seraphique (Rowland), the latter being well suited to the lighter stops of the organ. Mr. Megson had the assistance of Mr. A. H. Wilson, of Histon, bass vocalist. The collection, which was in aid of the church repair fund, realised £2.

THE DAM AND THE PUMPS. 12th May 1922

It is understood that the Swavesey Rural District Council at their meeting last Friday decided that the recently-erected dam at the river end of Navigation Drain should be raised so that it should be one foot higher than the banks on either side, and that it should be grassed down. This decision was arrived at in spite of resolutions protesting against the erection of the dam and requesting its removal passed by recent parish meetings, and a further resolution adopted by the Parish Council on April 24th, which, in addition to the removal of the dam, asked for the repair of the existing sluice doors, or the erection of a

concrete wall with self-acting fob to carry off flood water. Five Parish Councillors out of the eight who were present voted for the resolution on April 24th, and none against, and one of the eight, who is also a District Councillor, was, it is said, the gentleman who moved the resolution on Friday to raise the dam, thus ignoring the Parish Council and the publicly-expressed wishes of the parish he was elected only a few weeks ago to represent. The District Council's decision was not unanimous, but those members who objected to the dam were not given an opportunity of voting against the proposal. It was held by speakers at the parish meetings that the unauthorised blocking of Navigation Drain, an ancient watercourse, constituted an infringement of the rights of the public, and that the District Council had no more authority to dam the drain than they had to erect a fence across a highway. Other matters dealt with by the District Council on Friday included the sewer in Market-street, which burst about a fortnight ago and is said to have since discharged its odoriferous contents into an adjacent pond, and the repair of the public clock at the National School, and it was resolved that the use of the pumps of the old water supply, which have recently been repaired by the Parish Council, should be prohibited except in times of drought, and then only for watering stock.

TERLINCTHUN CEMETERY. 19th May 1922

One Swavesey man, young Cyril G. Hephher, 7th East Yorks. Regiment, was buried in Terlincthun Cemetery, Wimereux, near Boulogne, where the King delivered his memorable address on Saturday at the conclusion of his pilgrimage to the British graveyards in Belgium and France. Private Hephher was seriously wounded in the thigh by shrapnel on September 20th, 1918, when, with a gallant heart, he went "over the top" for the first time, and he died in hospital at Wimereux on November 30th following.

A SWAVESEY MISSIONARY. 19th May 1922

Mr. Christopher Day, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Day, sen., Mill Farm, Swavesey, who has been in training for foreign missionary work, conducted the evening service at Bethel Chapel on Sunday, 7th inst., and preached an excellent sermon. Last Sunday evening he held an open-air service in Market-street, and gave an earnest address, bidding farewell to his fellow villagers. There was a good attendance. Mr. C. Day is leaving England immediately for Lisbon, preparatory to taking up mission work in West Africa.

WEDDING. 19th May 1922

A quiet wedding, but one of considerable local interest, took place at Willingham Parish Church on Monday afternoon, in the presence of many

relatives and friends from Swavesey, Stetchworth, London and elsewhere, when Mr. James Cain, eldest son of the late Mr. Alfred Cain, was married to Miss Sarah A. Mitham, only daughter of the late Mr. James Mitham, of Stetchworth. Both bride and groom belong to old Swavesey families, and are natives of the parish. The Rev. C. H. Crossley, rector of Willingham, officiated. The bride, who was attended by her niece, Miss Marjorie Mitham, was given away by her brother, Mr. F. R. Mitham, of Kensal Rise, London, and Mr. Robinson Mitham, jun., M.M., was best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cain entertained their relatives and friends at their residence in Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th May 1922

The services throughout Sunday last at the Parish Church were conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, assistant bishop of the diocese and Archdeacon of Ely, who also preached at Matins and Evensong. At the latter service there was a very good congregation. The collections were on behalf of the Central Church Fund. On Monday a commencement was made with the work of repairing the roof of the nave of the church, the ancient timbers in which are in urgent need of thorough restoration. The work is being carried out under the immediate supervision of Mr. E. E. Bowden, of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who has done much good work in connection with other old churches in the district, and with various ancient buildings elsewhere in the country.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 19th May 1922

The Rev. S. W. Hughes, of Westbourne-park, London, preached the anniversary sermons at Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 11th inst. to large congregations, which included many people from surrounding villages. A public tea, to which over 130 sat down, followed the service, and in the evening Mr. Hughes delivered another eloquent and inspiring sermon to an even larger congregation. The service closed with the Doxology. A liberal collection for the Church Funds of over £16 was taken. On his way from London Mr. Hughes met with a mishap near Baldock, through a back wheel of his motor car coming off owing to a faulty nut. Large mud guards, however, prevented a serious accident. A passing motor car brought Mr. Hughes to Cambridge, and he proceeded to Swavesey by taxi cab, arriving during the afternoon service.

THE WEEK'S THUNDERSTORMS. 26th May 1922

Post Office and House Struck by Lightning at Swavesey.

DAMAGE TO FRUIT CROPS.

After a day of oppressive heat a severe thunderstorm visited Swavesey on Monday afternoon, accompanied by hail of exceptionally large size. About 4 p.m. there was a very vivid flash of lightning, followed immediately by a terrific thunder clap. The Post Office in High-street and another house about 100 yards distant, over which telephone wires pass, were struck, apparently simultaneously. The noise inside the Post Office is described by the sub-postmaster as having resembled the explosion of a large gun, and both he and an old lady transacting business were much alarmed. The casing of a new lightning conductor inside the office, which was only installed last week, was forced from its fastening, and all the telephone instruments were thrown out of action, and the village was cut off telephonically and by telegraph from the outside world. A chimney at the other house, owned by Mr. W. J. Hephher, and occupied by Mr. Robert Hephher, was partly demolished, but beyond brick rubbish, soot, etc., falling down the chimney, no damage appears to have been done inside the house, though the occupants, who were at tea, were much alarmed. Some tiles on the roof were smashed. In a stable in the White Horse Inn yard on the opposite side of the street, Mr. Charles Savage and a horse were knocked down but neither man nor horse was injured.

The storm was over the neighbouring village of Over about 4.39 p.m., and the hail stones are reported as having been "something very extraordinary, such as had not before been seen by the oldest inhabitants," being lumps of ice of various shapes and sizes, some measuring 2½ inches in circumference. Some damage was done to windows and glass frames.

BRITISH LEGION. 26th May 1922

A meeting of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion was held in the National School on Wednesday evening, Mr. R. Barwell presiding. Mr. C. Wood was appointed to represent the branch in all questions relating to pensions, and it was decided that a further appeal should be made to ex-Service men in other villages in the district to join the branch.

DEATH OF LATE RESIDENT. 26th May 1922

Mr. Charles Smith (a native of Elsworth), who for 20 years carried on the business of blacksmith in High-street, Swavesey, until a few years ago he migrated to Pidley, Hunts., died on Sunday morning at Pidley, aged 69 years. He had suffered from a painful ailment for a considerable time. The funeral took place at Pidley on Wednesday. Mr. Smith leaves a widow and one daughter, an invalid.

GIRLS AT CRICKET. 26th May 1922

A keenly-contested game of cricket was played on Monday evening on Over village green between teams of Over and Swavesey girls. Scores: Over, 1st innings, 15, 2nd 46; Swavesey 1st innings 26, 2nd 39. The departure of the Swavesey party on their homeward cycle ride was marked by an unpleasant incident. A youth pelted one young lady with birds' eggs, which broke and bespattered her clothing.

ADVERTS. 2nd June 1922

A frequent remark heard in Canham's Stores this week. "I didn't know you sold so and so!" Our aim is to supply your many needs at the lowest possible prices. Chivers' Ginger Beer Powder, 3d. per packet, makes three gallons.

CYCLING EXTRAORDINARY. 2nd June 1922

A little boy, five years old or thereabouts, caused much amusement last Friday evening by riding his diminutive tricycle at top speed up and down a road in the village, and at the same time bowling an iron hoop with a stick. Following him on a still smaller tricycle was a sister younger in years, but of equal pluck and determination, and nearly equal skill.

LONG SERVICE. 2nd June 1922

After 48 years' service as a teacher in public elementary schools, 32 of which have been spent as mistress of the infants' department of Swavesey National School, Miss Laura Pook, is about to retire, owing to the operation of the age limit rules. Her old pupils, a very numerous company, not only in Swavesey and elsewhere in this country, but in far distant parts of the Empire, will unite in wishing that she may be blessed with good health, long to enjoy her well-earned rest.

THE FEAST. 2nd June 1922

The village feast, a hardly annual that had its origin possibly in Saxon times, has been held this week, and, although the attendance of show folk and their paraphernalia and of visitors fell short of that at some feasts in pre-war years, was quite a success. On Tuesday evening in particular Market-street was crowded with feasters bent on enjoying themselves, and Manning's roundabout, swings, shooting gallery, cocoa-nut shies, etc., and the various stalls were well patronised. Two cricket matches have been played. On Monday Swavesey Second XI had their colours lowered by Fen Drayton, a village small in size, but happy in the possession of cricketers of merit, but on Tuesday the home first XI inflicted an innings defeat on the first XI from the

neighbouring village of Over. The services at the parish church on Sunday were bright and well attended, especially in the evening, when there was a large congregation.

WEDDING. 9th June 1922

NORMAN – STANTON

A marriage of considerable local interest, as the families of both bride and bridegroom are well-known in Swavesey, was solemnised on Saturday, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends, at Leytonstone Congregational Church, between Mr. Frank Norman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norman, of Swavesey and Lolworth, and Miss Margaret Annie Stanton, elder daughter of Mr. Frederick Stanton, of Wanstead. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, officiated. The bride was given away by her father. Her dress was of ivory satin charmeuse and georgette, pearl trimmed, with Honiton lace veil worn with silver leaves and orange blossoms. She wore a string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a shower bouquet. In attendance were two bridesmaids, Miss M. Norman, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Muriel Stanton, sister of the bride, in powder blue georgette and silver, and carrying shower bouquets. Mr. Frederick Stanton, brother of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony, a reception, attended by upwards of 50 guests, was held in a marquee on the lawn at Dernelough, Grove Park, Wanstead, the residence of the bride's father, and later in the day the happy couple left for the honeymoon which is being spent in Jersey. The wedding presents were numerous and beautiful, and included a silver biscuit casket from the employees of Messrs. A. Norman and Son, a diamond scarf pin from the bride to the bridegroom, and an aquamarine brooch and a gold bracelet from the latter to the bridesmaids.

BOYS' CRICKET MATCH. 9th June 1922

A keenly-contested game of cricket between elevens of Swavesey and Over boys was played on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday evening, and was won by the homesters by an innings and 9 runs.

GIRLS AT CRICKET. 9th June 1922

The return cricket match between the girls of Swavesey and Over was played on Swavesey Recreation Ground last Friday evening and the young ladies of Swavesey were again victorious.

PUBLIC DRAINAGE. 9th June 1922

A correspondent suggests that before the Rural District Council spend more of the ratepayers' money on the sanitary drainage of the village, steps should be taken to ascertain whether the present sewerage system, which was only installed about 12 years ago, is likely to prove effective, when the blocked pipes have been cleared and the broken ones replaced.

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS. 9th June 1922

Attended by excellent congregations, the largest for some years, anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the special preacher being Mr. Calcott, of Coventry. Between the services there was a public tea in the chapel, at which a considerable number of people sat down. A good collection was taken.

ANNIVERSARY. 9th June 1922

Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School anniversary was kept on Sunday. Sermons were preached at the morning and evening services by the Rev. C. E. Sparrow, who also conducted a flower service in the afternoon, at which offerings of beautiful flowers were received. The flowers were subsequently sent to St. Ives Infirmary. Special hymns were sung throughout the day, Mr. J. W. Williams presiding at the organ. At the end of the evening service certificates awarded in connection with the recent Sunday School Union Scripture examination were presented by Mr. Sparrow to Doris Aldred, W. Parish, W. Godfrey, M. Prior, P. Willson, S. Daintree, D. Daintree, F. Coulson, K. Williams, and G. Day. All the services were well attended, especially that in the evening.

GARDEN FETE. 9th June 1922

The Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association, which during its comparatively short life has increasingly proved its usefulness, benefited to the extent of £42 2s. by the garden fete held in the gardens of Swavesey Manor on 1st June, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. A similar fete last year realised about the same amount. The weather, though hot, was all that could be desired, and the well-trimmed lawns fringed with umbrageous trees and masses of lovely roses and other bright flowers, formed an ideal place for the enterprise. After the fete had been opened by Mrs. R. L. B. Oliver, the stalls soon were busily engaged. The new work and jumble stall was in charge of Mrs. Aldred and other ladies, the pound and produce stall of Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Twist, and the sweet stall of Misses E. Dodson and M. Parsons, while the refreshment and tea department, which was largely patronised, was under the superintendence of Mr. Dean and several capable

ladies. There were fourteen side-shows, too numerous to mention in detail, but all brought grist to the mill. One of the chief attractions was the baby show. The twenty-one entries were arranged in five groups, and the judge, Dr. Grove, St. Ives, who was assisted by Nurse Jacques, Willingham, awarded the prizes as follows: - Gerald Wayman (Group 1), Edward Adams (2), Muriel A. Peacock (3), Victor G. Leggett (4), Jessie Asplin (5), all of Over, and special prizes to Horace G. Careless and Brian Papworth, of Over, and Alfred J. Richardson and Albert G. Walker, of Swavesey. Only three competitors out of seven who entered put in an appearance for the fancy dress bicycle parade, namely, Mrs. Kemp, Fen Drayton, who as an Italian gipsy was allotted first place; a little girl as "Marguerite," and two Swavesey ladies representing the Red Cross in effective fashion, to whom a special prize was awarded. Half-hour concerts were given by Miss M. Cole and friends from Swavesey and Over, and two charming performances of Morris steps by eighteen young Swavesey girls, well trained by Miss Beaumont, deserve a special word of commendation, as also do the songs sung during the performances by two little girls, pupils of Miss Beaumont at Fen Drayton School. Miss Goad played the piano accompaniments. Two matters remain for attention, namely, that Messrs. Pontefract, Aldred, and Twist undertook the duty of keeping the gate, and that the officers and Committee of the Association are most grateful for, and thoroughly appreciate, the work done so willingly and unselfishly by all who helped in many different ways before, at, and after the fete.

PRESENTATION. 16th June 1922

Miss Laura Pook, who retired under the age limit rule on the 2nd inst., has this week been presented with a silver-mounted and engraved umbrella as a farewell testimonial from her late colleagues and teaching staff of Swavesey National School. Commencing as a pupil teacher at Oatlands Park School, Weybridge, Miss Pook has been engaged in scholastic work for 48 years. She held temporary posts at Brighton and Cheam, Surrey, was headmistress at Bovington, Herts. (6½ years), and Handborough, Oxon (5 years), and in February, 1890, she went to Swavesey, where for 15 or 16 years she was headmistress of the Infants' School until it was merged with the mixed school, and she became an assistant teacher, with charge of the infants. For fifteen months during the war, in the absence of the headmaster, she had charge of the whole school, until Mr. George Hicks was appointed temporary headmaster. All the pupil teachers were taught by her until they went to the "Centre", and for her work in this respect she was commended by H.M. Inspector of Schools. In various other ways Miss Pook has rendered valuable service,

especially in connection with the Parish Church, and for the last five years has been local secretary of the National Savings scheme.

FORTHCOMING GARDEN FETE. 16th June 1922

During the afternoon and evening of next Thursday a garden fete will be held in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage. A brass band has been engaged, amusements, side shows, etc., have been arranged, and dramatic performances will be given at 3.30 and 6 p.m. Teas and refreshments will be provided, and there are to be stalls for the sale of new work, jumble, produce and sweets. From 8 to 10 p.m. dancing will take place on the lawn, during which light refreshments will be obtainable. The fete will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by the Master of Jesus College, Cambridge. Admission 6d., children half-price. The object of the fete is to augment the Parish Church Repair Fund, the present claim on which is the beautiful nave roof, which is in urgent need of extensive repairs, involving a heavy expenditure. Few persons after an inspection of the roof, could fail to appreciate the necessity of the work and the uselessness of further patching. They would see wall plates practically reduced to dust, tie-beams decayed at the ends, though sound elsewhere, the ridge piece completely eaten through in places, principal rafters so rotted away that they do not reach the walls, jack legs decayed and off their corbels, and so forth. The carved bosses of the ridge piece and purlins, the quaint beauties of which have been hidden by dust and cobwebs, are fortunately in good condition. The tie-beam nest to the chancel is thickly pitted with slugs and shot, the result apparently of a method adopted in the past of exterminating bats. The church is one of the largest in the county and is a fine old building in the Early English and Perpendicular styles. The nave roof which is 75 feet in length, and has a span of 18 feet 6 inches, is of considerably later date, probably the 16th or early 17th century. Some portions of the roof in other parts of the church are older. A considerable amount of repairs to the building generally has been undertaken of recent years, until the outbreak of war put an end to operations for the time being, and about £800 has already been spent on the work.

DEPREDATING MAGPIES. 23rd June 1922

It is not generally known that magpies and jackdaws will kill, and sometimes take away, chickens several weeks old. Last Sunday at least eleven chickens were killed at Mr. Barwell's Swavesey Poultry Farm by a marauding magpie.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL. 23rd June 1922

It has been authoritatively ascertained that the damage to the timber in the roof of Swavesey parish church, now under repair, has been caused by the xestobium tessaliatum, the same wood-boring grub which has worked havoc in the roof of Westminster Hall and the woodwork of Hampton Court and other old buildings in this country. A specimen of the argas vespertilomis, which appears to be a parasitic tic found on bats, has also been discovered in the Swavesey roof. The church was at one time infested with bats.

HOUSES, LAND ETC. FOR SALE. 30th June 1922

BARN, 18ft. x 39 ft., tiled, boarded, concrete floor, granary covering one-third; Large Cow Shed, 39ft. long, ditto, 24ft. long, with range of open buildings; Large Yard, good entrance; Stack Yard in rear; on lease. Also Large Two-Storey Brick and Slate Building fronting main street, 30ft. x 39ft., could be converted into shop, factory or kinema; on lease, or would sell, freehold. – H. Wilderspin, Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th June 1922

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening, and there were present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. Parish, S. Prime, W. Twist, C. Wood, and the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. The Clerk reported that he had sent the resolutions passed at the last meeting relative to the navigation drain and the recently-erected dam, to the District Council, and that he had received a reply, which he read, that the District Council did not see their way at present to comply with the Parish Council's request, but might re-consider the matter at some future date. Mr. Wood called attention to the wording of the resolutions in the Clerk's letter to the District Council, which he said differed from the wording of the resolutions as adopted. The Clerk pleaded that he thought "the sense was the same." The Chairman said that the resolutions should have been forwarded as passed by the Council. The following appointments were made: Mr. Twist to be a feoffee of Galon's Charity (re-elected), Mr. H. S. Aldred to be a school manager (re-elected), Mr. Wood to be local hon. librarian of the proposed County Library, with Mrs. Ussher, Messrs. H. S. Aldred, P. Godfrey and C. Parish as a Committee, and Messrs. Barton, Parish and Wood to be Parish Council representatives on the War Memorial Hall Fund Committee. Permission was granted for Mrs. General Bramwell Booth to hold a meeting on the Recreation Ground on August Bank Holiday. It was agreed that Mr. W. J. Hephner should be warned that he may be required in a short time to vacate the land and premises in High Street which are required for the erection of the War Memorial Hall. The Clerk was instructed to repair the stile and plank

bridge leading from the Recreation Ground, and it was decided that the keys of the Black Horse pump should be kept by Mr. Wood and the keys of Middle Watch pump by Mr. R. Norman. At the request of Mr. Linford, the question of providing a new storage place for the public street lamps was ordered to be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

GARDEN FETE AT SWAVESEY. 30th June 1922

To raise money for the repair of the roof of Swavesey parish church, a garden fete was held in the Vicarage grounds on June 22nd, and in spite of dull and threatening weather a financial success has to be recorded. The attendance of visitors was not as good as it would have been if the day had been brighter, and some of the stalls did not dispose of the whole of their goods, but the gross takings amounted to £96 8s. 10d., and after deducting expenses, the satisfactory sum of £83 has been handed to the treasurer of the fund.

As the living of Swavesey is in the patronage of Jesus College, Cambridge, it was fitting that the fete should be opened by Mr. A. Gray, Master of the College, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gray, to whom a bouquet was presented by little Miss Helen Sharp. The Vicar, supported by members of the Church Council, and the architect, Mr. E. E. Bowden, introduced Mr. Gray, who briefly, effectively, and with quiet humour pleaded for generous support of the fund to repair their fine old church. The burden cast on the parishioners he admitted was heavy, and he asked them to bear it manfully. He told the story, already known to some of his audience through the medium of these columns, of the 18th century vicar, or curate, of Swavesey, Dr. Richard Farmer, Master of Emmanuel College, who in common with most, if not all, of the vicars of that time, lived in Cambridge and only visited the village on Sundays. Dr. Farmer, it is recorded, after the morning service was wont to repair to the publichouse for a mutton chop and potatoes, and after reading prayers in the afternoon, to return to the inn for punch, pipes and tobacco with a few of the principal farmers until six o'clock, when he mounted his horse Taffy and went back to Cambridge. Mr. Gray thought that this worthy cleric, who by the way held several high preferments in the church, but drew the line at a bishopric, would have been surprised to hear of a fete for church restoration.

There were several stalls, viz., the Vicarage Working Party stalls (a) fancy, in charge of Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Barwell and Mrs. Cooke, (b) plain work, superintended by Miss C. Martin, Miss Willson and Mrs. Pettett; gift stall (Mrs. G. Burling), sweets (Misses Banks and Miss Parsons), jumble (Miss Pook, Mrs. Gilby and Mrs. E. J. Linford, jun.), produce (Mr. and Mrs.

Hayward), flowers (Miss Banks), refreshments and teas (Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, and a host of helpers), strawberries, cream and ices (Miss E. Dodson). Mr. Bowden had an instructive exhibition of pieces of timber from the roof, which clearly showed the terrible havoc wrought by the wood boring pest, the *Xestobium Tessallatum*. Some of the quaint and beautifully carved bosses from the roof which, fortunately, have escaped damage, were on view, and in a glass-covered box there were specimens of the *Xestobium Tessallatum*, both the grub and the beetle. He had photographs showing the church under repair for sale, some of which were enclosed in frames made from oak from the roof. These latter somewhat inexplicably failed to find many purchasers, though they were not only interesting souvenirs, but were well worth the money asked for them.

The competitions, organised by Mr. Topham, did good business and brought in about £20. (List of competitions in newspaper)

In a spacious marquee performances were given of a humorous play, entitled "The Wrong Flat." The demand for admission to the second performance was so great that the tent was not large enough for all who desired to enter, so a third performance had to be given. The play was well acted by the Misses Goad, E. Dodson and Kirby, and Messrs. Thurlow, Topham, S. F. Mitham and Barwell. A critic, usually inclined to be captious, was heard to say that it was the best show of the kind he had seen in Swavesey.

During the day the band of the 5th Hunts. Battalion, Northants. Regt., played selections, and in the evening provided the music for the dancing on the lawn. The duties of gatekeeper were shared by Messrs. Banks and Wells (churchwardens), W. H. Key, W. Twist and J. Hodson. Mr. George Clarke acted as bellman and herald of events.

NINETY TO-DAY. 7th July 1922

Mrs. Caroline Covell, High-street, widow of the late Mr. John Covell, will celebrate her 90th birthday to-day (Friday).

BRITISH LEGION. 7th July 1922

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion was represented at the unveiling of the war memorial in Cambridge on Monday by Lieut. H. Jopham, R.A.F., and Staff.-Sergt. T. W. Thurlow.

WAGES RAISED. 7th July 1922

The Swavesey Rural District Council at their meeting on Friday decided to increase the wages of the men employed in connection with the large drains, from 25s. to 30s. a week.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 7th July 1922

Four out of the six scholars at Swavesey National School, who entered for the recent County Minor Scholarships examination, have passed the first part of the examination, viz.: John Wells, Wilfred Webster, Edwin Parish and Winnie Froment.

THE MAIN SEWER. 7th July 1922

Strange things, such as horns, hoofs and bones of animals are reported to have been found in the main sewer of the village, which was blocked from end to end with an accumulation of solid matter, and is now being cleared out. As at present there is no medical officer of health for the district, Dr. F. Robinson, the County Medical Officer, has inspected the drain, which was installed about thirteen years ago, and his report is expected very shortly. The District Council on Friday decided that the bottom of Thistledown Green open drain should be concreted for some distance, commencing at its junction with Turn Bridge drain.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 7th July 1922

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held at the Vicarage on June 29th, all members attending, with Mr. E. E. Bowden, the architect in charge of the repair work now in progress at the Parish Church. The Vicar presided. Mr. Bowden, submitted a report respecting the work that had been done, etc., and mentioned that up to date £193 had been spent, this sum including £54 the cost of "stock-in-trade," which will be sold on completion of the work. Mr. Barwell announced that after paying the £193 the balance in hand to the credit of the repair fund was £396, exclusive of the promises and the grants from the Diocesan Board of Finance not yet received. The Council decided that new ropes should be provided for the six bells of the church, that the clock in the tower, which has not struck the hours for some time, should be attended to, and that choir surplices, cassocks, etc., should be overhauled and replaced where needed. On the recommendation of the architect, it was also agreed that some system of ventilation for the benefit of the nave roof should be provided, through the clerestory windows, as economically as possible.

VICAR OF SWAVESEY. 14th July 1922

Appointed Rector of Elveden, Suffolk.

The Rev. John Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swavesey, has been presented by the Earl of Iveagh to the rectory of Elveden, Suffolk. Mr. Sharp was educated at St. John's Leatherhead, proceeding thence as a scholar to Jesus College,

Cambridge, where he graduated with honours. Ordained in 1906, he was appointed to the curacy of Godalming, Surrey, under the Rev. G. C. Fanshawe, chaplain to Bishop Ryle, when Bishop of Exeter, and after five years at Godalming he went to East Greenwich. In 1912, on the presentation of Jesus College, Mr. Sharp became Vicar of Swavesey in succession to the Rev. A. C. Vidler, who had been appointed Rector of Tewin, Herts. During Mr. Sharp's ten years at Swavesey there have been times of trouble. A serious flood during harvest not long after his appointment was followed by the great Swavesey fire which devastated part of the village, and then came the war, and with other Swavesey men, the Vicar "did his bit," serving as a chaplain on the Western front. The noble old church, one of the largest in the county, he found in need of extensive repairs, and these, with persistent energy, not always appreciated by his people, he did his utmost to effect by raising the funds needed for the work. Much has been done, but much more remains to be done. Yet what has been done will remain a lasting memorial to Mr. Sharp's vicarate. Mr. Sharp does not propose to leave Swavesey before the end of September.

ADVERT. 14th July 1922

THIS WEEK'S OFFER. – New Stick Back Arm Chairs, 22s. 6d., singles 8s. 6d. each; Drop-end Chesterfield and Two Easies, to match, good as new, £14; 4ft. Oak Roll Top Desk, £10 17s. 6d.; Good Second-hand Carpets in stock. – Prior's Furnishing Stores. 'Phone Swavesey 3.

UNFORTUNATE. 14th July 1922

While waiting near Cambridge Post Office for an omnibus on Saturday, Mr. John Wilderspin, of High-street, had his pocket picked, and thereby lost his purse, which contained money, keys, and his return railway ticket, etc.

THE RECENT GALE. 14th July 1922

During last week's storm a tall elm tree near the school was uprooted, and fell by the side of Turn Bridge open drain, and a massive branch was torn from a large acacia in the National School yard. Considerable damage was also done to fruit trees and their fruit in the orchards.

THE ROYAL SHOW. 14th July 1922

One success was recorded for Swavesey at the Royal Show, Mr. R. Barwell, of Swavesey Poultry Farm, being awarded a third prize in the utility poultry class (Class 517) for a Rhode Island Red cockerel. 425 passengers were booked from Swavesey station to the Show.

WOMEN'S GUILD. 14th July 1922

By collections at the monthly services of the Women's Guild attached to the parish church, the sum of £6 2s. 1d. has been raised, and with this amount the members propose to buy a silver dish for use in the sanctuary. The Guild, which was established many years ago for the care and decoration of the church, has rendered much valuable service, not only by keeping the church and its appointments clean and tidy, but by providing various articles, such as a case for the altar frontals, under-felt for the sanctuary carpet, and so forth.

A VILLAGE PROBLEM. 14th July 1922

During last year's drought, when it was decided that the public ponds in the village should be cleaned out, the parish councillors were warned by their clerk that water might be troublesome in the Swan Pond, because that pond was fed by a spring, whereas the school and chapel ponds were not so supplied. No difficulty was, however, experienced, for the spring gave forth no water. For some time past, while the school and chapel ponds have been full, the Swan pond has had comparatively little water in it, and villagers are asking the reason why. It has been suggested that the pond has sprung a leak. If this is the case, where does the water go?

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 14th July 1922

An exciting game of cricket was played on the Recreation Ground on Monday evening, between teams of Swavesey and Longstanton schoolboys. Neither team was at full strength, for the visitors were able to put only seven boys into the field and Swavesey eight, but these 15 youngsters played the game in deadly earnest. Longstanton batted first, and knocked up 32. Swavesey replied with 21 (B. Kester 5). On going in again the visitors only managed to compile 15 against the homesters' 36 (W. Wright 9, H. Bishop 7). Swavesey, therefore, won by 10 runs. Sam Bishop, with a boundary that scattered the crowd of onlookers, crossed the road and reached the school, made the winning hit amidst vociferous applause. Harry Bishop, bowling for Swavesey, achieved the "hat trick."

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 21st July 1922

The managers of Swavesey National School have appointed Miss Eva Elizabeth Matthews West as assistant teacher in the school. The appointment is, however, subject to confirmation by the County Education Committee. Miss West has been on the teaching staffs at Shelton, Notts., Elsworth and Knapwell Schools.

RAILWAY AND POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 21st July 1922

The first train on week-days to St. Ives is now due to leave Swavesey at 7.15 a.m., instead of 7.18 a.m., and the mid-day train to Cambridge at 1.38 p.m. instead of 1.46 p.m. In consequence of the latter alteration, the latest time for posting for the day mail despatch at Swavesey Post Office is now 1.20 p.m. The up-train, which used to leave at 3.59 p.m., is now due to depart at 3.58 p.m.

SCHOOL TREATS. 21st July 1922

The children attending the Sunday Schools attached to the Parish Church and Bethel Baptist Chapel respectively, had their annual summer treats on July 13th. The day was dull and the clouds looked threatening, but fortunately the rain held off, and the young people spent a very happy time. The Parish Church scholars were entertained at the Vicarage. After an excellent tea on the lawn there were sports and games in an adjoining meadow, and also a cricket match. Mr. Barwell distributed sweets, and his quaint method of doing so led to an amusing scene, suggestive of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Prizes were presented towards the close, and the treat ended with the singing of the National Anthem. The youngsters of Bethel Chapel began their treat at 2.30 p.m., with games in a field kindly lent by Mr. Jabez Day.

ADVERT. 28th July 1922

WANTED, about 20 Acres of Pasture Land, in Swavesey, at reasonable rental. Must have water handy. – Reply, F. Norman, Swavesey.

A WELCOME GIFT. 28th July 1922

The Ely Association of Voluntary Schools has made a grant of £75 towards the exceptional expenditure which has recently been incurred in repairing and improving the Swavesey National School.

BRITISH LEGION. 28th July 1922

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held at the National School on Friday evening, Mr. C. Wood presiding. After routine business had been transacted, a proposal that application should be made for permission to use the school for the social purpose of the Legion was carried unanimously.

BOYS' CRICKET MATCH. 28th July 1922

Swavesey boys succeeded in beating a team of older and bigger Willingham lads on the Recreation Ground on Monday evening. Scores: Swavesey, 1st innings 14, 2nd innings 34 (B. Daintree 9, E. Thompson 7, S. Godfrey 6); Willingham, 1st innings 19 (C. Haddow 5), 2nd innings 14. H. Brooks and B. Daintree bowled well for Swavesey.

GIRLS AT CRICKET. 28th July 1922

Swavesey girl cricketers met with a severe reverse on July 20th, when they played a game with the girls of Needingworth on Swavesey Recreation Ground. The visitors, batting first, compiled the substantial total of 75 runs, to which Swavesey replied with 18, and having to follow on, fared no better, for they could only knock up 18. In Miss Payle Needingworth had an exceptionally effective bowler. The break she put on her balls was, it is said, worthy of a professional trundle.

OBITUARY. 28th July 1922

Mr. Frank Thorp died in Lewisham Hospital, London, on Friday night, after an operation. He was a native of Swavesey, being the eldest son of the late Mr. Samuel Thorp, butcher, of Wallman's-lane. When a young man he joined the Metropolitan Police, and rose to the rank of sub-divisional inspector, and at the time of his retirement a few years ago was in charge of the large and populous district of Stoke Newington. He leaves two sons and two daughters, one of whom is in India. His wife died three years ago.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 28th July 1922

A rally in connection with the local Primitive Methodist Circuit took place in the grounds of the Manor on the 20th inst., and afforded an excellent opportunity of welcoming the new Circuit minister, the Rev. H. P. Ellis. A meeting in the afternoon was followed by a tea, after which another meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. J. Chapman. The speakers were the Revs. H. P. Ellis, H. T. N. Ussher, and Yaxley, Messrs. W. Fuller, and J. Hindes. Collections were taken on behalf of the Circuit funds.

LOCAL WEDDINGS. 28th July 1922

PEELING – COLE

At St. Andrew's parish church, Swavesey, on Wednesday, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Ella Gertrude Cole, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Carter Cole, of The Farm, Swavesey, and Mr. George Samuel Peeling, of Barton Mills, Mildenhall, Suffolk. There was a large attendance of relatives, friends and villagers. Owing to the roof of the nave being under repair, the

service was held in the spacious south chantry, a portion of the church used as a side chapel, in which in all probability no marriage had taken place for centuries, if indeed at any time in the church's long history. The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. H. Lacon, rector of Barton Mills, the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, vicar of Swavesey, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The bride, given away by her brother, Mr. Charles W. H. Cole, wore a charming dress of ivory white georgette and silver lace, with black and silver grey hat. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Her sister, Miss Mary Cole, who was in attendance, was attired in a frock of tangerine coloured crepe de chine, with bronze bead trimming, and a hat to match covered with nigger brown lace. Her bouquet was of yellow carnations, and she wore a gold and platinum brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. Francis Cole, the bride's aunt, was attired in a becoming black ratine silk dress, with blue and steel bead trimming, and black lace hat. She carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations. Mr. Percy Cuddeford, of London, was best man. As the congregation were assembling, the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played appropriate music, and during the signing of the register and when the happy couple left the church, the bridal chorus from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The church bells rang merrily after the ceremony, and again during the afternoon.

The wedding breakfast, attended by upwards of 50 guests, was held in a marquee on the lawn at The Farm, which had been prettily decorated with rambler roses, and later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Peeling, the bride wearing a grey coat and skirt with hat to match, left by motor car to catch the 3.15 p.m. train at Cambridge, en route for London and Winchelsea, Sussex, where the honeymoon is being spent. The wedding presents, more than 80 in number, included a massive Sheffield plated tea tray from the staff at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, a handsome china tea service from the commercial travellers staying at the Lion, and a cheque from Mr. Moore and other farmers.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 4th Aug. 1922

Collections in the Swavesey District.

The house-to-house collection in the Swavesey district in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently taken place under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund resulted in a total of £75 0s. 9d., of which Swavesey collected £13 1s. 9d.

ADVERT. 4th Aug. 1922

We can offer you New 4ft. 6in. Well-Filled Mattresses from 45s. New Wire Springs, from 40s. upwards. Also Good Second-hand. New Cocoa Matting,

stained and plain, cut to order. Best Paint, mixed, any colour, 1s. 1d to 1s. 2½d. per lb. – Prior's Stores. 'Phone Swavesey 3.

AN ECCENTRIC CAT. 4th Aug. 1922

A cat belonging to Mr. C. E. Page, butcher, which had been missing for some days, was at last traced to the top of a stunted elm tree near its house. Here in a hole it had given birth to three kittens, all very much alive.

VESTRY MEETING. 4th Aug. 1922

At a special Vestry meeting, held under the tower of the Parish Church on July 27th, it was resolved to approve of the application for a faculty to erect a memorial tablet in the church in memory of the late Mr. George Metcalfe and Mr. William Twist Thorp.

TESTIMONIAL. 4th Aug. 1922

Miss Laura Pook, who recently retired under the age-limit rule after 32 years' devoted service in the infants' department of Swavesey National School, has been presented with a gold watch and chain, subscribed for by 125 of her old pupils and other friends.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 4th Aug. 1922

The annual meeting of the Swavesey United Football Club was held at the National School on the 25th ult., Mr. G. E. Canham presiding. The years' accounts were presented, and showed a balance in hand of £4 3s. 7d. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. R. Barwell, vice-presidents, Revs. J. F. Cooksey, H. T. N. Ussher, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. C. Banks, W. Mustill, A. L. Parish, C. W. Parish, Walter Thorp and L. Williams; captain, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-captain, Mr. T. Savage; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Godfrey; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Holmes; committee, Messrs. G. Crouch, S. F. Mitham, A. P. Payne, F. Pontefract, A. Prime, jun., C. Savage, and G. Winter. It was decided that the first eleven should enter Division III of the Cambs. Junior League and the Minor Cup, and that friendly matches should be arranged for the second eleven.

A DRAINAGE QUESTION. 4th Aug. 1922

The drainage system adopted at the new Council houses in Swavesey is not only not a success, but is a very serious nuisance, and a probable danger to the residents in the neighbouring houses, the teachers and children at the National School, and the village generally. In theory the system is an excellent one, but in practice it does not work. Two dumb wells dug in gault have to take the

whole of the drainage from the eight houses, four houses being allotted to each well. The authors of the scheme intended that the liquid drainage should soak into the soil, but the soil being gault, refuses to absorb the liquid, and the result has been disastrous. Three weeks ago one dumb well, which has been dug close to a large open public drain which runs by the side of the National School garden, and turning, crosses the main street, "blew" with a loud report, and gas and sewage of the foulest description gushed forth, poisoning the air and the latter flowing into the open drain, along which it rushed like a "bore". The vile smell has continued ever since. The other dumb well has also caused trouble, and is still far from satisfactory. It is understood that the Swavesey District Council discussed the drainage of their Swavesey houses last Friday, and that a suggestion was made that if pails were substituted for water closet, the nuisance would be minimised, if it did not disappear altogether. The councillors, it is said, did not feel that they could adopt the suggestion without the consent of the Ministry of Health, and they decided to lay the matter before the Ministry. In the meantime the nuisance continues, but doubtless the school managers will take action, in the interest of the children.

INQUEST. 11th Aug. 1922

Open Verdict Returned At Inquest on Man Killed on Line.

NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

The County Coroner (Col. A. J. Lyon) returned an open verdict at the inquest held on Saturday at Swavesey Station on Arthur Adams, of Over, who was killed upon the railway at Swavesey on Saturday. Mr. Adams leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss.

The G.E.R. Co. were represented by Mr. F. Harradine, and Mr. T. Tagg, station-master.

Edward Adams, of Over, a small holder, identified deceased as his brother, who was a labourer, aged 47. Witness last saw him alive at 7.5 a.m. that morning, going to his holding. They discussed business and deceased was quite rational. Witness heard of the occurrence and came to the station and saw the body. Deceased had been under the doctor for illness caused by eating pork. He had not been strange in his mind, and had never threatened suicide. Witness did not expect that he would do anything of that sort. Barring that slight illness, he had nothing to worry him at all. His allotment was about 9 or 10 chains from the place of his death. Witness could not understand why he was on the line. There was, he believed, no public footpath there.

William Whybrow, of Over, a foreman plate-layer on the G.E.R., said he was working on the line about 10 to 12, about 200 yards from the Skew Bridge, on

the up-side. He and the others saw a man come from the allotments, walking on the outside of the up-road towards them. When he saw them approaching him he turned back; he kept looking back, and at the time the down Midland had the signal. Just as the man got against the Skew Bridge he seemed to spring across the road into the front of the train, the down Midland. He was struck by the train, and was carried some yards. Witness and others went up to him, and saw him lying on the four-foot, cut to pieces, and quite dead. They took him out of the four-foot, and deceased was eventually removed. Ansell fetched the police. Witness knew the man, but not intimately. Witness had never seen him on the line before. He was almost certainly trespassing at that time. Witness did not know of any right of way where the deceased was walking. There was certainly none where the body lay. When he looked back witness thought deceased was looking at the train, which passed them. Deceased was about 200 yards from them when the train struck him.

By Sergt. Pallant. Witness's man Webster recognised deceased and told witness who he was – before he was struck.

John Ansell, of Swavesey, also a plate-layer, spoke to being with Whybrow on the morning in question, and said he saw deceased walking alongside the line, and described the manner in which deceased sprang across the line in front of the train. He did not think there was any right of way near to deceased.

By Sergt. Pallant: Deceased did go up to a shovel as if to take it, but witness did not think he touched it.

P.C. Breed, of Swavesey, said that at 12.25 he heard of the occurrence, and saw deceased lying on the outside of the down line. Pieces of the body were strewn about on the down line between the spot where he lay and the bridge. The place where the train caught deceased was four or five yards the Swavesey side of the bridge. There was no public right-of-way there at all, and there was no doubt that deceased was trespassing at the time. Witness searched the body and found some money and pocket-knives, a handkerchief, tobacco box, etc., but nothing to throw any light upon the matter. Witness had found that deceased was a little deaf at times, and had had a slight operation to one ear when a lad. He could find no evidence to throw any light upon deceased's state of mind. The body had been carried by the train about 50 yards.

The Coroner found that deceased, whilst trespassing on the line, was killed by a train. He found that there was not sufficient evidence to show whether he committed suicide or whether his death was accidental: therefore he would return an open verdict.

MRS. GENERAL BOOTH. 11th Aug. 1922

After a meeting in St. Ives, the motoring party left shortly after 2. On the way to Cottenham a short service was held at Swavesey. The proceedings began about 2 p.m., when the Godmanchester Salvation Army Band, after a short march in the main street, played and sang hymns on the Recreation Ground. Mrs. Booth and party on their arrival found a good number of villagers and visitors assembled. At the open-air meeting which followed the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, presided, and Mrs. Booth gave a short and characteristic address. Lieut. Sanjivi, of India, and Col. Rich also spoke, and the latter closed the meeting with prayer. The party then hurried away to Cottenham, passing through Over and Willingham, where there were earnest entreaties for a short address from Mrs. Booth. But time pressed, and it was necessary to proceed.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 11th Aug. 1922

Swavesey National School broke up for the harvest holidays last Friday. The school will re-assemble on Monday, 18th Sept.

LARGE FISH. 11th Aug. 1922

Fishing with roach hook in the river Ouse, near Holywell Ferry, Mr. Henry G. Key, Swavesey, has recently caught a tench weighing 3½lbs. The fish is being “set up” in Cambridge.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 11th Aug. 1922

The Cambs. Education Committee have awarded John Wells, a pupil at Swavesey National School, a Minor County Scholarship, tenable at the County Boys' School. He is the son of Mr. Horace Wells, Church End.

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. 11th Aug. 1922

The large open drain at Turn Bridge, the subject of numerous complaints, was on Wednesday thoroughly washed out and swept, and all objectionable matter removed. It is hoped that in future the operation will be carried out weekly, as in pre-war days.

BANK HOLIDAY. 11th Aug. 1922

A good number of visitors spent the holiday week-end in Swavesey, but so far as the village was concerned, Bank Holiday passed off very quietly, the only special incident being the brief visit of Mrs. General Booth and party early in the afternoon. About 60 passengers were booked from Swavesey Railway Station to Cambridge for the Mammoth Show.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 11th Aug. 1922

At the Mammoth Show on Monday, Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, gained the third prize for a white leg-horn hen.

INTERESTING FINDS. 18th Aug. 1922

The workmen engaged in repairing the nave roof of the parish church have recently discovered two small objects which may be of some antiquarian interest, viz., an iron ferrule, probably an arrow-head of perhaps the 16th century, found embedded in the roof boarding through which it had penetrated, and in the wall below a wall place a piece of pottery believed to be a fragment of a 14th century ewer, or some such article, once in use at the Priory, which stood on land adjoining the church.

THE NEW VICAR. 18th Aug. 1922

The Rev. Charles Ferdinand Stebbing, Rector of Cogenhoe, Northampton, has been appointed Vicar of Swavesey by the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, in succession to the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp. Mr. Stebbing, who is 43 years of age, is married and has four children, was educated at Jesus College (3rd Class Theological Tripos, B.A. 1902, M.A. 1906). He was curate of All Saints' Peterborough, 1902-1906, curate of Kingsthorpe, Northampton, 1906-1909, and Rector of Cogenhoe from 1909 to the present time. Incidentally it may be mentioned that he was in his college tennis six. It is not known when the new Vicar will be able to take up his duties at Swavesey, but Mr. Sharp is to be instituted Rector of Elveden, Suffolk, on the 8th October.

COUNCIL HOUSE DRAINAGE. 18th Aug. 1922

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: - The stench caused by an overflowing cesspool connected with the drainage of the new Council houses was particularly offensive last Sunday, and occupiers of neighbouring houses in the main street had to keep their windows and doors closed. The cesspool "blew" about six weeks ago, the spontaneous combustion being due to its failure to do what its designers required it to do, namely, absorb its own liquid sewage, an impossible operation seeing that the cesspool is dug in gault, through which water will not soak. As far as can be ascertained, no remedial measures have been decided upon, or, if they have, nothing has been done to put them into force. The District Council, at their last meeting, after discussing the matter, came to the conclusion, it is understood, that they could not take action without the consent of the Ministry of Health, and now it is rumoured that the Council will not meet again for two months or thereabouts. For the sake of the children of the village, the evil should be remedied before

the National School, which is in the midst of the stench, is re-opened on the 18th September, but nothing has yet been heard of even a mild protest to the sanitary authorities by the school managers. Visitors to the Swavesey Flower Show on Thursday next will not be affected by the nuisance, for the show ground is half a mile distant.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL BENCH. 18th Aug. 1922

SATURDAY. – Before Mr. A. S. Campkin (in the chair), the Mayor (Coun. G. P. Hawkins), Prof. Courtney Kenny, Mr. B. Pearson, and Mr. G. Hart.

ALLEGED THREATS AT SWAVESEY.

J.K. of Swavesey, was summoned for using threats towards H. C. at Swavesey on July 30th, with intent to do bodily harm.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Jasper Lyon appeared for complainant, and Mr. Oliver Papworth for defendant.

H.C. stated that he lived in – Swavesey. On the 30th July last his wife woke him up in bed at about 10.45 p.m. He heard K. start to knock the door and offer to fight. Defendant made use of very threatening remarks and then went away. He also said that he would make a “box of cold meat” of C. Defendant said this (Saturday) morning that he would cripple him. He was rather afraid that defendant would do him serious injury. Defendant had resided in that village ever since he could remember. He had never had an ill word with defendant at any time before.

By Mr. Papworth: He went to bed about 10 o’clock that night. They had to go down a passage to get to his door. His bedroom window was open. His wife woke him up, but he did not strike any light. He did not throw anything out of the window. K. said, “Come on out here, Trout,” made other very offensive remarks, and used bad language. He had a grievance against his brother-in-law, W. He did not wish to interfere with anyone. His mother did not say, “Go home, H., and leave these men alone.”

Mrs. L. C., wife of the complainant, said about 10.45 p.m. Mr. K. and Mr. W. came down the lane. They came to her door and stood there some minutes. K. asked W. if he should fetch her husband out to fight. K. used most offensive language and threats, and kept on knocking the door. She woke her husband up when they started to hit the door. She did not throw anything over K.’s head, nor did anyone else. Her children were crying at the time. This (Saturday) morning, at quarter to two, she heard K. shouting, “Trout, Trout, come out, and fight.”

By Mr. Papworth: There were two ways of getting to her house. The back bedroom window was not open. Nothing was thrown over them that night.

She listened to K. and W. from her front bedroom. She did not see anyone that morning, but she was sure it was K. who was shouting.

S.W., of Swavesey, a labourer, said he lived three doors from Mrs. C. He remembered the 30th July, and heard the noise. It was most abusive language, and it was spoken by K. He was threatening Mr. C. He heard Mr. K. again that Saturday morning, and he said that if he got punished at court he would make C. rue it.

J. W., wife of the previous witness, gave corroborative evidence.

K., the defendant, said on oath that as they were passing C's house something was thrown over them from C.'s house. Defendant said that he called, whoever did it, "a dirty coward." As complainant had threatened him before, he thought it was he, and he asked him to come out and fight like a man. Defendant denied making any of the other threats. Defendant denied making any threats that morning.

A.W., a labourer, of Swavesey, gave corroborative evidence for the defence.

Inspector Evans said that the defendant had been before the court on 14 previous occasions for assault, wilful damage, threats, and other offences.

The magistrate bound defendant over to keep the peace for 12 months. He was also ordered to pay costs.

SWAVESEY HORTICULTURAL SHOW. 25th Aug. 1922

Successful Exhibition in Aid of Village Memorial Hall.

Rain, though it detracted somewhat from whole-hearted enjoyment of the function, did not by any means completely mar the proceedings at Swavesey Horticultural Show and Sports, held yesterday (Thursday) in the Manor Fields, by kind permission of Mr. Albert White, of Over. The show was organised in aid of the village Memorial Hall, and the efforts of all who worked for the success of the function were satisfactorily rewarded. The judges in the horticultural section were Messrs. A. T. Paskett and George Hart, of Willingham. The exhibits were, general conditions considered, of a high standard. Stalls, etc., were in charge of the following: Refreshments, Mesdames Godfrey, Thurlow, Savage, Marriott, Wilson and helpers; bursting balloons with football, Mr. C. Godfrey; shooting gallery, Mr. A. E. Thixton; produce stall, Messrs. J. Linford and F. W. Pontefract; work stall, Mrs. Burton and Miss G. Dodson; sweet stall, Miss Parsons; cocoanut shies, Messrs. T. Thurlow, Seekings and A. C. Hepher.

A balloon race was arranged by Mr. P. Godfrey, and it proved interesting. Small balloons were inflated with gas, the name and address of the sender were attached and the balloons were released, the one going the farthest distance securing the prize. Pleasing half-hour concerts were given, arranged

by the Misses Dodson and Goad, and Mr. Ashby. The artistes taking part were Mr. L. Ashby, Miss J. Kerling, Mr. A. Topham, Misses Cole and Dodson, Miss Goad, Mr. D. Stanton and Mr. Canning. They were assisted by an efficient party from Histon. Dancing took place in the evening, for which the Cambridge Railway Silver Band, who were in attendance during the afternoon, played. Messrs. D. Williams and G. Goad acting as M.C.'s.

The rain which fell in the afternoon caused some little delay in the starting of the sports, the officials for which were Messrs. J. Mustill (starter), A. Beaumont, F. Hepher and T. Thompson (judges).

(List of awards in newspaper.)

HOCKEY CLUB. 25th Aug. 1922

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District Hockey Club, held in the schoolroom on the 16th inst., it was decided to re-open the club for the coming season, and the following officers were elected: President, Rt. Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P.; vice-presidents, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. F. Kirby, R. Mailer, and G. J. Paine (subject to their acceptance of office); captain of mixed eleven, Mr. F. Johnson; vice-captain, Mr. H. Topham; captain of ladies' eleven, Miss M. Parsons; vice-captain, Miss D. Banks; hon. sec. and treasurer, Miss A. Norman, Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, with whom intending members should communicate. Practice will commence on Sept. 7th.

A SWAVESEY TOY BALLOON AND A GERMAN ORGAN. 1st Sept. 1922

At the recent Swavesey Horticultural Show several miniature balloons were despatched and two of these crossed the North Sea. One, sent by a boy was found at Aalten, Netherlands, on the border of Germany, by Herr Joh. Deunk, and the other released by a young lady, went right into Germany on the following day. The receipt of the latter was acknowledged in a long and interesting letter, of which the following translation is kindly furnished by a Cambridge lady:

Translation of Letter.

“Motto.”

“To assure Pleasure to oneself give pleasure to others.”

Gersdorf am Quies

Silesia,

August 26, 22.

On August 25th, at 7 a.m., a schoolchild discovered in a local field a Balloon with postcard attached. It was caught flying and brought to my Rectory. I showed it to the assembled schoolchildren. We accept it as a “greeting” from

your School House to ours. How wonderful that the tiny Balloon was so well preserved!

This village where the Balloon descended upon is situated in Lower Silesia, between the rivers “Elbi” and “Oder”, not very far from the Sezeck-Slovakin State border. The nearest township is called Kunglau and the nearest city is Gorlitz. Your postcard calls for our compliments and greetings, but we beg a favour from you. In consequence of the distress of the past few years, which doubtless you have read of in your newspapers, starvation reigns in our country to such an extent that all our funds are devoted to feeding our hungry, and our village church organ, which is broken, cannot be repaired for lack of money. We should love once more to hear our organ play. Would you have the great kindness to make a collection in your schools to help us repair our organ? You, also, serve the Almighty God with song and music, and if you would only send a few of your Treasury Notes it would help us (owing to the terrible depreciation of our money value) to carry out the repairs, and our people would realise that the English people mean Peace and not to destroy us. I thank you in anticipation,

PASTOR KUNZEL,
Evangelical Church
Gersdorf am Quies,
Silesia.

P.S. – When was the Balloon sent up?

FRUIT. 1st Sept. 1922

The fruit traffic at Swavesey station, G.E.R., has been exceptionally heavy this year, so far as plums are concerned. On Tuesday something like 70 tons of plums were despatched, and for days previously the consignments had been nearly as heavy. The largest consignments have been sent to Manchester, London, Liverpool and Bradford.

COUNCIL HOUSE DRAINAGE. 1st Sept. 1922

After waiting in vain for nearly two months for the district councillors to take effective steps to abate the nuisance caused by the overflowing cesspool connected with the Council houses in School-lane, the managers of the National School, which is seriously affected by the stench, have now sent a representation on the subject to the Council. Rumours are current in the village that certain parents will not allow their children to return to school so long as the stench continues. The school should re-open after the harvest holidays on September 18th.

BALLOON RACE. 1st Sept. 1922

Of the many miniature balloons despatched from the Swavesey Horticultural show during the afternoon of August 24th, seven had been accounted for by Wednesday evening. Those sent up by Miss Irene Podmore and Mr. Walter Spolton respectively fell ingloriously in the railway station yard adjoining the show ground. Mrs. Smart's balloon came to earth at Over Cemetery, not half a mile distant, and Master Stanley Wood's descended in a field a little way further away in the same parish, but Miss Dorothy Banks' travelled as far as Brockford, near Stowmarket, Suffolk. The other two balloons crossed the North Sea. Master Bernard Kester's was found at Aalten, Netherlands, on the border of Germany, by Herr Joh. Deunk, and Pastor M. Kunzel, Pfarrer der OEvangalischen Kirche, has written to say that the balloon released by Miss Clara Adams, of Willingham, reached Gersdorf am Queis, Schlesien, Deutschland, on August 25th.

SWAVESEY MINIATURE BALLOONS. 8th Sept. 1922

Interesting Letters Received from Germany.

PAST AND PRESENT PRICES.

In last week's "Independent Press" it was announced that seven of the miniature balloons which were despatched from the horticultural show at Swavesey on August 24th had been accounted for. The discovery of another balloon near Dortmund, Westphalia, has been notified since last Friday.

The finding of the balloons in Germany has led to receipt by Mr. C. Wood, School House, Swavesey, who acted as hon. secretary of the show, of two long and interesting letters, translations of which were very kindly furnished by a Cambridge lady.

(1st letter already reported previously).

The appeal (in this letter) has already met with some response. Four contributions towards providing a new organ for Pastor Kunzel's church have been promised in Swavesey, and a gentleman residing in London has asked the secretary of the Swavesey to supply him with the pastor's address as he is "thinking of sending a small sum in token of the fact that our common discipleship of Christ knows no racial quarrels."

"A POOR AND UNHAPPY COUNTRY."

Herr Theodor Blumenkemper, of Lunen, near Dortmund, also tells a sad story of the condition of Germany and its people, and his letter will probably be read with interest by Cambridgeshire ex-Service men who spent a far from happy time in Germany as prisoners of war. A Swavesey man's experiences in 1918 in the coal mines of Dortmund could, for instance, hardly be described

as a “fairly good time.” In his letter, dated 31st August, Herr Bolmenkemper writes:-

Respected and Dear Sir,

On August 25th, at 8 a.m., in a meadow I discovered a Toy Balloon with postcard attached, requesting the finder to post the card; but I regret it could not be posted as English stamps are not accepted by our Post Office. Therefore, I acquaint you by these few lines that I do not mind returning you the original postcard on hearing from you that you have received this letter.

We Germans are now a poor and unhappy people, and we cannot find any pleasure in life. In consequence of the war our German money is now valueless. You can judge how dear everything is by the cutting enclosed.

I am a poor small tradesman with a large family to support. If you and your friends are living in poor circumstances you have my greatest sympathy; but should you and your club friends be well-to-do people I pray you to remember my neediness. I served during the war, in Turkey, on the railways, and became acquainted with many British prisoners of war, and often played football with them. They had a fairly good time there and were provided with a sports ground.

I hope this letter will safely reach the correct addresses there is another address on the back of the card, hardly decipherable, but which may be: “Mr. Steine, 141, Ross-street, Romsey Town, Cambridge.”

The balloon is a red coloured one, and flew gallantly into Germany, and is a good omen that the enmity between the two nations is at an end.

An Englishwoman living here translated your message, and I hope there is someone in your town that can read German. I eagerly await your letter and will not regret my time, paper and postage.

GERMAN VALUES IN 1914 AND 1922

Cutting from German newspaper of August 29th 1922.

“Where has the ‘Just Peace’ of Versailles led us to?”

The following will illustrate its present results:

Pre-War prices. Marks. Present day prices

20 Suits of Clothes.....	for 1,000	A waistcoat
A good Piano	900	A pair of child’s boots
100 fat Geese	800	A gent’s hat
10lbs. of Real Silver	700	10lbs of Lead
A Motor Cycle	600	2lbs Cotton Wool
Furnishing a Worker’s Home.....	500	2 pairs stockings
A Milch Cow	400	2lbs of Butter
A Load of Potatoes	300	2 Marzipan Eggs

A Month's Holiday at some Resort.....	200	A night's lodging
A Sewing Machine	100	A spool for same
A Rudder-boat	75	A Gent's collar
A Silk Dress	50	A Handkerchief
A Load of Firewood	10	A Lead Pencil
A Bottle of Champagne	7	1lb. of Hay
A Nickel Watch.....	5	A Packet of Pins
A Box of Cigars	4	2 Cigarettes
500lbs. weight Briquettes	3	1½ Boxes of Matches
A Good Dinner	1	A Doornail

THE HARVEST. 8th Sept. 1922

Wheat appears to be the best of the white straw crops this year. There has not been much threshing at present, but I have heard of 10 or 11 sacks an acre in the neighbourhood. The samples are not so dry, nor of such good quality as last year. Barley, very little grown in this parish, at the most I should say 8 sacks per acre. Winter oats are, I think, the best. Oats sown in the spring suffered from the six or eight weeks' dry weather. This dry weather did not produce so much straw. Three-fourths of a crop may be expected. Beans are rather a poor crop. Some pieces have suffered from the fly, and none of the land when the crop is off will be as clean as last year. Peas are a very poor crop as a rule. The fly seems to have attacked some sorts of peas very badly, in fact there are several pieces not worth cutting and threshing, and the straw is no use, except for litter. Hay is a good crop this year, especially in the fens. The showery weather in gathering it was against the quality, and made it a long time in hand. Mangolds, where a plant was obtained and put in fairly early are a good crop, and with three or four weeks more fine weather and sunshine they will be a good size. There are two or three excellent pieces on the smallholdings. Potatoes, not so many at a root on account of the few weeks' dry weather, but the late rains have made them come to a fairly good size. Fruit is an abundant crop; plums are especially plentiful and the Victoria's seem to be the heaviest of all. — Robinson Mitham.

A PIOUS ASPIRATION. 8th Sept. 1922

When on his rounds one day this week a Swavesey tradesman received a 10s. Treasury note, the back of which was endorsed "God send you back to me."

AN INDUSTRIOUS HEN. 8th Sept. 1922

Having filled one nest with eggs of her own production, a hen constructed another nest close by, in which she proceeded to lay more eggs. The nests

were found amongst nettles and brick rubbish in a yard in the village, and when discovered contained twenty eggs.

A MOTOR MISHAP. 8th Sept. 1922

A motor-car proceeding from Chatteris to Cambridge on Sunday morning came to grief on the Huntingdon-road, near the New Inn, in attempting to avoid a collision with a number of horses on their way to Fenstanton. One animal collided with the car, but escaped injury. The front axle of the car was, however, broken, and another car had to be hired to enable the passengers to continue their journey.

COUNCIL HOUSE DRAINAGE. 8th Sept. 1922

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Swavesey Rural District Council, with two Councillors, Messrs. Ingle Hemington (Over) and C. Wood (Swavesey), on Tuesday afternoon inspected the drainage of the Council houses, respecting which grave complaints have been made. As a result of their investigations, the contractor was ordered to at once provide a stench pipe, 15 ft. in height, for the cesspool, which is mainly the cause of the nuisance, and the Clerk was instructed to call a special meeting of the Council on Monday next to deal with the drainage of the houses generally.

FOOTBALL. 8th Sept. 1922

The Swavesey Football Club has a rather ambitious programme for the coming season. The Cambs. Junior League has been entered, and also the knock-out competition. A League match will be played every week at home or away, and when the first team are absent the second eleven will have a game at home. The aim of the club is to provide suitable sport for the young men of the village to engage in, and for other parishioners to witness and encourage by their presence on the playing ground and by their financial support, as no charges will be made for entrance, in spite of heavy travelling and other expenses.

PLUMS. 8th Sept. 1922

Fruit growers are complaining bitterly of the exorbitant charges levied on their consignments of fruit. The following is an example. A Swavesey grower sent two tons of plums, or thereabouts, to Manchester, where they realised £13 13s. 3d. in the market. From this sum no less than £8 15s. 7d. was deducted, viz., charges £6 13s. 5d., market dues £1 1s.5d., commission, £1 0s. 9d. the grower, therefore, only received £4 17s. 8d.

ADVERTS. 15th Sept. 1922

ABUNDANCE of Glass Jam Jars, 1, 2 and 3 lbs., very cheap. – At Prior's Stores, Swavesey.

ALDRED'S HARVEST SALE, from Saturday, 23rd September, to Monday, 9th October. – H. S. Aldred, Swavesey.

COUNCIL HOUSES. 15th Sept. 1922

A stench pipe, 15 feet in height, which had been ordered by a committee of the District Council after their inspection of the drainage of the Council houses last week, was inserted in the offending cesspool on Wednesday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 15th Sept. 1922

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the special preacher being Mr. S. Curtis, of Southill, Beds. There were good congregations, and the public tea between the services was also well attended. Collections were taken for the chapel funds.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. 15th Sept. 1922

The defective drainage of the Swavesey Council houses was exhaustively discussed at a special meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives on Monday. It would appear that no effective steps have been taken to abate the serious nuisance and danger to health caused by the stench from an overflowing cesspool because the Ministry of Health insist on their system of drainage being maintained. This system has been in operation for about a year, and has been proved to be a failure. It depends upon cesspools, which were expected to absorb the liquid sewage, but which, being dug in gault, they are incapable of doing. A practical scheme for dealing with the matter has, it is understood, been submitted to the Council by the Council's Sanitary Officer, Mr. F. G. Reynolds, but the scheme cannot be adopted without the consent of the Ministry of Health, with whom the Council are in communication. The people of Swavesey cannot understand why the Government Department charged with the care of the health of the community should be the stumbling block in the way of a prompt abatement of a grave peril to the public health. Had the nuisance occurred on private property, they say, remedial measures would have been enforced long ago. The village school is close to the overflowing cesspool, and the stench pervades the school buildings and cannot be conducive to the well-being of the boys when at gardening work in the garden. The school has been closed for the past six weeks for the harvest holidays, and will be re-opened on Monday. The

expense of putting the drainage of the Council houses in good working order should be included in the cost of erecting the houses, and not fall upon the already overburdened ratepayers of Swavesey. In fairness to the local architect, who supervised the building of the houses, it should be stated that his scheme of drainage was rejected by the Ministry of Health in favour of their own which has proved disastrous.

EXCURSION. 22nd Sept. 1922

Twenty-three passengers booked from Swavesey station by the excursion train to Yarmouth on Wednesday morning.

GERMAN SCHOOL CHILDREN AND A SWAVESEY BALLOON. 22nd Sept. 1922

The Swavesey miniature balloons are becoming quite famous. Two more letters have come from Germany with regard to them. The most pleasing which Mr. C. Woods, of Swavesey School, has received, is from a German school teacher, who in a letter "to the school at Swavesey" describes how on Friday, August 25th, at 8 a.m., one of his class pupils found the balloon in a neighbouring meadow and brought it into the schoolroom to the great joy of the children there. The letter proceeds: "The balloon, relieved of the card attached, was so well preserved that it floated merrily in the schoolroom. Now it is lying well packed in a box and rests after its long journey, and will be preserved as a 'keepsake.' Gladly we would like to re-charge it and dispatch it back to you, but we fear the wind might carry it to the Balkans, where the Greeks and Turks are fighting each other. There it might receive an undeserved buffeting. We should like to know the date it was 'sent up'. I personally enclose three cards, a newspaper cutting and some stamps for your stamp album. Beyond these I cannot send anything, as I possess nothing. Beyond paper, there is not much left in Germany, and this is also getting scarce. With a colleague's greetings, Hans Urban." The German newspaper cutting is also worth quoting:

THE BALLOON IN THE SCHOOLROOM.

A great journey behind it has the little toy balloon which was found in a Newmannscher meadow and carried off to the schoolroom. It was a sturdy little balloon such as one buys at the Fair. Great was the joy of the children, and everyone seemed to know where it came from. Towns like Naumberg, Laubrun and Gorlitz were quickly named as its home. One pupil declared it was despatched at last year's local Fair, and had been floating in the air ever

since then. The discovery of the English postcard quickly revealed its real place of dispatch.

In the English language it stated "When found please post the postcard to the address on the other side. This was C. Woods, Schoolhouse, Swavesey. Therefore the balloon must have been dispatched from an English school and quickly flew to a German school. Really one cannot expect more from a Fair balloon.

PERSONAL. 22nd Sept. 1922

Mr. Percy James Beaumont, eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, Swavesey, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Peterborough at his ordination in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday, and has been licensed to the curacy of St. Martin's Stamford. Mr. Beaumont, who served with the Royal Garrison Artillery in France during the war, has been an assistant master at Stamford Grammar School for the past two years, and will hold his curacy, for which he will receive no stipend, with his mastership. He is an M.A. of Cambridge.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 22nd Sept. 1922

A meeting of the Swavesey Parochial Church Council took place at the Vicarage on Friday evening, and was notable as being the last to be held under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who is leaving Swavesey at the beginning of October for his new parish of Elveden, Suffolk. The work of repairing the roof of the church, now in progress, was discussed at some length, and during the discussion Mr. R. Barwell, the treasurer of the Council, announced that the sum of £219 remained to the credit of the Repair Fund. The Council decided to allocate £15 contributed under the duplex envelope scheme to the fund, and to ask the churchwardens to hand over to the fund the sum of £15 from the church expenses account, which it was agreed at the annual meeting of Church electors should be devoted to that purpose. This sum of £249 will not, however, quite meet the expense of completing the repairs to the nave roof, and it is hoped that additional contributions will be forthcoming within the next two or three weeks for this absolutely necessary work. It is anticipated that the nave roof will be finished by the middle of next month. Ventilation of the roof, the want of which had been largely responsible for the decayed condition of much of the timber, was reported to have been economically and efficiently provided by the architect, Mr. E. E. Bowden. Before the meeting closed the Vicar briefly expressed his deep gratitude to the Council for all they had done during the past two years. Their meetings, he said, had been pleasant and useful, and much practical good had

resulted. Speaking for Mrs. Sharp as well as himself, he thanked the Council for their unfailing sympathy, and assured them of the sincere regret they both felt at leaving so many kind friends. Mr. Barwell suitably responded for the Council.

CRAFTSMEN IN THE CHURCHYARD. 22nd Sept. 1922

A correspondent writes: When visiting Swavesey Church on Monday I noticed on the northern side of the churchyard two far from slightly sheds, from both of which sounds were proceeding as of men at work. In one I found a carpenter repairing oak rafters from the roof of the church, and the way in which he was splicing on sound wood in place of wood that had been decayed or had been eaten away by wood-boring grubs, and otherwise making the rafters safe and sound and good for many a long year's further service was marvellous. The centre of one rafter I examined was completely decayed through to its face, which had shown to the church, and as it had only been held by tenons at each end must sooner or later have fallen. Its face showed no signs of decay. I marvelled at the carpenter's patience, for the wood being hard and tough, was difficult to work, and nothing but an absolute fit would satisfy the craftsman. Up in the roof were other carpenters, but as a visit to them involved a climb up a long ladder, I deferred an inspection of this work to a future occasion. In the second shed the old lead from the roof was being recast by Mr. William Gibson, the well-known church plumber, of Norwich, and he kindly allowed me to watch him cast a sheet. At one end of the shed was a copper in appearance like those used by our womenfolk on washing day, but instead of soap suds it contained a ton of molten lead. In the middle of the shed was a structure resembling a billiard table without pockets or green cloth, and instead of slate its bed was of damp sand, smooth and level as a billiard table. Mr. Gibson and his assistant ladled the molten lead into an iron trough, which worked on an axle, and then by means of a handle tipped the liquid metal on to the "table," along which it flowed, its progress being assisted and its thickness regulated by a ponderous wooden implement which was quickly run from the trough end to the other by two men. Within a few minutes the sheet was marked out and cut into strips, which were neatly rolled up, and the un-used lead replaced in the copper. As I came away the table was being prepared for another casting – a job that takes considerably longer than the actual casting.

SWAVESEY MINIATURE BALLOONS. 22nd Sept. 1922

Enclosed with the letter from Hans Urban were photographs of (1) Gersdorf am Quies (2) a group of the school staff, including the pastor and the writer of the letter, Hans Urban, and (3) a group of the school children.

Another letter, not so pleasing as Herr Urban's, has been received from a youth of Charlottenbrun, Silesia, who did not find a balloon, but who says that by a lucky chance he became possessed of Mr. Wood's address. "I am 17 years old," he writes, "and work very hard in a coal mine for my daily bread, and lose seven hours per day of the precious day light." He goes on to beg for some small alms, which would "not be heavy for the donor at the low rate of exchange for the mark."

ROADMAN'S RETIREMENT. 29th Sept. 1922

Owing to failing health and advancing years, Mr. James Kester, sen., who will be 79 next birthday, has retired after nearly 26 years' service as a County Council roadman. He had lived the strenuous life of an agricultural labourer when, at the age of 52, he joined the County roads' staff in November, 1896. At first he was employed on the main Cambridge-Huntingdon road between the Five Bells and the turning to Swavesey, but was soon transferred to the Swavesey-road, then in a poor condition, and in the improvement of which he worked heart and soul. His delight was to keep his road clean and tidy, and in sound condition, so far as circumstances would permit. His tall, muscular figure, always active, will be missed by users of the road.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 29th Sept. 1922

Despite the presence of scaffolding in the nave, Swavesey parish church was nicely and effectively decorated for the harvest festival on the 21st inst., the only departure from the arrangements of previous years being the removal of the gifts of fruit and vegetables from the west side of the church to the chapel on the southern side of the chancel. At Evensong, when there was a large congregation, the service was bright and hearty. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. A. Butcher, Rector of Girton. The festival was continued on Sunday, and in the afternoon of that day there was a children's service, when offerings of flowers, fruit, etc., were made, which have been sent to St. Ives Infirmary. The collections on September 21st, and on Sunday morning and afternoon, amounting to £8 2s. 10d., were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the contributions of fruit and vegetables, other than the children's gifts, have been forwarded to the same institution.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. J. S. SHARP. 29th Sept. 1922

A simple ceremony, touched with a note of sadness, took place at the National School on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who for the past ten years has been vicar of the parish, but is now leaving on appointment to the Rectory of Elveden, Suffolk, was presented with a roll-top desk with inscription and a beautifully illuminated address, bearing the names of 184 subscribers. There was a large attendance, including Messrs. C. T. Banks and H. Wells (churchwardens), Mr. W. H. Key, Mrs. Cooksey, Mr. R. Barwell, members of the Church Council, sidesmen and other church workers, and numerous other parishioners. Mr. Banks, who presided, in a brief but appreciative speech, remarked that the meeting had a sad as well as a sunny side, for while expressing their sorrow at losing the Vicar, they were delighted that he was rising on the ladder of fame. He asked Mr. Sharp's acceptance of the address, desk, and the small unexpended balance of the sum contributed by his friends and parishioners. Mr. Wells added his testimony of the Vicar's work and worth. Mr. Sharp, in warmly thanking the subscribers for their gifts, which he would greatly value, laid stress on two points. He said Swavesey would always have the warmest place in the hearts of Mrs. Sharp and himself from the fact that all of their four children had been born in the village, three of whom had been baptised at the parish church. Secondly, he asked that a kindly welcoming hand might be extended to his successor, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, for from his own personal experience he knew the earlier days of a vicar's life in a country parish were very lonely and friendless ones. Messrs. W. H. Key, R. Mitham and R. Barwell also spoke, and the meeting ended with three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Sharp. The frame in which the address is enclosed has been made from old oak from the church roof. Its maker was Mr. G. C. Mansell, the foreman of the carpenter now engaged on the repair work at the church, and was a generous gift from him.

CRICKET. 6th Oct. 1922

Milton and District Cricket League.

First Division Championship

SWAVESEY v. LODE

Lode are the champions of Division I of the Milton and District Cricket League. They beat Swavesey handsomely on the Magdalene College Ground on Saturday in a very sportsmanlike game. In the first innings Lode had a lead of 13, but they followed up this advantage by good batting in their second venture, and as Swavesey were dismissed for 46 on going in a second time, the result was an overwhelming defeat for Swavesey.

When the cup was presented to the winners at the conclusion of the match, Fry, of the Lode team, and Mitham, of Swavesey, each paid tribute to the

sportsmanship of their opponents. Judging from their remarks, things had not been what they might have been in this competition, and the sportsmanship of one or two of the clubs has left much to be desired. The game on Saturday, however, was played in the right spirit. Swavesey accepted their defeat at the hands of a superior team on the day's play in true sporting fashion. Both teams also paid a tribute to umpires, Messrs. Bellamy and Richardson, and incidentally this is the first time I have heard such a testimony given at any match locally by the teams concerned. I was glad that the teams expressed their appreciation publicly, for very often the umpires have a thankless task, and their judgement is frequently wrongly criticised, and hardly ever given praise due to them.

ADVERTS. 6th Oct. 1922

COMMENCING on October 14th, the 'Bus will leave Over for Cambridge (via Swavesey) at 9 o'clock a.m. on Saturdays. 14-seater 'Bus and Taxi for private hire. – Scammel and King, Over.

ONE customer lost 2s. 2½d. on a Pair of Hose through not purchasing at Canham's Stores. Our price 1s. 9d., customer paid 3s. 11½d in town, same article. Special offer, Men's Flc/d Lined Pants and Vests, from 1s. 11¾d.

HOCKEY. 6th Oct. 1922

The Swavesey and District Hockey Club played their first mixed match of the season on September 28th when they entertained the Cam Club. The visitors won by three goals to two.

A USEFUL GIFT. 6th Oct. 1922

Mrs. and Miss Read, who are leaving the village, have made a welcome and most opportune gift of linen to Nurse Walters, for use in her work in connection with the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association.

A DIAMOND WEDDING. 6th Oct. 1922

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, 81 and 80 years of age respectively, who are now residing at St. Ives, celebrated their diamond wedding on Sept. 20th, having been married on that day sixty years ago at St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Watson was Miss Nightingale Covell, and her father was the late Mr. William Covell, of Swavesey. She has relatives living in Swavesey at the present time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 6th Oct. 1922

A thanksgiving service for the harvest, preceded by a well-attended public tea in the Schoolroom, was held on the 28th ult. in Bethel Baptist Chapel, which had been tastefully decorated by members of the church and congregation with an abundance of fruit, flowers, vegetables, a little corn and three loaves of bread, one of which was in the shape of a sheaf of wheat. The chapel was crowded, and the bright and hearty service was conducted by the Rev. E. Milnes, Zion Chapel, Cambridge, and Moderator of the Cambs. Baptist Association, who preached a forceful sermon. A generous collection was taken. The gifts of fruit and vegetables were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 6th Oct. 1922

The Primitive Methodist Chapel was re-opened after partial renovation on Sunday. The day was also observed as the harvest festival, and was notable as being the occasion of the first appearance in the chapel of the Rev. Herbert P. Ellis, the new circuit minister. Both the afternoon and evening services, at which Mr. Ellis preached, were well attended. On Monday evening a public tea and a march through part of the village, was followed by a harvest thanksgiving meeting in the chapel. Mr. J. Chapman, Longstanton, presided over the crowded audience, and addresses were given by the Revs. H. T. N. Ussher and H. P. Ellis, and Messrs. Jillings (Longstanton) and Fuller (St. Ives). The St. Ives choir assisted in the singing of the hymns, and also rendered two anthems. The contributions of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce were sold at the end of the meeting for the benefit of the Circuit funds, and with the collections, realised £6 5s. 1d.

THE VICAR'S FAREWELL. 6th Oct. 1922

A large congregation, the largest for several years, assembled in Swavesey Parish Church on Sunday evening, when the Rev. John Selwyn Sharp bade farewell to his parishioners. Nonconformists, as well as Church-people were there, and many came from Over, Fen Drayton, Histon and other villages. The service throughout was marked by great heartiness; every hymn was an old favourite, and the choir and people sang the well-known tunes with a good courage. The Vicar took his text from Psalm cxxvii., i., "Except the Lord build the house." He said his sermon was in continuation of that preached on the previous Sunday morning, and he went on to refer to three outstanding events during the ten years he had been vicar, namely, the war, with its memorials in the church and churchyard; the great fire in 1913, with its permanent memorial, Frere Cottages for old age pensioners, and inestimable blessing for the old folk in these days of high rents; and, lastly, the repair of their old

church. After speaking of more personal and spiritual matters, he concluded by expressing his gratitude for the kindness and help he had met during the time he had been vicar, and he asked that his successor might receive a hearty welcome. Mr. Sharp will undoubtedly in year to come be known as the vicar who in season and out of season laboured for the repair of the church. Though much has been done, as the result of his unceasing efforts, much more remains to be done, and unfortunately all available funds have been exhausted. It was, therefore, most appropriate that the offertories throughout Sunday were on behalf of the Church Repair Fund. They amounted to over £7, the evening collection realising £3 19s. 8d. Mr. Sharp will be instituted to the living of Elveden, Suffolk, on Sunday morning.

ADVERT. 13th Oct. 1922

ARRIVED! 16oz. Pkts. Stoner Raisins, 11d. per pkt. Other Dried Fruit at lowest prices. Have you tried Chivers' Coffee Essence? Peterkin Self-Raising Flour we have in stock. Drapery Department: Ladies' Overalls from 1s. 11¾d. – Canham's Stores.

MICHAELMAS FAIR. 13th Oct. 1922

Two hundred and sixty-nine market tickets to St. Ives were issued at Swavesey Railway Station before 3 p.m. on Monday, the special attraction being the annual Michaelmas Fair.

WHIST DRIVE. 13th Oct. 1922

The Swavesey Football Club received a welcome addition to its funds of over £8 as the result of a whist drive held in the National School on the 5th inst. Twenty-nine tables were in play, and the prize winners were as follows: Ladies, Miss K. Banks, Mrs. Harold Culpin, lucky number, Miss Joyce, booby, Mrs. J. Marriott; gentlemen, Mr. A. Pettett, Mr. H. Ingle, lucky number, Mr. F. G. Martin, booby, Mr. A. Heasman. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Messrs. C. Savage, and F. W. Pontefract.

THE LATE VICAR. 13th Oct. 1922

The Rev. J. S. Sharp, lately vicar of Swavesey, was instituted to the Rectory of Elveden, Suffolk, on Sunday morning by the Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich, in the presence of a numerous congregation, which included the Lord Iveagh, K.P., patron of the living, and at the same time was inducted by the Bishop and the Rev. C. Sharp, the Rector's father, the latter acting for the Archdeacon. Swavesey was represented by Mr. H. Wells, churchwarden, and Messrs. W. H. Key, and R. Barwell, members of the Church Council, and two

or three others. In the afternoon the Bishop dedicated a tower and cloister which had been erected in the churchyard by Lord Iveagh in memory of the late Viscountess Iveagh. The tower contains a peal of eight bells, and it connected with the church by the cloister. Large crowds of people from all parts of the district attended the dedication. Sunday was also the golden wedding day of the Rev. C. and Mrs. Sharp, the Rector's father and mother.

AN ANCIENT SOCIETY. 13th Oct. 1922

A correspondent writes: Two notable events occurred in Swavesey in the year 1827. On March 29th the Swavesey Independent Benefit Society was established at the house of John Mansfield, known by the sign of the George and Dragon, and on Sept. 19th the parish fire engine, then some 20 or 30 years of age, was bought by subscription. The engine is still in use, and when brought from its house last week for a quarterly trial and inspection, was found to be in good working order. The Society, on the other hand, has dropped out of existence, but when and under what circumstances the writer has been unable to ascertain. It was, however, alive on January 31st 1843, for on that day a Mr. William Midcalf was admitted a member, and it could not be dissolved so long as three members remained. The society was governed by 27 "Articles of Agreement" – in these decadent days they would be called rules – some of which contain stipulations that may be of interest to promoters of modern benefit clubs. According to article 1 a meeting had to be held once in every month from 6 to 10 p.m. in winter and 7 to 11 p.m. in summer, at which each member was required to pay 2s. to the stewards, of which 6d. was to be "spent for the benefit of the house, and the remainder put in the box." If the landlord suffered any beer belonging to the society to be drunk after the appointed hour he had to forfeit 2s. 6d. for the first offence, and 5s. for the second, "the said forfeit to go to the stock." The sick benefit allowed was 10s. or 12s. a week, according to whether the funds were below or above £50, and was conditional on no parochial relief being received by the member or any of his family. The society's money, books and securities, had to be kept in a box, "with three different locks and keys, with different wards," the clerk and stewards to have one key each. If a member was drawn for the militia he received £2 towards hiring a substitute, or, if he should think proper to serve himself, he had the £2 as bounty. A fine was inflicted for non-attendance at the funeral of a deceased member, and the clerk had to forfeit 1s. for every member he neglected to "warn to the burial." Article 15 reads, "Every member shall meet at the club house and spend the price of a quart of ale, and walk from thence in order to where the corpse lies, and every member so neglecting shall pay 1s. extra to the box; and every member shall come clean

to the funeral, or forfeit 6d.” Another article provided for the custody of hat bands and gloves used by members at funerals, and inflicted a fine of 2s. 6d. for failure to return them in due course. The founders of the society were opposed to vaccination, for no sick benefit was granted a member “ill through inoculation either for the small-pox or cow-pox.

ADVERTS. 20th Oct. 1922

To Pig Breeders in the District. Please note, a Large White Pedigree Boar kept on the farm. – Jas. Prior, Swavesey.

HANDS of Bacon we offer from 7d. per lb. Lamp Chimneys from 2½d each. Pudding Basins from 4d. each. Viola Tea Cakes in stock. You save money by buying at Canham’s Stores.

PARISH CHURCH. 20th Oct. 1922

The Rev. F. A. Souper, of Grantchester, will officiate at the Parish church on Sunday next and the following two Sundays.

HOCKEY. 20th Oct. 1922

The Swavesey and District hockey team journeyed to Cambridge on the 12th inst., for the return match with the Cam Club. The town team were too strong for the villagers, and a fast game ended in their defeat by 12 goals to 3. Miss S. Daintree, Mr. H. Topham and Mr. B. Johnson scored one goal each for Swavesey.

THE MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT. 20th Oct. 1922

Mr. Arthur Isola, who was injured in the motor cycle accident on the 12th inst., reported in another column, and was conveyed to Huntingdon Hospital in one of Mr. Ben Thorpe’s motor cars, is suffering from a simple fracture of the right tibia. It is understood that he is progressing satisfactorily.

MISHAP TO MR. Z. PARISH. 20th Oct. 1922

When driving through the entrance to the Priory, Lolworth, on Tuesday, Mr. Z. Parish, the well-known Swavesey butcher, was thrown from his cart and sustained a cut head and was generally bruised and shaken. It appears that the gate swung back and caught the step of the cart, startling the pony, which jerked forward and broke the traces, and Mr. Parish fell out of the cart.

WHIST DRIVE. 20th Oct. 1922

The first of the whist drives, which are being arranged during the winter months for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, took place in the

National School on Oct. 12th. There were 19 tables in play and the prizes were won by the following:- Ladies, Miss Pook, Mrs. P. Burton, Miss M. Ellis; gentlemen, Mr. F. Day, Mr. R. Godfrey, Mr. F. W. Pontefract. Mr. G. Goad was M.C.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 27th Oct. 1922

The Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association has received a generous and greatly appreciated donation of five guineas from the trustees of the Over Town Lands.

COUNTY LIBRARY. 27th Oct. 1922

A public library, under the auspices of the County Education Committee, will be opened at the National School on November 3rd. Further information can be obtained from the local librarian, Mr. C. Wood, at the School House.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 27th Oct. 1922

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Conservative Association on Monday evening, last year's officers were re-elected, and it was decided that the club room should be open on Wednesday and Friday evenings during the winter months for games, etc., as last season.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 27th Oct. 1922

Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, has added to his record of successes by gaining two v.h.c.'s in the utility poultry classes at the recent Dairy Show at the Agricultural Hall, viz., for a White Leghorn pullet out of 72 pens, and for a Rhode Island Red pullet out of 96 pens.

BRITISH LEGION. 27th Oct. 1922

At a well-attended meeting of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, held in the National School on October 19th, the resignation of the office of president of the branch by the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who has left the district, was received with regret, and it was decided that arrangements should be made for a concert towards the end of next month.

THE RECENT MOTOR-CYCLE MISHAP. 27th Oct. 1922

Mr. Arthur Isola, of Fenstanton, who sustained a simple fracture of his right leg in the recent motor-cycle accident in Swavesey, and has since been a patient at Huntingdon County Hospital, has unfortunately had to have his leg amputated owing to complications having set in. An eye-witness of the

accident states that Mr. Isola was struck by the front of the cycle, and not by the wheel, which broke away from the side-car.

B.W.T.A. 27th Oct. 1922

In connection with the British Women's Temperance Association, a large and enthusiastic meeting was addressed by Miss Midgley, of Saffron Walden, on Tuesday evening, at Bethel Chapel. She spoke ably and touched upon the fine opportunity now of reaching the young people in our villages. Alcohol, she said, unlocks the reserve energy that should help in time of stress. She urged all to become workers, using their influence to make England dry. Two solos were well rendered by Miss C. Goad. Several pledges were taken, and a generous collection was made for the Lady Carlisle memorial.

ADVERTS. 27th Oct. 1922

PIG FLOAT Wanted, good, second-hand, light and strong, useful size for all purposes. – Write, Jas. Prior, Swavesey, Cambs.

AMERICAN ORGAN, by Cornish, walnut case, 18 stops, in very good condition. – H. H. Williams, Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 3rd Nov. 1922

GO with the flowing tide, and vote for GRAY, the Conservative and Unionist Candidate, who knows what he wants and knows what Agriculture needs for Prosperity.

ARRIVED and selling fast, Crestona Orange and Raisin wine; also Peppermint and Ginger Wine. Something good with the right name, Chiver's Coffee Essence. Have you tried Symington's 2d. Soups? – Canham's Stores.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd Nov. 1922

The second of this winter's series of whist drives for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund was held in the National School on October 26th. Twenty-five tables were in play, and the prizes were won as follows:- Ladies, Miss Smith, Miss Crouch, Mrs. H. Culpin; gentlemen, Mr. H. Culpin, Mr. E. Loades, Mr. F. W. Pontefract.

THE ELECTION. 3rd Nov. 1922

The Conservatives of Swavesey, at a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting in the National School on Monday evening, Mr. R. Barwell, Chairman of the local Association, presiding, passed unanimously a resolution approving of the selection of Mr. Harold Gray as Conservative candidate for the County, and promising hearty support of his candidature. The resolution was proposed by

Mr. H. Ashby, and seconded by Mr. Paine. Dr. J. W. Ellis also spoke effectively on the general political situation.

OBITUARY. 3rd Nov. 1922

The death has to be recorded of Mrs. Jemima Williams, who passed away at her residence in Middle Watch on October 26th, after a fortnight's illness. Mrs. Williams, who had attained the great age of 85 years, was the widow of the late Mr. James Williams, the well-known and greatly respected wheelwright, and for many years deacon at Bethel Baptist Chapel. She leaves two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Chapel, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Sidney Williams (son), Miss Priscilla Williams (daughter), Mr. James W. Williams (son), Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Amy Williams (niece), Master George Day (grandson), and Mrs. Godfrey. A number of old friends and neighbours also attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The coffin was of plain oak, with black fittings. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. George Mitham, Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 10th Nov. 1922

LOST, Roan Heifer, two clips on rump, two clips on loin. Reward. – R. Williamson, Swavesey Stores.

WE are giving away 8oz. Pkt. of Cook's Suet with every packet bought. Pudding Basins cheap, from 4d. each. Drapery Department: Strong Boys' Cloth Knickers, from 3s. 9½d pair. – Canham's Stores.

THE NEW VICAR. 10th Nov. 1922

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who has recently been appointed vicar of Swavesey, in succession to the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, arrived in the village on Wednesday.

VILLAGE LIBRARY. 10th Nov. 1922

The public library which has been established in Swavesey under the auspices of the County Education Committee, was opened for the first time on Friday evening. Fifty out of the 70 books supplied were issued.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 10th Nov. 1922

Annual missionary services were conducted at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Ernest F. McLean and Mr. J. Norris, and on Monday evening by the Revs. McLean and H. S. Ellis.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 10th Nov. 1922

The distribution of Flanders' poppies this year has been undertaken by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, and arrangements have been made for the sale by school children to-morrow (Saturday) in Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth, as well as in Swavesey.

FOR THE FALLEN. 10th Nov. 1922

The annual service of memorial of those who fell in the Great War was held at the parish church on Sunday evening, and in spite of the wet weather was well attended. During the service Arkwright's hymn, "O valiant hearts," was sung, and the names of the twenty-six men of Swavesey who made the supreme sacrifice were recited. The Rev. F. A. Souper officiated.

THE ELECTION. 10th Nov. 1922

A public meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. Harold Gray, the Conservative candidate for the County, was held in the National School on Monday evening. There was an excellent attendance of electors. Mr. R. Barwell presided, and addresses were given by Mr. W. L. Raynes and Captain Irving. Questions were asked by Mr. Hovell and others, for which they were thanked by Mr. Raynes, as the questions had enabled matters to be dealt with that had not been touched upon in the speeches. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by Dr. J. W. Ellis, and seconded by Mrs. C. Wood. On Tuesday night Mr. A. E. Stubbs, Labour candidate, addressed a large gathering of voters in the same room. Mr. E. S. Montagu paid a visit to the village on Wednesday afternoon.

MR. STUBBS AT SWAVESEY. 10th Nov. 1922

Ald. Dr. Ellis Says He is "Sorry He Voted for Mr. Montagu."

Continuing his campaign in the county, Mr. A. E. Stubbs, the Labour candidate, on Tuesday night addressed crowded meetings in Willingham and Swavesey Schoolrooms. He spoke first at Willingham, where he had an attentive audience, and a unanimous vote of confidence. At Swavesey Mr. Stubbs did not have matters quite all his own way, his chief opponent being Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, with whom the candidate had some amusing passages of arms. Mr. T. H. Langan presided at the meeting at Willingham, and Mr. Harry Hovell at that in Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 17th Nov. 1922

FURNISHING BRANCH. – We are selling Good Secondhand Furniture, in mahogany, oak, satin walnut, beech and birch, at reasonable prices.

Building Branch. – Tons of Timber, new and second-hand, Galvanised Iron, Barbed and Plain Wire, Nails, Bolts, etc.

Pig Branch – A Large White Pedigree Boar kept on the farm.

Prior's General Stores. 'Phone 3.

LET us help you at this difficult period to lay out "the remains" to the best of advantage. Don't forget our motto, "A satisfied customer." – Canham's Stores.

H. S. ALDRED, London House, Swavesey, sincerely thanks his many friends for their kind and sympathetic inquiries, and is most hopeful, with a kind providence, combined with Dr. Groves' skill, to be on his feet in a few weeks. Meanwhile, business as usual by an efficient staff.

THE NEW VICAR. 17th Nov. 1922

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, the newly-appointed Vicar of Swavesey, officiated at all services at the parish church on Sunday.

NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION. 17th Nov. 1922

Under the Watkin Needlework Scheme (Cash Prize Competition, 1922), the following girls attending Swavesey National School have been awarded prizes and certificates: Marjorie Coulson (£1), Minnie Bull (15s.), Bessie Linford (10s.), Ruby Williams (10s.), Beatrice Savage (5s.), Agnes Wagstaff (5s.).

THE ELECTION. 17th Nov. 1922

Mr. Harold Gray addressed a meeting of Swavesey and Fen Drayton electors in Swavesey School on Thursday, 9th inst., and Mr. E. S. Montagu on Monday evening. The large room was crowded on both occasions. On Tuesday evening another meeting in support of Mr. Gray was held.

ARMISTICE DAY. 17th Nov. 1922

Immediately before 11 a.m. on Saturday the tenor bell of the parish church was tolled 26 times, and then the two minutes silence was observed. The base of the memorial cross in the churchyard was surrounded with white chrysanthemums, and around the names of the twenty-six men of Swavesey who made the supreme sacrifice was placed a wreath of laurel and rosemary, while hung on the front of the cross itself was a large wreath of poppies and laurel from the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, in memory of their fallen comrades. As usual on Armistice Day, Union Jacks flanked the Roll of Honour in High-street, and a wreath of laurel and poppies hung

beneath it. Under the auspices of the British Legion, poppies were on sale in the village, but the supply was utterly inadequate, to the great disappointment of the school children, who acted as sellers, and to the detriment of Earl Haig's Fund, for the benefit of which they were being sold. Five or six times the number provided could easily have been disposed of.

LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. 17th Nov. 1922

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the National School on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Emily Levell, whose long service as a teacher ended on that day, was presented with a solid leather week-end case by the managers, teaching staff, and scholars. The presentation was made in the presence of the children by Mr. W. H. Key, the senior manager, who was supported by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Mr. Walter Thorp, Mr. C. Wood (Headmaster), and the other teachers. Mrs. Levell's long and honourable record as a teacher covers some 39 years. Her connection with Swavesey School began 55 years ago as a monitress. After an interval of about 12 years, during which she was engaged in private work, she went to Lolworth School in sole charge for 3½ years, leaving there to take temporary charge of Hemingford Grey School. She then returned to Swavesey as a supplementary teacher until her marriage in 1892. Widowed in 1894, she resumed her post at Swavesey, and held it without interruption until last Friday, when she retired, having attained the age of 70 years.

WEDDING. 17th Nov. 1922

Many relatives and friends assembled at Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 8th inst. for the marriage of Miss Agnes Annie Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, of Swavesey, and Mr. Frederick George Brickwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brickwood, of Lolworth. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiated at the choral service. The bride, given away by her father, wore white crepe-de-chine, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums, the gift of the bridegroom. In attendance were her sisters, Miss Ethel D. and Beatrice A. Savage, and Miss Mabel Brickwood (sister of the bridegroom), the two older maids in saxe-blue, with black hats, trimmed with blue, and the younger in pale blue luvisca, with head-band of silver. She carried a basket of white and pink chrysanthemums. Mr. Herbert Brickwood, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later in the afternoon the happy couple left for Sheffield for the honeymoon, the bride wearing a coat and skirt of navy gabardine, and a grey hat trimmed with silver grey ribbon. The presents were numerous and useful.

“CALUMNY & IGNORANT RUBBISH.” 17th Nov. 1922

Mr. Montagu Deals Further with Conservative Statements.
THE ONLY WAR RECORD TO BOAST OF.

The Right Hon. E. S. Montagu addressed crowded meetings at Swavesey, Over, Willingham, and Histon last night, and made further allusions to the electioneering statements of the Conservative candidate. He said he never remembered having such remarkably large meetings as during the present campaign, and he took that as a sign of the perplexity and strangeness of the new kind of political campaign. It was the new Prime Minister who startled the people by saying he did not know where he was, and he thought there were many people in that constituency who felt the same. Since the second Coalition was formed in 1916 he had done his best to preserve the party unity and the national unity, and he had had the loyal support, even though in some instances it was against their will, of Conservatives as well as Liberals. He quite saw why the Labour candidate found fault with the late Government, for he had never liked it, but he was the only supporter of Mr. Bonar Law in that fight, and that Mr. Bonar Law was the head of the new Government which was comprised of many members of the late Government.

It was also difficult to ascertain why the Executive Committee of the Conservative Party in Cambridge nominated Mr. Gray, seeing that only in May of this year that Committee were convinced supporters of the Coalition Government, and had asked the speaker to give a pledge in writing to support that Government. He was sure it must shock Major Stanley to find that the Government he was so enthusiastic about was being pilloried by the nominee of the Executive Committee.

He believed Mr. Gray represented the extreme, or Die-Hard, section of the Conservative Party, a section which had been wrong in almost every political question since he entered the political arena 20 years ago; a section who were Anti-Home Rulers, out and out Protectionists, and who opposed every Liberal-minded doctrine, and who believed in force. This section of the Conservative Party was the reactionary element, bitterly prejudiced and half-blind to the future, and were almost the most dangerous element in the country.

(Very long report in newspaper).

THE ELECTION. 24th Nov. 1922

Ninety per cent. of the electors in the Swavesey Polling District (Swavesey and Fen Drayton) recorded their votes on November 15th.

FLANDERS POPPIES. 24th Nov. 1922

The sale of poppies on Armistice Day under the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion (Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, and Swavesey) realised £7 19s. 3d.

BAND OF HOPE. 24th Nov. 1922

A large audience filled Bethel Chapel on Monday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. David Moore gave one of their delightful and instructive lantern lectures. The proceeds were in aid of the Band of Hope Union.

POULTRY SUCCESS. 24th Nov. 1922

In the utility classes for poultry at last week's show of the Cambs. Ornithological Society, Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, gained a third prize for a White Leghorn pullet, and was commended for a R.I.R. pullet.

RED CROSS. 24th Nov. 1922

The sum of eight guineas, contributed in Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Boxworth, Conington, Childerley and Longstanton, for the Red Cross Society, has been forwarded by the Swavesey District Red Cross to the Rev. C. F. Townley, County Director.

BRITISH LEGION. 24th Nov. 1922

An entertainment in aid of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was given in the National school on the 16th inst. by the St. Luke's Concert Party from Cambridge, who kindly visited Swavesey in order to help local ex-Service men. The large room was crowded, and as the gross takings amounted to £9 1s. 2d., and the expenses were small, the Branch Fund will benefit considerably.

ACCIDENT. 24th Nov. 1922

Mr. Leonard Kester, who is employed by Mr. E. J. Frohock, met with an accident on Monday morning while engaged with a water cart at Longstanton. It appears that when he was attempting to mount the cart by the wheel the horse moved on, and Mr. Kester fell to the ground. The wheel passed over the side of his thigh, inflicting a puncture wound. He was taken to his home at Boxworth-end, Swavesey, by Mr. George Spearman, foreman at Highfield Farm, and was attended to by Nurse Walters. Dr. Ellis was also called in. Mr. Kester is progressing favourably, but is still confined to bed.

ARTIFICIAL LEG WALK. 24th Nov. 1922

In the artificial leg walk from Staines to Roehampton (15 miles) on Armistice Day, Mr. Frank Williams, son of the late Mr. John Williams, Swavesey, won a standard time award (a large thermos flask) for completing the distance in 3 hours 23 minutes 59 seconds, the time allowed being 3 hours 45 minutes. He was also the first man home wearing an artificial limb made by Messrs. Charles Salmon and Sons, and for this will receive a further award. Mr. Williams sustained a gunshot wound near Cambrai in December, 1917, when serving with the 24th Fusiliers, and his leg had to be amputated below the knee.

HOCKEY. 24th Nov. 1922

Swavesey ladies' hockey team played their first match this season on the 16th inst., when they entertained Cottenham ladies. The game was a fast one, and the sides appeared to be equally matched, and it was not until just before half-time that the homesters shot the first goal. On changing ends Swavesey played in still better form, and ran out winners by eight goals to one. Misses S. Daintree, B. Burling, and N. Parish scored for the victors. On Saturday the Swavesey ladies' second eleven met Willingham ladies' second eleven, at Willingham, and a keenly-fought game resulted in a draw of 3 goals each. Miss Doris Aldred scored twice for Swavesey and Miss Vera Williamson once.

OBITUARY. 24th Nov. 1922

The funeral of Mrs. Rachel Selina Stocker, widow of the late Mr. Charles Stocker, who died on the 17th inst., after two years' illness, aged 64 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing officiating. The mourners were: Mr. George Stocker and Mr. C. Stocker (sons), Mrs. A. Roberts (daughter), Mrs. E. Stocker (sister-in-law), Mr. A. Roberts (son-in-law), and Master P. Roberts (grandson). The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey. Mrs. Stocker leaves two sons and one daughter. Her husband died under very sad circumstances on the 27th January last, being found dead in his chair beside the bed of his wife, with whom he had been sitting up. An elder brother, Mr. Ephraim Stocker died with tragic suddenness on the 27th January, 1920.

OBITUARY. 1st Dec. 1922

After a long period of ill-health, Mr. William Linford passed away at his home in Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon. He was the son of Mr. Thomas Linford, of Lolworth. Until about 20 years ago, when he removed to Swavesey, Mr.

William Linford had spent the whole of his working life on the Grange Farm, Lolworth, for a long time as foreman. At Swavesey he had charge of the parish by-roads and was custodian of the cemetery, but three years since the state of his health compelled him to relinquish these duties. He was widely known and greatly respected.

INSTITUTION OF THE VICAR. 1st Dec. 1922

The Rev. Charles Ferdinand Stebbing, lately rector of Cogenhoe, Northampton, the newly-appointed vicar of Swavesey, will be instituted at the parish church by the Bishop of Ely at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, and at the same time will be inducted by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The Bishop of the diocese will also take the opportunity of saying words of benediction respecting the just completed work of repairing the nave roof of the noble old church, and of encouragement of further efforts for the repair of the north and south aisle roofs, both of which are in urgent need of extensive restoration. Dr. Chase has unfortunately been compelled to fix the early, and for many parishioners, it is to be feared, inconvenient, hour of 2.15 p.m. for his visit, as, in consequence of his recent severe illness, he is not allowed to be out in the night air.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st Dec. 1922

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Friday evening. There were present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime, W. Twist and C. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The Clerk reported that he had repaired the stile and plank bridge at the end of the Recreation ground, and also the adjoining stile. Messrs. A. Day, sen., and J. S. Goad were reappointed trustees of the Fire Relief Fund Charity, and it was agreed to renew Mr. W. J. Hephher's lease of the shop in High-street, hired by him from the Council, for a further period of seven years, on the same conditions as hitherto. A proposition that the extension should be for one year only was not carried. Discussion followed respecting the street lamps and fittings that have been stored in the parish property in High-street, which will be needed for the War Memorial Hall. Some councillors were of the opinion that a number of the lamps could not be used again, and eventually Messrs. Wood and Linford were appointed to inspect the lamps, etc., select those worth retaining, and dispose of the remainder. Mr. Linford called attention to the dangerous condition of a footbridge over an open drain at the end of Market-street. The Clerk explained that the bridge was under the control of the District Council, and that he had already received instructions to effect the necessary repairs.

On the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Parish, the Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Lord of the Manor the cost of enfranchising that portion of the parish property in High-street which is copyhold.

SCHOOL CLOSED. 8th Dec. 1922

The National School has been closed since Monday in consequence of illness amongst the children.

A FOOTBALL BLUE. 8th Dec. 1922

The many friends of Mr. F. J. Mustill (Cambs. County School and Downing College), son of Mr. William Mustill, Swavesey, will learn with pleasure that he has been awarded his Association Blue, having been selected to play for Cambridge University against Oxford at the Crystal Palace next Wednesday.

HOCKEY. 8th Dec. 1922

The Swavesey mixed hockey team entertained Lilley's XI on the 30th ult. Early in the game the visitors scored, but after that the homesters played up well, and, although their goal was several times in serious danger, Lilley's failed to get through. The game ended in a win for Swavesey by 7 goals (all shot by H. Topham) to 1

WHIST DRIVE. 8th Dec. 1922

For the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, a whist drive took place at the National School on the 30th ult. Thirteen tables were in play, and the prizes were won by the following:- Ladies, Mrs. H. Holmes, Miss Loades, Miss M. Parsons; gentlemen, Mr. S. Day, Mr. E. Loades, Mr. R. Seekings. Mr. George Goad was M.C. Owing to the closure of the School (through illness), the Entertainment Sub-Committee have decided to suspend the series of whist drives until further notice.

THE LATE MR. LINFORD. 8th Dec. 1922

The funeral of the late Mr. William Linford, whose death on the 28th ult. (his 78th birthday) was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a considerable gathering of villagers and friends. The Rev. E. Short, Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Linford (widow), Messrs. F. and J. Linford (sons), Mr. and Mrs. W. Brickwood (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. and Mrs. A. Linford and Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs. J. Norris (sister), Mr. H. Brickwood (grandson), Miss E. Brickwood (granddaughter), Messrs. Joseph Linford and J. Norris (nephews), Mrs. W.

Savage (niece) and Mr. and Mrs. Mason (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

OBITUARY. 8th Dec. 1922

The sad and unexpected news reached Swavesey early last week that Mrs. Emma Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitham, Swavesey, and wife of Mr. Arthur F. S. Taylor, St. Leonard's-on-Sea Golf Club, had died on November 27th, after an operation. She was 38 years of age. As it was known to be her wish to be laid to rest in her native village, her body was conveyed from St. Leonard's by railway to London, and thence by motor hearse to Swavesey, and the funeral took place on Friday afternoon at the parish church. The service was taken by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing. The mourners included: Mr. A. F. S. Taylor (husband), Mr. George Mitham (father), Messrs. Harry and Ernest Mitham (brothers), Misses Annie and Fanny Abrahams (step-sisters), Miss Alice Mitham, Mrs. W. Thorpe (Notting Hill) and Mrs. A. Webb (sisters), Mr. A. W. Taylor (father-in-law) and Messrs. W. Thorpe and A. Webb (brothers-in-law). Mrs. G. Mitham was unable to attend owing to ill-health. The coffin was of plain unpolished oak, with brass furniture. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Arthur C. Towner, Norman-road, St. Leonard's.

INSTITUTION OF VICAR. 8th Dec. 1922

A good and representative congregation assembled in the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Monday afternoon, for the institution by the Bishop of Ely and the induction by the Archdeacon of the newly-appointed vicar, the Rev. Charles Ferdinand Stebbing. Evensong to the end of the Third Collect was said by the late vicar, the Rev. J. S. Sharp, rector of Elveden. Before delivering his address the Bishop solemnly dedicated the roof of the nave, extensive repairs to which have just been completed. In his address the Bishop observed that never before had he dedicated a restoration at an institution service. He commended the work that had already been done, and done so well, and he urged the people to continue their efforts so that the much-needed repairs to the north and south aisle roofs might be carried out. Speaking of the institution of the new vicar, the Bishop explained the ordination service and its relation to the institution of a priest. He concluded by appealing to the parishioners to work with their new vicar and to pray regularly for him. The office of institution used in the diocese of Ely then followed, in course of which the Vicar took the oaths of allegiance to the King and of canonical obedience to the Bishop, and also made the prescribed

acclamations. After a hymn the Vicar, accompanied by the Archdeacon (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price) and escorted by the churchwardens (Messrs. C. F. Banks and H. Wells), carrying their wands of office, proceeded to the south door, where, with his hand upon the key, the Vicar was inducted “into the real, actual and corporal possession of this church of Swavesey, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging.” From the door the little procession went to the tower, where the Vicar tolled a bell, and on again reaching the chancel the service was concluded by the Bishop of the diocese. In addition to those already mentioned, the following clergy attended: Revs. F. W. Fulford (St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge), A. H. Thomas (Fen Drayton), A. Temple (Barton), and R. L. B. Oliver (Over), the last named carrying the Bishop’s pastoral staff. The Master of Jesus College, the patrons of the living, had hoped to have been present, but was prevented at the last moment.

ADVERTS. 15th Dec. 1922

CHRISTMAS CHEER. – Toys, Games, Useful Presents for ladies and gentlemen, in variety. Shop early. – H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

GIVE us a look this Christmas-tide for Useful Presents before shopping elsewhere. Something to suit everyone. – Prior’s Stores, Swavesey.

VISIT Canham’s Stores for your many needs during the next few days and you will be amply satisfied both with the price and quality. Don’t forget Cretona, Ginger, Raisin and Orange Wine.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th Dec. 1922

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Metcalfe and his brother-in-law, Mr. William Twist Thorp, has been erected in the south aisle of the parish church.

CHRISTMAS SHOW. 15th Dec. 1922

111 passengers were booked to St. Ives from Swavesey station on Monday, the special attraction being the Christmas Fat Stock Show.

BOYS’ FOOTBALL. 15th Dec. 1922

Having worn out their football, the boys of the National School have collected nearly £1 from their friends in the village, and have bought a new one with etceteras. A small balance remains in hand, and will be used for repairs, etc.

POULTRY SUCCESSES. 15th Dec. 1922

At the National Utility Poultry Show, held last week, at Westminster, Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, was awarded second prize for a Rhode

Island Red pullet in a class of 36 entries, and 4th prize for a White Leghorn pullet in a class of 48 entries.

BRITISH LEGION. 15th Dec. 1922

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, held in the National School on Tuesday evening, Mr. R. Barwell presiding, Mr. C. Wood was elected president in the place of the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who has left the district, and Messrs. Berryman and Frank Prior were appointed auditors.

WHIST DRIVE. 15th Dec. 1922

With the view of augmenting their funds, the members of the Swavesey Hockey Club held a whist drive at the National School on the 7th inst. Twenty-two tables were in play. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Miss Beaumont, Miss P. Parish, Miss H. Johnson (Fen Drayton), booby, Miss R. Hemington (Over); gentlemen, Mr. C. Savage, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. R. Seekings, booby, Mr. A. C. Hephew. Excellent refreshments were provided by the members. Mr. H. Topham acted as M.C.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 15th Dec. 1922

In aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, a sale of work was held at the National School on Wednesday afternoon. The stalls were: Work stall, china stall, Christmas cards etc., sweets, wishing well and bran tub. There were several competitions. (List of competitions and people in newspaper). The sale was well attended, and the business brisk. The room had been arranged most excellently by Messrs. C. Wood, Berryman and F. Williams. In the evening one of the best concerts in Swavesey for a long time was given by the Cantabs Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. Harry Bedwell. The large room of the School was crowded, and during the two hours' entertainment there was not a dull moment or a tedious wait, for songs, duets and concerted pieces followed one another in quick succession. Every item was received with enthusiastic applause, encores were demanded, and when the National Anthem was sung, the audience went away hoping that the Cantabs would soon pay a return visit. The Church Repair Fund benefited by the day's venture to the extent of about £25.

ADVERTS. 22nd Dec. 1922

EVERYTHING for Christmas. – Bonbons, Dates, Nuts, Figs, Chocolates, Toys, Games, Presents for young and old, at H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

THE Manager of Prior's Stores wishes his customers, far and near, the Compliments of the Yuletide Season, and a Prosperous Year for 1923.

HOCKEY. 22nd Dec. 1922

Swavesey Ladies played Willingham Ladies on Saturday, at Swavesey. The game was very fast and even up to half-time, and no goals were scored. During the second half Willingham proved the stronger, and the game ended in favour of the visitors by three goals to nil.

SALVATION ARMY. 22nd Dec. 1922

The Willingham Salvation Army Band perambulated the village on Monday night, playing Christmas and other well-known hymns, including "Lead, kindly light," and "Nearer, my God, to Thee". Their visit was much appreciated.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. 22nd Dec. 1922

The following are postal arrangements in Swavesey at Christmas: Sunday, 24th December, one delivery of letters and parcels, no collection; Christmas Day, one delivery of letters and parcels, collection from the sub-post-office at 10 a.m.; Boxing Day, no delivery, no collection.

A BAD ROAD. 22nd Dec. 1922

In conversation after the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday evening a farmer caused consternation amongst the Councillors by observing that if something was not soon done to the Hale-road, he would bring no more milk into the village. After a pause, he added, "It will be butter." The Hale-road is under the control of the District Council.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 22nd Dec. 1922

The annual share-out of the White Horse Mutual Benefit Club took place at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening. The total amount paid in during the year, including fines, was £68 18s. 10d., and as there had been no claims on the club for sick benefit, the 49 members, eleven of whom were women, received £1 7s. 9d. each. After the business meeting, light refreshments were served and a social evening spent. – On the same evening the members of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club met at the Rising Sun Inn for the yearly distribution of their funds. The contributions and fines totalled £118 17s., £9 17s. 4d. had been paid out in sick benefit, and each member's share amounted to £1 5s. 4d. The annual dinner of the club was held last evening (Thursday) at the National School.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Dec. 1922

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, W. Twist and C. Wood, with the clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Wood reported that he and Mr. J. Linford had, in compliance with the wish of the Council, inspected the public street lamps and fittings. There were, he said, 40 cages, 32 of which were in good order, but very dirty, six required fresh glass, and two were useless: six reservoirs, etc., were complete and apparently in sound condition, the remainder were incomplete; and there were 23 glass globes. With the lamp now lent to the parish church to give light at the churchyard gate there were 33 capable of being used. A conversation ensued as to the provision of a suitable place in which to store the lamps, etc., as the present shed will probably have to be removed when the building of the War Memorial Hall is commenced. Eventually it was agreed that further consideration of the matter should be postponed until the next Council meeting. The Clerk read correspondence he had had with the Lord of the Manors of Swavesey relative to the enfranchisement of that portion of the property of parish property in High-street, which is copyhold, and on the proposition of Mr. Twist, seconded by Mr. Burton, it was resolved unanimously that steps should forthwith be taken to enfranchise the land. The new county rate basis was then discussed at some length, but no decision was arrived at, as neither the Clerk nor any member of the Council knew what the old assessment was. The Chairman undertook to obtain the required information, and, if he found that the new assessment was substantially higher than the old, it was agreed that he should summon a further meeting of the Council. If, on the other hand, there was no material difference, the Council decided to accept the new basis. A letter was read from the Rural District Council in regard to the public clock on the National School. The clock was provided by public subscription about the year 1848, and is now practically worn out. The letter stated that Mr. Ingram, of St. Ives, would put the clock in order for £10, roughly speaking, but would only guarantee the clock to go for a year. As the cost of the repairs would fall on the parish of Swavesey, the opinion of the Parish Council was asked. Mr. Wood said that he and Mr. R. Norman, as district councillors, had demurred to spending £10 on a clock which would only go for a year, and he added that the District Council would abide by the Parish Council's decision. Mr. Cole thereupon moved that the clock be not repaired out of the rates. Mr. Twist seconded, and the motion was carried, *nem. con.* Two councillors did not vote. Before the meeting

closed the Clerk remarked incidentally that the railway company had refused to pay the cost of repairing the new dock bridge, which, it was alleged, had been damaged by fire from a passing engine.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 29th Dec. 1922

The tender for the erection of the War Memorial Hall, submitted by Mr. Canham, of Somersham, has been accepted, and work will be commenced immediately.

GIFT TO THE CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1922

The churchwardens' wands, which were used for the first time at the institution and induction of the new Vicar, have been presented to the church by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. F. Banks and H. Wells.

A RETURN GAME. 29th Dec. 1922

Swavesey mixed hockey team played the return match with the Cam Club at Mount Pleasant, Cambridge, yesterday (Thursday), but were handicapped by their centre-forward, Mr. H. Topham, being unable to turn out. Swavesey, however, played up well, but unfortunately failed to score, and Cam won by 5 goals to nil.

OBITUARY. 29th Dec. 1922

The death has to be recorded of Mr. Robert Sutton, eldest son of the late Mr. David Sutton, which occurred at his residence, Burnham Cottage, Swavesey, early on Tuesday morning, after an illness of about two months' duration, aged 52 years. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Williams, the well-known grocer, draper, etc., Swavesey, for whom much sympathy is felt.

HOCKEY. 29th Dec. 1922

Swavesey mixed hockey team entertained the Cam team from Cambridge on the 21st inst. A very fast, good and even game was played, and at half-time, both sides had one goal each to their credit. Despite the heavy rain in the second half, the game was pluckily fought out, each side scoring thrice, and the match ended in a draw of four all. Miss K. Banks, J. H. Johnson and H. Topham (2) scored for Swavesey.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1922

The Parish Church was nicely decorated with evergreens, etc., for the Christmas festival, and the services were well attended. The first evensong of

Christmas was sung on Sunday. On Christmas Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion, with many communicants, at 6, 7.30 and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer at 10.30, and evensong with anthem and carols at 3 p.m. The music for the mid-day celebration was by E. V. Hall. The offertories were, in accordance with custom, in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 29th Dec. 1922

The annual dinner of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club, held at the National School on the 21st inst., was a great success. Ninety members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heasman, under the presidency of Mr. C. Wood, who was supported by Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. C. Sweetland and F. Johnson. No speeches were made, and after the tables had been cleared, the company settled down to an enjoyable social evening. An admirable programme of songs etc., was contributed by Messrs. Sidney Maltby, Dean and H. Brown (Cambridge), Messrs. B. Prime, P. Ding, S. Badcock, T. C. Heasman, and G. Holmes. Mr. Harrison, Cambridge, was a capable accompanist.

POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 29th Dec. 1922

The announcement in last Friday's "Independent Press," contained in a report of a meeting of the West Cambs. Fruit Growers' Association, that early in the New Year the latest time for posting for the night mail despatch from Swavesey Post Office would be altered from 7.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., caused much consternation and indignation in the village. It is felt that Swavesey has not been fairly dealt with, as the change is apparently being made without reference to the Parish Council or any other local representative body. In pre-war days letters could be posted for night mail despatch until 7.40 or 7.45 p.m., half an hour later than the present time, and an hour and a quarter later than the future time, and early in the war the third delivery of letters, etc., was suspended, and has not been restored. The proposed commencement of the first morning post delivery at 7 a.m. (the pre-war time) meets with general approval.

ENTERTAINMENT. 29th Dec. 1922

In aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, the Swavesey Gliders' Concert Party, under the management of Mr. R. Barwell, gave an excellent entertainment to a crowded audience in the National School on Wednesday evening. The programme included songs, humorous and sentimental, by Misses C. Goad, Gardiner (Newmarket), E. Dodson, and Mr. Barwell, Messrs. H. Topham,

Barnett-Smith (Newmarket), R. Barwell, and Bert Hodson, whose ditty, "All over the shop," fairly brought down the house, and a dialogue by Misses Goad and Dodson. Two outstanding features of the entertainment were the handbell ringing of Messrs. B. Hodson, E. Williams, R. Mitham, jun., B. Prime, L. Breed, and G. Prime, and a musical medley cleverly played by Mr. Barwell in conjunction with Miss E. Dodson, on various instruments, some improvised, such as a violin piccolo, gun-barrel, horns, cornet. Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. Ashby, and Miss Gardiner played the accompaniments throughout the evening.

WEDDING. 29th Dec. 1922

Mr. Frederick Andrew Prior, son of the late Mr. W. Prior and Mrs. Prior, High-street, Swavesey, was married on Christmas Eve at Trinity Congregational Church, St. Albans, to Miss Ida Elsie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, 21, Granville-road, St. Albans. The Rev. W. J. McAdam officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. F. P. Sparrow, was attired in shell pink soft satin, with ninon fall and spray of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Lily Rester, in pale blue crepe de chine, with hat to match, whose bouquet was of gold and bronze chrysanthemums, and who wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. P. Richford was best man. As the happy couple left the church the organist, Miss M. Wright, played the Wedding March. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Prior left for London for a brief honeymoon, the bride travelling in a Kolinsky fur coat with toque to match. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a gold hunter watch from the bride to the bridegroom, a gold watch from the bridegroom to the bride, and a cheque from the bride's mother.

THE NEW YEAR. 5th Jan. 1923

At the parish church the tenor bell tolled the Old Year out and the full peal rang the New Year in.

A LIFE'S STORY. 5th Jan. 1923

Notwithstanding heavy rain, a goodly company gathered at the Bethel Chapel on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Fuller, of St. Ives, gave his life story. The veteran preacher held the interest of all for nearly three hours as he told of work accomplished and hopes realised. The chair was taken by Mr. Arthur Norman. A collection was taken in aid of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Swavesey, Renovation Fund.

FUNERAL. 5th Jan. 1923

The funeral of the late Mr. Robert Sutton, whose death on the 26th ulto., at the age of 52 years, was announced last week, took place on Saturday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, a short service being first held at Burnham Cottage, the residence of the deceased. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel officiated both at the house and at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. R. Sutton (widow), Miss Kate Sutton (sister), Mr. and Mrs. David Sutton (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Mr. F. W. Pontefract, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). The coffin was of polished oak. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 5th Jan. 1923

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Wednesday evening. There were present: Mr. A. Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime, W. Twist and C. Wood, with the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. A draft of the deed enfranchising the copyhold parish property in High-street was approved, and Messrs. Burton, Parish and Wood were appointed a committee to arrange for the re-housing of the public street lamps, as the shed in which they are stored will probably have to be removed when the building of the War Memorial Hall is commenced. After prolonged discussion the Council agreed not to appeal on behalf of the parish against the new County Rate basis. The revised postal arrangements for the district were also considered, and while the earlier commencement of the first delivery was cordially welcomed, the night mail collection at 6.30 p.m., instead of at 7.15 p.m., as at present, apparently met with the approval of Mr. Linford only. A resolution, proposed by Mr. Cole, and seconded by Mr. R. Norman, directing the clerk to write to the Postmaster of Cambridge on the subject was carried. Mr. Cole did not vote on the resolution relating to the County Rate basis, nor did Mr. Linford on that dealing with the revised postal service.

DEATH OF MR. H. S. ALDRED. 5th Jan. 1923

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Henry Spurgeon Aldred, which occurred at his residence, London House, Swavesey, shortly before 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Mr. Aldred, who was 65 years of age, had been ill since the beginning of September, and was confined to his bed for the last two months. The son of the late Mr. William Hayward Aldred, of Denton, Norfolk, he left Denton for Swavesey in 1896, when he acquired the old-

established grocery and drapery business previously carried on by Mr. Loveland. His business activities covered a considerable area, and involved large demands upon his energies, but he found time for much useful work in the parish. Seventeen years ago he succeeded the late Mr. T. W. Carter as superintendent of Bethel Sunday school, and until the last took the keenest interest in the welfare of the school and the scholars. Although never a member of the Parish Council, he was time after time chosen as the Council's representative on the board of managers of the National School. In 1912 he succeeded his father-in-law, the late Mr. Jesse Hephher, as Registrar of Births and Deaths for the district. For some years he was the valued local correspondent of the "Independent Press and Weekly News," and was an agent for the combined papers at the time of his death. Mr. Aldred served on many local committees, notably the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund and the War Memorial Hall Committees. He was also an energetic temperance worker and advocate. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, amidst general manifestations of sympathy and respect, a short service being previously held at London House. At large and representative gathering from Swavesey and the surrounding villages attended. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Chapel, officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Aldred (widow), Mr. Frank Aldred (son), Miss Doris Aldred (daughter), Miss Aldred (sister), and Messrs. Walter J. and T. L. Hephher (brothers-in-law). There were also present the deacons of Bethel Baptist Chapel, the teachers, officers and scholars of Bethel Sunday School, representatives from other places of worship, and the present and ex-members of the staff at London House.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 12th Jan. 1923

The work of digging trenches for the foundations of the War Memorial Hall was commenced on Monday.

WHIST DRIVE. 12th Jan. 1923

The prize-winners at the Whist Drive held in the National School on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund were:- Ladies, Miss. E. Prior, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss Clowes. Gentlemen: Mr. J. C. Heasman, Mr. W. Thorp, Mr. G. Smart. Sixteen tables were in play. Mr. T. C. Heasman was M.C.

GONE TO AUSTRALIA. 12th Jan. 1923

Mr. George Dean, youngest son of the late Mr. James W. Dean and Mrs. Dean, of Swavesey, sailed from London in ss. Moreton Bay on the 2nd inst. for Western Australia, where he will join his eldest brother, Mr. James Smith Dean, at East Cannington. Both brothers "did their bit" in the Great War. The younger enlisted in the R.A.M.C. in January, 1915, and served in France and Italy from May, 1915, to April, 1919, attaining the rank of sergeant. Mr. J. S. Dean, a veteran of the South African War (Queen's Medal, 4 bars; King's Medal, 2 bars) joined the Australian Light Horse in November, 1915, and saw service in Egypt and Palestine, chiefly with the Camel Corps. He was seriously wounded in the head in an action east of the River Jordan on the 27th March, 1918, and on his return to Australia in September of that year was discharged as unfit for further service and was awarded a pension.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 12th Jan. 1923

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held at the Vicarage on Monday evening. There were present the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), Messrs. Banks and Wells (churchwardens), C. Wood, W. H. Key, R. Barwell, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey, and Miss Beaumont. Apologies for their absence were received from Messrs. Pain and R. Mitham, sen. The Church Accounts, Repair Fund Account and the Missionary Accounts, submitted by the Finance Sub-Committee, were passed for presentation to the Parochial Church Meeting. It was decided that the surplus material left from the repair of the roof of the nave of the Church should be sold by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts, in suitable lots, on Thursday, January 18th, at 2 p.m., the sale to take place on the north side of the church, and the proceeds applied to the Church Repair Fund (list of materials for sale may be seen in the Church Porch). The Duplex Envelope Scheme and other matters were discussed in view of the general Parochial Church Meeting which is to be held in the Schools on Monday next, at 7 p.m., when the election of the Parochial Church Council and sidesmen for the ensuing year will take place.

ADVERTS. 19th Jan. 1923

FOR SALE. – A Good Tumbril Cart, with copes and ladder, £8; Large Garden Roll, £3; Two Weighing Machines and Weights; Two Tons of Second-hand Scantlings, about 12ft. long, cheap; 15 tons of Good Sweet Mixed Chaff. – All at Prior's Stores.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 19th Jan. 1923

At a meeting of the Church Council, held after the annual church meeting on Monday evening, Mr. W. H. Key was co-opted a member of the Council, Mrs. Banks was elected secretary, vice Mrs. J. S. Sharp.

MISSIONARY TEA, 19th Jan. 1923

The annual tea, followed by a lantern lecture in aid of foreign missions, was held in the National Schools on the 11th inst. A large number of people sat down at the tables, presided over by different ladies. After tea a lantern lecture on China was given by the Rev. A. E. Burne, Diocesan Organising Secretary for the S.P.G., and for 21 years a missionary in China. He spoke of the geography and resources of the country, its customs, superstitions, and its needs. At the close of the evening, the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, thanked the speaker for his interesting address. The lantern was lent by Mr. R. Barwell, and manipulated by Mr. P. Barwell.

CONCERT. 19th Jan. 1923

Mr. Sidney Maltby's Concert Party from Cambridge gave an enjoyable entertainment in the National School on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Fund, and if the audience was not up to the usual Swavesey standard in point of numbers, it did not fail to give expression to its appreciation of the excellent performances of the different artistes by enthusiastic applause and frequent demands for encores. Mr. Maltby, with his party, will pay another visit to Swavesey, also in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, on Thursday evening, February 1st, when, no doubt, he will be welcomed by an audience as enthusiastic as that on Tuesday, but far larger. An entirely fresh programme will be provided.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. 19th Jan. 1923

The annual meeting of parochial church electors took place at the National School on Monday evening, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar), presiding. The Church Repair Fund accounts, which were presented by Mr. R. Barwell, showed a deficit of about £35, which he hoped would be met by the sale of surplus building material to be held this week. On the proposition of Dr. J. W. Ellis, the accounts were approved, and the Vicar, on behalf of the congregation, thanked Mr. Barwell for his work in connection with the Fund. The annual accounts for church expenses, the Sick and Needy and the Missionary Funds, and the Thrift Club, were also passed, and it was decided that the allocation of the money raised by the duplex envelope system should be left to the discretion of the Church Council. Messrs. R. Barwell and R. Mitham, sen., were appointed representatives on the Diocesan and Ruri-

decanal Conferences, and the following were elected members of the Church Council: Mrs. Cooksey, Miss Beaumont, Mr. C. Wood, Mrs. Banks, Dr. J. W. Ellis, and Mr. Smith. Last year's sidesmen were re-appointed, with the addition of Messrs. Barwell and Smith, increasing the number of sidesmen to twelve. Amongst other matters, the question of cleaning the organ was considered, and after discussion it was agreed that the cleaning should be postponed until the roof of the north aisle had been repaired. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. Wood and Mr. H. J. Hall, the latter for his services in connection with the Thrift Club.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 26th Jan. 1923

The scaffolding used in connection with the repair of the roof of the parish church with other surplus building material was sold by auction on the 18th inst. by Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, and with the sum of £4 17s. 6d. received for galvanised iron sheets previously disposed of, realised £46 19s. After deducting expenses (printing, bill-posting, advertising, etc.) £1 16s., the net amount realised by the sale was £45 3s., which will more than meet the deficit in the Church Repair Fund accounts. Mr. Watts kindly made no charge for his services.

CYCLE ACCIDENT. 26th Jan. 1923

Through the breaking of the steering tube of his bicycle, Mr. Alfred J. Willson, of London House, Swavesey, was somewhat seriously injured when cycling through Boxworth End shortly after 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday. He had just passed Mr. Charles Burling's blacksmith's forge, when a loud noise was heard, and on Mr. Burling proceeding to investigate the cause of the noise, he found Mr. Willson lying in the middle of the road beside his broken cycle, in the carrier of which had been grocery goods, now scattered in the road. Mr. Willson was in a semi-conscious state. With the assistance of Mr. George Burling and others, the injured man was placed in a chair, and his face and mouth, which were badly cut and bruised, bathed with warm water. Mr. Alfred Day, jun., who was passing, fetched his pony and trap and conveyed Mr. Willson to his home, where the district nurse attended to him, and Dr. Rose, of St. Ives, was subsequently called in. In addition to injuries to his face and mouth, both of Mr. Willson's wrists were cut, and he has bruises on his body, besides being badly shaken. He is progressing favourably. Mr. Willson can give no explanation of the accident. There was no collision, as there were no other vehicles in the road at the time.

ADVERT. 2nd Feb. 1923

OUR method is "trade in trade." We will take any old goods you have for disposal in part payment for new. Berkeley Divan Easy Chairs made on the premises, well stuffed and sprung, covered in Moquette, £5 5s. each. Chesterfield's made to match. Your orders solicited. – Prior's Furnishing Stores. 'Phone Swavesey 3.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 2nd Feb. 1923

Mr. G. E. Canham has been appointed Superintendent of Bethel Sunday School in place of the late Mr. H. S. Aldred.

BOYS' F.C. 2nd Feb. 1923

The Swavesey Sunday School Boys' Football Club has been disbanded, and, after payment of expenses, etc., the balance in hand from subscriptions has been distributed amongst the members, each of whom has received 1s. 2d.

APPOINTMENT. 2nd Feb. 1923

It is understood that Mrs. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, has been appointed registrar of births and deaths for the Swavesey district, in succession to her husband, the late Mr. H. S. Aldred. Mrs. Aldred has acted as deputy-registrar for many years.

MEMORIAL HALL. 2nd Feb. 1923

Nineteen tables were occupied at a whist drive in aid of the War Memorial Hall Fund, held at the National School on the 25th ultimo, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. Stebbing, Miss Westcott; gentlemen, Mr. L. Breed, Mr. C. Hemington, Mr. H. G. Key. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C.

REVISED POSTAL SERVICE. 2nd Feb. 1923

Official notice has been given that, commencing on Saturday, 10th February, the following alterations affecting the postal service at Swavesey Post Office will come into force. Deliveries: commencement of first delivery, 7 a.m., second delivery, 11.5 a.m. Despatches: Latest time of posting: Morning despatch 1.15 p.m., evening despatch 6.30 p.m. The wall box in Middle Watch will be cleared at 8.25 a.m., 1.15 p.m., and 6.15 p.m.

THE VETERAN TRAMP. 2nd Feb. 1923

Mark All, the 94-year-old tramp, who claims that since the beginning of 1900 he has walked over 320,000 miles, took shelter from the rain at the New Inn, Huntingdon-road, on Monday afternoon, while on his way to Huntingdon from

Cambridge, where he had been staying since Saturday. The veteran walker remained all night at the inn, where he entertained the landlord's family and the customers with a vivid account of his wanderings. On Tuesday morning he visited the village.

BRITISH LEGION. 2nd Feb. 1923

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion held at the National School on Friday evening, it was announced that the honorary secretary, Mr. T. W. Thurlow, had tendered his resignation in consequence of ill-health. The resignation was accepted, and it was decided that a letter expressive of the members' regret should be sent to Mr. Thurlow. Mr. C. Wood was appointed hon. secretary pro tem. It was resolved that the branch should be registered as a charity under the War Charities' Act, and Messrs. Wood, E. Williams, and A. W. Melbourne were appointed as a committee to recommend cases for the British Legion Unity Relief Fund.

CRICKET CLUB. 2nd Feb. 1923

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the National School on Monday evening. The secretary and treasurer gave a satisfactory report of the financial position of the club, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. O. Daintree; vice-presidents, re-elected, with two exceptions, viz., Rev. J. S. Sharp (left the district) and Mr. R. Sutton (deceased), who were replaced by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing and Mr. R. Williamson; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. R. Godfrey; assistant secretary, Mr. Cyril Godfrey; captain, 1st eleven, Mr. S. F. Mitham; vice-captain, Mr. T. Savage; captain, 2nd eleven, Mr. F. Causer; vice-captain, Mr. A. Hephher; groundsman, Mr. H. D. Froment. Amongst other business it was decided that the necessary repairs should be carried out on the cricket ground, Mr. S. F. Mitham undertaking to put the rails protecting the playing pitch in order, the club paying for the cost of materials; that white coats should be obtained for umpires, and that there should be a recognised club cap.

THE PUBLIC DRAINS. 9th Feb. 1923

Dr. H. T. Calvert, an Inspector of the Ministry of Health, who was accompanied by Dr. F. Robinson (County Medical Officer) and Dr. R. Grove (District Medical Officer of Health) on Friday, made an exhaustive inspection of the sanitary arrangements of the new Council houses and of the open public drains from Middle Watch to the Church Bridge. Messrs. F. Kirby, R. Norman and C. Wood (District Councillors), F. G. Reynolds (Sanitary Inspector), and F. Hagger (District Surveyor) were also present.

CONCERT. 9th Feb. 1923

A large and enthusiastic audience welcomed Mr. S. Maltby and his concert party on the 1st inst., when they paid their second visit to Swavesey within three weeks to give an entertainment for the benefit of the local War Memorial Hall Fund. The programme was an excellent one, the demands for encores frequent, and from start to finish the entertainment went with a swing. Further, the financial results were most satisfactory.

A SERIOUS SMASH. 9th Feb. 1923

Startled, it is believed, by a loose shoe, a mare drawing a pig float near Swavesey Cemetery on Friday indulged in antics which resulted in the breaking of a trace and the involuntary transfer of the young man who was driving from the float to the roadway. The young man, who was dazed by his fall, but not hurt, picked himself up and went in pursuit of the mare, which, dragging the float, bolted at full speed along Taylor's-lane, missing a stationary motor-van on the way by inches, and on reaching High-street appeared to be making straight for the large plate-glass window of Mr. D. Wilderspin's shop. Changing its course, however, at the last moment, the animal turned sharp to the right and crashed sideways into the front of the adjoining house, the Little Rose, knocking chips off the brickwork. One shaft, after splintering a shutter, penetrated the window of the sitting-room, smashing glass and window-frame, while the other shaft, now up-lifted, tore the right-hand shutter from its hinges and did further damage to the brickwork. The float was now firmly fixed, and the mare, though free from the shafts, came to a standstill and was secured. Mrs. G. Clarke, the invalid wife of the landlord, who was entering the sitting-room at the moment the crash occurred, was greatly alarmed and upset. Had she been in her accustomed seat, the consequences would have been serious, for the smashed window-frame was knocked inwards, furniture nearby was upset, and the splinters of glass flew all over the room. The float was not damaged.

WHIST DRIVE. 16th Feb. 1923

Nineteen tables were occupied at the whist drive in the National School on the 8th inst. for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss Ivy Thorp, Mrs. C. Hepher, Mrs. Berryman; gentlemen, Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. T. C. Heasmen, Mr. A. Prior. Mr. T. C. Heasman was M.C.

FOR THE BLIND. 16th Feb. 1923

A pleasant evening was spent in the National School on Friday, on the occasion of a qualifying whist drive in connection with St. Dunstan's National Championship. Thirteen tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies, 1. Miss H. Johnson (Fen Drayton), 2 Miss Scambler (Conington), 3 Miss Holmes (Swavesey); gentlemen, 1. Mr. H. Burling (Over), 2 Mr. H. Johnson (Fen Drayton), 3 Mr. F. Causer (Swavesey). In addition to the prize-winners, Messrs. R. Asplin (Over), G. Cash and H. G. Key (Swavesey) qualified for the next round. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C., and Messrs. J. S. Goad, P. Godfrey and C. Wood shared the duties of stewards.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT. 16th Feb. 1923

Swavesey school children greatly distinguished themselves on Monday evening when about 80 out of the 127 on the National School register gave an entertainment in aid of the War Memorial Hall and Church Repair Funds. The large schoolroom was packed, and very few of those persons who had not purchased tickets beforehand were able to obtain admittance. The audience was enthusiastic, and every item on the long programme was heartily applauded, but no encores were allowed. The entertainment was carried out entirely by the youngsters, and the programme included school songs, concerted items, school plays, dialogues, a recitation by a little girl, a Parish Council debate, and the play "Little Red Riding Hood." As one and all did remarkably well and threw heart and soul into their performances it would be invidious to select a few for special commendation. Mr. C. Wood, headmaster, and Mrs. Wood, who trained the children, can, however, be heartily congratulated on the success of their arduous work. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Mrs. Wood and Miss May Mustill, and the former was responsible for the dresses, which were pretty and original. The entertainment was repeated on Tuesday evening, the schoolroom being again crowded.

LAND UNDER WATER. 23rd Feb. 1923

Low-lying land around Swavesey is more or less flooded, the ponds are full, and there is a considerable quantity of water in the drains.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 23rd Feb. 1923

At a meeting of the committee of the recently-formed Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines, of Over, was appointed chairman of the committee, and Mr. Horace Ashby, Swavesey, vice-chairman.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 23rd Feb. 1923

Mr. Light, the newly-appointed Conservative agent for the county, attended a meeting of the Swavesey Conservative Association on Monday evening, and gave an address, in which he emphasised the importance of organising the party in the constituency, and especially in regard to matters relating to registration.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 23rd Feb. 1923

Two interesting events in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel took place during last week. The first on Tuesday evening, when some forty of the senior members of the Band of Hope met in the Schoolroom for games; and the second on Thursday, when, notwithstanding the weather, a social evening was arranged by the B.W.T.A. and a goodly number were present to listen to the very able and instructive address given by the Rev. H. W. Shellabear, of Fenstanton. The speaker pointed out how the drink bill had doubled since 1913, that every gallon of beer meant possible drunkenness, that few working men could afford alcoholic drink, and that many a man said more than he meant to say when under its influence. Doctors, lawyers, statesmen – men whom he could not regard as fanatics – agreed that alcohol was dangerous as a beverage, that it lessened self-control, and tended to lower one's ideals and dim the vision of the spirit. Solos and recitations were rendered by friends, refreshments served, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

SWAVESEY HORTICULTURALISTS. 23rd Feb. 1923

SOCIETY FORMED LAST EVENING (TUESDAY EVENING)

At a meeting held at the Schools, Swavesey, this evening, attended by seventy persons from Swavesey and Over, it was decided to form a Flower, Fruit and Vegetable, etc., Society, to be called the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mr. R. Williamson; chairman, Dr. J. W. Ellis; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Woods; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Pain; committee: from Swavesey, Messrs. Winter, Thorp, Ansell, Pontefract, and Ashby; from Over, Messrs. Hines, Asplin and Haddow. Other villages will be asked to select their own representatives.

The subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. per member for cottagers.

It was also decided to hold sports, open to Swavesey and district, and to include eggs and poultry in the show.

HOCKEY. 2nd March 1923

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI entertained a Cambridge Town ladies' team on Saturday. The visitors, who were much stronger than the homesters, won a fast game by 4 goals to nil.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 2nd March 1923

Preceded by a tea in the Chapel Schoolroom, the annual meeting of the members and seat-holders of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on the 15th inst. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, presided. Satisfactory reports of the various activities in connection with the chapel were presented, the financial statement being specially pleasing, as it showed a balance in hand. There was a good attendance.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 2nd March 1923

A fairly attended meeting was held in the National School on Monday evening, to consider the question of forming a Women's Institute in Swavesey. Among others present were Mrs. Stebbing, Mrs. Banks, Rev. H. T. N. And Mrs. Ussher, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. W. Thorp. Addresses were given by Miss Nightingale (London) and Miss Warrington (Cambridge), in which the benefits accruing from Women's Institutes and other reasons why it was desirable that they should be formed were lucidly set forth, and it was stated that 25 members, 16 years of age or over, were necessary to establish an institute, and that the annual subscription was 2s. On the proposal of Mrs. Ussher, seconded by Mrs. Banks, it was, however, decided to postpone the formation of the institute in Swavesey until the autumn, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Miss Nightingale and Miss Warrington.

DARK STREETS. 2nd March 1923

Several mishaps, none, fortunately, attended with serious consequences, have recently occurred in the dark streets and lanes of the village. The following instances may be cited: A lad walking home collided with the rain-water pipe of a shed in Wallman's-lane, and was knocked down dazed into the mud, injuring his knee, cutting his nose, and grazing his face. Papers he was carrying were damaged with mud and water. On the same evening a fish merchant, riding a cycle, had a spill, apparently through colliding with something in the gloom. On Friday night an old inhabitant completely lost his bearings on a road with which he was well acquainted, and had to wait until another parishioner came along who could put him in the way he should go. A lady, after visiting a sick relation, struck her head against a brick gate post when trying to effect an entrance to her own premises. She sustained a black eye. Passengers alighting at the railway station from the brightly illuminated

L. and N.E.R. carriages experience difficulty in finding their way along the tree-lined road into the village, and it is suggested that a lamp near Swan Pond, or at the main churchyard gate, would act as a beacon towards which pedestrians could make their way.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 2nd March 1923

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held at the Vicarage on the 15th inst., all councillors being present, with the exception of Mr. H. Wells, churchwarden, who was ill. The Vicar presided. Messrs. R. Barwell and C. Wood were elected vice-chairman and Press secretary respectively, and the Finance Committee was re-appointed. A balance of £9 10s. 8½d. from the Duplex Envelope Fund was allocated to the Church Repair Fund, an amendment, proposed by Mr. Wood and seconded by Dr. Ellis that the money should be paid into the church expenses account being defeated. A committee was appointed to revise the electoral roll, and on the proposal of Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Ellis, it was agreed that the choir boys should be paid 2s. 6d. a quarter, a suitable scheme of payment being worked out by the Vicar. The representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference were instructed to support the four questions which were coming before the conference, and on which the opinion of Church Councils had been requested. The representatives were also requested to present a report at the next meeting of the Council respecting the proceedings of the conference. Dr. Ellis asked that an inventory should be prepared of the deeds and other documents in the church chest, and that the inventory should be kept by the Vicar. The request was agreed to.

ADVERTS. 9th March 1923

For Immediate Sale. – One Heavy Three-Horse Harrow, good as new; One light Garden Harrow, good order; Double Cylinder Garden Roller; 1,000 Pan Tiles, at 7s. 6d. per 100; Quantity of Heavy Door Joints, suitable for farm work; Firewood, 3s. 9d. per cwt; Crushed Oats, 10s. per cwt., delivered; Best Chaff, £4 10s. per ton, delivered. – Prior's General Stores, Swavesey.

SEEDS! SEEDS!! Aldred's Stores, London House, Swavesey, are Agents for Carter's Tested Garden and Farm Seeds. Catalogues for both on application.

BREAD. 9th March 1923

The retail price of bread in Swavesey was reduced to 4d. per 2lb. loaf on Monday.

TWO ANNIVERSARIES. 9th March 1923

Friday last being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. George Long, the bells of the Parish Church were rung in accordance with the terms of his will. Two separate peals of 720 were rung by the following: 1. B. Prime, 2. B. Hodson, 3. F. Hemington, 4. E. Williams, 5. H. D. Froment, 6. R. Mitham, jun. Saturday was the 10th anniversary of the great fire which devastated the northern end of Swavesey on the afternoon of Monday, March 3rd, 1913

LAND WORKERS' UNION. 9th March 1923

At a meeting on the 26th ult., in support of the National Union of Landworkers, whose policy is to work in co-operation with the landowners and farmers for a united agricultural programme, Mr. Lovell, the general secretary, stated that so far as agriculture was concerned the whole position affected not only the workers, but all who were in any way connected with the land. What the agricultural worker had to realise was, that if he had to produce food too cheaply for the great industrial centres of the country it was evident low wages must follow. The Landworkers' Union would not be affiliated to any political party, and its sole aim and object was to work as far as possible with the other sections in trying to formulate a policy that would place the industry on a paying basis, and thus give a far higher standard of living to the agricultural worker. The organisers were convinced that by close co-operation of the three interests concerned there is a great future for agriculture in this country, and they would endeavour to work along the lines of co-operation with the other interests, always reserving the right to maintain their own independent position as a trade union in matters of wages and conditions of labour. So long as the three agricultural interests were divided, the industrial representatives would take advantage of the position, and agriculturists would suffer.

PERSONAL. 16th March 1923

Miss Constance Goad was one of the artistes at the grand evening concert held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, last evening (Thursday), under the auspices of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund.

A SUGGESTION. 16th March 1923

A ratepayer suggests that two tree trunks, which for some years have more or less obstructed the large drain near Church Bridge, might now be removed, as the drain is full of water and the logs are floating.

THE CUCKOO. 16th March 1923

A local railway official reports that he heard the cuckoo in Mow Fen at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, and he indignantly repudiates the suggestion that the bird he heard was an adjunct of a clock in a house in the neighbourhood.

MARCH 1898. 16th March 1923

Of the nine parish councillors who were elected 25 years ago, four are dead, two have left the village, and three, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Mr. W. H. Key, and Mr. B. Prior, are still resident in the parish, but are not members of the Council.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 16th March 1923

The children of the Band of Hope have been fortunate in hearing during the past two weeks lectures of a truly educational character, delivered in a most interesting manner by Mr. Breens, of Longstanton, and Rev. Alon Pocle, of Willingham, and on Thursday next the young people will give a concert.

HOCKEY. 16th March 1923

The Swavesey mixed hockey team entertained Cambridge Town mixed eleven on Saturday. The game was very fast, both teams playing up well. At the interval the score stood 2 – 1 in favour of Swavesey, but during the second half the Town scored twice and the game ended in a win for the visitors by four goals to three. H. Topham (2) and J. H. Johnson scored for Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 16th March 1923

Services are being held at the parish church on Thursday evenings during Lent, with special preachers. On the 8th inst. the Rev. F. W. Fulford, B.D., vicar of Great St. Andrew's, Cambridge, preached a striking sermon and last evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. Next Thursday the preacher will be the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, vicar of Over.

PARISH COUNCIL. 16th March 1923

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Infants' School on March 8th. There were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, S. Prime, W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Robinson Mitham). In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. Twist was voted to the chair. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting the Clerk reported that the deed enfranchising the copyhold property belonging to the parish in High-street had been duly executed and he produced the deed for the inspection of the councillors. Mr. Burton stated that Mr. W. H. Hephner had granted the use of a shed on that portion of the property which is hired by him, for the storage of the public street lamps, that the shed had been put in a sound state, and that

the cost of the repairs would be charged to the Council. Mr. Burton expressed the opinion that the report of the committee who had recently inspected the lamps was misleading for to his mind the lamps and appurtenances were "only fit to be buried." The Clerk read the reply of the Postmaster of Cambridge to a letter he had written by direction of the Council relative to the earlier collection at Swavesey Post Office for the night mail despatch, viz., at 6.30 p.m. instead of at 7.15 p.m., as in late years, and 7.45 p.m. in the pre-war days. The Clerk's letter, which he also read to the Council, was merely a suggestion, expressed in the mildest of terms, that so early an hour for collection might cause inconvenience, and it not unnaturally elicited the answer that the new arrangement must stand. The first business on the agenda was the selection of four parishioners to serve as parish constables for the ensuing year. Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, M. C. Culpin and J. J. Marriott were chosen, and the Council decided that the salary should remain as fixed twelve months ago. Mr. Arthur Leonard Parish, proposed by Mr. R. Norman and seconded by Mr. Linford, was unanimously elected Parish Council representative on the board of managers of the National School in place of the late Mr. H. S. Aldred. Mr. Cole said that he had received a complaint that the school pond was too full of water, owing probably to the blockage of a drain.

BRITISH LEGION. 23rd March 1923

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey District branch of the British Legion, held at the National School on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. A. Daintree, Lolworth (subject to his acceptance of office); chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. A. J. Willson; treasurer, Mr. E. Williams; secretary, Mr. C. Wood; committee, Messrs. Berryman, T. Froment, A. W. Melbourne, C. Page, A. Prime, jun., H. Prime and Topham. The treasurer submitted the accounts for the past year, which showed a balance in hand of £8 11s. 7d. (receipts £19 16s. 7d. and expenditure £11 5s.). After some discussion it was decided to organise a sports meeting during the summer, and Messrs. H. Ashby, A. Beaumont, A. Peters, F. Prior and A. J. Willson were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. It was agreed that the branch should enter a cricket team for the Lord Lieutenant's Cup.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 23rd March 1923

Many of our readers in Swavesey and the neighbourhood will be interested, and some surprised, to learn that Mr. William Henry Key will attain the age of 78 year to-morrow (Saturday), and despite his long tale of years, it is

satisfactory to record that he is still wonderfully active and in fairly good health. Mr. Key is not a native of Swavesey, but, having lived in the village for nearly 53 years, it is difficult for the present generation to realise that there was a time when he had no connection with the parish. Born at Earith, Hunts., on March 24th, 1845, he migrated on 2nd November, 1870, to Swavesey, and there set up in business as a baker, quickly winning the confidence and esteem of the people. About 12 years ago he handed his business over to his only son, and devoted his attention to his garden and orchard. Mr. Key has been closely identified with the business and social life of the village, and has held many and various offices, so numerous that only a few can be mentioned. A loyal Churchman and a mainstay of the parish church, for 22 years he was a churchwarden, and on his retirement in 1921 he became a sidesman. For 38 years he was a representative to the Ruri-decanal Conference, and is still a member of the Church Council. He was the first chairman of the Parish Council, and a member for many years. In 1900 he was appointed a life feoffee of Galon's Charity, has long been a school manager, and after the great fire in 1913 rendered valuable service on the Relief Fund Committee, and was appointed a life trustee of the Old Age Pensioners' Cottages which were built with the unexpended balance of the fund. A staunch Conservative in politics, he was an active officer of the old Conservative and Unionist Association. For 51 years a member of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, he has held every office in the Wheatsheaf Lodge, and has the distinction of being the only member of the Lodge who has been Chief Shepherd of the Cambridge District.

ADVERT. 30th March 1923

To Spring Cleaners. – Prior's Stores have commenced their Spring season trade of New Wallpapers, 4d. per roll and upwards. "Ceilinite" and "Filicol" Distempers, Paints and Varnishes to order. Agents for Laurie and McConal, and Arthur Sanderson, Ltd., London.

BAND OF HOPE. 30th March 1923

The children of Bethel Band of Hope gave an entertainment on March 22nd, in aid of the Piano Fund. The chair was taken by Mr. Arthur Norman, and a long and varied programme, including recitations, dialogues and action songs, was rendered by the young folk. Mrs. Frank Norman presided at the piano, and great credit was reflected on Mrs. W. Savage, who had so ably trained the little ones. The chapel was filled with a very appreciative audience, and as a result two guineas was handed over to the fund. Hearty thanks were accorded to all who helped, not forgetting Mrs. Arthur Norman, Mrs. Canham, and Mrs.

Godfrey, whose thoughtful kindness provided liberal refreshment for the young artistes.

THE CUTT MONUMENT. 30th March 1923

In various published references to the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, mention is made of a notable monument in the south chantry to Anne Kempe, first wife of Sir John Cutt, of Childerley, who died on March 13th, 1631. The monument, the designer and sculptor of which was unknown until recently, consists of an altar tomb, surmounted by two life-size figures, which hold open the doors of a triptych. The centre tables bears a long eulogy on the lady's personal merits, and the inner faces of the doors are covered with inscriptions to the memory of five Sir Johns of the Cutt family, with the names of their respective wives. A. G. Hill, in his "Churches of Cambridgeshire," observes that such eulogies are "a great weakness in monuments of the 17th century, contrasting most unfavourably with the simple and pious inscriptions of pre-Reformation times, when great bishops and holy men were content with 'of your charitie pray for the soul of -,' or 'Fili Dei Miserere mei.'" Hill describes the monument as a "semi-classical tomb," possessing "no architectural merit," but Mr. Herbert C. Andrews, in a paper published not long ago, "A Lost Monument, by Nicholas Stone," thinks that if Mr. Hill had "been aware that its designer was Nicholas Stone, he would have given it more attention and have been correspondingly less faint in its praise." It may be mentioned that Nicholas Sone, who was born in 1586, and died in London on August 24th, 1647, was the son of a quarryman of Woodbury, near Exeter. After working in Holland under the sculptor Hendrik de Keyser, whose daughter he married, he became the great sculptor of his time, and the rejuvenator of the art in England. He was also an architect, and his work is associated with Inigo Jones' introduction of Renaissance architecture into England. He is, however, best known by his monuments, which will be found in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Greenwich, Merton College, Oxford, and elsewhere. The discovery that Stone was the designer of the Cutt monument is due to the researches of Mr. Andrews. In Stone's account book there is an entry relating to a monument he erected in the Church of St. Peter, Great Berkhamsted, in memory of Thomas Baldwin, for which he received £40, "lese thin I had for Sir John Coutts, it being the same model." Stone's entries show that he was deficient in orthography, and therefore the spelling of Cutt as Coutts, and Baldwin as Balding, is of no consequence. The Swavesey monument is complete, and is still in the original form in which Stone erected it, and a photograph of it by Mr. J. H. Bullock, of Cambridge, is included with Mr. Andrews' paper. The Baldwin replica at Great Berkhamsted, on the other

hand, was shorn of its figures and doors when the church was “restored” by Butterfield in 1869-70, and the altar tomb and tablet were removed from the north arcade of the nave to the south aisle. Eighteen years later, in order to provide space for additional pews, the altar tomb was discarded and the tablet put upon two ugly corbels, which now support it. The missing figures have recently been discovered in a rubbish corner, or cupboard, of Great Berkhamsted Church, where they had been stored away since 1870, as of little or no value, their sculptor being unknown. Mr. Andrews says they are damaged, but by no means beyond repair. The altar tomb and doors have disappeared, probably having been purchased by stonemasons. Swavesey, therefore, possesses a unique article of the work of a Master Mason of James I and Charles I, for whose sake the monument, which hitherto has been notable only for its unusual form, will in future be prized as a possession of value.

WHIST DRIVE. 6th April 1923

For the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, a whist drive was held at the National School on Monday evening. Seventeen tables were in play, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies, Miss Prutton, Miss A. S. Cole, Mrs. Podmore; gentlemen, Mr. Utteridge, Mr. W. Twist, Mr. T. Savage. The duties of M.C. were undertaken by Mr. T. C. Heasman.

PERSONAL. 6th April 1923

Mr. Christopher Day, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, left Swavesey yesterday for Southampton, whence he will sail to-morrow (Saturday) for Angola, Portuguese West Africa, to take up mission work. Mr. Day saw service during the war. Joining the R.A.M.C. (East Lancashire Field Ambulance) on the 19th June, 1915, he proceeded to Egypt on the 19th March, 1916, and twelve months later went to the Western Front, where he remained until after the Armistice.

DROVE LETTING. 6th April 1923

The herbage of the droves and roadsides in the parish from the present time until 31st December next was, by direction of the Rural District Council, let by public auction at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, and realised £22 17s. 6d., against £16 obtained last year. The herbage of the Recreation Ground was let at the same time, by order of the Parish Council, and was secured by Mr. R. Williamson for £3 7s. 6d., an increase of £1 7s. 6d. on last year. Messrs. Underwood, Willingham, were the auctioneers.

VESTRY MEETING. 6th April 1923

At the Vestry meeting on Easter Monday Mr. H. J. Wells was unanimously re-elected people's churchwarden, and the Vicar nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as his warden. In thanking Messrs. Banks and Wells for their services during the past year, the Vicar offered hearty congratulations to the latter on his approaching marriage on behalf of the congregation and himself, and at the close of the meeting handed to Mr. Wells a wedding gift from himself, the Church Council, choir, and other officers and workers connected with the church. Mr. Wells briefly gave expression to his appreciation of the unexpected present.

CONCERT. 6th April 1923

The Cantabs' Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. Harry Bedwell, gave another of their admirable entertainments in the National School on Tuesday evening, and the Parish Church Repair Fund benefited thereby. The programme, it is needless to say, was varied and interesting, and every artiste was in excellent form, but, unfortunately, the audience, though thoroughly appreciative of the good fare provided, was not as large as it might have been.

WEDDING. 6th April 1923

A considerable congregation assembled at the Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, for the marriage of one of the churchwardens, Mr. Henry James Wells, eldest son of Mr. James Wells, a former churchwarden, and Miss Elizabeth Ding, daughter of Mr. William Ding. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated, and the service was fully choral, the choir being present, and two hymns being sung. The bride was given away by Mr. Joseph Ding, and her sister, Miss Alice Ding, was in attendance as bridesmaid. Mr. Ernest Bevan, of North Finchley, was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played the Wedding March, and as the newly-wedded couple left the church, amidst showers of rice and confetti, the church bells rang merrily. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a gift from the Vicar, church officers, workers and choir.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th April 1923

Owing to the indisposition of the Vicar, only one service could be held at the parish church on Good Friday, viz., at 10.30 a.m., when Matins, the Litany, and the Ante-Communion Service were said, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. Happily, by Easter Day the Vicar had recovered sufficiently to be able to take all the services that had been announced, viz., Matins at 10.30 a.m., followed by a choral celebration of the Holy Communion, children's service at 3 p.m., and Evensong and sermon at 6.30 p.m. All the services were

well attended, the congregation in the evening being especially good. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, devoted as an Easter offering to the Vicar. Between 5 and 6 a.m. the bells were rung merrily. The church had been beautifully decorated by ladies of the congregation.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 6th April 1923

On Good Friday an augmented choir under the able conductorship of Mr. J. W. Williams rendered a sacred cantata by T. M. Pattison, entitled "The Redeemer." There was a large and appreciative audience. Mr. A. Barker, of Over, presided at the organ. The principal soloists were Mrs. F. Norman (soprano), Miss C. Goad (contralto), Messrs. P. Watts and A. Adams (tenors), and Mr. Drake, of St. Ives (bass). Other items in the cantata included a duet by Misses A. Norman and P. Parish, a trio by Mrs. Binks, Misses A. Norman and P. Parish. On the conclusion of the cantata a very hearty welcome was given to Mr. Binks, of St. Ives who provided an excellent programme.

MR. HAROLD GRAY. M.P. 6th April 1923

The Agricultural Problem: Should the Industry be Subsidised?

SPEECH AT SWAVESEY LAST NIGHT.

Speaking at a concert held in the Schoolroom at Swavesey yesterday (Thursday) evening, Mr. Harold Gray, the Member for the County, said that at the first meeting of Parliament last autumn they cleared up a number of things left by the old Government. Referring to his experiences in the House, Mr. Gray said that before he went there he thought that Labour could undertake to govern the country, but since he had sat in front of the Labour members he deplored any chance the country would have if it had to rely upon that party. The difficulty was that the leaders of the party were pushed from behind by the Socialistic element.

The Labour party professed to be in sympathy with those in distress, especially the industrial people in the towns, but they had no sympathy whatever for the agricultural worker. They only thought of their constituents in the towns, and seemed to forget the agricultural workers who provided the people in the industrial centres with their food. Those agricultural workers were working for not much more than the unemployment pay. Labour did not take a broad view, and try to benefit the whole Empire.

The Government had been very much criticised lately, but it must be remembered that they had only been in power for a few months, and they took over a legacy of muddle from the last Government. But the present Government had settled the question of our debt to America. There had been

a good deal of bad feeling between Britain and America over the question of the war debt, but now we had got our credit established.

Some people thought the Government were doing nothing, but they were certainly doing something. There was the Merchandise Marks Bill, which would do a good deal for the poultry breeders. He believed that this Bill would be passed, because the Government were going to support it. The Government were also bringing in a Bill for the purpose of giving loans to farmers, and whilst that would not, perhaps, put agriculture on a sound footing, it would certainly help.

Mr. Gray went on to refer to the question of relieving the agricultural community in the matter of rating, and said that they could not get on with such a scheme immediately, but they had succeeded in getting the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put in a temporary measure to tide over the time until a Rating Bill was introduced. A Commission on Agriculture was now sitting, which would issue its report this week, and he hoped that that report would induce the Prime Minister to change his mind in regard to agriculture. The only remedies for agriculture were said to be protection and subsidies, and he did not see that, when they gave subsidies to the miners, they could not do the same for the farmers.

Although he was not an out-and-out Protectionist, he thought the agricultural industry should be safeguarded. They did not want to put up the price of food, but they wanted the industry safeguarded. In conclusion, Mr. Gray said he would do everything he could for agriculture.

Dr. J. W. Ellis presided, and speeches were also delivered by Mrs. Gray, Dr. Spink, and Mr. Bland. An excellent musical programme was presented by Miss Peggy Ellis (piano), Miss Constance Goad (song), Mr. Clover (song), and Miss Dodson.

MILK. 13th April 1923

The retail price of milk in Swavesey has been reduced to 5d. per quart.

CRICKET CLUB. 13th April 1923

At a recent meeting of the Cricket Club it was decided that the first eleven should enter the Turner Cricket League, and the second eleven the Milton and District League.

A VISITATION. 13th April 1923

The Right Rev. Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely, who was accompanied by the Rural Dean of North Stowe (Rev. R. P. Moline), on Wednesday made an official visitation of Swavesey parish church, the Vicarage, and the school.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th April 1923

Within the past ten years much has been done to put Swavesey Parish Church, one of the largest in the county, into a state of sound repair, the last work undertaken being the roof of the nave, which was completed in the autumn. The south aisle roof was being attended to in 1914 when the war put a stop to operations. The remainder of this roof, and also the roof of the north aisle, both in bad condition, have still to be done, but unfortunately the nave absorbed all available funds, and the work is costly. The Church Council are, however, endeavouring to raise more money in various ways, and one project they have in hand is a garden fete and sale of work to be held in the Vicarage Grounds on Thursday, 5th July next, when the opening ceremony will be performed by Mrs. H. S. Gray, who has kindly postponed another engagement to enable her to do so.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 13th April 1923

Re-opening services were held at the Primitive Chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. H. P. Ellis, Circuit minister, preached in the afternoon and evening. On Monday evening Mr. Ellis gave an interesting lecture on "Gipsy Smith and his solos." The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher presided, and some of the evangelist's solos were sung by Miss Ruth Chapman and Miss Easter. On Tuesday there was a public tea in chapel, followed at 7 p.m., by a sacred concert by the St. Ives choir, which was much appreciated. Mrs. Ussher, who was in the chair, gave an instructive address, during the interval. The attendances throughout were good. The collections were in aid of the Chapel Fund, which is in urgent need of support, as the extensive renovation and cleaning of the building has involved a heavy expense. A special week's mission will be commenced on Sunday, when Sister Alice, of Cambridge, will conduct services at 2.30 and 6 p.m.

LOSS TO SWAVESEY. 13th April 1923

Death of Mr. Ebenezer Parish, J.P.

The parish of Swavesey has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Ebenezer Parish, which occurred at his residence, Ashlea, Swavesey, shortly before midnight on Monday, after a long period of failing health.

Mr. Parish, who was 71 years of age, was a native of Swavesey, being the eldest son of the late Mr. Isaac Parish. As a young man he went to Manchester, where he established a business of house furnisher and decorator, and by dint of hard work and assiduity, prospered exceedingly. He was only 19 years old when, in consequence of his father's death, the care of his

younger brothers devolved on him, and he was instrumental in launching all of them on successful business careers.

Twenty-three years ago Mr. Parish relinquished his Manchester business, which is now carried on by his younger son, and returned to Swavesey, where he did much useful public work. In 1906 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County, and sat on the Chesterton Divisional Bench. For some time he was chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council, and until four years ago, when the state of his health rendered retirement desirable, he was a member of the St. Ives Board of Guardians, and of the Swavesey Rural District Council. In 1913-14 he took an active share in the work of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Committee, and on its dissolution was appointed a life trustee of the old age pensioners' cottages, which were built with the unexpended balance of the fund.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, amidst manifestations of sympathy and respect, and was attended by a large concourse of people. The service was conducted by Mr. J. T. Wiles, of St. Ives, who was assisted by Mr. Rowell of Huntingdon. The mourners included, Mrs. Parish (widow), Mr. A. L. Parish and Mr. R. Parish (sons), Mrs. R. Parish (daughter-in-law), Masters Edwin and Reg. Parish (grandsons), Messrs. E. and Jethro Parish (Manchester) and Z. Parish (brothers), Mrs. Joseph Parish, Bedford, Mrs. Jethro Parish and Mrs. Z. Parish (sisters-in-law), Mr. James Williams, Surfleet (brother-in-law), and Mr. William Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Miss Lizzie Parish and Miss Feakes (cousins). (Full list of mourners in newspaper).

The coffin was of polished oak. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements. There were no flowers by special request.

A LEAKAGE. 20th April 1923

A correspondent writes: What, may I ask, is the cause of the mysterious leakage which for some days past has been spoiling the fair surface of the public highway near Swan Pond? At first we thought that another water supply pipe had burst, but now the colour of the liquid leads us to suggest that a drain needs attention.

THE DRAINS. 20th April 1923

The report of the Ministry of Health Inspector, Dr. H. T. Calvert, who inspected the drainage of Swavesey on Feb. 2nd, has been received by the Rural District Council, and on Friday last the Chairman of the Council (Mr. J. Frohock), Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), and the two local councillors (Messrs. R. Norman and C. Wood), made a careful examination of the open

drain between Middle Watch and Church End, with a view, it is understood, to remedial measures being adopted, including the erection of a flushing tank in Middle Watch. It is not known whether the district councillors included in their investigations the untrapped gratings to the drain in High-street, near Turn Bridge. The stench from these openings is frequently most offensive, especially at night, and can be remedied.

BRITISH LEGION. 27th April 1923

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, held in the National School on Tuesday evening, arrangements were made for matches in the competition for the Lord Lieutenant's Cup.

A POULTRY FARM. 27th April 1923

Swavesey is favoured with a fine old Manor House, and its present owner and occupier, Mr. Reginald Barwell, N.U.P.S., S.P.B.A., P.C., B.B.L.C., is one of the men who are needed to make our countryside the happy and money-making places of the good old days. It was only a few years since that Mr. Barwell started his now famous poultry farm at Swavesey, which to those interested is worth a day's journey to visit. To see his birds rushing to lay in trap-nests is a sight not easily forgotten, and buyers of such famous prize-winners will have an opportunity at Messrs. Underwood's spring sale, as advertised, of securing, at a special low reserve, White Leghorn hens (1921), White Leghorn pullets (1922), Rhode Island pullets (1922), day-old chicks and sittings of eggs. Mr. Barwell has kindly consented at the close of the sale to take a limited number of persons interested in up-to-date methods of poultry farming over his utility poultry grounds and pens. Tickets to be obtained only of the auctioneers. – (Communicated)

NATIONAL SAVINGS. 27th April 1923

Mrs. C. Wood has undertaken the duties of local hon. sec. of the National Savings Scheme, and is in attendance at the school every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., to receive contributions. The scheme is of great service to the individual as well as the State, and is open to all classes of contributors.

"THE HAYMAKERS." 27th April 1923

The Over Choral Society gave a meritorious performance of Dr. Roots' cantata, "The Haymakers", in Swavesey National School on the 19th inst., under the able and energetic conductorship of Mr. G. W. Thoday, and very generously handed over the proceeds to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund. The audience, unfortunately, was not as large as it ought to have been,

possibly owing to the numerous entertainments which have recently been held in the village, but perhaps also because Swavesey people do not take their music as seriously as Over folk do, and were frightened away by so imposing a work as a cantata. But if lacking in numbers, the audience was certainly not wanting in appreciation.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th April 1923

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on Monday evening, when there were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, A. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, W. Twist, and C. Wood, with Mr. S. F. Mitham, acting for the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham, who is seriously ill. Mr. A. Norman was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Wood vice-chairman; Messrs. F. Hemington and A. G. Parish were appointed overseers; and it was agreed that the whole of the Council should form the Fire Engine Committee. Mr. Parish called attention to the very bad condition of the Hale-road leading to Fen Drayton, over which much traffic passes, and he moved a resolution that the Rural District Council be asked to provide material, slag for preference, for its repair. Mr. Burton seconded, but before the resolution was put to the meeting by the Chairman, Mr. Parish accepted a suggestion that the matter should be left in the hands of the local District Councillors, Messrs. R. Norman and Wood. The destruction of sparrows next came under discussion, and Messrs. Burton and Twist consented to continue to act as purchasers of defunct birds on behalf of the Council, the former reporting that he had done no business last year, while the latter said that a few birds had been brought to him. A proposal that rats as well as sparrows should be purchased did not meet with favour. The reward is to remain the same as last year, viz., ½d per bird. Before the meeting closed Mr. Cole inquired when the Parish Council accounts would be presented. The Chairman replied that they would be considered at the next meeting, when he hoped the Clerk would be present, and, in answer to the question as to when the annual parish meeting would be held, he said that he thought it was useless to call the meeting, as in the past years only one or two persons in addition to himself and the Clerk took the trouble to attend. The subject was not pursued, and the meeting ended.

ADVERT. 4th May 1923

We understand that matters of the utmost interest to fruit growers are down for consideration at a General Meeting of the West Cambs. Fruit Growers' Association, to be held at the County Hall, Cambridge, to-morrow (Saturday), May 5th, at 2.30. All members cordially invited to attend.

PERSONAL. 4th May 1923

Mr. Robinson Mitham, sen., who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is making good progress towards recovery.

CAPTAIN DAINTREE. 4th May 1923

The Board of Trade have appointed Captain John Dodson Daintree, R.N., C.B.E., Inspector-General of the Coastguards Force, which has been taken over from the Admiralty by the Board of Trade.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 4th May 1923

A well-attended meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held in the School on Friday evening. Schedules for the show, which is to take place on Thursday, 9th August, were issued, and other business transacted.

FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS. 4th May 1923

Twenty-four passengers travelled from Swavesey Station to London on Saturday by the special Cup Final excursion train, which left at 4.50 a.m. At Swavesey there was standing room only, but from Cambridge, where extra coaches were put on, the journey was made in comfort.

WEDDING. 4th May 1923

The marriage of Miss Florence May Maltby, younger daughter of Mrs. Maltby, High-street, Swavesey, and Mr. George Skelton, eldest son of Mr. L. Skelton, Hendon, London, N.W., took place very quietly at Swavesey parish church on Monday morning. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar) officiated.

DEATH OF A RAILWAYMAN. 4th May 1923

The news of the unexpected death of Mr. George Cash, a young and much-liked railwayman, which occurred on Sunday, came as a great shock to his many friends in Swavesey on Tuesday morning. Mr. Cash, then just 18 years of age, went to Swavesey as a platform porter at the railway station at the end of September, 1921. Latterly the state of his health caused much anxiety, and on 5th March, under medical advice, he entered a sanatorium in Cheshire, of which district he was a native.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 4th May 1923

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Swavesey Polling District Branch of the Cambs. Women's Unionist Association which was held in the schools on Tuesday evening, under the

chairmanship of Mrs. E. J. Warboys: - President, Mrs. Banks; chairman, Mrs. Warboys; vice-chairman, Miss Beaumont, treasurer, Mrs. Page; hon. sec., Mrs. C. Wood; committee, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Pettett, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Miss D. Banks, and Miss E. Dodson. The secretary was desired to convey the thanks of the Branch to Mrs. Cooke for her service as chairman during the past year. The members are sending a large dressed doll to the County Garden Fete on June 30th.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 4th May 1923

Bethel Band of hope closed a most encouraging session on April 26th, when the children met for their final tea and concert. Miss Easter presided, and the little ones, ably trained by Mrs. W. Savage, provided an excellent programme, and Mr. A. J. Freestone gave a very helpful address. Arrangements for tea were kindly undertaken by Mesdames Arthur Norman, Frank Norman, G. E. Canham, J. Day, W. Savage, S. Godfrey, and Misses M. Norman and Easter, assisted by a band of willing helpers. A pleasing feature of the evening was that the elder girls took charge of the trays, loyally supported by the elder lads, and the absent members were not forgotten. Mr. Canham generously provided a liberal supply of oranges, and valuable and untiring help was rendered by Mr. Frank Norman and Mr. F. W. Pontefract, not only at last week's tea and concert, but throughout the session.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS. 11th May 1923

Fifteen scholars under 12 years of age from Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Over and Swavesey, sat for the examination for County Minor Scholarships and for qualification for admission in the secondary and central schools, which was held in Swavesey National School on Wednesday morning. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey presided.

JACKDAWS. 11th May 1923

A correspondent writes: Jackdaws are notoriously troublesome birds, and many are the distressing tales told about them. We have it on the authority of the late Rev. Mr. Barham, that in days long ago a jackdaw at Rheims appropriated the Episcopal ring of a cardinal, and in addition to putting an important ecclesiastical establishment to serious inconvenience, brought himself under the ban of a terrible curse, uttered by his Eminence, which had the effect of disarranging his feathers, interfering with his appetite, and eventually of pricking his conscience. In modern days jackdaws may not have the chance of stealing Lord Cardinal's rings, but in Swavesey last week-end

they were proved to have blocked a chimney at the Vicarage. The chimney, it is true, had not been used for several years, but recently, when wanted, it was found to be blocked. A local sweep was called in, and thrust his brush up the chimney. It went a certain distance, but could not be induced to go further. The sweep mounted to the top of the chimney, and attacked the obstruction from above, but still could not force a passage. A bricklayer was summoned in haste, to cut a hole in the brickwork, and the two British workmen, the sweep from below, and the bricklayer from above, cleared away an accumulation of sticks, bits of brick and rubbish of all sorts and kinds, solidly packed to a depth of 4 to 5 feet, but nothing approximating to a Lord Cardinal's ring was discovered. While so engaged a jackdaw alighted on the chimney top, and immediately dived down to investigate the interference with his home, only to be caught by the bricklayer, whose hand was in the hole. The bird's career was ended, for the heartless bricklayer promptly wrung its neck. When the rubbish was cleared away the vicar found that he had kindling for domestic use sufficient for many days.

ADVERT. 18th May 1923

Special Pig Fencing Wire, 3ft. high, in stock. – At Prior's General Stores.

A NOVEL BRAKE. 18th May 1923

Two old boots formed the brake blocks of a hawker's wagonette which passed through the village on Tuesday morning. The wagonette was laden with goods for sale.

THE FEAST. 18th May 1923

"Come, gentle Spring, ethereal mildness, come," was the prayer of Swavesey people last week-end, for nice, fine weather is an essential of a successful Feast. But instead of "ethereal mildness" they had to endure cold, inclement, and stormy weather. Visitors were few compared with the crowds that were wont to attend the annual festival in by-gone years, and the showman element was not up to pre-war average. The services at the parish church on Sunday were well attended, especially in the evening, when there was an exceptionally large congregation. The service was bright and hearty, and the choir sang an anthem. During the evening the Willingham Salvation Army Band played in Market-street amongst the assembling Feast folk, and held a meeting. Cricket matches should have been the attraction on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, but owing to the weather they failed to attract the usual crowds. On Monday Swavesey defeated Lolworth, and on Tuesday managed to score a first innings victory over their Over neighbours. Neither Over nor Swavesey were at full

strength – in fact it is understood that there was difficulty in finding players in both villages hardy enough to face the elements. With perhaps two exceptions batsmen and fielders wore coats, and some of the latter even donned long macintoshes. Cricket under such conditions may have been heroic, but was hardly cricket. A few shivering spectators crouched under the shelter of the School and of neighbouring houses. There was a better attendance at the “Feast,” which, in accordance with custom, was held in Market-street, on Tuesday evening, than on Monday, and it was noticed that the stalls, etc., were arranged on a far better plan than in previous years.

LOCAL WILL. 18th May 1923

MR. E. PARISH, SWAVESEY.

Mr. Ebenezer Parish, of Swavesey, for many years in business in Manchester as a house furnisher and carpet factor, and member of the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey Rural Council, and Chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council, who died on the 9th April last, aged 71 years, left gross estate of the value of £1, 459, with net personalty £190 6s. 6d. Mrs. Hannah Parish, of the same address, widow relict, is the executrix.

TRUSTEES MEETING. 25th May 1923

At a meeting of the trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity held at Frere Cottages on May 17th, Mr. A. J. Willson was elected a co-operative trustee to serve for a period of five years. Mr. W. H. Key is now the sole remaining life trustee, all the other life trustees appointed in 1914, when the charity was established, having died, resigned, or become disqualified. When the Parish Council appoint another representative, the board of seven trustees will be complete. Parish Council representatives serve for a period of four years.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 25th May 1923

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the National School on Friday evening. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided, and representatives from Boxworth, Fen Drayton and Over attended, in addition to a good number of Swavesey members. Mr. C. W. Hines presented a report of the progress made in Over, and the treasurer (Mr. Paine) explained the present financial position of the society. A few additions were made to the schedule for the show, which is to take place on August 9th, and the programme of sports, submitted by Mr. Topham, on behalf of the Sports committee was approved, after discussion. A resolution, proposed by Mr. Walter Thorp

(Swavesey), and seconded by Mr. C. W. Hines (Over) that a voluntary guarantee fund should be established, was carried nem. con.

ADVERTS. 1st June 1923

FRED TODD AND SON, Egg Merchants, Cottenham, are now open to buy any quantity of Good Table Poultry. Thousands wanted weekly. Send us a card and our buyer will call.

WE Stock Building Materials to suit every requirement. Good sections for buildings, various sizes. Tar and Creosote. – Prior's General Stores.

COME and join the Children on their Anniversary Day at Bethel on Sunday. Special Egg Service at 2.45 p.m., for which a collection of eggs will be made throughout the village to-day (Friday) and to-morrow. The eggs will be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

TUG-OF-WAR. 1st June 1923

Mr. Harold Gray, M.P., has intimated that he will present a silver challenge cup for the inter-village tug-of-war contest at the sports, to be held in connection with the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's show on August 9th next.

AN ENQUIRY. 1st June 1923

A correspondent writes: I cannot help noticing that some young men in this district have recently had their bicycles fitted with racing handle bars, in place of those of the ordinary type. Can the alteration have been made in view of the forthcoming Horticultural Society's Sports?

EMPIRE DAY. 1st June 1923

Swavesey National School kept Empire Day very quietly. After the saluting of the flag and the singing of "Flag of Britain," the Headmaster gave an address on the Empire and the reason for Empire Day. Kipling's "Recessional" and the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS. 1st June 1923

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the special preacher being Mr. Kemp, jun., of Luton. Between the services there was a public tea. The attendance at the services and at the tea was excellent, many friends from other villages being present, and the collections were good.

COMMENDATION. 1st June 1923

On more than one occasion in recent years complaint has been made of the neglected condition of the roads and lanes under the control of the Swavesey Rural District Council. It is pleasing, therefore, to be able to report that Wallman's-lane, which was slowly but surely assuming the appearance of a green drove-way, has been thoroughly cleaned up within the past few days by two of the Council's venerable, but still energetic, roadmen. Grass which had encroached on the road space has been neatly chopped off, and other intrusive vegetation has been removed from the surface of the cart-way.

BOYS' CRICKET. 8th June 1923

Swavesey junior cricketers, who are taking a keen interest in the national game this year, and arranging a series of matches with juveniles in neighbouring villages, entertained a team of Willingham boys on May 30th, and gained a creditable victory. Scores: Willingham, 1st innings, 19; 2nd innings, 20 for four wickets; Swavesey, 65 (H. Brooks, 14, B. Daintree 11, E. Thompson 16, T. Bull 17 not out).

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN. 8th June 1923

Mrs. Ann Sutton, widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Sutton, who belonged to a very old Swavesey family, passed away about mid-day on Wednesday, at the residence of her son-in-law and youngest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Church End. Mrs. Sutton attained the great age of 92 years last April, and if she was not the oldest inhabitant of Swavesey, was certainly the oldest woman parishioner. Left a widow 16 years ago, she is survived by one son and three daughters. She had been in feeble health for some time.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 8th June 1923

Sunday School anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday. The Rev. H. P. Ellis preached excellent sermons in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon gave an address to the children at an egg and flower service. At the end of the week the older scholars had collected 800 eggs in the village, and these have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, while the flowers have, as usual been forwarded to St. Ives Infirmary. Certificates of merit awarded in connection with the Sunday School Union Scripture examination held earlier in the year were presented in the afternoon to Kenneth Williams (Lower Junior), Maggie Prior (Lower Middle), Winnie Godfrey, Richard Brooks, George Day, and James Kester. Special hymns were sung throughout the day, and a notable musical feature was a quartette capitally rendered by certain of the scholars. Good congregations attended all the services, and collections were taken in aid of Sunday School funds.

FATHER SUES SON. 15th June 1923

Claim for Damages for Alleged Trespass at Swavesey.

HEARING AT SUFFOLK ASSIZES.

Among the civil cases heard by Mr. Justice Lush at Suffolk Assizes, Bury St. Edmund's, last Friday, was an action for damages by H. W., of Swavesey, against D. W., of the same village, for alleged trespass.

Mr. Van den Berg said father and son were respectively plaintiff and defendant. Plaintiff alleged that in 1920 he spent a good deal of money in preparing his land for sowing oats during the autumn, but about Michaelmas in the same year the son, without justification, took the lock off the gate of the field and substituted one of his own, so shutting his father out of his own property. The father afterwards, acting upon legal advice, removed the lock and recovered possession. In the November following the son committed a more serious trespass by getting a number of people to plough up the land, thus preventing the sowing of oats. A little later the son brought an action in the County Court to recover possession of the whole of the land held under his father's tenancy, basing his claim upon the allegation that his father had been guilty of a breach of tenancy agreement, by sub-letting. This action precluded the father from dealing with the land until the County Court Judge had given his decision upon the dispute, and which was not reached until April, when Judge Farrant gave a verdict in favour of the father, but did not allow the father costs, because of a strong letter he had written to his son. Plaintiff claimed for losses sustained in consequence of not being able to sow the land for crops, and asked for £225.

His Lordship suggested that as the case only involved a question of damages, the son might make some offer, which ought to be liberal.

Failing agreement between the parties, the hearing was adjourned till 10.30 on Saturday morning.

FUNERAL. 15th June 1923

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Sutton, widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Sutton, whose death, at the age of 92 years, on June 6th, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Pastor E. Short officiated. The principal mourners were: Mr. Walter Sutton, West Hartlepool (only son), Mrs. Lee, Leeds, and Mrs. Jabez Parish (daughters), Mr. Jabez Parish (son-in-law), Mr. Walter Wilderspin, St. Ives, Mr. A. G. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brooks, Cambridge, and Miss C. Parish (grandchildren), and Miss Kate Sutton and Mrs. William Crisp, Longstanton (nieces). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey. The late Mrs.

Sutton was the youngest daughter of Mr. William Radford, farmer and butcher of Oakington, of which village she was a native. Seventy-three years ago, on her marriage, she went to Swavesey, and there she passed the rest of her life. Her husband died 16 years since.

GARDEN FETE. 15th June 1923

The village of Swavesey was unusually lively on Thursday afternoon and evening last week. On the recreation ground a cricket match was played between elevens representing respectively the Swavesey district and the Sutton branches of the British Legion, who met in a round of the Lord Lieutenant's Cup competition. The game, which was keenly fought, was won easily by the visitors, who were undoubtedly the better team. It was estimated that at one time at least 300 spectators were watching the play. In the pleasant garden of Swavesey Manor, with its trimly-kept lawns, the annual garden fete was held for the benefit of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The weather was propitious, and the fete was a great success, resulting in a net profit to the Association of £46 17s., an increase of about £5 on last year. The takings at the gate, where Mr. John Smith and Mr. Cecil Dean were in charge, alone amounted to £7 6s. 3d. A main feature of the fete was the baby show, open to infants born in the three parishes, for which there were 23 entrants, 17 of whom made their appearance before the judges, Dr. Frank Robinson (County Medical Officer) and Miss Richards (Assistant Supt. County Nursing Association). Prizes were awarded to the following: 1 to 6 months of age Joan Helen Mitham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham, Swavesey; 7 to 12 months, Arthur James Ingle (Fen Drayton) and Philip William John Cook (Over), equal; 1 to 2 years, Brian Hugh Papworth (Over). All of the 17 infants came up to standard, and will receive certificates. Nurse Walters, who was responsible for the management of the baby show, can be congratulated on the result of her efforts. The general attractions included excellent half-hour entertainments, given by Mrs. Banks and Misses Banks, Cole and E. Dodson, and Morris and country dances by children, who had been admirably trained by Miss Beaumont. The Morris dances were undertaken by 18 Swavesey children, all dressed in white, and the country dances by Fen Drayton children, who also sang in capital style "Come to the Fair." Both dances were very effective and were capitally done. Miss May Mustill played the piano accompaniments for the Morris dances, and Miss Vera Furniss for the country dances. A parade of decorated bicycles, organised by Nurse Walters, attracted 21 competitors. Some of the decorations were striking and novel, and all were pretty and effective, but space does not permit of a detailed description being

given of each. The judges, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Oliver, and Mrs. Ussher, had undoubtedly some difficulty in awarding the prizes, but eventually they made the following selection: 1 Miss Mary Warboys (sailor boy with boat), 2 Miss Eva Freestone (oranges and lemons), 3 Miss Winnie Froment (Twink dyes), 4 Miss Crouch (Union Jack). The remaining 17 received consolation prizes. There were many other competitions and sideshows (listed in newspaper). The fete was opened by Mrs. Francis, Longstanton. The general management was in the hands of Mrs. Cooksey and the other officers of the Association.

ADVERT. 22nd June 1923

To our Pig-Breeding Customers. – Please note we have now got a Pedigree Large Black Boar on the farm. – Prior's Piggeries, Stanton Vue, Swavesey.

TRUCK DERAILED. 22nd June 1923

Through the derailment of a large fruit van on an "up" goods train, both the "up" and "down" lines at Swavesey Station were blocked for upwards of an hour shortly before noon on Tuesday.

BETHEL CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY. 22nd June 1923

Larger congregations than ever welcomed the Rev. S. W. Hughes, the popular preacher of Westbourne Park, who gave two brilliant and powerful sermons at Bethel Baptist Chapel anniversary on June 14th. Mr. Hughes got very close to the hearts of his hearers, and his message will abide as a memory of real help given to many. The choir finely rendered the anthem. "O praise the Lord, all ye nations." Admirable arrangements were made by the ladies of the congregation for a public tea between the services, when over two hundred sat down. Generous collections were taken for the church funds.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd June. 1923

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Friday in the National School. There were present: Mr. Arthur Norman (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, W. Twist, and C. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). At the outset an important statement relative to the financial position of the War Memorial Hall, which is being erected on parish property in High-street, in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of parishioners held in May, 1919, was made by Mr. C. Wood, Vice-Chairman of the Council and Hon. Sec. and Treas. of the Memorial Hall Committee. He stated the amount already expended in building and the amounts still in hand and outstanding. After discussion, the Council unanimously decided to lease the land to the trustees of the Hall, to

enable them to raise a loan to cover the cost of completing and furnishing the building and fitting it for the purposes for which it was originally planned. On the proposal of Mr. Linford, seconded by Mr. Twist, Mr. A. Norman was re-appointed a trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity for a further period of four years. An interesting statement by the Clerk on the subject of rates led to some discussion, and after bills for £32 6s. 5d. had been passed for payment, and a precept on the overseers for £25 issued, the meeting was closed.

ACCIDENT. 29th June 1923

When drawing water on Tuesday evening, Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., Church End, slipped and fell against the side of the cistern and fractured one or two of her ribs.

DEATH OF A LATE INHABITANT. 29th June 1923

The sad news was received in the village on Monday night that Miss Caroline Smith, a native of Swavesey, and an old pupil of the National School, had passed away at Pidley, Hunts., earlier that evening, aged 29 years. Her prolonged and very painful illness had been borne with great courage and patience. She was the only daughter of the late Mr. Charles Smith, for twenty years a blacksmith in Swavesey, who some time ago migrated to Pidley, where he died in May, 1922. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday) at Pidley.

SWAVESEY MAN IN INDIA. 29th June 1923

Writing on June 7th from Meerut, India, to a friend in Swavesey, Farrier Staff-Sergt. Warren Wright, 11th Hussars, says that the "Independent Press" is sent to him every week by his sister, and that he has "a good look at the village news and the football and cricket." As regards the latter he adds, however, that there are only about two Swavesey men whom he knows or can remember – Fred Causer and Tom Savage. Staff-Sergt. Wright left Swavesey long ago, and in two and a half years' time he will have completed 21 years in the Army. He served throughout the Great War with the 11th Hussars. His friends will be glad to know that he reports himself "in the pink of condition," and that "he likes being in India very much."

BULLOCK DROWNED. 29th June 1923

A fat bullock, belonging to Mr. W. J. Hephew, butcher, was found drowned in Navigation Drain on Thursday in last week. It will be remembered that last year there was considerable agitation in the parish respecting the neglected condition of the drain, and it was contended that the mud which had been

allowed to accumulate for many years not only minimised the usefulness of the drain for taking away flood water, but was a danger to stock in adjoining fields. Parish meetings were held, and passed resolutions requesting the District Council to have the drain cleaned out. The Council, however, declined to do this on the score of expense, and instead had a dam constructed closing the exit of the drain to the river.

OBITUARY. 29th June 1923

Mrs. Lydia Ivett, widow of the late Mr. James Ivett, of Fen Drayton, who had been ill since the beginning of this year, passed away on the 19th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Peppercorn, Gibraltar-lane, Swavesey. Mrs. Ivett, who was 83 years of age, was a native of Fen Drayton, and had spent the whole of her life in that village, until seven years ago, when she removed to Swavesey with Mr. and Mrs. Peppercorn. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at Fen Drayton Parish Church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (vicar of Swavesey) officiating. The mourners included Mr. Mark Ivett (son), Mrs. G. Tabram, Mrs. Brent Johnstone and Mrs. J. Peppercorn (daughters), Mrs. M. Ivett (daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Peppercorn (son-in-law) and Miss Emma Squires and Mrs. R. H. Norman (nieces). The coffin was of elm, with black fittings. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

NINETY-ONE. 6th July 1923

Mrs. Caroline Covell, High-street, widow of the late Mr. John Covell, will celebrate her 91st birthday to-morrow (Saturday). She is the oldest woman in Swavesey.

OBITUARY. 6th July 1923

Mrs. Ellen Adams, of Little Walden-road, Saffron Walden, widow of Mr. George Adams, and daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Dodson, of Swavesey, died on June 25th, at the great age of 92½ years. She resided in Little Walden-road for 60 years. The funeral took place at Saffron Walden Cemetery on Friday.

BAND OF HOPE. 6th July 1923

The children of Bethel Band of Hope, accompanied by adult friends, spent a very happy day at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, on June 28th. The main party journeyed to and fro by motor charabanc, but the youngsters who had attended the meetings most regularly were conveyed by Mr. G. E. Canham. The outing

was organised by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norman, whose arrangements were admirable.

FUNERAL. 6th July 1923

The remains of Miss Elizabeth Carolin Smith (only daughter of the late Mr. Charles Smith for 20 years a blacksmith in Swavesey), whose death on June 25th, at the age of 29 years, was announced last week, were laid to rest in Pidley, Hunts., churchyard on Friday. The rev. Ponton, Baptist minister, Somersham, officiated.

SWAVESEY GARDEN FETE. 6th July 1923

Another Big Effort for Repair of Parish Church Roof.

“SECOND ROUND OF THE CONTEST.”

Much hard work has been done in the past by the people of Swavesey towards raising funds to put their Parish Church in a fit state of repair, and yesterday (Thursday) they made another praiseworthy effort with the same object in view. Favoured by magnificent weather, they held a garden fete in the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage, which holds out promise of distinctly encouraging result.

In the absence of Mrs. Harold Gray, the wife of the Member for the County, owing to her husband's illness, the opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Moline, wife of the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. P. Moline, rector of Cottenham). The Vicar of Swavesey (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presided, supported by Mrs. Stebbing, the Rev. R. P. and Mrs. Moline, the Rector of Willingham (the Rev. A. C. Hair) and Mrs. Hair, the churchwardens (Messrs. C. Banks and H. Wells), Messrs. W. H. Key and G. Wood, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Thoms.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

Swavesey, said the Chairman in his opening remarks, was a place for big things, and he was told they had got the biggest church in the county of Cambs. That meant to them that when there was anything to do in the way of repairs, there was a very large amount of work to be done. When the roof was put on the church some 500 or 600 years ago, they made a very fine job of it; such a good job that when it came to a matter of repairs it was a difficulty to repair it worthily of the work that had been put into it. When he came to Swavesey about eight months ago, he learned that they had made a very large effort towards the repair of the roof, and that they had completed the repair of the roof of the nave. If he might use a pugilistic phrase, that was the first round of the contest, and it ended very brilliantly. The work had been done worthily, at a cost of some £886 10s. Now they were entering upon the

second round, which, he was afraid, would be a great test of endurance, because this time the roof of the south aisle would cost, they were told, £1,350 to do all worthily of the rest of the work. They could not do it in one year, and perhaps not in two, but they were entering upon a severe struggle to get it done. Then would come the third round, the roof of the north aisle, which it was estimated would cost about £550. They had that strenuous struggle in front of them. They had cleared the deficit on the nave roof, and had got together some £80 for the work which they were now undertaking. He asked for the support of all in everything that was got up from time to time for that big work. They were all very sorry that the Member's wife, who had promised to come, had been unable to be there owing to her husband's illness, but they were very fortunate in having Mrs. Moline present, and also Mr. Moline, their Rural Dean, who had always taken a very practical interest in Swavesey and its church, helping them by his donations and his presence there that afternoon.

Mrs. Moline, in declaring the fete open, congratulated Swavesey on securing such a beautiful afternoon, and congratulated those who had worked so generously for the fete. She was quite sure her brother, the Archdeacon, was very much interested in the object of the fete, and would have liked to have been present. She wished the fete every success.

MANY ATTRACTIONS.

There was a capital array of goods on the various stalls, and a large number of interesting competitions. A novel and amusing feature of the latter was a collection of weird figures standing in a row. We are able to contradict, on the most reliable authority, the rumour that they consisted of the Vicar and certain members of the Swavesey Church Council; nevertheless their efforts at collecting money were as successful as they would have been had they been those esteemed personages in real life, instead of cleverly made up dummies. The St. Ives Town Brass Band played a number of enjoyable selections during the afternoon, and accompanied the dancing that took place in the evening. A delightful entertainment was provided by the Swavesey school children, who gave two performances of a little play, "The Daffodils' Easter Party." They were trained by Mr. C. Wood, the headmaster, Mrs. Wood and the teachers. (Names of stallholders etc. in newspaper).

SUNDAY COLLECTION OF LETTERS. 13th July 1923

Commencing on Sunday next, the 15th inst., a collection of letters, etc., will be made from the Swavesey Post Office at 4.5 p.m. There will, however, be no clearance of the wall box in Middle Watch.

THE FETE. 13th July 1923

The garden fete in the Vicarage grounds on the 5th inst., a report of which appeared in these columns last Friday, was a financial as well as a social success. The gross receipts amounted to £96 4s. 3d., and the expenses to £9 8s. 6d., leaving a net balance of £86 15s. 9d. to be handed to the treasurer of the Parish Church Repair Fund. Included in the receipts were several donations. The donors of gifts in kind were far too numerous for mention in detail. Special references must be made to the truly admirable dresses in the children's play, designed and made by Mrs. Wood, and to Mr. J. V. Wallis, of Cambridge, whose wireless demonstrations, kindly given by him free of cost to the management, were greatly appreciated, notwithstanding that he was considerably handicapped by the broadcasting programme for the day being an uninteresting one. (List of prizewinners and workers in newspaper).

MOTHERS' UNION. 20th July 1923

Fourteen members of the Swavesey Branch attended the great Mothers' Union gathering in Cambridge on the 4th inst.

MR. BEN THORP. 20th July 1923

According to the latest reports, Mr. Ben Thorp, who met with a serious motor accident on the Huntingdon-road on the 11th inst., is progressing as well as can be expected. He is still in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

OBITUARY. 20th July 1923

After a long period of ill-health, Mrs. Harriet Utteridge, wife of Mr. George Utteridge, passed away on Saturday at her home in Peterborough, aged 56 years. Mrs. Utteridge was the daughter of the late Mr. William Wilderspin, of Swavesey, and her husband is also a native of the village. They left Swavesey for Peterborough over twenty years ago. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar) officiating. The mourners included: Mr. G. Utteridge (widower), Miss M. Utteridge (daughter), Mr. F. Utteridge (son), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crick (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. J. H. Randall (nephew), Messrs. W. and J. Wilderspin (brothers), Mrs. Hamps, Mrs. W. Prior, and Mrs. Cooper (sisters) and Mrs. W. Wilderspin, Mrs. V. Thompson and Miss F. Utteridge (sisters-in-law). The coffin was of English oak, carved and moulded, with panelled lid and solid brass fittings. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. W. Daft, 31, Eastfield-road, Peterborough.

STORM AND HEAT. 20th July 1923

Last week's storms and recent tropical heat have been responsible for a few unusual incidents in the village. One energetic farmer, disturbed by the storm, went milking before 4 a.m. on Tuesday. The downpour of rain, however, had only ceased temporarily, and he was soon drenched to the skin. Some inhabitants left their beds during the very early hours of Tuesday and stood in their doorways, or during the rainless intervals wandered about the road discussing storms past and present, the weather, and kindred topics, thereby incurring the displeasure of other dwellers in the street, who, unaffected by thunder and lightning, were anxious to complete their night's rest. The rain, it may be mentioned, was welcomed with gratitude, not, however, unmixed with regret that there was not more of it. Two heat-wave incidents may be mentioned. One cottager, unable to rest in his hot bedroom, slept outside his back door on a "stabbed" rug made during last winter by the nimble fingers of his industrious wife. Wrapping a light blanket around him, he slept soundly night after night, and woke up each morning fresh and vigorous. A housewife used the oven of her kitchen range as a cold storage. Unfortunately, when she lighted the fire to cook her Sunday dinner, she forgot the contents of the oven, and the condition of her butter, lard, margarine, etc., when the door was opened, is better imagined than described.

SCHOOL TREATS. 20th July 1923

The children attending the Sunday Schools connected with the parish church and Bethel Baptist Chapel respectively had their summer treats on July 12th. the parish church youngsters spent a very happy time, notwithstanding the tropical heat, in the Vicarage grounds. The proceedings opened with tea on the lawn, after which games were played in an adjoining field, and later there were sports, at which many parents were present. During the evening the young people were regaled with strawberries, kindly supplied by Mrs. Banks, sweets, lemonade, etc. The prizes gained in the sports were presented by Mrs. Stebbing, and the treat was brought to a close with three cheers for the Vicar, and three more for the teachers and all others, who had contributed to the happy evening. – The Bethel children met in the chapel schoolroom, where a sumptuous tea was provided, a similar repast being afterwards supplied for adults. Fortified by an excellent meal, the youngsters enjoyed themselves in a field near by, once again kindly lent by Mr. J. Day. Here during the evening games were played and races run, the latter arranged according to classes, and every child who did not win a prize received a consolation gift. Ice-creams, cakes, lemonade, etc., generously provided by two or three friends, were distributed, and, it is needless to say, were greatly appreciated. Before

breaking up there were more refreshments, and on leaving for home, tired, hot and happy, every child received sweets and cake.

FUNERAL. 20th July 1923

The funeral of Mr. David Prime Bridgeford, whose death in Huntingdon County Hospital as a result of a terrible accident near St. Ives on July 9th, was fully reported last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Thursday week. Mr. William Fuller, St. Ives, officiated. The mourners included: Mrs. D. F. Bridgeford (widow), Mr. John Bridgeford (father), Messrs. C. and W. Bridgeford (brothers), Mrs. Fred Doggett and Mrs. A. P. Payne (sisters), Mr. G. Bridgeford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridgeford (uncles and aunt) and Mr. and Mrs. G. Trundley (father-in-law and mother-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mr. David Bridgeford was a native of Swavesey, being a son of Mr. John Bridgeford. He left Swavesey many years ago, and at the time of his death was residing at Woodhurst, near St. Ives.

HOSPITAL COLLECTION. 27th July 1923

The house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which has recently been made in the village amounted to £17 11s. 1d. This is the largest contribution from Swavesey under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund. (The total collection for the area amounted to £79 5s. 3d.)

AN UNUSUAL ROOST. 27th July 1923

In an open shed, into which the back door of the Bell Inn opens, four swallows – the parent birds with two young ones between them – roost on a clothes' line every night. Although the line is only about 5½ft. above the ground, the birds take not the slightest notice of people passing to and fro beneath.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 27th July 1923

A meeting of the Swavesey District Horticultural Society was held in the National School on Monday evening to make further arrangements in connection with the forthcoming show and sports. Members were present from Boxworth, Fen Drayton and Over, as well as from Swavesey.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE. 27th July 1923

The whist drive and dance, organised by Miss Vera Williamson, assisted by Mrs. R. Williamson and Mrs. E. J. Mitham in aid of the Church Repair Fund, which was to have taken place on the 19th inst., but owing to the rain had to be postponed, was successfully brought off on Tuesday evening in the Vicarage garden. After dusk the grounds were effectively illuminated with

fairly lamps. Nineteen tables were in play for whist, over which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., and the prizes, which were kindly given by Mr. R. Williamson (2), Mrs. Page, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Shepperson, and Mr. S. F. Mitham, were won by the following: Ladies, Mrs. Green, Mrs. F. Beaumont, booby, Miss Barrett; gentlemen, Mr. A. Holmes, Mr. H. Holmes, booby Mrs. C. Page (playing as gentleman). Miss Allen (Willingham) and Miss Ellis presided at the piano for the dance, Mr. E. Williams acting as M.C.

P.M. RALLY. 27th July 1923

Rain interfered with the Primitive Methodist Circuit Rally, which was announced to take place at the Manor, Swavesey, on the 19th inst. It had been arranged that the meetings should be held on the lawn, but owing to the weather, the afternoon meeting had at the last moment to be adjourned to the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Over, whither the contingent from St. Ives was conveyed by a motor omnibus, hastily engaged. The Rev. E. W. Lees, of St. Neots, the principal speaker for the day, preached, and a solo was sung. The public tea, however, took place at the Manor, Swavesey, as previously arranged, a large open shed at the side of the lawn being utilised both for the tea and the public meeting which followed. At the meeting, Mr. Chapman, Longstanton, presided, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. E. W. Lees, H. T. N. Ussher (Bethel Baptist Chapel), and H. P. Ellis (circuit minister). Mrs. Burley, Longstanton, sang a solo. The attendance at the Rally was not as large as had been hoped, owing, no doubt, to the unsettled weather.

WEDDING. 27th July 1923

The marriage took place on July 18th at Tenison-road Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, of Mr. Albert George Parish, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Swavesey, and Miss Mabel Linford, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Linford, Oakington. Pastor G. Banks officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Gladys Linford, and Miss Constance Parish, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Percy Brooks acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception, attended by relatives and many friends from Cambridge and district, was held at the residence of Mrs. Brooks, the bridegroom's sister, and later in the day the happy couple left for Ramsgate for the honeymoon. The presents were numerous and useful. Owing to the recent death of the bridegroom's grandmother, the wedding was a very quiet one. In the great war Mr. Parish served with the K.R. Rifles, being gassed at Cambrai, and wounded at Trescault in the following September.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd Aug. 1923

The whist drive and dance for the benefit of the parish church repair fund, which was held in the Vicarage grounds on the 26th ult., resulted in a net profit of £8 14s.

MR. BEN THORP. 3rd Aug. 1923

His numerous friends will be glad to know that Mr. Ben Thorp, who met with a serious motor accident on July 11th on the Cambridge-Huntingdon road, was allowed to leave Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday, and is now at his home in Swavesey. Although still suffering from the effects of the collision, he is slowly recovering.

OBITUARY. 3rd Aug. 1923

The funeral of Barbara Vera Margaret Peppercorn, the 6½-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peppercorn, Gibraltar-lane, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on July 26th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. James Peppercorn (parents), Leslie Peppercorn (brother), Carissa and Nora Peppercorn (sisters), Mrs. Edward Peppercorn (grandmother), Mrs. Joseph Peppercorn and Mrs. Stebbing. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

A FREAK. 10th Aug. 1923

Amongst some epicure potatoes grown last year Mr. Sidney Prime has found one which had burst open and disclosed inside four perfectly formed potatoes, each of the size of a bird's egg.

BANK HOLIDAY. 10th Aug. 1923

A large number of visitors were in the village over the week-end, some of whom are extending their stay beyond the Bank Holiday. On Monday 180 market tickets were issued from Swavesey Station to St. Ives, and 43 cheap tickets to Cambridge for the Mammoth Show.

ORGAN RECITAL. 10th Aug. 1923

Swavesey parish church possesses an organ of fair size and of considerable excellence, although not a modern instrument and lacking attributes found in organs of more recent date. Some of it once formed the better part of the old organ at St. Ives parish church. Except at the ordinary services, opportunities for hearing it have of late years been few and far between, and therefore the recital in aid of the Church Roof Repair Fund given last Friday evening by Mr.

E. V. Megson, who had the assistance of Miss Dunnachie, of Sawston, was welcomed by those Swavesey people who love and appreciate music. The attendance was good, especially considering that many of the villagers have to devote their Friday evenings to business. The following was the programme; - Organ. Fanfare (Lemmens), Melody in E (Elgar): solo, "Angels ever bright and fair" (Handel). Miss Dunnachie: organ, Fantasia on a chorale, and, by request, "Humoresque" (Dvorak): song, "Lead, kindly light" (Megson), Miss Dunnachie: organ, Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffmann" (Offenbach), March in G (Smart). Although somewhat handicapped by persistent squeaks and wheezes proceeding from the neighbourhood of the bellows, Mr. Megson's playing throughout was masterly, and his pieces were well-chosen and varied. For example, Lemmen's brilliant "Fanfare" so often heard at weddings, contrasted well with the slow movement of Elgar's beautiful melody, and equally well did the exquisite barcarolle from the "Tales of Hoffmann" contrast with Smart's march. The fantasia on the 16th century chorale suited the Swavesey organ, and brought out the beauties of the swell organ when used as an accompaniment. Miss Dunnachie possesses a true soprano voice, with a wide range, and her perfect singing of "Angels ever bright" and of Mr. Megson's "Lead, kindly light" was a delight to all who were privileged to hear her. In the latter song, in which the music is so expressive of the words, she showed a thorough understanding of, and sympathy with, the spirit of J. H. Newman's poem and of the music. A collection for the Repair Fund realised £4 9s.

SWAVESEY SHOW. 10th Aug. 1923

Horticultural Society's First Annual Event: Excellent Sports.

GOOD EXHIBITS.

Upon the success of their first annual Show and sports the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society may well congratulate themselves. The function was held in the Manor Field, Swavesey, on Thursday, by kind permission of Alfred Watts, and was a great success. The society was formed within the last 12 months, and includes the six parishes in the Swavesey rural district, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, with Longstanton, Oakington, Willingham and Fenstanton. "Quite a nice little show" was the verdict of one of the judges upon the horticultural exhibits, most of which were, indeed, excellent. Another side of the show that also met with success was the sports section, the races arousing much interest, and competition being very keen.

The Cambridge Railway Silver Prize Band played selections during the afternoon, and provided music for the dancing which took place in the evening. Many witnessed a clever performance of "The Bathroom Door," the

scene of which was laid in a corridor of the "Grand Hotel," Swavesey. This was aptly described as a "screaming tragedy." The performers were: Mr. H. G. Topham, Miss W. Westcott, Mr. R. Barwell, Miss E. Dodson, Miss C. Goad and Mr. J. H. Barwell.

Visitors were also able to amuse themselves at various "side-shows," which included cocoa-nut shies, a novelty "lucky dip," a dart competition and other attractions.

The officials of the society were as follows: President, Mr. C. Sweetland; chairman, Dr. J. W. Ellis; chairman of committee, Mr. C. W. Hine; hon. sec., Mr. C. Wood; treasurer, Mr. G. J. Paine; horticultural committee, Messrs. Walter Thorp, W. Symonds, G. Winter, F. W. Pontefract, H. Ashby, C. W. Hines, R. Asplin, C. Haddow, G. Peachey, F. Day, E. J. Warboys and E. J. Gadsby. The sports were arranged by a committee, with Messrs. C. Godfrey and H. Topham as hon. secs. Good work was also done by Mr. Heasman.

The horticultural judges were Mr. A. T. Paskett and Mr. Geo. Hart, and the sports judges were Dr. J. W. Ellis, Mr. C. F. Banks, Mr. F. Norman, Mr. Frank Norman, and the Rev. C. F. Stebbings. The refreshment department was in charge of Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Miss Ada Smith, Mrs. F. Johnson, Miss E. Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Warboys, Mrs. Hines; ice-cream, Mrs. Ashby.

(Awards and sports results in newspaper)

CRICKET. 10th Aug. 1923

With reference to the recent correspondence on big hitting in cricket, the captain of the Swavesey Cricket Club informs me that some years ago E. J. Warboys, playing for Swavesey against Abbey United, on Parker's Piece, hit a ten. Either two or three of the runs resulted from an overthrow, but as the Swavesey score book has been destroyed, exact details cannot be ascertained.

KILLED BY WASPS. 17th Aug. 1923

A goat belonging to Mr. Charles Savage, while feeding on Tuesday evening in a Drove near Turn Bridge, was attacked by a swarm of wasps, and was stung so badly that it died during the night. It is believed that the animal had disturbed a wasps' nest.

PRESENTATION. 17th Aug. 1923

As a small token of the respect and esteem in which he had been held during the seven years he had been chief clerk at Swavesey Railway Station, Mr. H. J. Hall has been presented with a handsome cakestand by the Stationmaster and

operating and commercial staffs. Mr. Hall has been promoted to a post in the L.N.E.R. Goods Office at Cambridge.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 17th Aug. 1923

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, held at the Vicarage on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the present balance of the fund for the repair of the roof of the south aisle, amounting to £175, should be invested in War Bonds. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. J. Hall for his careful and painstaking work as secretary of the Thrift Club for the last three year, and regret was expressed at his impending departure. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to find a successor to carry on this responsible work.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 17th Aug. 1923

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Football Club, held at the National School on Monday evening, last year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £5 16s. 2d., were presented, and the following officers for next season were elected: President, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. F. Banks, R. Barwell, W. A. Bignall, W. Crouch, Freestone, W. Mustill, E. F. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, T. Tagg, E. Williams and R. Williamson; captain, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-captain, Mr. H. J. Hall; captain, 2nd XI, Mr. T. Coulson; vice-captain, Mr. A. Heasman; secretary, Mr. Cyril Godfrey; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Holmes; committee, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. A. Beaumont, Frank Hephher, A. Prime, jun., C. Savage and G. Winter. It was decided that the 1st XI should be entered in the Cambs. Junior League (Div. III) and the Minor Cup, and the 2nd XI in the Histon and District League. The annual subscription was fixed at 3s. The meeting was well attended.

LAST WEEK'S SHOW AND SPORTS. 17th Aug 1923

The supporters of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society will be glad to know that about 1,400 persons attended last week's show and sports, and that the affair was a complete financial success. No details of the balance sheet can be given at present, as the many accounts have not been received.

CROPS. 17th Aug. 1923

Wheat: a few good pieces of wheat, on average from 7 to 10 sacks per acre. Barley: Not much grown in this parish, owing to dry weather and sowing rather late; a lot of it did not grow; 6 to 9 sacks per acre. Oats: The dry weather also applies to oats – sown late; winter oats are much the best. Peas and beans are better than last year; not much straw, and the weather too hot and dry; 5 to 7 sacks per acre. Clovers and other fodder: A good crop on the

high lands, and got in in good condition. Hay crop rather light on the field land; much better in the fens, and carted in good condition. Roots: a few good pieces on the small holdings, but where land was worked late and got too dry a lot did not come up. Potatoes: A very poor crop, and the early potatoes very small. Fruit: Very poor crop of plums and apples; very small. The weather has been too hot and dry for strawberries, raspberries, etc. They have sold fairly well, I understand, but on the whole the fruit growers will have an exceedingly bad year.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 24th Aug. 1923

The prizes awarded at the recent show of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society were distributed on Saturday evening at the National School.

TRIPLETS. 24th Aug. 1923

Three ridge cucumbers growing on one stalk can be seen in Mr. A. E. Daintree's garden in Taylor's-lane. They are joined together, but each has a separate flower.

THRIFT CLUB. 24th Aug. 1923

Mr. S. F. Mitham has been appointed secretary of the Thrift Club, which is run in connection with the Ladies' Working Party. He takes the place of Mr. H. J. Hall, resigned.

PERSONAL. 31st Aug. 1923

Mr. Arthur Beaumont, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, Swavesey, has been appointed an assistant master at Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne, Kent. He will take up his duties on September 13th.

OUTING. 31st Aug. 1923

The members of the Girls' Bible Class connected with the Parish Church had an outing on the River Ouse on Thursday week. Travelling by train to St. Ives, they rowed thence in four boats to Hemingford mill, where they picnicked under the trees. Their enjoyment was unfortunately soon cut short by heavy rain, which rendered an early retreat towards home desirable.

A MOTOR CYCLE MISHAP. 31st Aug. 1923

A motor cyclist with a lady on a pillion behind him, had a narrow escape from a serious accident when riding along the Huntingdon-road on Thursday, the

23rd inst. Near the turning to Boxworth, the handle-bar snapped off, and the cyclist was unable to steer, and completely lost control of the machine. Luckily the road was clear of other vehicles, and, after wobbling about for some yards, the cycle toppled over, depositing the cyclist and his passenger on the ground. Fortunately, beyond a few abrasions, neither was hurt, and a motor car coming on the scene, they were taken on to Cambridge.

ADVERT. 7th Sept. 1923

Heavy Frame Cottage Wringers for Sale, new, with 5½in. rollers, 20in. wide, a bargain., £4 18s. 6d.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 7th Sept. 1923

The name of Frank H. R. Aldred, only son of Mrs. H. S. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, appears in the list of successful candidates at the Cambridge School Certificate and Junior Local Examinations, held in July. He satisfied the examiners in spoken French. Frank Aldred is a pupil at the Cambridge and County Boys' School.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 7th Sept. 1923

The whist drive and dance, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, which was held recently in the Vicarage grounds, resulted in a net profit of £6 8s. 7d., and this sum has been placed to the credit of the fund. The amount previously reported represented the gross takings.

THE RECREATION GROUND. 7th Sept. 1923

A ratepayer writes: I should like to call attention to two matters connected with the Recreation Ground, or Play Green. In the first place, I would point out that when the footbridge and stile leading from the Recreation Ground towards Brick-hill drove were re-erected some little time ago by direction of the Parish Council, no steps were provided for the stile, thus rendering its use practically impossible by women, and also by men who are not as active as they once were? Secondly, who is responsible for looking after the movable fence which was put up a few years since by the Parish Council for the protection of the cricket pitch? Several of the rails are lying in different parts of the green, some are broken, and one or two have been used as football goalposts. The fence, as it stands, is useless for the purpose for which it was provided, and, if the pitch does not at present need protection, it should, I think, be removed and stored in a place where it can be taken care of. It is true that the cost of the fence, about £26, I believe, did not fall on the rates, as it was paid for out of money received from the letting of the herbage on the

Recreation Ground. But that is no reason why money should be wasted owing to the neglect of those persons who are responsible for the care of the ground, and in my opinion the cost of putting the fence in proper condition should not be paid out of the herbage money, but should be defrayed by the persons who did the damage, or failing them, by those whose duty it is to look after the ground.

MATTERS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL. 7th Sept. 1923

The members of the Swavesey Rural District Council, who, it is understood, are now enjoying their annual vacation, will perhaps take note of the following communications when they resume their deliberations: A cyclist calls attention to the condition of Rose and Crown-lane, the road leading from Boxworth End to Fen Drayton. He says it is in a terrible state. Another correspondent returns to the ancient complaint of unpleasant smells in the village. These odours were, he understands, to have been mitigated, if not rendered impossible, by certain measures which were decided upon after the Inspector of the Ministry of Health paid a visit to the village, and which included, amongst other things, the provision of a flushing tank in the Middle Watch district. Has anything been done, asks the correspondent, to carry out these remedial measures beyond talking about them and paying visits of inspection? Swavesey is a healthy place, but this is due to its dwelling-houses not being crowded together, and not to the excellence of its sanitation. As the village lies flat and only a few feet above sea level, its sanitary drainage is admittedly a difficult matter, but surely something can be done to minimise the nuisance of the smells.

ADVERTS. 14th Sept. 1923

MICHAELMAS. – Furniture Bought, Sold, or Exchanged. – Prior's Furnishing Stores, Swavesey.

NOTICE. – A Meeting will be held in the School on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7.30 p.m., to consider the Formation of a Choral Society. All interested are invited to attend.

RAILWAY ITEM. 14th Sept. 1923

When the 5.41 down passenger train arrived at Swavesey station on Sunday, it was noticed that the engine and all the coaches bore the initial letters, L.N.E.R. This was the first complete L.N.E.R. train to pass through Swavesey.

FOOTBALL PLAYER INJURED. 14th Sept. 1923

While playing a practice game on the Recreation Ground on Monday evening, Mr. W. Taylor, a member of the Swavesey F.C., sustained an injury to his leg, and has since been unable to follow his occupation.

TRUCK ON FIRE. 14th Sept. 1923

A truck laden with damaged malt, which was standing in a siding at Swavesey Railway Station, was found to be on fire on Thursday evening in last week. The outbreak, which was due to overheating, was promptly dealt with by the railway staff on the spot. The truck was slightly damaged.

WEDDING. 14th Sept. 1923

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated at the marriage of Mr. John Thomas Daintree, elder son of the late Mr. Thomas Daintree, and Mrs. Margaret Ellen Hodson, daughter of Mr. G. Woolmer, and widow of Mr. Walter Hodson, which was solemnised very quietly at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday morning. The bride, who was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Woolmer, was given away by Mr. Albert E. Daintree.

HOCKEY CLUB. 14th Sept. 1923

At a meeting held at the National School on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the Swavesey and District Hockey Club should in future be open to lady players only, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. Harold Gray, M.P.; vice-presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. R. Mailer, F. Kirby, G. J. Paine and Dr. J. W. Ellis; captain, Miss D. Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; secretary and treasurer, Miss A. Norman. Play will commence on October 4th, and ladies who wish to join the club should communicate with the secretary without delay.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 14th Sept. 1923

The Swavesey Football Club are eagerly anticipating a full and interesting season, and two teams are busy at practice for League matches. The first team have entered the Cambs. Junior League, Division III, and the second team the Histon and District league, which has been divided into two divisions. By the entry of two teams heavy expenses will be incurred, but it is hoped that the "gates" will be bigger this season than in previous years, and that generous donors will appear. Mr. Norman has again placed his meadow at Boxworth-end at the disposal of the club for matches, and at the annual meeting, held recently, was heartily thanked for his kindness.

DEATH OF A SCHOOLMISTRESS. 14th Sept. 1923

After an illness of nearly twelve months' duration, Mrs. Ellen Anderson, widow of Mr. John Anderson, passed away on Tuesday evening at Mayleigh, Church-end, Swavesey, the residence of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, with whom she had latterly been living. For many years she was a teacher under the West Sussex Education Authority, holding positions at Worthing, Southwick, and, for the last six years of her working life, at Partridge Green, West Grinstead. Mrs. Anderson, who had no children, was left a widow in 1917. She was 46 years of age. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiating. The chief mourners were Mrs. John Smith and her husband. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 14th Sept. 1923

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon and evening, the sermons being preached by the Rev. H. P. Ellis, Circuit minister. The services were well attended. On Tuesday there was a public tea, followed by a sacred concert, at which the St. Ives Primitive Methodist choir sang most excellently, and Mr. W. Chapman, Longstanton, presided. During the evening addresses were given by the Revs. H. P. Ellis, and H. T. N. Ussher, and Mr. J. Jellings (Longstanton), and at the close the contributions of fruit, etc., were sold. Good collections were taken throughout the festival, and with the proceeds of the tea and sale, have been devoted to the Church Expenses Fund. Next Tuesday evening Mr. Garner, of Cambridge, a well-known personality in the Primitive Methodist connection, will tell the story of his life, in the Chapel.

EXCURSION. 21st Sept. 1923

Thirty-three passengers were booked from Swavesey station on Wednesday morning by the excursion train to Yarmouth.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 21st Sept. 1923

A good congregation attended the Primitive Methodist Chapel to hear Mr. Harry Garner, a native and resident of Cambridge, tell the interesting story of his life and conversion.

VILLAGE LIBRARY. 21st Sept. 1923

A fresh consignment of books having been received from the County Education Committee, the village library will be re-opened at the National

School this (Friday) evening, from 7 to 8 p.m. In future the library will be open on Wednesday evenings for adults, and on Fridays for children.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 21st Sept. 1923

Thanksgiving services for the harvest took place at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Beds, preaching in the afternoon and evening. Between the services, both of which were well attended, the congregations including friends from neighbouring villages, there was a public tea. Very satisfactory collections were taken, in aid of the Chapel funds.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 21st Sept. 1923

It was decided at a meeting in the School on Tuesday evening, at which the Vicar presided, to form a choral society in Swavesey, and Mr. James W. Williams was elected conductor. Mrs. Aldred, Miss A. Norman, Messrs. Joseph Linford and E. Williams, with the Conductor, were appointed a provisional committee to make preliminary arrangements, and to report to a further meeting to be held shortly.

BRITISH LEGION. 21st Sept. 1923

At a meeting of the Swavesey district branch of the British Legion, held in the National School on Friday evening, Mr. R. Barwell, chairman, presiding, Mr. R. A. Wright, of Willingham, gave a lucid and detailed explanation of the agricultural credit scheme as applied to ex-Service men. At the close Mr. Wright was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposal of Mr. T. C. Heasman, seconded by Mr. G. Y. Goad.

MONEY FOR MEMORIAL HALL. 21st Sept. 1923

The 10-guinea bicycle which had been presented by the Sun Cycle Company for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall, has been won by Mr. Bert Robinson, West-street, Over (No. 1,178). The sum of £58 8s. has been realised and the whole of this substantial amount will be available for the purposes of the hall, the expenses having been generously borne by Mr. Dick Wilderspin, Swavesey. Mr. Charles Ordish, of Luton, whose mother was a native of Swavesey, and whose father was a munificent contributor to the building fund, announced the winning number.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Sept. 1923

A hurriedly called meeting of the Parish Council was held at the National School on the 13th inst., to consider a letter received by the Council's solicitors, Messrs. Day and Son, St. Ives, from the Charity Commissioners

with regard to the devise of the late Mr. George Long to the Parish Council of certain land in High-street, and the war memorial erected thereon. After some discussion the Council unanimously adopted a resolution which had been drafted by the solicitors. No other matters were dealt with beyond the signing of the minutes of the previous meeting on June 15th, and a statement by the Clerk that a precept issued at that meeting on the Overseers for £25 with which to pay bills had not been acted on, as there were no funds available. The councillors present were Messrs. A. Norman (chairman), C. Wood (vice-chairman), W. Burton, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham).

WEDDING. 21st Sept. 1923

A marriage of interest to Swavesey people was solemnised on Saturday at St. Luke's Church, Clifford, Boston Spa, Yorkshire, between Corporal William Thomas Welch, R.A.F., younger son of Mr. Arthur E. Welch, Swavesey, and Miss Annie Lister, second daughter of Mr. Robert Lister. The Rev. R. M. Stapylton, vicar of the parish, and one time rector of Lolworth, Cambs., officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Arthur Taylor, her cousin, was attired in silver grey marocain, with white tulle veil, and she carried a bouquet of white and pink flowers. Two bridesmaids were in attendance, the Misses Annie and Margaret Fisk, both of whom wore dresses of cream lace with bonnets to match. Mr. Ernest Dalby was best man. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was held at Mr. R. Lister's residence, the bride's home. Corporal Welch, after employment in aeroplane works at Peterborough, joined the Royal Air Force on August 26th 1918, when 17 years of age. Early in 1919 he was promoted Second-Class Air Mechanic, and in June of the same year proceeded to the Archangel district of Northern Russia. He is now stationed at Duxford.

ADVERTS. 28th Sept. 1923

PONY and Rubber-Tyred Buggy for Hire, to and from the station by appointment. – Mrs. Jas. Prior, 'Phone Swavesey 3.

ALDRED'S Harvest Sale will commence Saturday, October 6th. Special bargains in Boots and Shoes.

MEETING CANCELLED. 28th Sept. 1923

In consequence of feasts at Fen Drayton and Over, the Conservative meeting announced to take place on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday evening was cancelled.

PERSONAL. 28th Sept. 1923

The Rev. Percy J. Beaumont, M.A., eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, Swavesey, was ordained priest in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday by the Bishop of Peterborough.

PARISH CHURCH. 28th Sept. 1923

Sermons on behalf of the National Society were preached at the parish church on Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. A. Hughes. The collections amounted to £3 10s.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. 28th Sept. 1923

During the heavy thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon a tall poplar tree on land in Mow Fen occupied by Messrs. A. Day and Sons was struck by lightning and badly splintered, large pieces of the trunk being torn off and scattered for some distance around. In the same storm a valuable sow belonging to Mr. Bayliss was struck when a field at Dalblair Farm, and was injured.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 28th Sept. 1923

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held in the National School on the 20th inst., Dr. J. W. Ellis presiding, the Treasurer, Mr. J. G. Paine, presented a detailed statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance to the credit of the Society of £38 14s. 8½d. The accounts were passed, and unanimous votes of thanks were accorded the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, the committees and sub-committees, and also the ladies who had worked hard to make the show and sports on August 9th so great a success. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Alfred Watts, of Over, thanking him for the use of the Manor Field for the show, and to Mr. Corbett for lending appliances for the sports. The Secretary announced that the annual meeting of the Society would be held during the first week in January.

COLLISION AT SWAVESEY. 5th Oct. 1923

Motor-cyclist Injured, but Another Escapes Unhurt.

Two motor cyclist came into collision at Swavesey on Monday evening, in consequence of which one of them received injuries, fortunately not serious. The motor cyclist were Mr. Dick Wilderspin, of Swavesey, and Mr. Berry Wayman, of Over, both of whom were riding motor cycle combinations. The collision occurred near the Post Office. Mr. Wilderspin was injured and his combination damaged, but Mr. Wayman was unhurt.

BAND OF HOPE. 5th Oct. 1923

The Bethel Band of Hope began its session on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Allon Poole, of Willingham, gave an instructive address, which was much appreciated by the young people.

MEAN PILFERING. 5th Oct. 1923

A local fish-monger, an ex-Service man, whose headquarters are in a neighbouring village, while calling with fried fish at houses in High-street one evening last week, left his bicycle outside. On his return he discovered that during his brief absence a quantity of fish had been purloined from a basket on the carrier of the machine.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. 5th Oct. 1923

The B.W.T.A., which is a purely undenominational movement, commenced its winter campaign at Bethel Chapel on Monday evening, when about 40 of its members sat down to tea, after which a pleasant evening was spent in listening to solos and recitations. The society aims at doubling its membership throughout the world during the present year.

HORSE KILLED BY LIGHTNING. 5th Oct. 1923

A young horse belonging to Messrs. Johnson Bros., Fen Drayton, which was feeding with others in a field near Mow Fen railway gate house, was struck by lightning and killed in the severe thunderstorm which passed over Swavesey on the afternoon of Sunday, September 23rd. As reported last week, a valuable sow was struck and injured and a poplar tree damaged in the same storm.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 5th Oct. 1923

The first of a new series of whist drives in aid of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, was held at the National School on the 27th ult. Fourteen tables were in play, under the supervision of Mr. T. C. Heasman, who acted as M.C., and the prizes were won by the following:- Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. Pettett, Miss M. Ellis. Gentlemen – Mr. T. C. Thompson, Mr. E. Mitham, Mr. Beaumont.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 5th Oct. 1923

At a well-attended meeting of the newly-formed Choral Society, held at the National School on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. Williams presiding, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; chairman, Mr. E. Williams; conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams; pianist, Miss Alice Wilderspin;

treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; secretary, Miss D. Banks; committee, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mr. C. Godfrey and Mr. H. Prime. Vice-presidents were also appointed subject to their acceptance of office. Practices will commence at the school on Tuesday week.

FOOTBALL. 12th Oct. 1923

Swavesey F.C. should have played their first game in the Cambs. Junior League, Division III, on Saturday, but their opponents, Milton, were obliged at the last moment to scratch the match, as they were unable to put a team in the field, on account of illness. Swavesey, therefore, have two points to their credit.

MANY PASSENGERS. 12th Oct. 1923

On Monday 289 passengers were booked to St. Ives from Swavesey railway station, the principal attraction being the Michaelmas fair. It was also market day.

GOOD ATTENDANCE. 12th Oct. 1923

Four children attending the National School have been awarded bars and one child a medal by the Cambs. Education Committee, for perfect attendance, viz., Edith Symonds (medal for one year), Stanley Wood, Winifred Wood and Lionel Wood (bar for two years), and Maurice Godfrey (bar for four years).

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th Oct. 1923

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Friday evening at the War Memorial Hall. The meeting was called to consider a letter from the Council's solicitors, Messrs. Day and Son, St. Ives, who wrote respecting a communication they had received from the Charity Commissioners concerning the property in High-street, on part of which the Memorial Hall has been built. After some discussion the Council resolved unanimously that six months' notice should be served on Mr. W. J. Hephher, terminating his tenancy of the butcher's shop and other premises on the property.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 12th Oct. 1923

The Parish Church was nicely decorated by ladies of the congregation for the harvest festival, which took place on Thursday, October 4th. Flowers were plentiful, and the roses which adorned the pulpit were exceptionally lovely, but the contributions of fruit, vegetables, etc., were not as bountiful as usual, owing no doubt to scarcity due to the dry season. At the principal service, which was held in the evening, the singing was bright and hearty. An eloquent

sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (rector of Elveden, Suffolk), who until twelve months ago had for about ten years been vicar of Swavesey, and it is needless to say that his reappearance in the pulpit offered much pleasure to his old parishioners. Mr. Sharp took the miracle of the loaves as subject of his address. The festival was continued on Sunday, and at evensong, when Thursday's music was repeated, the Rev. A. F. Muskew, vicar of St. Paul's Peterborough, and Hon Canon of Peterborough Cathedral was the special preacher. Taking his text from Galatians vi., 7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Canon Maskew preached a notable and outspoken sermon, towards the end of which he said that the text was as true of nations as of individual. We are always talking, he continued, about reconstruction, industrial prosperity, housing, the nightmare of unemployment. We look to the newspapers and politicians to show us the way out. They don't. God is waiting for us to do it. The population of our big towns must learn that it is as true, as this text is true, that only by industry, thrift, self-denial and united effort for the common weal these problems can be solved. What is England sowing? Less work, more money, shorter hours, more pleasures are what all are seeking. The Englishman used to love his work, and take a pride in it. Now he looks upon work as an evil. Now what he wants is football, kinemas, theatres, till it is true that we are getting like the Romans of the decadent Empire. All they asked for was panem et circenses – free bread and games. So in our big towns they would say, "We will keep quiet if you give us doles and football." – panem et circenses. The preacher drew a contrast with what he had lately seen in France, where for five years they had sown hard work, thrift, self-sacrifice, and were reaping a harvest of prosperity. Canon Maskew, it may be mentioned, has seen much of the world, and as a young man had many adventures as a cowboy and roughrider in Texas, U.S.A. On Sunday afternoon there was a children's flower service, at which nearly every child in the Sunday School was present, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather. Their gifts of flowers, egg, etc., have been sent to the St. Ives' Infirmary. The collections at all services during the festival (Sunday evening excepted), amounting to £8 14s., were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the contributions of fruit, vegetables and other produce have also been forwarded.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 19th Oct. 1923

The first practice of the newly-formed Choral Society was held at the National School on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of members.

CONCERNING MOTOR-CYCLES. 19th Oct. 1923

At the meeting of the Standing Joint Committee on Saturday a member complained of the nuisance caused by noisy motor-cycles, and Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis mentioned that in his village the speed was something terrific. Motor cyclists, he said, went through at 60 miles an hour, and seemed to be proud of it. The Chief Constable remarked that he thought he knew who the offenders were.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 19th Oct. 1923

Thanksgiving for the harvest was held at Bethel Chapel on Thursday week. The Schoolroom was full at tea-time, after which a large congregation gathered in the Chapel to hear the Rev. O. C. Austin, of Cottenham, who delivered an interesting sermon on "Gleaners," based on the story of Ruth. His visit was much appreciated. The chapel was tastefully decorated, and liberal gifts of fruit, vegetables, and bread were received for Addenbrooke's Hospital. The choir gave a fine rendition of Michael Watson's anthem, "Praise the Lord, O my soul," which was repeated by request on Sunday evening. Excellent arrangements were made for the tea by the ladies of the congregation.

HEALTH LECTURE. 26th Oct. 1923

Under the auspices of the Public Health Committee of the County Council, a free display of the interesting films, "Memories" and "The Public Health Twins at Work," was given by Col. J. A. Ellis, B.Sc., in the National School on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 26th Oct. 1923

A whist drive for the benefit of the Swavesey Football Club took place at the National School on Thursday week, and was a great success, no less than 23 tables being fully occupied. The following were the prize winners: - Ladies, Miss A. Holbrook, Miss Beaumont, booby, Mrs. Twist; gentlemen, Mr. A. C. Hepher, Mr. R. Seekings, booby, Mr. Sanders (Conington). Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

MOTOR CAUTION POSTS. 26th Oct. 1923

In order to more effectually protect the children attending the National School, new motor caution sign-posts were erected on Tuesday, one in High-street opposite Mr. Canham's shop, and the other between the Bell Inn and the adjoining house. It is not known whether the new posts, which are in more

suitable positions than those they have replaced, were put up as a result of Dr. J. W. Ellis's protest at the recent meeting of the Standing Joint Committee.

MARRIAGE. 26th Oct. 1923

The Rev. A. Kirke-Smith, Rector of Boxworth, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Ralph Gleaves, third son of the late Mr. Edmund Gleaves, Swavesey, and Miss Emma Mansfield, younger son of Mr. Charles Mansfield, Histon, which was solemnised at St. Andrew's parish church, Swavesey, on Tuesday afternoon. The bride was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss A. Freeman, of Histon. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gleaves.

MISSION SERVICES. 26th Oct. 1923

Members of St. Ives Evangelistic Band held open-air services on Saturday evening in Market-street, and later in High-street near the Turn Bridge. Addresses were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and other members of the Band, and also by Mr. Cyril Day, D.C.M., and Mr. Sidney Wright, of Swavesey, and hymns were sung. Both meetings were well attended. On Sunday afternoon an excellent congregation assembled in the Friends' Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, for a special service, at which Miss Gaunt (Swavesey) presided, and three St. Ives ladies, Miss M. Dunkling, Miss Frances Gaunt, and Miss Vineall spoke. Solos were sung by Misses Dunkling and F. Gaunt, Miss Easter officiating at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Butler will conduct further services in the same building on Monday and Tuesday, November 12th and 13th.

ARMISTICE DAY. 2nd Nov. 1923

As Armistice Day (November 11th) this year falls on a Sunday, the two minutes' silence will be observed during the morning service at the Parish Church. At evensong the names of all Swavesey men who served in the Navy, Army or Air Force during the Great War will be read out and remembered in prayer. Flanders poppies will be on sale in the village on the previous day.

WHIST DRIVE. 2nd Nov. 1923

The second of the series of whist drives which have been arranged during the winter months for the benefit of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund, took place at the National School on Thursday week. Eighteen tables were in play, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss K. Banks, Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss V. Furniss. Gentlemen, Mr. W. F. Gleaves, Mr. S. Clark, Mr. S. Smart. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. T. C. Heasman.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 2nd Nov. 1923

The opening of the winter session of the Mothers' Meeting conducted by Miss Gaunt at the Friends' Meeting House, took place on October 25th, when addresses were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Miss Vineall, of St. Ives, and a duet was sung by Mrs. Butler and Miss Norton, Miss Easter presiding at the organ. There was a good attendance. In the evening of the same day the Band of Hope, whose meetings had as usual been suspended during the summer, again met under the superintendence of Miss Gaunt, who was assisted by Miss Easter. Miss Vineall addressed the young people, and little Miss Lees, of St. Ives, gave a recitation.

WAR ON RATS. 2nd Nov. 1923

A correspondent, who is troubled with rats, points out that the Minister of Agriculture has set apart next week for a special effort to be made throughout the country in the waging of war on rats, those enemies of mankind which devour our grain and roots, destroy our houses and outbuildings, and are the carriers of the worst diseases; and he is anxious to know what steps the local authorities are taking "to stir up the people of the parish to the necessity of trying to keep the brutes down," either by individual effort or concerted action. The rat, the writer adds, is a partial migrant, which at this period of the year leaves the fields and open spaces where it has carried on its destructive work since the spring, to seek shelter for itself and its numerous progeny in houses, barns and stores during the winter, and he urges that it is the duty of everyone who has the public welfare at heart to do everything in his power to reduce the numbers of this very prolific rodent. But a lead should be given by the local authorities.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 9th Nov. 1923

A meeting will be held in the Infants' School this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock, to consider whether a Women's Institute should be established in Swavesey. It will be remembered that when the project was brought forward in February last it was decided to postpone further action until the autumn.

POPULATION OF THE PARISH. 9th Nov. 1923

The population of Swavesey at the time of the Census in 1921 was practically the same as it was in 1801, when the first Census was taken in this country, namely, 830 in 1921 and 831 in 1801. During the 120 years which elapsed between the first and the last Census, the population rose and fell, e.g., 1,273 in 1841, 1,344 in 1871, 899 in 1901, and 904 in 1911.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 9th Nov. 1923

The Mothers' Meeting at the Friends' Meeting House on Thursday week was open to women generally, and was well attended. Miss Gaunt presided, and addresses were given by Miss Crowe and Miss Fletcher, of St. Ives, who also sang a duet. In the evening an open-air meeting was held in Market-street, when the speakers included Mr. and Mrs. Butler (St. Ives), Misses Crowe and Fletcher, and Messrs. Cyril Day and Sidney Wright.

ACCIDENT. 9th Nov. 1923

When cycling along Bucking Way to his work at Boxworth early in the morning of the 1st inst., Mr. John J. Marriott was pitched off his machine through his food basket, which was slung from his shoulder, catching the handlebar. Mr. Marriott fell heavily, injuring his right shoulder, and cutting his face. Although no one witnessed the accident, Mr. Jack Smith soon came up, and rendered assistance to Mr. Marriott, who returned to his home in Ramper-road. Dr. J. W. Ellis and the district nurse (Miss Walters) were sent for, and on the advice of the former the injured man was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where it was found that his right arm had been fractured close to the shoulder, and he was detained. He is going on as well as can be expected. Mr. Marriott was accustomed to ride a lady's bicycle, but on the morning in question he was using a man's cycle, and this, it is thought, may have contributed to the accident.

BRITISH LEGION. 9th Nov. 1923

At a well-attended meeting of the Swavesey District branch of the British Legion, held at the National School on Monday evening, it was unanimously resolved to support headquarters in their action with regard to unemployment. Concerning Armistice Day, the secretary reported that a supply of poppies was in hand, that arrangements had been made for their sale, and that a wreath would be placed on the War Memorial in the churchyard. A proposal that the secretary should ask members of the Legion to meet at the churchyard gate at 6.20 p.m. on Sunday, to proceed to the church, where they would sit in a body, and that medals and badges should be worn, was carried unanimously. Amongst other matters discussed were the admission of honorary members to the branch, and the formation of a women's branch. The meeting unanimously agreed to the former proposition, but arrived at no decision in regard to the ladies.

POPPY DAY. 16th Nov. 1923

Under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, poppies were sold on Saturday by school children in aid of Earl Haig's Fund in the five villages in the Swavesey district, and realised £9 9s., as against £7 19s. 3d. in 1922. Swavesey realised £5 10s. 11d. Once again the demand for the poppies exceeded the supply, but the responsibility for the shortage does not rest with the local branch of the Legion, for considerably fewer poppies could be obtained from headquarters than were ordered.

LECTURE ON CHINA. 16th Nov. 1923

Notwithstanding the very wet and stormy night, there was a fair attendance in the National School on Thursday week, when Mr. C. W. L. Bailey, of Christ's College, Cambridge, gave a most entertaining and instructive lecture on "China as it is." Mr. Bailey was fully qualified for his task, for he has lived in China for some years, and speaks the language fluently, and therefore the information he gave and his descriptions of the people and their country were the result of personal knowledge and experience. The lecture was illustrated by admirable pictures, mostly taken by himself, shown by an exceptionally good acetylene lantern, manipulated by Miss Banks. A small charge was made for admission, and the proceeds, which amounted to £1, were given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing.

A PROJECT ABANDONED. 16th Nov. 1923

There appears to be no likelihood of a Women's Institute being established in Swavesey, yet awhile at any rate. In February, when the question of forming one was first brought forward, and the proposal was not received with enthusiasm, it was decided to consider the matter again in the autumn, and, in order that this might be done, a meeting was held in the school on Friday evening. Only eight or nine ladies attended this meeting, fewer than in February, and, as there were other indications that a general desire for an Institute did not exist, there was no alternative but to abandon the project. It seems, however, a pity that an organisation which has been proved to be most useful in other villages, should not find favour in Swavesey, but it is only fair to add that there appears to be an impression abroad that there are already enough societies, etc., in the parish.

ARMISTICE DAY. 16th Nov. 1923

The services at Swavesey parish church throughout Sunday had particular reference to Armistice Day. At Matins the third collect had been said, and the Vicar had asked the people to observe the period of silence on their knees,

when the sonorous clock bell tolled the hour. For two minutes not a sound was heard, not even a child moved. Then the Vicar recited the names of the 26 men of Swavesey who had made the supreme sacrifice, and after each name the big bell tolled. A prayer followed, and the hymn "They whose course on earth is o'er" was sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The church bells rang half-muffled before the evening service, which was attended by a large congregation, amongst whom were many Nonconformists. Members of the British Legion and other ex-Service men, 34 in number, wearing their medals, assembled outside the churchyard gates and marched into church, where seats had been reserved for them near the pulpit. Special Psalms and lessons were used both at Matins and at evensong, the lessons being read by an ex-Service man, Mr. C. Wood. The names of the fallen were again read, after which Arkwright's noble hymn "O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came" was sung, followed by a special prayer. The Vicar preached. Before the Blessing the "Last Post" was sounded on bugles by Messrs. Barwell and B. Sutton, who were stationed under the tower. Mr. E. Williams, an ex-Service man, presided at the organ throughout the day. Around the memorial cross in the churchyard were laid floral tributes, amongst them a beautiful wreath in memory of Joseph B. Parish, who, grievously wounded on 30th October, 1918, died on the day the Armistice was signed. On the face of the cross was hung a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the Swavesey British Legion, and another wreath of laurel, poppies and rosemary "for remembrance," surrounded the names of the fallen on the base of the monument. – At Bethel Baptist Chapel a pause was made during the morning service for the two minutes' silence, and special hymns were sung both at that service and at the Sunday School which preceded it.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 23rd Nov. 1923

Owing to the prevalence of illness amongst the children, the National School was closed on Tuesday, and will not be re-opened until after Christmas.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 23rd Nov. 1923

At last week's Poultry Show at the Crystal Palace, Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, was awarded a second prize for a Black Leghorn pullet in his utility class.

LABOUR MEETING. 23rd Nov. 1923

After his meeting at Over on Friday evening, Mr. A. E. Stubbs, Labour candidate for the county, addressed a fairly large gathering of Swavesey

electors in the National School. Mr. T. Langan also spoke at some length, and both he and the candidate were given a good hearing.

WHIST DRIVE. 23rd Nov. 1923

The prizes at the whist drive held at the National School on Thursday week for the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund were won by: Ladies, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Oakman, Miss M. Oakman; gentlemen, Mr. George Brooks, jun., Mr. W. Evans, Mr. F. Day. There were 19 tables in play. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

WAR MEMORIAL HALL. 23rd Nov. 1923

At a meeting of the Swavesey War Memorial Hall Fund Committee held on Thursday week, the draft of the deed by which the Parish Council will lease the parish property in High-street to the Committee for a term of 21 years was approved. The document has been sent to the Charity Commissioners, and when their approval has been obtained, the hall will be opened. A considerable sum remains to be raised before the hall will be free from debt, and with the view of helping to reduce the debt the Swavesey Gliders are giving an entertainment in the National School on Thursday next.

ACCIDENT. 23rd Nov. 1923

Mr. Tom Daintree, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Daintree, Taylor's-lane, is lying in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from concussion, cuts, etc., the result of an accident he met with on Monday morning while motor-cycling through Harston. Mr. T. Daintree, who is employed at Welwyn, had spent the week-end with his parents. He left Swavesey shortly before 6 a.m. to return to Welwyn, and when leaving Harston his cycle skidded, and he was thrown on to the road, where he lay unconscious. He was taken to Dr. Young's surgery, and there received attention. Dr. Young telephoned to Swavesey, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Daintree proceeded at once by motor-car to Harston, and they conveyed their son, who had by that time regained consciousness, to Addenbrooke's Hospital. He is progressing satisfactorily.

PRESENTATION. 30th Nov. 1923

Mr. Frank Hayward, who for some years has been a signalman at Swavesey, but has recently been transferred to Elsenham, was on Friday presented with an oak timepiece from the staff at Swavesey station. The presentation was made by the stationmaster, Mr. T. Tagg.

B.W.T.A. 30th Nov. 1923

A public meeting in connection with the B.W.T.A. was held at Bethel Chapel on the 22nd inst., the Rev. E. W. Platt, vicar of St. Matthew's Cambridge, presiding, and a rousing address was given by Miss Midgely, of Saffron Walden. Two solos were tastefully sung by Mrs. Asplin, of Over. The audience was augmented by a number of friends from Willingham.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 30th Nov. 1923

Swavesey school children have again been successful in the Watkin Needlework Scheme Competition. This year the following girls obtained prizes: Class C – Mary Parish first prize (15s), Minnie Bull second prize (10s.). Class B – Ruby Williams first prize (10s), Bessie Linford third prize (2s. 6d). Certificates of merit, Laura Thurlow and Marjorie Coulson.

HOCKEY. 30th Nov. 1923

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey eleven gained a decisive victory over the Cam second team at Cambridge on Thursday week by eight goals to one. Unfortunately, Cam could only put nine players into the field, while the visitors were at full strength. The following scored for Swavesey: Misses E. Heasman (2), B. Thoday (2), D. Carter (2), and J. Kirby (2). The return match was played yesterday (Thursday), and again Swavesey ladies scored a victory, winning this time by six goals to nil.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. 30th Nov. 1923

The National School was crowded on Monday for a meeting in the interest of Capt. R. G. Briscoe, Conservative candidate for the county. Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided. Capt. Briscoe on his arrival from a meeting at Fen Drayton was given a hearty reception, but, owing to his having to speak at meetings at Over, Willingham and two other villages after he left Swavesey, was only able to make a short speech, and answer two or three questions. In addition to the candidate, Mr. Sawyer and Dr. Spink also spoke, and answered questions, mainly from one persistent heckler, who afforded considerable amusement to the audience, but apparently was ploughing a lonely furrow.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. 7th Dec. 1923

The "Cambridge Daily News," containing the results of elections throughout the country, will be on sale in Swavesey this (Friday) evening. W. F. Gleaves, newsagent.

POSTAL ALTERATION. 7th Dec. 1923

Commencing on Sunday next, the 9th inst., Swavesey Post Office will be open on Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., instead of from 8.30 to 10 a.m., as hitherto.

POLITICAL MEETING. 7th Dec. 1923

Mrs. Dimsdale, Liberal and Free Trade candidate for the County, addressed a largely attended meeting in the National School on Friday evening. Mr. W. A. Bignall presided.

OBITUARY. 7th Dec. 1923

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Berryman, widow of the late Mr. W. F. Berryman, of Wivelscombe, Somerset, whose somewhat sudden death, at the age of 68 years, from cerebral hemorrhage, occurred in Cambridge on November 28th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar) officiated. The principal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman (only son and daughter-in-law), Miss Ada Berryman and Miss Margery Berryman (daughters), and Mrs. John Williams. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Stearn, Chesterton.

ENTERTAINMENT. 7th Dec. 1923

The inclemency of the weather and the impending election, with its meetings, etc., were no doubt responsible for the audience at the capital entertainment which was given in the National School on Thursday week by the Swavesey Gliders for the benefit of the village War Memorial Hall Fund, not being so large as in ordinary course it would have been. But if the audience was not large, it was thoroughly appreciative of the excellent fare provided, and the Hall Fund benefited to the extent of upwards of £5. Opening and closing with lively choruses by the party, the programme included songs by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Miss Ashby, Miss Goad, Miss Kirby, Mr. Barwell and Mr. H. G. Topham, a recitation by Miss E. Dodson, and an amusing sketch admirably played by Misses M. Barwell, E. Dodson, C. Goad and E. F. Paine, Messrs. R. Barwell and Topham. The sketch was described as a "screaming tragedy," and the scene was laid in a corridor of the Grand Hotel, Swavesey.

HOCKEY. 14th Dec. 1923

The Swavesey Hockey Eleven, when they entertained Cambridge Town on Thursday week, found themselves up against a considerably stronger team, and although they did their best, they failed to score. The visitors, on the other hand, captured eight goals.

THE ELECTION. 14th Dec. 1923

Polling day passed off very quietly in Swavesey. 78 per cent of the electors in the polling district (Swavesey and Fen Drayton) recorded their votes, against 90 per cent in December, 1918. Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P., while on a motor tour through the constituency, visited the village on Tuesday, and received a hearty welcome from a number of electors assembled near the school.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES. 14th Dec. 1923

Miss Arrowsmith, warden for Cambs. of the Young Helpers' League, gave an interesting address on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and their work, in the National School on Friday evening. The address was illustrated by admirable slides manipulated by Mr. D. Moore ("Uncle David"), who also very kindly lent the lantern. The chair was taken by the Vicar. The attendance, unfortunately, was far from what it ought to have been, owing no doubt in a great measure to the very dark and wet evening. The Swavesey Habitation of the Young Helper's League has been in existence for barely six months, but has already 35 members, nine of whom have had boxes, which were opened on Friday evening, and were found to contain £1 6s. 1d., contributed within the past half-year for the benefit of the Homes.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST INHABITANT. 14th Dec. 1923

Mr. William Martin, who attained the great age of 91 years on January 11th last, and was the oldest inhabitant of Swavesey, passed away on December 6th, after an illness of a month's duration. A native of Burwell, Cambs., Mr. Martin lived for 42 years at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, where he was employed as storekeeper at the L.M.S. Railway Carriage Works, and on his retirement he took up his residence in Swavesey. For 73 years he was a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. He leaves one son and two daughters. At the funeral, which took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating, the principal mourners were Mrs. C. Smith (Pidley, Hunts) and Miss C. Martin (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, Girton (grandson and granddaughter) and Miss Claudia Martin (great grandchild). Mr. William Martin, only son, who lives at Scarborough, was unable to be present on account of ill-health. The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 21st Dec. 1923

The collections at the parish church on Sunday, which amounted to £3, were in aid of the Sunday School fund.

CAROLS. 21st Dec. 1923

Members of the recently-formed Swavesey Choral Society will sing carols in the streets of the village to-morrow (Saturday) evening, starting at Boxworth End about 8 p.m. In course of their perambulation a collection will be made for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and as so many Swavesey people have reason to be grateful to that beneficent institution, it is hoped that the collection will be a good one.

DEATH OF MR. T. DOCKSEY. 21st Dec. 1923

"The Times" of Saturday contained the announcement of the death, at the age of 71 years, of Mr. Thomas Docksey, which occurred at 64, Dorset-road, Bexhill, Sussex, on the 13th inst. Many of the older villagers will remember that he resided for some years at the Old Manor, Swavesey, and farmed somewhat extensively in the parish. He married Miss Agnes Annie Daintree, daughter of the late Mr. Osborne Daintree, who survives him. The funeral took place at Southport, Lancashire, on Tuesday morning.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 21st Dec. 1923

The surplus funds of both of the share-out clubs in the village were distributed this week. On Tuesday every member of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club received £1 3s. 3½d. During the year £16 4s. has been paid out in sick benefit. The annual supper, which was held at the National School last evening (Thursday) was well attended, and after the tables had been cleared, the company enjoyed an excellent entertainment provided by Mr. Sidney Maltby and other Cambridge friends. The "share-out" in connection with the club held at the White Horse Inn took place on Wednesday, every member receiving £1 1s. 6d. The sick pay during the year amounted to £8 14s.

A SWAVESEY SUGAR GROWER. 21st Dec. 1923

In a recent issue of "The Producer's Review," a journal published at Toowoomba, North Queensland, two capital photographs appear of the sugar cane farms at Goondi and Badila run by Mr. Fred Wilderspin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, Swavesey. One photograph taken at Goondi shows six trucks containing some ten tons of cane being hauled from the paddock to the headland on a portable line; the other shows a cutting gang at Badila grouped amongst growing canes. The cane on the farms is stated to have been about 11 months old, and to have yielded 30 tons to the acre. Mr. Fred Wilderspin, who was known to his school-mates as "Curly," left Swavesey for Queensland in 1911. In March, 1916, he married an Australian

lady, and has one child, a little daughter, who is seen with him in the Badila picture. Although he has not yet had the opportunity of re-visiting his old home, his interest in his native village is as keen as ever, and his family keep him informed of what is going on by sending him every week a copy of the "Independent Press."

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 21st Dec. 1923

The Parish Church Repair Fund benefited to the extent of £30 13s. 8d. on Thursday week by a sale of work and concert under the auspices and management of the Ladies' Working Party, the former taking place in the National School in the afternoon, and the latter in the evening. There were several stalls and competitions. (List in the newspaper and amounts raised.) The concert in the evening was a great success. The audience was large, filling the big schoolroom, and the concert was specially interesting, as it was the occasion of the first appearance in public of the new Swavesey orchestra, who made a very good impression and covered themselves in glory. In addition to items by the orchestra, the programme included a cornet solo by Mr. B. Sutton, cornet duet by Messrs. B. and J. Sutton, songs by Miss Kirby (Over), and Rev. C. F. Stebbing, recitations by Miss Armstrong (Barrington), the dialogue, "Allotments," by Misses Cole and E. Dodson, and handbell ringing by Messrs. B. Hodson, E. Williams, R. Mitham, and G. Prime. Mrs. Banks and Mr. E. Williams acted as accompanists. Messrs. R. Barwell and H. Topham, who were included in the programme, were unfortunately unable to assist, but their places were admirably filled by an old and very popular friend to Swavesey audiences.

SWAVESEY MAN CHARGED. 28th Dec. 1923

Allegations of Infliction of Bodily Harm: Man Knocked Senseless.

LADY'S ARM BROKEN.

The County magistrates were occupied at the Shirehall last Saturday morning in dealing with the charges preferred against J. K., a Swavesey man, of inflicting grievous bodily harm. K. was undefended, and after hearing certain evidence, the magistrates remanded him for one week.

The defendant was J. K., Swavesey, and he was first charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon C. W., of Swavesey on December 20th.

Mr. Lyon said that defendant was apprehended late on Friday night, and he (the speaker) understood he wanted an adjournment for the purpose of instructing counsel for the defence, Mr. O. Papworth, who could not be present to-day. Mr. Lyon thought it was quite reasonable that he should have an adjournment, but owing to the serious nature of the case he thought it

absolutely essential he should be remanded in custody, or should find very substantial sureties. Mrs. W. had had her arm broken, and Mr. F. received a blow to the head which dazed him, and the defendant was believed to be now in a very vicious state of mind in regard to these people.

In reply to the Bench, Mr. Lyon said they believed now that if defendant were released he would do harm, and because of this the parties had to stay in Cambridge last night.

Mrs. C. W. said that on Thursday, at about 5 o'clock, she was walking on the to Swavesey from Mr. B.'s farm with Mrs. B. and Mr. F., who had a cycle. Mr. B. had given defendant notice and had paid him off. They met K. and his son, W. He stopped straight in front of Mrs. B., preventing her from walking forward, and used abusive language. Finally Mrs. B.'s lips parted in a kind of gasp, and J. K. said that she was smiling at him, with abusive epithets. His conduct then became so threatening that witness moved from Mrs. B.'s right side to her left and stood between her and K. Witness did this to protect Mrs. B. Mr. F. moved against Mrs. B. and began to speak to K., trying to quieten him. He said "Don't make a row here now, there is someone coming along the road." K. said that evidently Mr. F. and witness were taking the part of the B.'s. Witness walked on and helped Mrs. B. away. Witness went about fifty yards and returned to see if she could help to stop K. quarrelling. A short distance from him and Mr. F., she saw K. take the cycle which Mr. F. was trying to keep between them and throw it away and smash it. Defendant said, "I shall smash you," to Mr. F., and Mr. F. said, "No, don't do anything, J. I have not done anything to you." Witness saw K. hit Mr. F. in the face and he fell like a sack, senseless. After a minute he tried to get up, and K. knocked him flat again. Witness said to W. K., "Help me," but he did nothing nor said nothing. Witness had a stick in her hand, and tried to drive K. off her cousin, Mr. F., and struck him with her stick twice. K. wrenched the stick from her hand, advanced on her, and witness heard her cousin say, "Not with the stick." He tried to hit witness over the head, and she raised her left arm. The stick touched her forehead and broke her arm. He struck her again with the stick above her right knee and in the face with his fist twice. The second time he knocked her down. Defendant caused the injuries on her face. He struck her again afterwards, when she left to get help. On this occasion he followed her, caught her up and hit her face again.

Witness stated that K. said he was going to do Mr. B. in and smash him up worse than he had Mr. F. He also said that there was not going to be any more of the B. brood about. Generally, he used terrible threats. Defendant also threatened to "do in the women," as he followed her along the road.

Mr. Lyon: Are you in fear of him?

Witness: In terror of him.

In consequence of his threats, added witness, she, Mr. B., Mrs. B. and Mr. F. slept in Cambridge the next night. The second time defendant attacked her, her cousin, who had followed, saved her. She was examined under the X-rays at the Hospital, and it was found that her arm was broken.

Questioned by the defendant, witness insisted that he did threaten Mrs. B. Mr. F. told her she was wrong in striking defendant.

Defendant: I feel very sorry for you, but I don't feel sorry for the man. It was all your fault.

Witness, further questioned, asserted that Mr. F. did not strike him, and that he struck Mr. F. he certainly did threaten Mr. B. – over and over again.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Varney Webb) said that he had known the man a good many years; he was a most violent man, and it was a very grave responsibility in allowing him to be at liberty.

In answer to the Chairman, he advised the Bench that it would be for the public safety that he should not be released.

K. said that of a lot that had been said, half was untrue. He had never used threats against Captain B. He knew he was a very violent man, but he did think it was unfair to him when he was not the aggressor – and what he did he did in self-defence – if he was not going to be allowed liberty.

The Bench retired, and decided to remand defendant for a week. If he wished to be released he must have bail – himself for £10 and two sureties of £10 to be approved by the police.

K. was also charged with a similar offence in respect to M. T. F., of Swavesey, on December 20th, and evidence of arrest having been given, he was remanded for a week.

A third charge preferred was that of using threats towards P. B., of Swavesey, on December 20th. – Defendant pleaded not guilty. P. B., poultry farmer, Swavesey said that Mrs. W. made a communication to him as to threats used towards him by K. to do witness an injury. In consequence witness was in fear that defendant would do him some grievous bodily harm. In consequence he and his wife slept in Cambridge on Friday night and the night before. Witness did not know that defendant was apprehended until 9 o'clock on Friday night.

Defendant: Have I ever threatened you?

Witness: Not me personally.

Witness told the Bench that defendant was unpleasant to his wife on Wednesday, and witness dismissed him.

Defendant: I have never threatened the lady; I have never threatened the gentleman.

Mrs. W. gave evidence to the effect that defendant had threatened to do Mr. B. in and smash him up worse than Mr. F.

Defendant: You say I threatened Captain B. I don't remember anything about it.

W. K. (16), said he had never heard his father threaten Mr. and Mrs. B., particularly on the night in question.

K. having stated that he had no intentions against Mr. B.'s life, he was bound over for six months in the sum of £5.

CHURCH RESTORATION. 28th Dec. 1923

During the past twelve months the sum of £262 has been raised for the Parish Church Repair Fund. Of that amount £214 is in hand, £190 of which has been invested in Five per cent. National War Bonds.

PARISH CHURCH. 28th Dec. 1923

The parish church was nicely decorated for the Christmas festival. The bells rang merrily on the eve, and on Christmas Day the celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and after Matins were attended by a large number of communicants. Carols were sung, as usual, at Evensong at 3 p.m.

RESULT OF DRAW. 28th Dec. 1923

The second "draw" in aid of the War Memorial Hall Fund took place on Saturday. The prize-winners were: Mr. Frank Hayward, Elsenham, 977 (suit of clothes), Mr. Philip Franklin, Cottenham, 876 (tea service), Mrs. L. Saintey, Longstanton, 1,218 (dinner service), Mrs. Chaddock, Swavesey, 16 (lamp). Miss G. Allgood, Hardwicke, 813 (box of cigars), Mrs. T. Metcalfe, Swavesey, 922 (cigarettes).

HOCKEY. 28th Dec. 1923

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team visited Willingham on Saturday, and played a fast and even game, which resulted in a win for Swavesey by 4 goals to 2. The scorers for Swavesey were Miss M. Barwell (3) and Miss N. Parish. On Boxing Day the Swavesey mixed team entertained the Cam mixed eleven, and a good game ended in the victory of the visitors, who scored four goals to the homesters' two. Messrs. S. Culpin and B. Daintree scored for Swavesey.

CLUB SUPPER. 28th Dec. 1923

For the annual supper of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club, which took place at the National School on Thursday week, the members turned up in full strength, and, with several visitors, did full justice to the excellent repast

provided by Mr. J. C. Heasman. After the tables had been cleared, the company spent a happy evening listening to and heartily applauding, an admirable programme of songs, etc., contributed by Mr. Sidney Maltby, whose 'chatter' caused great amusement, C. Dean, Fordham and Brown, of Cambridge, Mr. Harrison officiating as accompanist.

CAROLS. 28th Dec. 1923

Between 30 and 40 members of the Swavesey Choral Society sang carols in the village streets on Saturday night. Starting from Boxworth End at 8 o'clock, they did not reach the neighbourhood of the railway station until midnight, being sustained on their way by grateful cups of hot coffee, thoughtfully provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day, when they visited Wallman's-lane. Their excellent singing was greatly appreciated, and the collection on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital, begun on Saturday night and finished on Monday, met with a generous response, the contributions amounting to £7 15s.

MEMORIAL HALL. 28th Dec. 1923

At a special meeting of the Parish Council on Monday evening important matters in connection with the War Memorial Hall were dealt with. Mr. C. Wood (vice-chairman) presided in the absence of the chairman (Mr. A. Norman), and the other councillors present were Messrs. W. Burton, J. Linford, R. Norman and C. H. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The vice-chairman having fully explained the present position of affairs in regard to the parish property in High-street, and the Memorial Hall erected thereon, Mr. Linford proposed the following resolutions:- (1) That subject to the consent and approval of the Swavesey Parish Meeting, the Charity Commissioners, the Ministry of Health, and the Cambs. County Council, the sum of £550 be borrowed for the purpose of paying the balance of the cost of building and furnishing the Swavesey Memorial Hall, situate on the Council's property. (2) That the Council approve of the draft lease to the Memorial Committee now produced by which the committee undertake, in addition to insurance and repairs to the hall, to pay a rent sufficient to pay the instalments of principal and interest on the sum proposed to be borrowed as above, and instruct their solicitors, Messrs. Day and Son, of St. Ives, Hunts., to engross the said lease for sealing by the Council in due course, subject to resolution No. 1 – Mr. R. Norman seconded, and the resolutions were carried unanimously. – A Parish Meeting followed the Council meeting, Mr. Wood being elected chairman. In the course of an explanatory statement, the Chairman made it clear that under the proposed scheme the hall would not be

a burden on the rates, whereas its rejection, besides involving the resignation of the Memorial Hall Fund Committee, would throw the whole of the responsibility for the hall and the High-street property on the Parish Council, and therefore on the rate. Replying to Dr. J. W. Ellis, the Chairman stated that all vacancies on the Memorial Committee would in future be filled by the Parish Council. Other questions having been answered, Dr. Ellis moved, and Mr. W. H. Key seconded, the following resolution:- "That the Swavesey Parish Meeting hereby approve and consent to resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, passed by the Swavesey Parish Council, including consent and approval to the loan and lease mentioned in the said resolutions." The resolution was carried unanimously.

OBITUARY. 28th Dec. 1923

After a long period of ill-health, Mr. Thomas William Thurlow, son of Mr. Geo. Thurlow, of Cambridge, passed away at his home in Church End, Swavesey, on Friday evening, aged 34 years. The whole of his working life, except during the war, was spent in the service of the Post Office. Entering as a telegraph messenger, he was appointed assistant postman at Cambridge in October, 1906, and established postman in February, 1907. In June, 1910, he was transferred to Elsworth, where he continued until August, 1914, when on the outbreak of war he was mobilised with the Suffolk Yeomanry, which regiment he had joined some time previously. Owing to his health, he saw no overseas' service, but was employed on clerical duties in connection with his regiment in this country. Demobilised in February, 1919, he returned to his postal duties at Elsworth, and in the following June was transferred to Swavesey. About this time Mr. Thurlow joined the Cambs. company of the R.A.V.C. as a sergeant-instructor, and later, on the disbandment of the unit under the Geddes economy scheme, became a reservist. On the establishment of a branch of the British Legion for the Swavesey district he was appointed hon. secretary. In December, 1922, he was taken seriously ill, and his life was despaired of, but rallying, he was admitted to the National Sanatorium at Benenden, Kent, on February 14th last. Here he remained until November 13th, when he returned home, fully expecting to resume his work, but on November 28th he had again to take to his bed, and the end came on Friday evening. He leaves a widow and one daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, after a short service at the house, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiating. The mourners included: Mrs. Thurlow (widow), Miss L. Thurlow (daughter), Mr. G. Thurlow (father), Mr. S. Thurlow (brother) and Miss K. Thurlow (sister). About a dozen members of the British

Legion, headed by Mr. C. Wood, who succeeded Mr. Thurlow as hon. secretary, were in waiting at the cemetery gate, and followed the body to the grave, and amongst others present were Mr. T. Metcalfe and Mr. Richardson, sub-postmasters of Swavesey and Over respectively. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fitting. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

CHARGES AGAINST SWAVESEY MAN. 4th Jan. 1924

Allegations of Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm.

LADY'S ARM BROKEN.

After a hearing lasting some hours, J. K., labourer, of Swavesey, was committed for trial at the Assizes on two charges of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon a man and a woman at Swavesey, on December 20th. It was alleged against him that he broke a woman's arm and struck such blows as caused a man to suffer from slight concussion. K. pleaded that the prosecuting parties were the aggressors.

He was first remanded at the Quarter Sessions, but at the suggestion of Judge Farrant he was committed to the Assizes to allow of more time for the preparation of a defence.

(Long report in newspaper)

The Bench again decided to commit the defendant for trial, and on Judge Farrant's suggestion, both cases were committed to the Assizes, to allow of more time to prepare a defence.

Bail was allowed in the defendant's own recognisance of £10, and the Bench certified for legal aid under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act.

ADVERT. 4th Jan. 1924

LOST, on Saturday, 22nd December, between Coton, Madingley, Dry Drayton and Swavesey, a Spare Wheel from Ford Motor Van; finder rewarded. – Apply, Spolton, Butcher, Swavesey.

HELP FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 4th Jan. 1924

The collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which was made in connection with the singing of carols in the village streets by the Swavesey Choral Society, now amounts to £8, further contributions having been received since last week.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS. 4th Jan. 1924

The procession of dinners to and from the bakehouses, always a feature in the streets of the village on Sundays and festivals, was specially noticeable on

Christmas Day, for on that festive occasion not only was the procession unusually large, but a motor car was employed for the conveyance of the dinner of one family.

DEATH OF MR. SLATER. 4th Jan. 1924

Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death, early on New Year's Day, of Mr. Alfred Slater, for the past 18 years the landlord of the White Horse Inn, Swavesey. Mr. Slater, who had been looking far from well for some time past, retired to rest as usual on the night of Dec. 27th. Shortly after midnight he was taken seriously ill, and Dr. J. W. Ellis was hurriedly summoned, but despite every attention, Mr. Slater passed away about 1 a.m. on Tuesday. The deceased was born 60 years ago in Islington, being the son of the late Mr. Thomas Slater, baker, of Pentonville-road. He learned his father's trade, but as a young man enlisted in the Royal Irish Lancers, transferring after two or three months to the Royal Army Service Corps, and in that corps served as a baker for 21 years, retiring with a pension. He will be remembered in Swavesey for acts of unobtrusive kindness, and for his willing help in connection with entertainments, shows, etc. He leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is felt, but no children.

RAILWAY STATION SCENE. 11th Jan. 1924

Swavesey Men Fined for Disorderly Behaviour.

At the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday, before Mr. A. S. Campkin, Colonel Tebbutt, and Mr. George Hart, J. K., Swavesey, was summoned for using abusive language at Swavesey Railway Station on December 21st, contrary to the L.N.E.R. by-laws. – Defendant pleaded not guilty.

A.W., Swavesey, was summoned for behaving in a disorderly manner, at the same place and on the same day. – Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. A. S. Dolden (L.N.E.R. Solicitor's Department) prosecuted.

H.A.H., clerk, Swavesey station, said he was on duty when the 3.50 p.m. train arrived from St. Ives. W. gave up a ticket. K. had not got a ticket, and, using bad language, said he had bought a ticket, and was not going to pay again. The ticket was subsequently produced. Defendants went to the porters' room, and the Stationmaster went to them. They followed him out, and K. went up to him as if to fight him.

E.T., Stationmaster, spoke to going to the porter's room and requesting K. and W. to leave. They walked out in front of witness, and directly they got outside K. took off his coat and apparently wanted to fight. He used bad language. Witness went into the booking office and put the counter flap down. K. again followed him and used bad language, but afterwards left the office.

By Col. Tebbutt: K's conduct was threatening.

J.P., porter, said he was in the porters' room when defendants came in and said they wanted a warm. He afterwards left the room, and later returned with the Stationmaster. The latter asked them to leave, but they said they would not leave "for a little – like him." When outside he saw K. in a threatening attitude towards the Stationmaster. K. afterwards went to the booking office, and W. wanted to fight witness. Later another porter came up, and W. wanted to fight them both.

By Mr. Campkin: K. took off his jacket when threatening the Stationmaster.

A.E.C., goods porter, said he saw defendants on the Station. W. was talking to P; against the lamp-room door. Witness asked P. to leave, and W. took hold of both of them, pulled them on to the road, and wanted to fight them.

Thos. Richard Buck, Divisional Inspector, L. and N.E.R. Police, said he saw defendants in that Court on December 29th. He told them he was making inquiries with regard to an altercation on Swavesey Station. K. replied, "We were there. With this other job hanging over my head, I don't remember much about....." W. said, "I suppose I was a bit lively."

K. (on oath) said he was returning from St. Ives to Swavesey with W., and he (defendant) could not find his ticket, but later W. found it for him. They afterwards went to the porters' room, and the Stationmaster came along and said "Come out of this and – off." He went to ask him what he meant, and they had a few words. He did not remember pulling his jacket off to the Stationmaster.

Cross-examined: He did not think he was "muffed" by drink. He did not remember telling the Police Inspector that he had had a drop of beer and was a bit excited.

W. (on oath) corroborated as to finding K.'s ticket and the Stationmaster's visit to the porters' room. He (W.) and P. "argued the toss" for a bit, and later C. came up. He (defendant) asked them if they were going to put him off, and they replied "No."

Cross-examined: He denied catching hold of the porters.

The Bench considered the case proved, and a fine of £1 was imposed on each defendant.

ADVERT. 11th Jan. 1924

FIREWOOD. – Firewood from Royal Show, all sawn, 3s. per cwt., delivered.
– Prior's Stores.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. 11th Jan. 1924

Christmas carols were sung and recitations given at the Friends' Meeting House on Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and friends from St. Ives. There was a good attendance.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 11th Jan. 1924

The National School, which has been closed since November 20th, in consequence of illness amongst the children, was re-opened on Tuesday. During the interval the building has been disinfected, repainted and the walls distempered.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 11th Jan. 1924

In response to an invitation from friends interested in Bethel Sunday School and Band of Hope, Father Christmas spent over an hour with the children at their New Year's gathering, and distributed presents in his usual cheery fashion. His visit was delayed owing to pressure of business, but the little ones were delighted by his ready promise to come again next year (weather permitting).

FOOTBALL CLUB. 11th Jan. 1924

The Secretary of Swavesey Football Club has received a message from Mr. Ezra Williams, of Sydney, Australia, in which he sends cordial greetings to his old Swavesey friends, and wishes the Football Club every success. Mr. Williams, who is a son of the late Mr. John Williams, coal merchant, and for many years parish clerk and sexton of Swavesey, keeps in close touch with his native village by means of the "Independent Press," which is sent to him every week.

FUNERAL. 11th Jan. 1924

In the presence of a considerable number of villagers and friends, the funeral of Mr. Alfred Slater, of the White Horse Inn, whose death at the age of 60 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated, and the immediate mourners were: Mrs. Slater (widow), Mr. J. B. Senter, Mr. H. H. Moyne, Mr. F. Dale, and several representatives of the British Legion. The interment took place in the churchyard, the grave, in accordance with Mr. Slater's express wish, adjoining that of his friend James Dodson, who died some years ago. The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

FOUND. 18th Jan. 1924

The spare wheel of a motor van, which was lost by Mr. Walter Spolton, Swavesey, between Dry Drayton and Swavesey on December 22nd, has been found, through the agency of an advertisement in the "Independent Press." It was picked up on the Huntingdon-road, near the New Inn, and was taken on to St. Ives, whence it was recovered.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 18th Jan. 1924

The usual New Year's meetings and teas were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday. There were services in the afternoon and evening, conducted by Mr. J. T. Wiles, of St. Ives, both of which, and the tea, were well attended. A good collection was taken for the chapel funds.

BRITISH LEGION. 18th Jan. 1924

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey district branch of the British Legion, held at the National School on Friday, Mr. R. Barwell presiding, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Ashby; secretary, Mr. C. Wood; treasurer, Mr. E. Williams. Last year's committee was re-elected with the exception that Mr. Frank Hepher took the place of Mr. C. Page. It was agreed that the officers and committee should act as the Relief Fund Committee. The accounts for last year, which showed a balance in hand of £8 4s. 10d., were presented by the treasurer, and approved.

ANCIENT SKATES. 18th Jan. 1924

During the frost in November, Master Alfred Hawkes, aged 15, grandson of Mr. W. H. Key, Swavesey spent some happy hours with companions on a small stretch of ice on a partly-flooded field, between the railway and the river, using a pair of skates on which his great grandfather, who lived at Earith, Hunts., had travelled very many miles, visiting Welney, Huntingdon and other places, and on which upwards of 80 years, ago he had played "bandy" (hockey) on Mere Fen, Swavesey. The old gentleman used to say that Swavesey men were very rough in the play. The skates are still in excellent condition, though the varnish, or polish, has long since disappeared from the wooden portion. Last week's thaw was a great disappointment to local, and doubtless to many other skaters, who in past years have been in habit of visiting Mere Fen.

EPIPHANY TEA. 18th Jan. 1924

In January, 1872, Mr. W. H. Key, who had not long previously migrated to Swavesey from Earith, suggested that a parochial missionary tea should be

held in Swavesey, as a similar function at Bluntisham had been a great success. His suggestion was promptly acted on by the then vicar of Swavesey, the late Rev. Henry Isaac Sharp, and the tea has been held annually ever since. This year's tea was held in the National School on Monday last, but the title of the function was altered to the "Epiphany Tea." No alteration was, however, made in the arrangements, which remained as in times past. About one hundred persons enjoyed an excellent meal, provided by the ladies of the congregation, who acted as tray-holders. Mr. W. H. Key was present – in fact, during the past 52 years he has been absent from the tea on only one occasion, and he is, with the exception of Mr. John Hodson, the sole survivor of those who took an active part in the management of the first function. After tea, in accordance with custom, a most interesting lecture was given by the Rev. Frederick Jones, who from 1897 to 1918 had been a missionary in Shantung Province, China, under the auspices of the S.P.G. The lecturer gave a graphic description of the manners, customs, religions of the people of China, and of the missionary work of the Church in that country. The lantern was manipulated by Miss Banks. During the evening the hymns "Thy Kingdom Come" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" were sung, the accompaniment being played by the Swavesey orchestra, and at the close the Vicar, who presided, on behalf of the audience, thanked Mr. Jones for his lecture. A collection was taken in aid of Foreign Missions.

"A BRUTAL AND HORRIBLE ASSAULT." 18th Jan. 1924

J. K., 40, labourer, pleaded not guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm upon C. W. and M. T. F., at Swavesey, on December 20th last.

Mr. Grafton Pryor (instructed by Messrs. A.J. Lyon and Son) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Gordon King (instructed by Mr. Oliver Papworth) for the defence.

(Full report of case in newspaper).

The jury returned a verdict of guilty in each case.

His Lordship read a number of previous convictions for assault, and asked prisoner if he had anything to say.

Prisoner replied that he was sorry to see in that Court that day that ignorance was predominant in his case. He had served in the Army three years and six months.

His Lordship: That does not entitle you to assault people.

In passing sentence, his Lordship said that was one of the most brutal and horrible assaults he had had to try. Men like prisoner must be taught better. He would be imprisoned for six calendar months on each verdict, the sentences to run concurrently.

FLOODS. 25th Jan. 1924

Much land around Swavesey is flooded, and in places water is running over the banks.

WHIST DRIVE. 25th Jan. 1924

For the benefit of the War Memorial Hall Fund, a whist drive was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Twenty-three tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by: Ladies, Miss Banks, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. W. J. Hepher; gentlemen, Mr. H. Burling, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. E. Adams, lucky numbers, Miss Holbrook and Mr. Arthur Beales. The duties of M.C. were undertaken by Mr. T. C. Heasman.

FOR THE BLIND. 25th Jan. 1924

A qualifying round of the Whist Championship in connection with the National Institute for the Blind was played in the schools on Thursday week. Twelve tables were in play, and the following were the prize-winners: Ladies, Mrs. Berryman, Mr. H. Unwin (playing as a lady), Miss I. Brunton; gentlemen, Mr. J. R. Smith, Mr. B. Prime, Mr. H. H. Berryman, special prize for highest score, Mrs. Berryman. Only the prize-winners qualified for the next round. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

RAILWAY TROUBLE. 25th Jan. 1924

The interruption in the railway service caused inconvenience in the Swavesey district, as elsewhere. On Monday many regular attendants at St. Ives Market accustomed to go by train had to travel to and fro by road, and those who depended on the railway spent weary hours at St. Ives Station waiting for a return train. Milk has been despatched by rail as usual every morning, but on Monday evening some 25 to 30 cans of milk had to remain at the station all night, as no train was available for their conveyance. On other evenings the milk was got away much about the usual time. Daily newspapers have reached Swavesey by road. On Monday not many were missing, and on Tuesday practically the whole of the usual supply came to hand. The reduced size of some of the journals, however, led to amusing inquiries, such as "Where's the rest of my paper? You've only given me half."

CHURCH MEETING. 25th Jan. 1924

Notwithstanding the wet evening, the annual parochial Church Meeting, which was held in the National School on Monday evening, was exceptionally well attended. In his opening remarks the Vicar, who presided, supported by the

churchwardens (Messrs. C. F. Banks and H. J. Wells), expressed his gratitude to the retiring Church Council, the church workers, and the people generally for their kind assistance during the 14 months he had been in the parish, making special reference to Messrs. J. Smith and A. Spolton, who were ill, and to Mr. Hall, whose duties called him away from Swavesey. Mr. Banks, in presenting the church expenses account, reported that at the beginning of 1923 there was a balance in hand of about £10, but unfortunately the year ended with a deficit of £5 6s. 1d. He explained that there had been several items of exceptional expenditure which would not recur during the present year, and he concluded by proposing that a collection should be made in the room to clear off the deficit. The proposal, however, failed to find a seconder. The Church Repair Fund accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £233 7s. 11d. towards the £1,350 needed for the repair of the north and south aisle roofs, were submitted by Mr. R. Barwell, and other members of the Church Council presented the accounts of the Duplex Envelope collections, the Sick and Needy Funds and the Thrift Club, the last named for five months only. All accounts were passed. The budget for 1924 having been approved, Messrs. R. Barwell and R. Mitham sen., were re-appointed representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference (for one year), and Diocesan Conference (for three years), and the following were elected members of the Church Council: Mrs. Banks, Miss Beaumont, Mrs. Cooksey, Messrs. S. F. Mitham, G. J. Paine, and John Smith. The undermentioned were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. R. Barwell, E. Bridgeford, C. Dean, J. Dodson, H. D. Froment, F. Hemington, C. S. Hephew, B. Hodson, J. Hodson, W. Kester, W. H. Key and R. Mitham, jun. – The newly-elected Church Council met at the close of the meeting and appointed Mr. R. Barwell vice-chairman, and Mr. C. F. Banks and Mrs. Banks treasurer and secretary respectively, for the ensuing year, and co-opted Mr. W. H. Key a member of the Council. It was decided to hand over £5 6s. 1d. from the Duplex scheme to pay off the deficit on the church expense account, and to allocate the rest of the fund to the Church Repair Fund.

HOUSE TO LET. 25th Jan. 1924

TO Let, on lease, NEW HOUSE, in pleasant main road in Swavesey, facing east, large lounge hall, two reception rooms, large kitchen (with copper and sink), hard and soft water over, large pantry, five bedrooms, bathroom (hot and cold water), well drained, thoroughly dry, good entrance, large yard, large garage, good kitchen garden (22 x 32 yards), and usual offices. Can be seen any day by appointment, ready for occupation. – Apply, owner, H. Wilderspin, Clare Cottage, Swavesey.

HISTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE. 25th Jan. 1924

SWAVESEY RESERVES v. RAMPTON

Swavesey 2, Rampton 1.

Played at Swavesey on Saturday. Part of the field was under water, and the rest was saturated, making anything like football almost impossible. The game was played as well as possible, under the conditions, with the above result.

BIG BLAZE AT SWAVESEY. 1st Feb. 1924

Four Cottages and Buildings Destroyed

OUTBREAK DISCOVERED BY BOYS.

Four cottages, a large barn, and various outbuildings in Market-street, Swavesey, were entirely destroyed by a fire which broke out on Tuesday evening.

The outbreak was discovered by boys, who, while playing in the street, noticed that the roof of a cottage tenanted by Mr. Rowcliffe was on fire, and they immediately raised an alarm.

The cottage is one of three, built of stud and plaster, with a thatched roof, Mr. Rowcliffe occupying the centre house. The adjoining cottage on the eastern side was not tenanted, but that on the other side was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes and their family of five sons and daughters, two of whom are children. The flames spread with alarming rapidity, and within a few minutes the roof was ablaze. Mr. Rowcliffe, an aged man, living alone, had been ill for some time, and, when rescued by Messrs. H. G. Key and R. Seekings, was found sitting by his fireside, apparently not realising the danger he was in. He was conveyed to a neighbouring house. Mr. Holmes' younger children had just been put to bed, and they had to be hurried from the burning building. The flames spread so quickly that practically no furniture, etc., could be saved. Although the "captain" of the famous Swavesey fire engine – an antique relic some 130 years of age – was soon on the scene, the engine itself did not make its appearance until about 8.45 p.m., and when it got to work it could do little beyond playing on a near-by stack or two and on outlying buildings. The three cottages, and another, also of stud and plaster, with thatched roof, adjoining Mr. Holmes', were doomed from the outset.

Adjoining the back of Mr. Holmes' cottage was an ancient barn of large dimensions, with other outbuildings, and these were soon involved, but a hut in which Mr. Holmes was accustomed to sleep was removed to a place of safety. The fourth cottage, which was owned by Mrs. John Williams, was untenanted, but in it were stored various things, including an officer's active service kit, belonging to her youngest son, and several incubators, the property

of Mr. Bayliss, which not many days previously had been removed there on account of Mr. Bayliss' poultry farm being flooded. Only the incubators, which were on the ground floor, were saved.

The fire was burning brightly at midnight. By that time not a vestige of the roofs remained, and the walls had either been burned, or had fallen or been pulled down. Only the four massive chimney stacks were standing, and two of these being obviously unsafe, were felled during the early hours of Wednesday morning. The fire was not extinguished until about 4 a.m. on Wednesday.

The outbreak is supposed to have originated from a beam in Mr. Rowcliffe's chimney, and, as an untraceable smell of burning is said to have been noticed during the afternoon, it is possible that the fire had been smouldering for some time. Fortunately, there was but little wind, and what there was carried the flames and sparks away from the ancient property. Had this not been the case, it is possible that a conflagration approaching in magnitude that which devastated part of the village in 1913 would have had to be recorded. In that fire, it may be mentioned, Mr. Rowcliffe's then house was destroyed and he lost all his belongings.

A large crowd watched the blaze, people being attracted from the surrounding district, and there were many willing and energetic helpers.

The police on duty were Sergt. Keep, P.C. Bell (Boxworth), and P. C. Bullen (Willingham), and Supt. Allen, who motored over from Cambridge with P.C. Read, was present for some time.

The premises, and also, it is understood, the belongings, of both tenants, were insured.

On Wednesday morning a tin box containing money belonging to the Swavesey Football Club, which had been in the custody of Mr. H. Holmes, jun., the club's assistant secretary and treasurer, was found in the ruins. The coins were unharmed, but the Treasury notes had been reduced to charred ashes.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 1st Feb. 1924

The churchwardens have distributed Payne's Charity this week, 25 widows and widowers receiving 3s. each in lieu of tea, sugar, etc., which used to be given away. The distribution is made every year on or about the 29th January, the anniversary of the late Mr. Thomas Payne's birthday.

HOCKEY. 1st Feb. 1924

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI entertained a team of Fenstanton ladies on Saturday, and a fairly fast game resulted in a goalless draw. The play was mostly in the visitors half, and, although the Swavesey forwards made several

attempts to score, they failed each time. – Playing Cambridge Y.W.C.A. hockey team yesterday (Thursday), on French's Field, Cambridge, the Swavesey Ladies' XI scored a 6 – 1 victory. Owing to the state of the ground the game was rather slow, and at half-time each side had scored once. Swavesey did better in the second half, five goals going to their credit, while the Y.W.C.A. failed to add to their score. The Misses M. Barwell (3), N. Parish (2) and D. Carter scored for Swavesey, and Miss Johnson for the Y.W.C.A.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 1st Feb. 1924

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall of Friday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding over a large attendance of members, including representatives from Boxworth and Over. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. G. Sweetland; last year's vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, and subject to their consent, the Rev. A. Kirke Smith, Messrs. P. Bayliss, T. Johnson and F. F. Norman; chairman of general meeting, Mr. C. W. Hines (Over); chairman of committee, Mr. G. Winters (Swavesey); hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood (Swavesey); treasurer, Mr. G. J. Paine (Swavesey); horticultural committee, Messrs. H. Ashby, A. Payne, F. W. Pontefract, W. Symonds, H. Topham and Walter Thorp (Swavesey), R. Asplin, C. Haddows, W. M. Ingle and G. H. Wayman (Over), T. Day and H. Peachey (Boxworth), E. J. Gadsby and E. J. Warboys (Fen Drayton). The appointment of the sports committee was postponed until the next meeting. A proposal to amend Rule 11 was discussed, but on being put to the vote was not carried. The schedule for this year's show, which it was decided should take place on Thursday, 7th August, was referred to the committee, as also was a suggestion that honey should be added to the exhibits, and the committee were requested to submit a revised schedule to the next meeting.

SWAVESEY ORCHESTRA. 1st Feb. 1924

The Memorial Hall was crowded on Wednesday evening for the first concert given by the Swavesey Orchestra. The orchestra came into existence only a few months ago, and is entirely a local product, for all the members are residents in the parish. Some of Wednesday's audience may have attended to support a laudable effort – probably the majority did – while others may have gone to criticise. But whether they went to support or to criticise, all undoubtedly remained to applaud and applaud vigorously. The orchestra's first venture can confidently be recorded as a complete success, and as reflecting the greatest credit on the members collectively and individually.

The following pieces were played by the band: March, "Sandringham"; selection, "Happy Land"; march, "Shoulder to Shoulder"; march, "Speed Away," and "Royal Windsor." The programme also included a violin and cornet duet by Messrs. J. W. Williams and B. Sutton, viola duet by Messrs. J. W. Williams and Ll. Nicholson, banjo solo Mr. E. Williams, and numerous humorous songs, etc., all greatly to the liking of the audience, by Miss Brinkley and Mr. Walter Moule, of Cambridge. Every item was received with the heartiest applause, and many encores were vociferously demanded. Before the band played their last piece, Mr. E. Williams, whose banjo solo had been a conspicuous success, and who had been a capable stage manager throughout the evening, on behalf of the orchestra thanked the audience for their kind and much appreciated support. The concert, he announced, had been a financial success, and would free the orchestra from debt. He and his colleagues also desired to express their gratitude to the Vicar for lending a room for practices. At the instance of Mr. Walter Thorp a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Brinkley, Mr. Moule and the band for their admirable entertainment. The following comprised the band: Mr. B. Sutton (leading cornet and conductor), Rev. C. F. Stebbing (clarinet), Messrs. J. Sutton (cornet), H. Prime (oboe), J. W. Williams (first violin), L. Breed, Ll. Nicholson (violins), Joseph Linford (?), A. Prime, M.M. (euphonium), and E. Williams (piano).

ADVERT. 8th Feb. 1924

FIFTY Loads of Good Pig Manure for Sale. – apply Jas. Prior. 'Phone Swavesey 3.

A SMALL COTTAGE PIANO for sale, in order, suitable for beginners, price £12. – At Prior's Stores.

AN UNEXPECTED DISCOVERY. 8th Feb. 1924

While engaged in threshing operations last March at Moulton Baugate, Lincolnshire, Mr. George Seekings, of Swavesey, lost his watch in the straw stack. Recently a Waggoner was getting some straw for his horses, when he put his fork through the ring of the watch and pulled it out intact. On being wound up, the watch was found to be in good working order.

PROPOSED INSTITUTE. 8th Feb. 1924

When the project of a War Memorial Hall was launched in May, 1919, an Institute for the village was included in the scheme, but until the hall was erected nothing could be done to establish one. Although not formally opened owing to unforeseen difficulties now in course of adjustment, the hall is in use, and a public meeting to organise the Institute is to be held there on Monday

evening at 8 o'clock. An Institute will meet a long-felt want in the village, and it is hoped, therefore, that every parishioner, male and female – for it is intended that the Institute should be open to both sexes – who can possibly attend will make a point of being present.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 8th Feb. 1924

The whist drive and carnival dance organised by Miss E. Dodson, Mrs. Ashby, Miss Goad, Mr. W. A. Bignell, Mr. G. Goad and Mr. H. Topham for St. Dunstan's which took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was a complete success, and resulted in £8 4s. 10½d. being sent to that deserving institution. Twenty-eight tables were in play for whist, and the prizes were won by the following: - Ladies: Miss C. Froment, Mrs. Stebbing; booby, Miss W. Froment. Gentlemen: Mr. H. Prime, Mr. J. Parish (Over); booby, Mr. P. Burton. Balloons, streamers, masks, etc., added greatly to the gaiety of the dance, for which Mr. Baxter's St. Ives String Band played an admirable selection of music. Mr. Bignall officiated as M.C. for the whist drive, and Mr. Topham for the dance.

DEATH OF MR. H. ROWCLIFFE. 8th Feb. 1924

The fire last week in Market-street, when four old cottages were totally destroyed with most of their contents, has had a tragic sequel, for one of the victims, Mr. Henry Rowcliffe, died early on Tuesday morning, his death being attributed to "shock upon shock." Mr. Rowcliffe, who was 77 years of age, was a native of Somerset, his father having been organist at Minehead Church, and a teacher of music. At one time he was in business in Cambridge, but about 20 years ago he removed to Swavesey, the doctors having advised his wife to live in the country. Their house was one of the earliest to get alight in the great Swavesey fire in 1913, when they lost practically the whole of their belongings. Since Mrs. Rowcliffe's death in June, 1917, he had lived alone, being looked after by Mrs. Cooksey and neighbours, and latterly by the district nurse. For some time past he had been ill, and his condition after last week's fire and the lack of suitable accommodation in the village, rendered his removal to St. Ives Infirmary necessary, and here he passed away at 1.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

MEMORIAL HALL. 8th Feb. 1924

Owing to an informality in the notice calling the Parish Meeting on December 24, at which two important resolutions were passed concerning the Memorial Hall and the land on which it is built, it has been held to be necessary to submit the resolutions to another meeting of parochial electors. That meeting

took place on Friday evening in the National School, under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Norman, Chairman of the Parish Council. Although for many reasons the delay is to be regretted, for others it was fortunate, for the explanations given at Friday's meeting led, it is hoped, to doubts being set at rest in the minds of some parishioners, including the parish councillor who had moved the resolutions at the Parish Council meeting which preceded the Parish Meeting on December 24th. Moreover, the second meeting was much better attended than the first. The resolution authorised the Parish Council, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners, Ministry of Health, and the County Council, to borrow £550 for the purpose of paying the balance of the cost of building and furnishing the Memorial Hall; and the second approved of the draft lease to the Memorial Committee, by which the Committee undertake, in addition to insurance and repairs to the hall, to pay a rent sufficient to pay the instalments of principal and interest on the loan. After considerable discussion, during which Mr. C. Wood, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and Secretary-Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, gave a full explanation of the scheme and answered numerous questions, the resolutions being proposed and seconded, were carried unanimously.

DONATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA. 15th Feb. 1924

Mr. Leonard Williams, who left Swavesey for Australia some years ago, has sent donations of 10s. each to the Swavesey Cricket and Football Clubs.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 15th Feb. 1924

The annual meeting of the members and congregation of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on Thursday week. After tea encouraging reports were given of every branch of the work, and a financial statement was submitted by the treasurer, Mr. Arthur Norman, showing a substantial balance to the good.

PIG FEEDING. 15th Feb. 1924

A good-sized and thoroughly-appreciative audience attended the lecture on pig feeding, which was given in the National School on Thursday week by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser. Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis presided. At the close of the lecture numerous questions were asked, and there was some discussion.

A PROTEST. 15th Feb. 1924

A correspondent writes: - I sincerely hope, and so I believe do many other parishioners, that the posting of bills of any sort or kind on the wooden fence in front of the Memorial Hall will be prohibited. Bills so posted are not only

unsightly, but tend to spoil the surface of the fence. What is uglier than the half-torn off remnants of an old poster? If organisers of entertainments, etc., must display bills in front of the hall, why cannot they use removable notice boards?

ACCIDENT. 15th Feb. 1924

While playing with the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI at Cambridge on Thursday week against a much stronger Town Ladies' team, Miss Alice Norman, hon. secretary of the Swavesey club, had the misfortune to dislocate her knee. She at once received medical attention, and it is satisfactory to report that she is progressing favourably, though some time must elapse before she will be able to make her re-appearance on the hockey field. The game ended disastrously for Swavesey, for the Town ladies scored a 9 – 0 victory.

THE LATE MR. ROWCLIFFE. 15th Feb. 1924

The funeral of Mr. Henry Rowcliffe, whose death on the 5th inst. was reported last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Shaw, Mr. Mayes, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. G. Hawkes, and Mr. James Prior. The coffin was of polished elm, and the interment took place in the grave in which Mr. Rowcliffe's wife was buried in June, 1917. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

OBITUARY. 15th Feb. 1924

The death occurred in Cambridge on Sunday, after a long period of ill-health, of Mr. David Williams, youngest son of the late Mr. Edward Williams, of Swavesey. He was one of a family of 17 sons and daughters, and his brother, the late Mr. John Williams, was for very many years parish clerk and sexton of Swavesey, an office that has been held by a member of the family for over a century. The funeral took place at Cambridge on Wednesday. – After ten days illness, Mrs. Ann Linford, widow of Mr. William Linford, Turn Bridge Cottages, Swavesey, succumbed to an attack of bronchitis on Monday afternoon at Fenstanton, where she had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. Brickwood, since Mr. Linford's death in November, 1922. Mrs. Linford, who was 81 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. William Lincoln, shoemaker, St. Ives.

CRICKET CLUB. 15th Feb. 1924

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, Mr. R. Barwell presiding over a good attendance of members.

The accounts for last year, which showed a deficit of £3 10s., having been passed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P. (subject to his consent); last year's vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition, subject to their consent, of Mr. P. Bayliss and Mr. W. A. Bignall; captain, 1st eleven, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. F. Hephher; captain, 2nd eleven, Mr. G. Oakman; vice-captain, Mr. S. Clark, hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Godfrey; assistant secretary, Mr. C. Godfrey; groundsman, Mr. H. D. Froment; committee, Messrs. A Hephher, A. C. Hephher, G. Hephher, H. Holmes, S. F. Mitham, B. Prime, T. Savage, R. Seekings, and D. Williams; umpires, Messrs. G. Winters and A. Payne. It was decided that the first eleven should be entered for the Turner (Hunts.) League and the Cambs. Minor Cup, and the second eleven for the Milton and District League.

SWAVESEY WAR MEMORIAL. 15th Feb.1924

An important step towards completing the war memorial in Swavesey was taken on Monday evening, when a large and representative meeting of parishioners of both sexes and various ages approved of the draft rules for the conduct of the Village Institute, which formed part of the memorial scheme which was launched in May, 1919

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, and was presided over by Dr. R. Ellis, chairman of the Memorial Committee, who, in a brief introductory speech, stated that the Institute would be open to women as well as men, and, under certain conditions, to boys and girls, and was intended, in addition to being a place for recreation, to be a centre for the village clubs and organisations, educational and social.

The draft rules were read by Mr. C. Wood (hon. secretary of the Memorial Committee). They provide, inter alia, for the appointment of officers and a committee, consisting of the twelve Memorial Hall trustees, three representatives from each of the village clubs and societies, including the British Legion, and three members elected by a general meeting of the Institute; that the election of members should be vested in the committee; that the annual subscription for adults should be 6s., or 1s. 6d. quarterly; that the committee should have power to elect members residing outside the village on such terms as they think suitable; and that juniors up to the age of 14 years should be eligible as members at reduced fees, viz., 4s. a year, or 1s. a quarter, and be allowed the use of the club premises from 6 to 8 p.m.

One slight alteration having been agreed to, the draft rules were unanimously adopted, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. J. Willson. It was decided that subscriptions should be paid in advance, and that all persons

who gave notice in writing to Mr. Wood by March 1st of their intention to join the Institute should be regarded as original members. Further, that a general meeting should be held as soon as practicable for the purpose of electing officers and committee.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. Wood and the Memorial Committee for their services in connection with the Institute, and to the Chairman for presiding.

SWAVESEY HORTICULTURALISTS. 15th Feb. 1924

At a well-attended meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on Monday evening, Mr. G. Winters presiding several alterations in, and additions to, the schedule for this year's show, which had been recommended by the Horticultural Committee, were approved.

The undermentioned were appointed to a Sports Committee: The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. P. Burton, G. E. Canham, Cyril Godfrey (sports secretary). R. Godfrey, C. S. Hephher, G. Hephher, F. F. Norman, C. Savage, H. Topham and A. J. Willson (Swavesey), R. Asplin and F. Watts (Over), and J. Mailer (Boxworth). The question of affiliation was referred to the Sports Committee, a proposal that the latter should be dealt with by the general meeting being defeated by a considerable majority. The date of the show has been fixed provisionally for Thursday, August 7th.

ADVERT. 22nd Feb. 1924

FOR SALE, Pure-Bred Middle-White Boar, 15 months old. – Prior, 'phone Swavesey 3.

HOCKEY. 22nd Feb. 1924

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI paid a visit to the Fenstanton ladies, and a good game resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 goals to 1. The following scored for Swavesey: Miss M. Barwell (6) and Miss N. Parish (2).

FUNERAL. 22nd Feb. 1924

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Linford, whose death on the 11th inst. was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Mr. E. Short, Pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated, and during the service at the graveside the hymn, "What is it for a Saint to die?" was sung. The mourners included: Messrs. F. and J. Linford (sons), Mr. and Mrs. W. Brickwood (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. H. Brickwood (grandson), Mrs. A. G. Parish (grand-daughter), Messrs. Aaron and Jethro

Linford (brothers-in-law), and Mrs. W. Savage (niece). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements.

SOCIAL EVENING. 22nd Feb. 1924

A very pleasant and successful social evening, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, organised at short notice by Mr. Barwell and other members of the congregation, was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday. The entertainments included music, dancing and a short whist drive. Songs, etc., were contributed by Mrs. C. S. Hephner, the Misses Goad, Paine, Kirby, Cole, Banks and Barwell, Messrs. Barwell, A. Prime, H. Prime and H. G. Topham, and the Swavesey Orchestra played selections. For the whist drive over which Mr. C. Wood officiated as M.C., assisted by Mr. G. Winters, there were seven tables in play, and the prizes were won by:- Ladies: Mrs. C. Dean, Miss Annie Norman; booby, Miss C. Froment. Gentlemen: Mr. C. Savage, Mr. F. Pontefract (after a cut with Mr. Winters); booby, Mr. W. A. Bignall. The music for dancing was supplied by Mrs. Barwell, the Misses M. Ellis, Q. Spolton and N. Mustill, who presided in turns at the piano, and the Orchestra. Excellent refreshments were provided during the evening, under the superintendence of Mrs. Walter Thorp, and her co-adjutors, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. B. Prior, Miss E. Garner, and Miss E. Dodson. As a result of the social, nearly £8 has been added to the Church Repair Fund.

BILL-POSTING. 22nd Feb. 1924

A Swavesey correspondent writes: "Referring to the remarks of a correspondent in last Friday's 'Independent Press' on the subject of bill-posting on the War Memorial Hall fencing, I beg to state that, so far as I have been able to ascertain, they are quite in keeping with the feeling of many people in the village. Whilst the matter is fresh in the minds of your readers, I would like to voice another suggestion with regard to the posting of bills. It is that organisers of concerts, socials, whist drives, and other meetings, should advertise the same a little more freely than they do at present. It is no uncommon thing to hear something like this: 'Are you going to the social to-night?' or 'Did you go to the annual meeting of the British Legion?' 'No, when was it? And I am a member, too!' It seems that one notice posted somewhere in the village is deemed sufficient. It is no, as many people may not see it, for the simple reason that for some days they may not go anywhere near it, whereas if about half a dozen notices were posted in different parts of the village people could not help seeing them. I have heard it said that it is too much trouble, but it is a trouble, I think, that would well repay one. Is it not

worth the difference between a half empty room, whether concert or ordinary meeting, and a full one?"

BLIND MUSICIANS' CONCERT. 22nd Feb. 1924

Notwithstanding the stormy and wintry night and the falling snow, a thoroughly appreciative audience, that undoubtedly would have been much larger had the weather been kinder, gave the heartiest of welcomes to the Blind Musicians' Concert Party, on the occasion of their concert in the Memorial Hall on Friday last. The Party, it may be remembered, won golden opinions in Cambridge on January 25th, when they gave a memorable concert in the Guildhall. The programme consisted of solos, duets, quartettes, piano music and humorous songs. (Programme in newspaper). Every item was received with hearty and well-deserved applause, and encores were numerous. During an interval Mr. Broom, on behalf of the Party, thanked the audience for their kind and appreciative reception, and he added that they were specially grateful to Miss E. Dodson, and the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted her, for the admirable arrangements they had made. The net proceeds of the concert amounted to £6 0s. 8d.

MEMORIAL HALL. 29th Feb. 1924

The raising of a loan of £550 by the Parish Council for the purpose of paying the balance of the cost of building and furnishing the War Memorial Hall was approved by the County Council on Saturday, subject to the Minister of Health being satisfied that the purpose is one for which a Parish Council can incur expense, and to the Parish Council being adequately protected against loss.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th Feb. 1924

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive in aid of the War Memorial Fund which took place in the hall on Saturday evening.

HOCKEY. 7th March 1924

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey eleven entertained the Cam 1st team yesterday (Thursday), and a good game resulted in a win for the homesters by 2 goals to 1. Miss M. Barwell and Miss D. Carter scored for Swavesey.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 7th March 1924

In order to assist the fund for providing a piano for use in connection with Bethel Baptist Chapel, a capital concert was given on Thursday week by the Chapel Choir, assisted by friends. The interesting and varied programme included a number of choruses rendered in excellent style by the Choir, under

the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Williams, and songs by Miss Constance Goad, Mrs. H. Asplen (Over), Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss E. Freestone, and Mr. B. Sutton contributed cornet solos. Mr. J. W. Williams was an efficient accompanist, and Mr. Dennis Webster (Over) a genial chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL. 7th March 1924

The Parish Council was summoned to meet at the Memorial Hall on the 28th ulto, but as only four Councillors attended, viz.: Messrs. C. Wood (Vice-Chairman), J. Linford, C. H. Parish and S. Prime, and the Standing Orders required a quorum of five, no properly constituted meeting could be held. The Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), however, explained that it was necessary that the list of persons nominated by the Council for the office of Parish Constable for the ensuing year should be published on or before the following Sunday, an informal meeting was held, and it was decided that Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present Constable), B. Hodson, J. J. Marriott and M. C. Culpin, who were chosen last year, should again be nominated, and that the Chairman should be asked to call a meeting for yesterday (Thursday) evening, to confirm the nominations and also the Constable's remuneration for the past year. Mr. Linford gave notice that at the next meeting he would call attention to the condition of the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground and its protecting fence.

OUSE DRAINAGE. 7th March 1924

A representative meeting of the owners and occupiers of land in Swavesey and district, held at the National School on Friday evening, resolved to ask for the exclusion Sub Area A.9 (2) from the Ouse Drainage Scheme. Mr. J. Evison, J.P. (Fen Drayton) was voted to the chair, and among the others present were: Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey and Mr. A. Day, sen. (Swavesey), Mr. R. Mailer (County Councillor for the Swavesey district), Messrs. F. Kirby and Ingle Hemington (Over), J. Scambler (Conington), T. Johnson (Fen Drayton), and Saunders (Fenstanton). After a lucid and detailed explanation by Mr. C. G. Tebbutt (a member of the Ouse Drainage Board), the following resolution, proposed by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. A. Day, was carried unanimously: "That this meeting of owners and occupiers of land in Swavesey and district strongly presses for the exclusion of Sub Area A.9 (2) from the Ouse Drainage Scheme." The Chairman desired to convey the resolution to the representatives of the area on the Ouse Drainage Board. A petition to the effect of the resolution was also signed by all present.

LEAP YEAR FESTIVITIES. 7th March 1924

A whist drive and carnival dance held in the New Memorial Hall to celebrate Leap Year Day, on Friday, proved a great success. About 125 people, many of whom came from neighbouring villages, in spite of bad weather, spent a most enjoyable evening, and nearly £9 was realised and handed over to the Memorial Hall Fund. The prize-winners in the whist tournament were: Ladies, Miss C. Poole (Longstanton), Mrs. Holmes; gentlemen, Mr. C. Hart (Willingham), Mr. C. Savage. Mr. R. Barwell carried out the duties of M.C. for the whist drive in his usual jovial manner. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and was continued until after midnight, under the experienced direction of Mr. H. Topham, who acted as M.C. Paper streamers added to the effect of the tastefully decorated hall, and during the evening balloons, masks, etc., with lucky numbers attached, were sold by Miss M. Barwell and Miss L. Goad; two prizes given to the holders of lucky numbers fell to Mr. Tagg and Mr. Jack Clark. The refreshment arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. H. R. Ashby and Miss E. Dodson, whose hard work was made lighter by generous gifts of refreshments from Swavesey ladies, and by willing helpers to distribute.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 7th March 1924

An appreciative audience assembled in the Memorial Hall on the evening of Shrove Tuesday for the first concert given by the recently revived Swavesey Choral Society, when the chief item in the programme was Andreas Romberg's cantata, "The Lay of the Bell." The performance of that work was most creditable to the indefatigable conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams, the soloists and the chorus, considering the comparatively short time the present Society has been in existence. The principal soloists were Mr. A. Prime, jun., Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mr. G. F. Canham, and Mr. E. Williams, while Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Canham, Miss M. Parish, Messrs. H. Prime, B. Prime, F. Aldred, J. Clark, S. F. Mitham, and S. Godfrey took their share in the quartettes, etc. Miss Alice Wilderspin played the pianoforte accompaniment. The programme also included glees, choruses and quartettes, a banjo solo by Mr. E. Williams, and two pieces by the Swavesey Orchestra, who, unfortunately, were handicapped by the absence, through illness, of their conductor and leading cornet player, Mr. B. Sutton.

THE INSTITUTE. 7th March 1924

At the first meeting of members of the newly-formed Village Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:- President, Mr. G. J. Paine; Chairman, Mr. W. A. Bignall; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. C.

Wood; Committee: Messrs. H. Ashby, T. C. Thompson and W. Twist. The Committee consists of the Memorial Hall Trustees, representatives of the Village Societies and Clubs, and three members elected by the general meeting. Amongst other matters, it was decided that a box for suggestions and a visitors' book should be provided, that temporary members, e.g. visitors staying in the village, should pay a quarter's subscription, and that the Committee Room should be used as a reading room. Some discussion took place in regard to separate accommodation for lady members, but on the motion of Mrs. J. J. Marriott, the proposal was rejected. A resolution regulating the admission of visitors was also passed. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. – the Institute was opened on Monday evening, a large number of members attending, all of whom expressed the greatest satisfaction with the excellent accommodation, and with the many and varied amusements, games, etc., provided. The billiard table was specially appreciated, and was in constant demand throughout the evening. Before the opening, 124 members, all from Swavesey, joined. Persons desiring to become members now have to be nominated by members and elected by the Committee.

BRITISH LEGION. 14th March 1924

At a meeting of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, held on Monday evening, Mr. R. Barwell presiding, Mr. A. W. Melbourne was appointed hon. secretary in place of Mr. C. Wood, whose resignation was accepted with regret.

SACRILEGE. 14th March 1924

Two regrettable cases in connection with the churchyard have recently occurred. The glass protecting an artificial wreath on one grave has been smashed, and bulbs have been removed from another. As regards the latter, three plant-pots containing bulbs were sunk in the earth. One pot and its contents were taken away, and after a fortnight the empty pot was replaced in the hole, which the seeker after bulbs had failed to fill up.

A SAFETY RAZOR. 14th March 1924

A correspondent writes: That shaving is not always an easy or a pleasant operation is, I believe, generally admitted by those who have to wield a razor on themselves, and complaints of razors that decline to cut, or that cut too freely, are common. The recent experience of a Swavesey ex-Serviceman is, however, somewhat unusual. Having well-lathered his face, he scraped and scraped, but his safety razor failed to reap the hirsute stubble, although it

effectively removed the soapy lather. When almost in despair, a friend came on the scene, and, examining the razor, pointed out that the shaver had omitted to insert the blade.

THE INSTITUTE. 14th March 1924

Forty-one new members were elected by the Committee of the Institute on Saturday evening, bringing the total membership up to 165. That the institute is appreciated is shown by the large number of villagers who attend every evening and enjoy the multifarious games provided, read newspapers and other literature, or engage in a social chat. The Committee on Saturday decided to allow dancing on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m., and they hope to arrange lectures, etc., on various subjects. For all these advantages the annual subscription is 6s. for adults and 4s. for juveniles, payable yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly, that is less than three halfpence a week for adults, and about a penny a week for juveniles. The subscriptions to the cricket, football and other clubs and societies in the village are, it is believed, at relatively higher rates.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th March 1924

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on the 6th inst. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime, and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Having approved of the list of persons nominated for the office of parish constable at a meeting held the previous week, when a quorum of councillors was not present, and also of the constable's remuneration, the Council proceeded to discuss the condition of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that a balance of £5 18s. 5d. stood to the credit of the Recreation Ground account, and Mr. Linford, in accordance with notice previously given, called attention to the dilapidated condition of the cricket pitch and of the movable fence that the Council had provided for its protection. He asked who was responsible for keeping both the pitch and the fence in a proper state of repair. The remainder of the Recreation Ground was in a terribly rough state, and in urgent need of attention, for the sake of the children, whose playing field it was. Mr. Twist thought that when the fence was put up in 1920, a condition was imposed on the Cricket Club to keep it in repair. The Vice-Chairman interjected with the question, "Who should pay for the damage when the fence is broken by stock?" A prolonged examination of the minute-book failed to disclose any liability for repairs on the part of the Cricket Club, whereupon Mr. Twist moved that the pitch be put in order by the Council on condition that the Cricket Club had the fence mended and kept in

proper repair in future; and further that the Recreation Ground generally be improved and levelled for the benefit of the children, as far as funds would permit. Mr. Linford seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously, Messrs. Wood, Twist and Linford being appointed a committee to superintend the work. On behalf of the Memorial Hall trustees, the Vice-Chairman asked for permission to erect three of the public street lamps, which are not now in use, outside the Hall. The request was granted. Before the meeting closed the Vice-Chairman, in reply to Mr. Cole, stated that the public notice board, which had been removed during the building of the Hall, would be re-erected very shortly.

ADVERTS. 21st March 1924

MRS. Meads has opened a Laundry at Mayleigh, Church End, Swavesey, and is prepared to take in Family Washing. Hand work only. Collars, Shirts, Blouses, etc., a speciality.

OUR New Season's Stock of Wallpapers arrived. Good quality combined with cheapness, 3½d. per roll and upwards. – Prior's General Stores.

OBITUARY. 21st March 1924

Mr. Thomas James Nicholson, shoemaker, son of the late Mr. John Nicholson, died on Monday morning, aged 54 years. He leaves a widow and one son.

LECTURE. 21st March 1924

A fair-sized audience greatly appreciated the lecture on the winter feeding of dairy cows, which was given in the Memorial Hall on the 13th inst. by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser.

THE RECENT FIRE. 21st March 1924

Inquiries are being made in the village as to when the men, who were employed in connection with the fire in Market-street on January 29th, will be paid for their services.

PERSONAL. 21st March 1924

The Rev. Anderson W. Wells, B.A. (Durham), who was appointed vicar of Goldthorpe, Yorks., in May, 1919, has exchanged livings with the Rev. H. Howard, vicar of Whitworth, Rochdale, Lancs. He is a native of Swavesey, being the second son of Mr. James Wells, whose death on Saturday last is announced this week.

B.W.T.A. 21st March 1924

Preceded by a tea attended by 50 members, the annual meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association was held in Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 13th inst. Mrs. H. S. Aldred presided. An encouraging and helpful address was given by Miss Newton, of London, and solos were sung by Miss Doris Godfrey and Miss Kirby. Before the proceedings concluded, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and two new members were enrolled.

CONFIRMATION. 21st March 1924

A large congregation was present at the Confirmation which was held at the parish church on Thursday week by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, the other clergy attending being the Revs. R. P. Moline (rector of Cottenham and Rural Dean), N. B. Jones (Chatteris), A. H. Thoms (Fen Drayton), and the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing). The service was fully choral, Mr. G. H. Skeeles presiding at the organ. There were 11 candidates, viz., seven from Swavesey, three from Fen Drayton, and one from Chatteris. The candidates and their friends were entertained to tea at the Vicarage after the service by the lady members of the Parochial Church Council, and the Bishop at tea-time referred to this kindly act of hospitality with much appreciation.

MISPLACED POSTERS. 21st March 1924

A correspondent writes: I should like to protest against the affixing of posters by, or on behalf of, the Ouse Drainage Board, to both parapets of the bridge which carries the main road over the large drain near Swavesey Church. Bills in such a position are unsightly, and, as there is a recognised posting place within a few yards, are quite unnecessary. It is true that by the action of the rain and wind and possibly the nimble fingers of small boys portions of the bills soon disappear, but bits of the paper remain for months, and the stonework is more or less permanently marked. If the bridge belonged to the Drainage Board, there might be some excuse for their disfiguring their own property, but, unless I have been misinformed, no such excuse can be pleaded, as it is said the bridge is under the control of the County Council.

THE LATE MR. J. WELLS. 21st March 1924

The tolling of a bell of the church between 8 and 9 a.m. on Sunday last announced to the parish the death of a former churchwarden, Mr. James Wells, who had passed away the previous afternoon at Tolworth, Kingston-on-Thames, after a long period of failing health. Mr. Wells belonged to an old Swavesey family, and was born in the village 86 years ago, being a son of the late Mr. William Wells. When a young man, he left the village for Elmdon, Saffron Walden, migrating thence to Derbyshire, where he married. In 1870

he returned to Swavesey, and, until advancing age rendered retirement desirable, carried on a successful business as a coal merchant. About three years ago Mr. Wells, whose wife had died some time previously, went to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Williams, at Tolworth. For a number of years he was a churchwarden, and was a member of the first Parish Council, being re-elected to that body on several subsequent occasions. Amongst other offices held by him were those of school manager, and, for a long period, of clerk to the Stock Club. He leaves three sons and three daughters. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at Swavesey parish church.

THE INSTITUTE. 28th March 1924

A billiard handicap (100 up) is in progress at the Institute. The final will be played on Saturday evening, April 5th.

FOOTBALL. 28th March 1924

The match between Swavesey and Old Chesterton Rovers in the Cambs. Football League (Div. III), which should have been played at Swavesey on Saturday, had to be postponed owing to illness in the Rovers' eleven.

PERSONAL. 28th March 1924

Mr. William Henry Key was 79 on Monday, and, although "in his eighty," he is still wonderfully active, and his interest in his garden and his orchards is as keen as ever. He well remembers his 50th birthday, which fell on Sunday, 24th March, 1895, for on that day a tremendous storm the worse he recollects during the 54 years he has lived in Swavesey, played havoc with the houses, buildings, trees, etc., in the village, as it did in other parts of the country, and even carried the then sexton of the Parish Church "off his legs," when that functionary was struggling to get home after the morning service.

THE LATE MR. J. WELLS. 28th March 1924

The funeral of Mr. James Wells, whose death at Tolworth, Kingston-on-Thames, at the age of 86 years, was announced last week, took place on March 20th at Swavesey Parish Church, where for a considerable period he had held the office of churchwarden. The body, which had been conveyed from Tolworth by motor hearse, was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar of Swavesey (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) and the Choir, and as the procession entered the church the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played "O, rest in the Lord." The service was choral. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wells, Mrs. J. Mitham, Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells, Mr. and Mrs. H. Corbett (sons and

daughters, and sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding, Miss J. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hemington, Messrs. J., E. and T. Mitham, Master J. Wells, Misses B. and F. Wells (grand-children), and Mrs. Levell and Mr. and Mrs. Evans(cousins). The coffin was of oak, with massive bronze furniture.

ADVERT. 4th April 1924

Wallpapers, from 3d. per roll. Digging Forks, 3s. 9d. Ely Hoes, 5in. to 8in. Good Paint, mixed any colour to order. – Prior's Stores.

THE INSTITUTE. 4th April 1924

A games' tournament was contested at the Institute on Tuesday evening, between teams representing the Over branch of the British legion and the Institute. The visitors had no difficulty in defeating the home team at draughts and dominoes, but the Swavesey billiard players more than held their own, winning four games out of the six that were played. Scores: Draughts – Over 22, Swavesey 10; dominoes – Over 20, Swavesey 12; billiards – Swavesey 4, Over 2.

DROVE LETTING. 4th April 1924

The annual letting of the herbage of the droveways and roadsides in the parish of Swavesey took place at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening, by direction of the Rural District Council. Owing probably to the restrictions due to the foot and mouth disease, competition for the various lots was far from keen, and the total amount was the smallest for many years, viz, £15 7s. 6d. In 1923 the droveways, etc., were let for £22 17s. 6d., and in 1922 for £16. Messrs. Underwood, who were the auctioneers, offered at the same time, by order of the Parish Council, the herbage of the Recreation Ground, from the present time until December 31st next. Mr. Alfred Prime, sen., was the successful bidder, with an offer of £3 15s., 7s. 6d. more than in 1923, and £1 15s. more than in 1922.

THE INSTITUTE. 11th April 1924

The billiard handicap which has been in progress at the Institute was brought to a conclusion on Saturday evening, when Messrs. J. Hall (rec. 15) and W. Spolton (rec. 48) met in the final. Result: Spolton 150, Hall 106.

BAND OF HOPE. 11st April 1924

Bethel Baptist Band of hope brought a very happy and successful session to a close on Thursday week, when about fifty children sat down to a sumptuous

tea, provided by friends, after which a much-appreciated entertainment was given by the members.

CAMPANOLOGY. 11th April 1924

A plain Bob peal of 720 changes was rung on the bells of the parish church before the morning service on Sunday by the following: 1 Mr. F. Huckle (Willingham), 2 Mr. B. Hodson (Swavesey), 3 Mr. F. Gleaves (Willingham), 4 Mr. E. Williams (Swavesey), 5 Mr. F. Warrington (Longstanton), tenor, Mr. F. Hemington (Swavesey). Mr. Warrington was the conductor.

CONCERNING THE PARISH MEETING. 11th April 1924

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: The annual assembly of the parish meeting, which, according to Act of Parliament, "shall be held on the 25th day of March in each year, or within seven days before or after that day," has not yet taken place. Last year there was no meeting, the Chairman of the Parish Council being of opinion that it was useless to call one, as in previous years only one or two persons in addition to himself and the Clerk had taken the trouble to attend. I have ventured more than once in these columns to suggest that one reason for the poor attendance at parish meetings in Swavesey, except when some burning question is agitating the village, is the inadequate method adopted for calling them. As a rule the notice is written on inconspicuous pieces of paper, which are affixed amongst other documents, most of them out of date, to the notice boards of the parish church and the Nonconformist chapels, which few people take the trouble to inspect. The Local Government Act, 1894, would seem to call for greater publicity, for in Section 51 it is laid down that "a public notice of a parish meeting shall be given in the manner required for giving notice of Vestry meetings, and by posting the notice in some conspicuous place or places within the parish, and in such other manner, if any, as appears to the (Parish) Council, or to the persons convening the meeting desirable for giving publicity to the notice." Everything possible should be done to encourage the attendance of ratepayers at the annual parish meeting, for at that meeting the Overseers', Parish Council, Charity, etc., accounts should be presented, and ratepayers can gain useful information respecting the finances of the parish. Further, parish affairs may be discussed, and resolutions passed thereon. At the annual Parish Council meeting in April, 1923, the accounts of the Council for the previous year could not be presented owing to the absence, through illness, of the Clerk. Have the councillors forgotten that they have not yet been submitted for their approval?

FANCY DRESS DANCE. 11th April 1924

A very successful fancy dress dance was held in the New Memorial Hall on the 3rd instant, when about 80 dancers in costume spent a most enjoyable evening. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock, and continued until well after midnight. Mr. Hensher's Jazz Band from Cambridge supplied the music. The Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, kindly lent by Messrs. Robert Sayle and Co. Ltd., Cambridge.
(Full report in newspaper).

EGGS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 18th April 1924

In response to the appeal of the Secretary-Superintendent, 1,304 eggs have been collected in Swavesey for the use of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Taking the figures of the 1921 Census, this represents, roughly speaking, an egg and a half from each inhabitant, or five eggs from every house in the parish. The gift has been gratefully acknowledged by the Hospital authorities.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 18th April 1924

At a meeting of the Choral Society held at the National School on the 10th inst., Mr. E. Williams presiding, it was decided to suspend operations until the autumn, and to hold a meeting in September to arrange for next winter's work. The accounts for the past season, presented by the Treasurer, Miss E. Dodson, showed a balance in hand of £2 9s. 4d. The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the officers.

BILLIARDS. 18th April 1924

A team of Fen Drayton billiard players visited Swavesey on the 10th inst., and played a friendly match at the Institute, but succeeded in winning only one game out of the six contested.

SUMMER-TIME. 18th April 1924

It is credibly reported that certain persons in Swavesey, misled probably by the snowstorm early in the day, put back their clocks and watches on Saturday night, instead of advancing them by an hour, and in consequence of these mishaps on Sunday morning a member of the congregation of one of the places of worship in the village, who is conspicuous by the regularity of his attendance, arrived at the end of the service, while another parishioner took the family dinner to the bakehouse two hours after time.

OBITUARY. 18th April 1924

After three years of ill-health, the last two spent as an invalid at her home in Swavesey, Miss Grace Ellen Prime passed away peacefully, though rather

suddenly, shortly before noon on Thursday in last week. She had been able to go out on the previous Monday to see a relative who lived a short distance from her home, but on the following day a decided change for the worse set in. She was born in Swavesey 19 years ago last May, and was a daughter of Mrs. David Prime, Askew-row, and of the late Mr. David Prime, who for 33 years was employed on the G.E.R. permanent way staff, and for at least two-thirds of that time was a foreman platelayer. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the second anniversary of her father's death. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved mother and her family.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th April 1924

Although arranged in haste, the whist drive and dance in aid of the Swavesey Cricket Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, was an undoubted success both as regards the attendance and the financial result. For the drive, over which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., there were 17 tables in play, and the prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. W. Burton, Mrs. Bignell, Miss E. Prior; gentlemen, Mr. G. Goad, Mr. G. Whybrow, Over, Mr. C. Savage. Excellent music for dancing was provided by Miss Queenie Spolton and Mr. E. Williams (piano), and Messrs. B. and J. Sutton (cornets), and Messrs. D. Williams and G. Oakman were capable M.C.'s. Light refreshments of admirable quality, all given by supporters of the club, as also were the prizes for whist, were on sale, and so abundant was the supply that at the close of the evening a quantity remained for disposal. These were put up to auction, and realised about 32s., one jam sandwich, sold time after time, bringing in eventually 15s. The net proceeds of the drive and dance amounted to £7 5s. 5d. The club's season will open on Saturday, May 3rd, when the first eleven are to meet Huntingdon in the Turner (Hunts.) League, at Huntingdon, and the second eleven will entertain Willingham Reserves in a Milton and District League (Division II) fixture.

DEATH OF MRS. SHORT. 18th April 1924

Mr. Edward Short, the respected minister of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, has sustained an irreparable loss by the death of his wife, who passed away on Saturday morning after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. Short had been married for well-nigh fifty years, and had lived in Swavesey since January, 1898, when Mr. Short became minister of the Particular Baptist Church. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, the greater part of the service being held in the chapel. Mr. S. Curtis, of Southill, Bedford, officiated, Mr. A. Day, sen., and Mr. Z Parish, deacons, being associated with him.

WEDDING. 25th April 1924

The marriage of Mr. Ernest James Beven, son of Mr. William Beven, and Miss Alice Ding, youngest daughter of Mr. William Ding, Swavesey, was solemnised at Swavesey Parish Church on Easter morning, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Vicar, officiating. The bride, given away by Mr. Harry Wells, churchwarden, was attired in pale grey, with hat to match, and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Eveline Barnes, who was dressed in pale blue. Mr. Joseph Ding was best man.

VESTRY MEETING. 25th April 1924

The Easter Vestry meeting was held under the tower of the Parish Church on Tuesday evening. There was only a small attendance, and the only business was the election of churchwardens for the ensuing year. The Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who presided, again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as vicar's warden, and Mr. H. J. Wells was unanimously re-elected people's warden, on the proposition of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, seconded by Mr. W. H. Key. The Vicar, on behalf of the congregation, expressed appreciation of the services of the churchwardens during the past year.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th April 1924

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday were well attended. For Easter Day, the church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers by ladies of the congregation. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral), and the communicants numbered 126. At Evensong, the anthem, "Christ being raised from the dead" (Elvey) was well sung by the Choir. The collections throughout the day, amounting to £8 3s., have been devoted to the payment of the premium for dilapidations insurance. Prior to the festival the War Memorial Cross in the churchyard was carefully cleaned by Mr. Joseph Linford.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 25th April 1924

Preceded by a well-attended tea in the Schoolroom, a sacred concert was given in the Bethel Baptist Chapel on the evening of Good Friday by the Choir, assisted by friends from Over and Cottenham. The first part of the programmed consisted of the cantata, "The Land of Light" (Arthur Pearson), which was capitally rendered, the solo part being well sung by Miss Alice Norman, Mr. Jack Clark, and Mr. Scammell, Over. Mr. J. W. Williams was a capital conductor, and Mrs. Gautrey (Cottenham) an efficient organist. The second part of the programme was miscellaneous, and included songs by Miss Constance Goad and Mr. Scammell, duet by Mr. J. W. Williams, and Mr. F.

Todd (Cottenham), and a quartet by Messrs. J. Clark, B. Prime, J. W. Williams and F. Aldred. A collection was taken for the Piano Fund.

FUNERAL. 25th April 1924

The funeral of Miss Grace Ellen Prime, daughter of Mrs. Prime, Askew-row, and the late Mr. David Prime, whose death was announced last week, took place on April 16th at Swavesey Parish Church. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Vicar, officiated. The mourners included: Mrs. Prime (mother), Mr. C. Prime, the Misses Mary and Eva Prime, Masters George and Stanley Prime (brothers and sisters), Mrs. C. Prime (sister-in-law), Mr. J. Dodson, Mrs. P. Ding, Mrs. E. Brown, Mr. G. Hephher, Mrs. S. Kester, Mrs. A. Prime, sen. and Mr. and Mrs. S. Gray (uncles and aunts). The coffin was of polished elm. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

FANCY DRESS DANCE. 25th April 1924

A most successful fancy dress dance was held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, which had been prettily decorated with flags and streamers. There were about 170 people present, including many from neighbouring villages. The financial result was most gratifying, and the committee have been able to hand the satisfactory sum of £5 7s. 10d. to the treasurer of the War Memorial Hall Fund.

(Full report in newspaper).

WATER RISING. 2nd May 1924

Yesterday (Thursday) morning water was rising rapidly around Swavesey. The River Ouse and the drains were full, and, if more rain fell, there was every prospect of a flood.

WHIST DRIVE. 2nd May 1924

In aid of the War Memorial Fund, a whist drive was held in the Hall on April 24th. Seventeen tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by: Ladies – Miss Pook, Miss C. Goad, after a cut with Mrs. H. Burling. Gentlemen – Mr. D. Williams, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. H. D. Froment. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

“SPRING’S HARBINGER.” 2nd May 1924

A correspondent writes: The writer of the Bourn local paragraph in last Friday’s “Independent Press” may be interested to know that the cuckoo was heard in various parts of Swavesey parish at least three weeks ago. One bird,

when seen in the neighbourhood of The Manor, near the Railway Station, was being driven away by crows and jackdaws.

A RUNAWAY. 2nd May 1924

A runaway horse and cart caused excitement at Boxworth-end last week. Startled, it is said, by a traction engine, the animal bolted, knocking down the youth who was in charge, and then partly demolishing the wall in front of the house occupied by the Pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel. Continuing its mad career, the horse turned, or was turned, along the Ramper-road, just missing Mr. Robinson Mitham, who flattened himself against a high fence he was erecting, and upsetting his assistant, Mr. Charles Hephher, who, however, was not hurt, though a tool in his hand was smashed. The horse dragging the cart now "untumbrilled," raced along the road towards Longstanton with men in pursuit, but at the second turning ran into a ditch and was captured. The youth with the cart had a marvellous escape, for when he was knocked down he fell between the wheels, neither of which touched him. His face was cut slightly, and he was shaken and bruised.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd May 1924

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime, W. Twist, and C. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). The re-election of Mr. A. Norman as chairman was proposed by Mr. Twist, and seconded by Mr. Parish. Mr. Norman, however, said that having held the office for several years, he desired to retire, and he moved that Mr. Wood should be chairman. Mr. Linford seconded, and Mr. Wood was elected unanimously. Mr. A. Norman was appointed vice-chairman, and Messrs. A. Day, jun., and C. H. Parish overseers of the poor. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman reported that the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground had been put in order, and the ground attended to in other respects, and that the fence protecting the pitch was being repaired by the Cricket Club. The question of the public clock outside the National School, which has been out of order for a considerable time, was discussed. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already resolved not to spend any of the ratepayer's money on repairing it, and on the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. R. Norman, it was decided nem. con. That the original resolution should be adhered to. Mr. Linford did not vote. Attention was called to the dangerous hedge at the junction of the Swavesey-road with the Cambridge – Huntingdon-road, and the councillors being unanimously of opinion that the hedge in its present condition

constituted a serious danger to the public, the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the County Road Surveyor on the subject. Before the meeting closed a letter from Mr. R. Mitham was read, intimating his desire to relinquish the office of clerk to the Council, which he had held for 28 out of the 29 years of the Council's existence. After some discussion, and an explanation by the Clerk, in course of which he mentioned that he had been collector of the Poor Rate since 1878, it was decided that the letter should lie on the table for the present. Beyond the re-appointment of Messrs. Burton and Twist as collectors of defunct sparrows, the question of committees for the ensuing year was not mentioned, and the annual accounts of the Council were not presented. The accounts for 1922-23, it may be mentioned, have not yet been before the Council. The councillors were also silent on the subject of the annual parish meeting, which should have been held on or about March 25th last.

DANCE. 9th May 1924

An enjoyable carnival dance in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Henschel's Jazz Band from Cambridge was in attendance.

MOTOR CYCLE MISHAP. 9th May 1924

A motor cyclist, who resides, it is understood, in a neighbouring village, on Wednesday collided with the fence in front of Mr. R. H. Norman's house in Middle Watch, buckling the front wheel of his machine and damaging the fence.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 9th May 1924

At a meeting of members of the congregation of the parish church it was announced that Mrs. Adeane, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of the County, had kindly consented to open the garden fete, sale of work, etc., which is to be held in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday, 17th July, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund.

TOURNAMENT. 9th May 1924

In a games tournament between a team from Sutton and Swavesey Institute, played at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, the Swavesey representatives won three of the five games of dominoes, and five of the six games of billiards that were played.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING AND ENTERTAINMENT. 9th May 1924

Dr. J. W. Ellis presided over a well-filled school-room on Saturday evening, when the County Member, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P., was present, and an excellent programme of music, etc., was provided. In addition to the Member, the chairman was supported by Mr. R. Barwell and Mr. W. W. Light (agent). In the course of a forceful speech, Capt. Briscoe dealt with the position of the Liberal voters who were not in agreement with the leaders of that party in placing a Socialist party into office, and suggested that they should join the Conservative party. He also quoted speeches by Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, wherein they showed that there was little difference between the policies of the Conservative and Liberal parties. Turning to the question of Agriculture, the County Member said that the industry was hampered by the want of capital, and he was pleased to see that Mr. Garratt, the Socialist candidate, had said in his first speech in the constituency that it was necessary to attract more capital to the industry, but he regretted to note in a recent speech he had omitted to mention capital as one of the essential for agricultural prosperity. During the evening an excellent programme of songs was rendered, and a screamingly funny play. A vote of thanks to Capt. Briscoe was proposed by Mr. Barwell and carried with enthusiasm.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM THORP. 9th May 1924

We have to record the death, at the age of 68 years, of Mrs. Emily Thorp, widow of Mr. William Twist Thorp, and elder daughter of the late Mr. Henry Metcalfe, which occurred after a very short illness, early on Friday morning, at her residence, Grosvenor House, Swavesey. Mrs. Thorp and her husband, who died on February 13th, 1921, both belonged to old and well-known Swavesey families, Mr. Thorp having been churchwarden for several years, besides holding various other offices in the parish. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the body being met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) and the choir. The immediate mourners were: Miss Metcalfe (sister), Mr. Dennis Metcalfe (Whittlesford), Miss Sutton (London), Mrs. Beeby (Bournemouth), Mrs. Kidman (Great Stukeley), Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Metcalfe (Hilgay), and Mrs. Walter Spolton (cousins), and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorp (brother-in-law and sister-in-law).

THE LAST OF AN OLD FAMILY. 16th May 1924

Mrs. Sarah Netherwood, wife of Mr. George Netherwood, and sister of the late Mr. Thomas Prior, Stanton Vue, Swavesey, died in Cambridge, on Friday, aged 79 years. She was the last survivor of the family of five sons and five

daughters of the late Mr. John Prior, bootmaker, Market-street, Swavesey. The funeral took place at Old Chesterton Churchyard on Wednesday.

WOMEN UNIONISTS. 16th May 1924

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey polling district branch of the Cambs. Women's Unionist Association, held at the National School on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. F. Banks; chairman, Mrs. E. J. Warboys; vice-chairman, Miss Beaumont; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Page; hon. secretary, Mrs. Woods; committee, Mesdames F. Hemington, E. J. Mitham, Pettett, Walter Thorp, Misses D. Banks, E. Dodson and Paine.

DEATH OF MR. H. J. HALL. 16th May 1924

The sad news reached Swavesey on Tuesday that Mr. Harold John Hall had passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital early that morning. His health for a long time had been far from satisfactory, and about six weeks ago he went to Eastbourne. Instead of the change of air effecting an improvement, Mr. Hall became worse, and had to take to his bed. Last week he returned to Cambridgeshire to consult his own doctor, who advised his removal to Addenbrooke's, where he died as stated. Mr. Hall, who was 40 years of age, had spent the whole of his working life in the service of the G.E.R. (now L.N.E.R.), and for some years was chief clerk at Swavesey Station. A few months ago he was promoted to the Goods Office at Cambridge Station, but continued to reside in Swavesey. The funeral will take place at Pampisford at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

SWAVESEY'S NEW HALL. 16th May 1924

War Memorial Building Opened by Lord Lieutenant.

FINE VILLAGE EFFORT.

In the presence of a large attendance, the Swavesey War Memorial Hall was formally opened by the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, C.B.) at Swavesey on Thursday. The ceremony was the culmination of years of labour on the part of various willing workers, who are to be congratulated upon the splendid result achieved. It was a day that will long be remembered by Swavesey people, for not only does the new hall provide a lasting reminder of those who gave their lives for the country, but it will do a lot to make those who came back much happier. Swavesey was sadly in need of a place where social and educational functions could be held with the maximum of comfort, and here in the new hall this pressing need is splendidly fulfilled.

The hall itself is indeed a building of which any village could be proud. Situated in the centre of the village, it is built of red brick, and stands back from the road. A large ground floor room is capable of seating about 400 people, whilst there is an extensive balcony, which is fitted up as a billiard-room. At one end of the building is a platform, whilst an array of windows ensure good ventilation. In the entrance hall is the roll of honour, containing the names of the fallen, and of those who served. Beneath the roll is a fine laurel wreath, for which Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks were responsible.

For the opening ceremony the hall had been gracefully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Banks. The platform was effectively draped with hanging of blue and gold, whilst flags tastefully curtained the windows. Across the front of the Chairman's table was a Union Jack, whilst in the scheme of decoration flowers and greenery were not absent. At the rear of the hall is a piece of ground, which, it is hoped, will be used in the future for bowls and tennis.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The actual ceremony commenced just a little before three in the afternoon, when the Lord Lieutenant inspected a guard of honour drawn up in front of the building. This consisted of ex-Service men, and was under the command of Mr. E. Williams

The Lord Lieutenant had been met by the Chairman of the Committee (Major Robert Ellis), and after the inspection he unlocked the doors of the hall with the words, "I hereby declare the Swavesey War Memorial Hall open." The hall then rapidly filled, and the speeches were proceeded with. Major Robert Ellis presided, and was supported by the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs. Adeane, Mrs. Ellis, Alderman M. V. J. Webber (Chairman of the Cambs. County Council), Alderman J. Frohock (Chairman of the Swavesey R.D.C.), Dr. J. W. Ellis, Mr. Ellis Long, Mr. Robert Mailer (Swavesey representative on the Cambs. County Council), and Alderman O. Papworth.

THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said they could congratulate themselves on being able to advance their scheme that afternoon one step further towards completion. This hall was part of their memorial scheme for the village, and formed what he might call the utility part. The sacred part was to be found in the form of a cross in the parish churchyard. That being so, they were reminded once again of those men whom they loved so well and who were not with them that afternoon. There were those who said that the time for war memorials was past, but he did not share that view. He thought they should be often reminded of the stress of those war days, so that by remembering what those men did they could better meet the struggles which lay ahead. As one who served on the Eastern and Western fronts, he could say the most eagerly awaited days for

those men at the front were the mail day, leave days, and the time when the war would be over, and they would be able to return to their homes. The pleasure of witnessing that last day was denied those men, whose loss they were mourning that day, but they could bring them back in spirit by letting their thoughts go out in grateful remembrance. (Applause.)

The speaker welcomed the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Adeane – (applause) – Ald. Webber and Ald. Frohock, and referred to the active work of the secretary (Mr. C. Wood). He was also pleased, he said, to see Mr. Ellis Long with them, for it was on account of the generosity of a member of his family that the land on which the hall stood had been given to them. (Applause.) He would have been glad if he could have told them that the hall was free from debt, but it was not. The committee during five years had worked very hard and had raised £1,060. (Applause.) With the exception of £210 donations, the whole of this was raised by public efforts, such as whist drives and fetes, which was a fine achievement. There now remained a debt of £550. In this new building he felt they had set an example to other villages.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

Mr. Adeane, in the course of his speech, said he felt sure that those who had lost their lives would have approved of what they had done, because they had done something to make the old home happier. (Hear, hear.) There was no doubt in the winter the people in the village had a dull time, and this hall would help to make things happier. He was sure that he was voicing the feelings of all when he thanked the chairman, their secretary, and Mr. George Long, who gave the land, and the committee. It was a great triumph. He was sure that all who came to the hall would always be reminded of those who died, and that its existence would increase the happiness of Swavesey and neighbourhood.

ALDERMAN WEBBER.

Speaking generally of village halls and institutions, Alderman Webber congratulated those responsible for the erection of the hall, and speaking of the debt, said he represented a local body, and in confidence he would tell them that they were always in debt. (Laughter.) At Swavesey they would get clear of it, but the County Council never. (Laughter.) Two main essentials they would have to have, and these were trust deeds and a repairs fund. In the deed they should be able to alter the uses of the hall, and another clause should allow that when a trustee left the village permanently a vacancy should automatically take place. They also should have a clause about the right number of trustees, so that the hall could not get into the hands of one man through others leaving, and the trustees should also have powers to make

rules. The speaker dealt with the importance of a Repairs Fund, and said in conclusion that the uses of such a building were illimitable.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Dr. Ellis proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Lieutenant, and said they were more than thankful that he had found time to come that day.

Mr. R. Mailer seconded.

Alderman Frohock proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and said that Cottenham was lucky to have such a medical officer.

Alderman Papworth proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Sec. and the Committee, and said it would be much better to have a hall like this than having to use the School. He spoke of the work of the Secretary, and congratulated him upon his election as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr. Ellis Long seconded, and said that if Mr. George Long had been alive that day he would have been more than pleased with the way the hall had been built.

Mr. Prime Godfrey responded, and said that they had had a hard struggle at times, but they had achieved success, and he hoped they would be supported in the future. (Applause.)

The proceedings concluded with the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory," the audience being led by Miss Constance Goad, who was in her usual good voice, and the National Anthem.

EVENING CONCERT.

In the evening a concert was given to celebrate the opening event. Thanks to the energies of Mr. H. R. Ashby, a number of extremely talented artistes gave a first-class entertainment, upon which they and Mr. Ashby are deserving of warm congratulation. The concert was followed by a dance, at which the music was supplied by Miller's Cantabrigians.

(Artistes and entertainment in newspaper.)

ADVERT. 23rd May 1924

CHEST OF DRAWERS, Brass Rail Bedsteads and Mattresses, Sideboards, Windsor and Cane Seated Chairs, Carpets and Matting, etc., etc., can be purchased reasonably at Prior's Stores.

THE MEMORIAL HALL. 23rd May 1924

The opening ceremony of the Memorial Hall and concert in the evening realised a sum of £27 11s. 6d. Mr. Ashby and the Committee are to be congratulated on their endeavours on behalf of the fund.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW. 23rd May 1924

Arrangements for this years' show, which is to be held on August 7th, were discussed at a well-attended meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society on Friday evening, and it was decided to again engage the Cambridge G.E.R. Band, and to have refreshments and amusements carried out by independent firms of caterers and amusement providers. Members were reminded that their annual subscriptions should be paid to the treasurer, Mr. G. J. Paine.

SOCIAL EVENING. 23rd May 1924

A successful social and dance, organised by Mrs. Thompson, was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, and in spite of the bad weather, over 100 people were present. Miss Netta Mustill opened the programme with an admirably played pianoforte solo, and during the evening, songs were sung by Mr. W. Searle (Willingham), whose "barney Google" was loudly applauded and encored, and Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mrs. J. Coulson. The music for the dances was supplied by Miss N. Mustill, Miss Q. Spolton, and Mr. E. Williams. Despite the very low charge for admission, the organiser was able to present the trustees of the Memorial Hall with over £3.

PASTOR'S RESIGNATION. 23rd May 1924

Many of our readers will learn with regret that the Rev. Howard T. N. Ussher has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey. When first received, the members and seat-holders of the chapel unanimously asked Mr. Ussher to reconsider his decision, but on Sunday the deacons announced that the Pastor was unable to comply with their request. It is understood, however, that the resignation will not take effect for a few months. Mr. Ussher was pastor of Bethel Chapel for about two and a half years, between 1904 and 1907, and was re-appointed pastor at the beginning of January, 1916. In the meantime he had had charge of Baptist Churches at Oakham and in the United States of America. After the war had been in progress for some months, he returned to this country, and did good work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. tents at Fleet, near Aldershot. Towards the end of the war, Mr. Ussher again served with the Y.M.C.A., but this time in France.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 30th May 1924

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the special preacher being Mr. S. Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Excellent congregations attended, and good collections were taken.

Between the services there was a public tea in the chapel, at which a large number were present.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th May 1924

In the absence of the Pastor, the services at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Alec G. Mill, a missionary from the Congo. Mr. Mill's visit was of unusual interest, as he was accompanied by his wife, who as Miss E. Starte lived in the village for some years and was greatly liked and respected. Mr. and Mrs. Mill are returning to their work on the Congo very shortly.

WITHDRAWN. 30th May 1924

Under instructions from the executors of the late Mr. James Wells, Mr. Cyril Watts, auctioneer, St. Ives, offered for sale at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Monday evening, a freehold, newly-erected dwelling house, with cottage adjoining, large yard, stabling, etc., and garden, within a few minutes walk of Swavesey station. The property was withdrawn at £790. Messrs. W. J. and J. G. Taylor, 64, Sidney-street, Cambridge, were the solicitors concerned.

BILLIARDS. 30th May 1924

The return billiard match between Swavesey Institute and Sutton, which was played on Wednesday evening at Sutton Liberal Club, resulted in a win for the home team by four games to two.

DEATH OF MRS. WOOD, SEN. 30th May 1924

Our Swavesey readers will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. S. Wood, mother of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School, which occurred at Cuckney, near Mansfield, with almost tragic circumstances on Sunday. It is understood that when returning from church at mid-day she was taken suddenly ill, and was conveyed home. A doctor was summoned at once, but Mrs. Wood passed away during the afternoon. The funeral took place at Cuckney on Wednesday. The late Mrs. Wood, who was 74 years of age, lived in Swavesey from 1913 to 1920, and during that time made many friends in the village.

SWAVESEY GARDEN FETE. 6th June 1924

Yesterday's Effort for Funds of District Nursing Association.

SUCCESSFUL BABY SHOW.

In glorious weather a garden fete was held at Swavesey yesterday (Thursday), in aid of the funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing

Association. The effort took place in the charming grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey), and a good company assembled to do their bit to help a deserving association. Mrs. Cooksey, the hon. treasurer and assistant secretary of the local Association, was responsible for the arrangement of the function, and she carried out her task in a zealous and painstaking manner. There were a number of attractions for the public, for besides the stalls and entertainments, several competitions, inevitable on these occasions, were organised. Other features included a baby show and Morris dancing by school children.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

Mrs. Mellish Clark, of Cambridge, hon. sec. of the Cambridgeshire Nursing Association, performed the opening ceremony. She expressed the pleasure it gave her as a representative of the County Nursing Association to declare the fete open. They always considered, she said, the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association one of the busiest and most successful in the county, and they often admired the smooth manner in which the organisation was run. It was difficult to realise that it was only about 70 years ago when the first district nurse came into being at Liverpool, thanks to the generosity of a well-known gentleman. The movement spread, and at the present time there was no district in England or Scotland that had not a nurse within its borders. It was not until the passing of the Insurance Act of 1911, and when Insurance Committees came into being, that the members of the Cambridgeshire Committee realised how many villages there were in the county, which had not a district nurse. A County Nursing Association was therefore formed, and they had hoped to do away with all unnursed areas before this, but the war intervened. They hoped, however, that in the next few years, 27 villages, which at present had no nurse, would follow the example of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton. She had much pleasure in declaring the fete open.

Little Miss Lucy Wells then handed a bouquet to Mrs. Clark, after which Mrs. Cooksey thanked Mrs. Clark for her kind remarks about the local association, and said much of the success was due to the excellent nurses they had had.

STALLS AND SIDE-SHOWS.

The company then repaired to the well-laden stalls, where some brisk business was done. Those in charge were: Work stall, Mrs. Aldred and helpers; sweet stall, Miss Elsie Dodson and Miss Parsons; produce stall, Mrs. Burling and Mrs. Walter Thorpe. Refreshments and tea were served on the lawn, under the direction of Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Wilson, who had a number of willing helpers. The side-shows included: Hoop-la (in charge of Miss Banks and Mrs. Thurlow); candle lighting competition (Mr. P. Lees); guessing weight of cake

(Miss K. Banks and Miss Parrish); guessing name of doll (Mrs. Stebbing); guessing number of chocolates in box (Miss Crouch).

The half-hour concerts were well patronised, those contributing to some enjoyable programmes being Miss Cole (who undertook the arrangements), Miss Elsie Dodson and Miss Payne. Another attractive feature was a display of Morris dancing by the girls of Swavesey and Fen Drayton schools. The children had been trained by Miss Beaumont, the headmistress of Fen Drayton Council School, and the display given spoke volumes for her excellent teaching.

Decorated bicycle and children's perambulator parades, arranged by the district nurse (Miss Waters), attracted some good entries, and considerable keenness was shown in the girls' skipping competition.

BABY-SHOW WINNERS.

Many proud mothers of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton entered their infants in the baby show, and the adjudicators, Dr. F. Robinson (the County Medical Officer of Health) and Miss Bill (the County Superintendent of Nursing Associations) had a difficult task in deciding upon the winners. The youngsters were divided in classes, according to age, and the following gained prizes and certificates: - Class 1, 1 Derek Wayman, 2 Audrey Mary Doggett, 3 Frank Thoday; Class 2, 1 Geo. Frederick Brickwood, 2 Olive Mary Isgrove, 3 Percy Geo. Skelton; Class 3, Donald Norman, Barbara Mary Cook and William Kenzie (equal); Class 4, 1 Ann Shepperson, 2 Isla Margaret McDermott, 3 Mary Margaret Watts. The following were also awarded certificates: Evelyn Loades, John Mitham Hemington and Basil Simmons.

The funds will be further augmented by a dance, arranged by Mrs. Thompson, which was held in the new Memorial Hall in the evening.

ADVERT. 6th June 1924

GOOD WRINGER, 24in., 35s.; Varnished Corner Cupboard, 30s.; Walnut Rexine Suite, £10. – Prior's Stores.

A PROLIFIC FLOWER. 6h June 1924

A narcissus grown by Mr. W. Symonds, Boxworth-end, has eight flowers on one stem.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. 6th June 1924

While engaged in sheep-washing in the Ouse last week, a Swavesey farm worker immersed himself instead of the sheep.

WANDERERS. 6th June 1924

Two horses belonging to feast folk, which had been put out to graze in Cow Fen, Swavesey, on Sunday evening, were found on Monday morning near the stable in Newmarket-road, Cambridge.

ONE WAY OF DOING IT. 6th June 1924

Bicycles nowadays are put to many and various uses. Last week a young Swavesey man, having to take a shafted horse hoe from the village to a field some distance away, was seen riding his bicycle between the shafts, while he controlled his machine with one hand and pulled the hoe with the other.

CAMPANOLOGY. 6th June 1924

Two full peals Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the Parish Church on Sunday, at 10 a.m., by B. Prime 1, B. Hodson 2, F. Gleaves (Willingham) 3, F. Hemington 4, H. D. Froment 5, F. Warrington (Longstanton) tenor; and at 6 p.m. by B. Prime 1, F. Hemington 2, F. J. Mustill 3, E. Williams 4, H. D. Froment 5, R. Mitham, jun., tenor.

CRICKET CLUB. 6th June 1924

The dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Cricket Club, was a most successful function. There was a large attendance of dancers, the Swavesey Orchestra provided a good selection of music, the refreshments were ample and excellent, and the club benefitted financially to the extent of about £7. The duties of M.C. were carried out efficiently by Messrs. D. Williams and G. Oakman.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 6th June 1924

On the occasion of its 84th anniversary, Bethel Baptist Chapel was favoured with a visit by Dr. F. E. Marsh, of East London, who delivered two able and eloquent sermons on life and blessing to be found alone in God the Son. The discourses were rich in illustration, gathered from an unusually wide and varied experience. The attendance was good, many friends from surrounding villages greeting the doctor at the tea table. The choir tastefully rendered Barnicott's anthem, "Preserve me, O God." Generous offerings were given to the Church funds.

A CENTURY AGO. 6th June 1924

It may surprise some of the present residents in Swavesey to know that in a great flood in the year 1823 water very nearly reached the Blue Bell inn in Middle Watch, and that a man named Geeson was drowned when carrying, or being carried by, another man over the submerged stone rack in High-street,

which some years later was replaced by the present Turn Bridge. The men were on their way home from chapel, and the current was so strong that both men were swept away, Geeson being drowned. The Black Bank, an important defence against flood water, it may be mentioned, was constructed about this time.

LATE MRS. WOOD, SEN. 6th June 1924

The funeral of Mrs. S. Wood, whose somewhat sudden death was announced last week, took place at Cuckney Parish Church, near Mansfield, on May 28th, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and villagers. The Vicar of Cuckney officiated, and the service was fully choral. The immediate mourners were Messrs. C. and F. Wood (sons), Mrs. F. Wood (daughter-in-law), five grandchildren, Mrs. Humphreys (niece), Mr. T. Thrussell (nephew), and representatives of the Mothers' Union, the Women's Unionist Association, and the Women's Institute. The beautiful floral tributes were eighteen in number, and included wreaths from members of the family, the Mothers' Union, Women's Unionist Association, the Women's Institute, and from the agent and estate workers of the Duke of Portland.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th June 1924

At a special meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, the following councillors being present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, S. Prime and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), it was agreed unanimously that the proposed loan of £550 to pay the balance of the cost of building and furnishing the War Memorial Hall should be obtained from the Public Works Loan Board as recommended by the Council's solicitors, Messrs. Day and Son, St. Ives. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. C. H. Parish, one of the overseers, inquired whether Mr. Mitham was resigning the offices of clerk of the Parish Council and collector of the poor rate, and, if so, when. Mr. Mitham replied that it was his intention to relinquish both offices, and that he desired his resignation to date from March 31st last. A long discussion ensued, and eventually, on the motion of Mr. Parish, seconded by Mr. Twist, it was decided that an advertisement inviting applications for the posts of rate collector and clerk to the Parish council should be published in the "Independent Press," and that notices also inviting applications should be posted in the village. Other business dealt with included the re-appointment of the whole of the Council as the Fire Engine Committee, and the issue of a precept on the overseers for £25 towards

defraying accounts, amounting, it was stated, to nearly £50, at present owing by the Council. The next meeting of the Council is to be held on June 20th.

THE FEAST. 6th June 1924

No unusual happenings, except the birth of a child in one of the vans on Wednesday morning, have to be recorded in connection with the village Feast, which has been held this week. The "Feast folk" were present in full strength, Market-street being well filled with shooting galleries, swings, cocoanut shies, galloping horses, or to be exact ostriches, etc., and numerous stalls for the sale of many and various commodities, useful, ornamental, or edible. Except, perhaps on Tuesday evening, when there was a good-sized crowd, the weather adversely affected the attendance of visitors from other villages, and the downpour on Wednesday stopped all business and pleasure. Cricket matches, always a day-time feature of the Feast, have been played. On Saturday Swavesey suffered defeat at the hands of Fenstanton, but on Tuesday in a whole-day match played on Manor Field by kind permission of Mr. Alfred Watts, the regular pitch on the Recreation Ground being too wet, the home team won a well-merited victory over Warboys. To this result the effective bowling of P. Burton contributed materially, for in the first innings he took five wickets for eight runs. Both these games were in the Turner (Hunts.) League Competition. A friendly match with Over on Monday afternoon had to be abandoned in consequence of a thunderstorm. In the evening, a hurriedly arranged dance in the Memorial Hall was a great success. The services at the parish church on Sunday had special reference to the Feast, which probably was originally a religious festival, and at Evensong there was a good congregation, notwithstanding the wet weather. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the school funds, and amounted to £3 4s.

ADVERTS. 13th June 1924

APPLICATIONS are invited for the Post of Rate Collector and Clerk to the Parish Council of the Parish of Swavesey. Applications to be forwarded on or before noon, June 20th, to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Swavesey.

NEW PRAMS on show, latest patterns, concealed wells, 9/16in. tyres, leather lined hoods, plated handles, cash price £3 7s. 6d. – Prior's Stores.

LONG SERVICE APPRECIATED. 13th June 1924

Bro. Walter Dodson, butcher, of Plumstead, was recently presented with a handsome eight-day clock for services rendered to Court Queen of England, A.O.F., 3284, as treasurer for 33 years, an office he still holds. Mr. Dodson is

a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. John Dodson. He left Swavesey 50 years ago.

FLANNEL DANCE. 13th June 1924

A successful flannel dance, organised by Mrs. Thompson and friends, in aid of the District Nursing Association, was held in the Memorial Hall on June 5th. About 100 people were present, many of them coming from neighbouring villages. The Swavesey Orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. Sutton, played a good selection of dance music throughout the evening. Mr. D. Williams was an efficient M.C. Excellent refreshments were provided at reasonable prices. The financial result was pleasing, as after all expenses had been paid, the organisers of the dance were able to hand over to the Nursing Association funds the sum of £3 16s. 3½d.

THE ORCHESTRA DANCE. 13th June 1924

Owing to the uncertain weather and the wetness of the ground, the first of the series of dances, under the auspices of the Swavesey Orchestra, was held in the Memorial Hall on Whitsun Monday instead of on the Vicarage lawn. A good company attended, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The music was, of course, supplied by the orchestra, under Mr. B. Sutton, the conductor.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 13th June 1924

Successful Sunday School anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday. The day opened with a prayer meeting at 7.15 a.m., conducted by Mr. G. E. Canham, Sunday School superintendent. The morning and evening services were conducted by the Rev. Allon Poole, of Willingham Tabernacle, whose addresses were greatly appreciated. At a children's service in the afternoon, Mr. Poole, taking as his text verse 105 of the 119th Psalm, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on candles, illustrated by five different types of candles, and the children, who occupied the rostrum, sang special hymns, and two of them, Beattie Savage and Gwen Dodson, gave a dialogue. Certificates gained in the recent Cambs. Sunday School Union examination were presented to Richard Brooks, Winnie Godfrey, Kenneth Williams, Winnie Payne and Gwen Payne. Mr. J. W. Williams ably presided at the organ throughout the day. Collections in aid of the Sunday School were taken at the services, all of which were well attended, especially that in the evening.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 13th June 1924

The garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association, a necessarily curtailed report of which was published last week, realised £42 15s. 3½d., against £46 17s. last year, but if the proceeds of a flannel dance, organised by Mrs. Thompson in the Memorial Hall the same evening for the Association, amounting to £3 16s. 3½d., be added, this year's effort realised only 5s. 5d. less than last year's effort. (Full list of people in charge of stalls and competitions in newspaper). It was little Miss Lucy Key who handed the bouquet to Mrs. Mellish Clark, and not as stated last week. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the Swavesey orchestra, whose much appreciated services were rendered gratuitously. The duties of gatekeeper were shared by Messrs. Dean and Pontefract, both of whom gave valuable help in the work of preparation, and Messrs. H. G. Key, James Prior and W. Twist kindly lent horses and vehicles for the conveyance of chairs, piano, etc.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th June 1924

The meeting of the Parish Council, which should have been held this (Friday) evening, has been postponed for a few days.

CYCLIST V. DOG. 20th June 1924

A cyclist riding an ordinary machine, and holding on to the shoulder of a motor-cyclist, when proceeding along Middle Watch at 7 a.m., one day last week, collided with a dog. The dog promptly bolted for home, but the cyclist was thrown over his handle-bar and came a cropper on the hard road. Fortunately, he escaped with no worse injury than a cut knee.

FLANNEL DANCE. 20th June 1924

With the object of raising funds to clear the debt on the Memorial Hall, a flannel dance was held in the Hall on Thursday week. About 40 couples danced to excellent music provided by Hensher's Jazz Orchestra. Spot dances, for which prizes were given, provided variety to the programme. Refreshments were served during the evening, and a thoroughly enjoyable and successful dance was continued until after midnight.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 20th June 1924

The village of Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death, at the age of 89 years, of Mrs. Naomi Williams, which occurred on Saturday evening.

ADVERT. 27th June 1924

FOUR Large Copper Stock Pots, in good condition, for Sale. – At Prior's Stores.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 27th June 1924

The Swavesey district of the British Red Cross Society have sent a donation of £10 out of the district funds to the President of the Grand Gala and Pageant, which is to be held in Cambridge on July 10th in aid of the peace work of the society.

THE INSTITUTE. 27th June 1924

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute, held on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided that in view of the lack of attendance the Institute should during July and August be open from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. instead of from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. After August the regular times of 6 to 10 p.m. will be reverted to.

GIANT MUSHROOM. 27th June 1924

An Elsworth man this week gathered somewhere in the neighbourhood of Swavesey a giant mushroom, which measured 39 inches in circumference, 13 inches in diameter, and 2lbs. 3ozs. in weight. The mushroom was presented to a member of the staff of this journal, who reports that on Thursday morning a party of three, of whom he was one, had a third of it for breakfast, and found it excellent in every respect.

MOTOR VAN IN DITCH. 27th June 1924

In attempting to turn in Mow Fen Drove, near the Railway Gate House, on Saturday afternoon, a motor van belonging to the Peterborough Co-operative Society (St. Ives branch) ran head-on into the ditch at the side of the road, where it remained immovable. Fortunately numerous willing and capable helpers were at hand, including Mr. H. Hovell, a foreman platelayer, who resides at the Gate House, and Mr. S. Challis, captain of the Swavesey fire engine, but it was evening before, by dint of hard work, the vehicle could be extricated, jacks, timber, etc., having been used.

THE LATE MRS. HERBERT WILLIAMS. 27th June 1924

The funeral of Mrs. Naomi Williams, widow of Mr. Herbert Williams, whose death at the age of 89 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on June 19th, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown (Southall), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Norman (Swavesey), Mrs. Ernest Day (Walthamstow), Miss E. Day, Mr.

and Mrs. J. Day, Miss P. Williams, Miss Bessie Day (nephews and nieces). Her sister, Mrs. William Day, owing to the state of her health, was unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

DEATH OF MRS. G. H. CARTER. 27th June 1924

We have to record the death, after a long illness, of Mrs. Susannah Hawkes Carter, wife of Mr. George Henry Carter, which occurred at Harpenden on Sunday. Mrs. Carter, who had attained the great age of 80 years, had resided for over 30 years in Harpenden, where, by her benevolent activities and kindly helpfulness, she was universally respected and esteemed. Her husband is a member of a very old Swavesey family. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners included Mr. G. H. Carter (widower), his two sons, two daughters and daughter-in-law, Mr. J. Carter, Miss Mary Carter, Miss Annie Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirby (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. Frank Carter (cousin), Miss Alice Cattell and Miss Jessie Kirby (nieces). The coffin was of plain oak. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Reeve and Son, Harpenden, and Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

DANCE AND WHIST DRIVE. 27th June 1924

The open-air whist drive and dance promoted by the Swavesey Orchestra, which was held on the Vicarage lawn on Tuesday in ideal weather, was a decided success. For the drive, over which Mr. E. J. Mitham presided as M.C., eleven tables were occupied, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, Miss Cowlin, Miss Annie Norman, Mrs. Stebbing, lucky table, No. 9, Mrs. Lawrence (Cambridge); gentlemen, Mr. W. A. Bignell, Messrs. S. Clark, R. Godfrey; lucky table, Mr. A. Prime, jun. The prizes were distributed by the Vicar. The attendance largely increased for the dance, for which the garden was effectively illuminated by Messrs. Berryman and H. Prime with Chinese lanterns. The music was supplied by the orchestra. Excellent refreshments were on sale, under the superintendence of a capable band of ladies, who also rendered valuable assistance in the work of preparation. Ice cream, given by Mr. Freestone and dispensed by Mr. Berryman, also found a ready sale. The proceeds have been divided between the Parish Church Repair Fund and the orchestra.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th June 1924

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening at the Memorial Hall. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. W.

Burton, J. Linford, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, S. Prime and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman announced that the question of the loan of £550 for the Memorial Hall was to be considered by the Public Works Loan Board, on the 13th inst., but that no notification of the result had been received. The Council then proceeded to the appointment of a Clerk to the Council and rate collector in succession to Mr. Mitham, who had intimated his desire to resign. There were two applications for the posts, viz., Mr. Prime Godfrey, of Swavesey, and Mr. Harold Culpin, of Fen Drayton, and the former obtained the votes of the majority of the Council. The Clerk was instructed to send both applications to the St. Ives Board of Guardians, stating that the Swavesey Parish Council recommended Mr. Godfrey for the appointment of rate collector and clerk to the Parish Council. Mr. S. Challis, captain of the fire engine, reported that the leather hose needed repairing. It was, he said, wanted in addition to the new hose, owing to the fire hydrants in the village being so far apart. On the proposition of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Linford, it was agreed that the leather hose should be repaired by Mr. Challis. Before the meeting closed the following petition to the Ministers of Agriculture and Health was signed by the councillors: "We the undersigned, being farmers, smallholders and others interested in agriculture, of Swavesey and the surrounding villages along the Ouse, beg to call your attention to the unnecessary holding up of the water during flood time, whereby valuable land in the aforesaid parishes is flooded and rendered useless. Complaints having been made and found useless, we now desire you to make inquiry into this matter, and remedy the same as soon as possible."

A LARGE FISH. 4th July 1924

Angling in Swavesey waters last week, Mr. H. G. Key landed a bream which scaled 5lbs. 7oz.

OLDEST PARISHIONER. 4th July 1924

Mrs. Caroline Covell, Swavesey's oldest parishioner, will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Monday next.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE. 4th July 1924

The ice cream which gave so much satisfaction at the recent open-air whist drive and dance at the Vicarage was provided by Mr. Isgrove, and not as stated last week.

NEW RATE COLLECTOR. 4th July 1924

At their meeting on Friday the St. Ives Board of Guardians appointed Mr. Prime Godfrey collector of the Poor Rate for the parish of Swavesey, the appointment to date on and from July 1st. Mr. Godfrey had been recommended for the post by the Swavesey Parish Council.

A STARTLING INCIDENT. 4th July 1924

When passing the National School in his motor car on Monday evening Mr. Arthur Norman, Hill View, Huntingdon-road, was the victim of a startling incident. A ball hit by a boy playing cricket on the Recreation Ground near the roadside, struck the wind screen of the car, breaking it and covering Mr. Norman and the dog which was with him with fragments of glass. Mr. Norman fortunately was not injured, although a good-sized triangular piece of glass struck his arm. The boy promptly ran up and asked for the return of the ball. He was told there was plenty of glass in the car, but no signs of the ball, which, however, was found subsequently on the bonnet of the car.

WHIST DRIVE. 11th July 1924

In aid of the parish church Repair Fund, a whist drive was held on the Vicarage lawn on Wednesday evening. Nine tables were in play, and the prizes were won by: Ladies, Mrs. Bignell, Mrs. Banks, Miss K. Banks; gentlemen, Mr. A. Holmes, Mr. W. Thorn, Mr. R. Godfrey. Mr. E. J. Mitham officiated as M.C.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING. 11th July 1924

Villagers have been smiling this week at a little mistake made by an aged and highly respected parishioner. Asked by his son to turn the swaths of hay in a field adjoining Rose and Crown-lane, owing to a misunderstanding he proceeded to a field in Cow Fen, at the other end of the village, and turned the swaths there. The son on his return home expressed surprise that his father had not done his job. The father protested that he had. Explanations followed, and to his chagrin the father discovered that the hay he had been turning belonged not to his son, but to another man, who, it may be remarked, was far from displeased at having his work done for him gratuitously.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th July 1924

The sermon at the evening service at the parish church on Sunday was preached by the Rev. Anderson W. Wells, vicar of Whitworth, Rochdale, Lancashire. Mr. Wells is a native of Swavesey, being the second son of the late Mr. James Wells.

PARISH COUNCIL. 18th July 1924

At a special meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the mortgage deed and other documents in connection with the loan of £550 from the Public Works Loan Board to pay the balance due for building and furnishing the War Memorial Hall were duly signed. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham), read a letter from the St. Ives Board of Guardians stating that his resignation of the collectorship of the Poor Rate in Swavesey had been accepted and that Mr. Prime Godfrey had been appointed collector in his place, the appointment to date on and from the 1st July. Mr. Mitham asked when he would be released from the clerkship of the Parish Council, and was informed by the Chairman that his resignation had not been accepted because no letter of resignation was in the possession of the council, and as soon as it was handed in, the council would take it into consideration. One Councillor thought the Clerk should first present the accounts of the Council, which had not been submitted for the past two years either to the Council or the Parish Meeting. Other Councillors pressed for the accounts and the Clerk made a long and detailed statement mainly about rates and his duties as rate collector. Councillors protested that, although, unfortunately, they were interested in rates, they wanted the Council Accounts, and at length the Clerk gave particulars for the year ended 31st March, 1924. In reply to questions the Clerk stated that a precept for £25 for expenses incurred by the Council, issued over a year ago, had been cancelled as the Overseers "had no money," and that a precept for a like sum issued recently had also not been acted on for the same reason. At a previous meeting the Clerk announced that the Council owed between £40 and £50 for expenses incurred during the past two or three years, a considerable portion of the money being due to himself, and he added that the unpaid accounts included the Returning Officer's bill of costs for the last Parish Council election. Before the meeting closed Mr. Cole reported that Dr. J. W. Ellis had offered to have the public clock on the National School repaired at his expense, provided the Council gave him permission to do so. Dr. Ellis' offer was gratefully accepted. The following councillors were present at the meeting: Mr. C. Wood (Chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman and C. H. Parish.

OBITUARY. 18th July 1924

We have to record the death, after a distressing illness of nine months' duration, of Mr. John Smith, which occurred on Monday morning at his residence, Mayleigh, Swavesey. Mr. Smith, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. He was the son of the late Mr. Francis

Marshall Smith, of Tottenham, and formerly of Bourn, Cambs. Joining the Metropolitan Police on April 29th, 1887, Mr. Smith was attached to the H (Whitechapel) Division, and after 11½ years at Commercial-street Police Station he was transferred to the V Division, serving 12 years at East Molesey and 18 months at Putney. During his 25 years' service, he received the 1887 Jubilee Medal with 1897 bar, and King Edward's and King George's Coronation Medals. Mr. Smith retired in April, 1912, and the next five years were spent at Cherryhinton. In 1917 he joined the police force at the Peter Hooker Aeroplane Works at Walthamstow, and was also a special constable. In March, 1922, he took up his residence in Swavesey, where his worth and usefulness were quickly recognised, and he was elected a member of the Church Council and a sidesman. He also did other useful work. At the funeral, which took place on Wednesday at Swavesey Parish Church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated, and the immediate mourners were Mrs. Smith (widow), Mr. F. Smith (son), Mrs. Meads and Mrs. Tabor (daughters). The bearers were Messrs. H. Wells (churchwarden), E. J. Linford, jun., R. Mitham, jun., and W. Kester (sidesmen). The coffin was of polished elm with brass furniture. Mr. R. Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements.

SWAVESEY GARDEN FETE. 18th July 1924

Mrs. Adeane Opens Event for Church Repair Fund.

Mrs. Adeane, wife of the Lord Lieutenant, opened a garden fete held in the Vicarage grounds at Swavesey on Thursday afternoon in aid of the Church Repair Fund. The ground had been made very attractive by a number of tastefully decorated stalls, whilst there were many side-shows to hold people's attention.

At the opening ceremony the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presided, and was supported by Mrs. Adeane, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey, Mr. C. F. Banks and Mr. H. Wells (churchwardens), Mr. R. Barwell (treasurer) and Mr. W. H. Key.

The Vicar said there was no one present, he supposed, who had not worked hard in preparation for the sale to raise funds for the repair of their church. Their magnificent church, which was nearly 600 years of age, was so well built and roofed that it was only now needing extensive roof repairs. The roof had now got to be done entirely, and they all felt that it had got to be done in such a way as was worthy of the work that had been done before. It was not everybody even in this country that had such a treasure of architecture, and they showed their appreciation of this fact by restoring it in such a way that it was the old church still when they had repaired it, not a new departure.

The difficulty, went on the speaker, was in the size of the problem. Swavesey had, of course, done splendidly. The nave roof was completed the year before last at a cost of £800, but this was only less than a third of the whole job, because they had three roofs, each longer than the roof of any but exceptionally big churches. Their present business was the roof of the south aisle. This would cost some £1,350 as it is both longer and wider than the central roof which they had done. After that there loomed in the further distance the north aisle roof, which would cost £550. But this £1,350 was their immediate concern. In the last 18 months they had raised nearly £300. The immediate want, therefore, was £1,000, and he hoped that day they would see £100 of it.

Later on they would try to get what outside help they could from the diocese and county. And they might very reasonably help them with their big burden, because this church was one of the ornaments of the county. Travelling by train, it was a very common thing to hear the people in the carriage draw attention to the church, and say how fine and splendid it was. And therefore they felt it the more appropriate that they had been successful in getting the consent of Mrs. Adeane to come and declare the sale open. They felt that she did in a real way represent the county of Cambridge, and represent its sympathetic and practical interest in the church which belonged to them in particular, but to the county as well.

MRS. ADEANE.

Declaring the sale open, Mrs. Adeane said that it gave her great pleasure to be in Swavesey that day. She could look back upon pleasant memories of previous visits to the village, and she was glad to be there again, especially on such an occasion as that, which was to help to provide the funds to repair their beautiful 14th century church. It was wonderful to think that they had some of these old churches standing to-day, and it was remarkable what Swavesey people had done for their church in the short time of 18 months. She knew what it meant to have to work for these things, but she knew that they would be rewarded if they had a good sum that day. She hoped they would have a successful fete. (Applause.)

Mrs. Adeane was then presented with a beautiful bouquet by the Vicar's daughter, little Miss Jill Stebbing.

Mr. R. Barwell proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Adeane for kindly attending, and, whilst confessing that as treasurer he did not know from where the money had come, he urged the people to stick to their work and then they would not be long in getting all the money required.

During the day music was supplied by the Swavesey orchestra, whilst a one-act humorous play, "Uncle Ben" was given under the direction of Mr. R. Barwell. The latter took place in the War Memorial Hall owing to the wet. (There then follows a list of helpers, stalls, side-shows and competitions.)

OBITUARY. 25th July 1924

We have to record the death – the fourth in Swavesey in eight days – of Mrs. Sarah Jane Hephher, wife of Mr. George Hephher, and daughter of the late Mr. James Prime, which occurred on Monday after a long illness. Mrs. Hephher, who was 57 years of age, leaves two sons and a daughter, for whom, with their father, much sympathy is felt.

THE SCHOOL CLOCK. 25th July 1824

In the report of the Parish Council meeting in our last issue it was stated that Dr. Ellis had offered to have the public clock on the National School repaired at his expense. This was not strictly accurate, as the cost of repairs is to be borne by subscriptions collected in the village, Dr. Ellis being one of the contributors. The misunderstanding arose through the application for permission to have the work done being made in Dr. Ellis's name.

GARDEN FETE. 25th July 1924

Although rain seriously interfered with the garden fete, held on Thursday week, in the Vicarage grounds, a report of which appeared in our last issue, the Parish Church Repair Fund benefited by the effort to the extent of about £50. Before evening it was evident that to continue in the open air was out of the question, and it was decided to transfer the play, "Uncle Ben" and the dancing to the Memorial Hall, and to postpone the miniature balloon race. One admirable performance of the play was given at 7.30 p.m., the hall being filled with an audience who keenly appreciated the humorous effects of Mr. Barwell and his capital company. Dancing, for which the Swavesey Orchestra provided the music, followed the play, and was kept up with spirit until a late hour. (Winners of competitions in newspaper). The balloon race was brought off successfully on the Recreation Ground on Saturday evening, under the superintendence of Messrs. C. Wood and Barwell. So great was the demand for balloons that the supply ran short. The majority got well away, but a few came to grief when being inflated. As far as is known at present, the balloon which travelled furthest was that sent up by Miss Juliet Stebbing, which was found at Ipswich.

FUNERAL. 25th July 1924

A large congregation attended the Swavesey Parish Church on Monday for the funeral of Mr. Peter Day Ding, youngest son of the late Mr. Samuel Ding, who died on Friday after a painful illness of some months' duration, aged 62 years. The Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiated, and the choir, of which Mr. Ding had been a member, attended. The service was choral, the hymns "Abide with Me" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er" being sung in church, Mr. G. H. Skeeles presiding at the organ. A hymn at the graveside had to be omitted owing to the heavy rain that was falling. The mourners included: Mrs. Ding (widow), Messrs. Charles and Albert Ding (sons), Mrs. Chaddock and Mrs. Jeffs (daughters), Mrs. C. Ding (daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Jeffs (son-in-law), Mr. George Ding (Oakington), Mrs. Netherwood, Mrs. J. Papworth, Mrs. S. Daisley (brother and sisters), and Miss Daisley, Miss M. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. T. Carter, Mrs. H. Wells, Messrs. J. Daisley, J. Froment, P. Ding (nieces and nephews). Mr. P. Chaddock, who journeyed from London specially for the funeral, was taken ill at the last moment and was unable to accompany the mourners. The coffin of polished elm was covered with beautiful flowers from the family and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham. The late Mr. Ding was a native of Swavesey, and was well known in the district as the possessor of a powerful bass voice. Of late years he had been employed as a roadman by the County Council. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DEATH OF MRS. T. W. CARTER. 25th July 1924

Swavesey has lost an old and most highly respected parishioner by the death on Sunday, after a long illness, of Mrs. Harriett Carter, widow of Mr. Thomas Watson Carter, and daughter of the late Mr. John Curtis, of Swavesey. A native of Swavesey, Mrs. Carter throughout her long life of 84 years was intimately connected with Bethel Baptist Chapel, of which her husband's grandfather was one of the founders and the donor of the site on which the present building stands. She was an ardent worker in the Baptist cause, and for many years was a Sunday School teacher and one of the mainstays of Bethel Chapel. She will be much missed. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the first part of the service being held in Bethel Chapel, the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. B. G. Knight, of Peterborough (a former pastor). During the service the hymns "Hark, hark, my soul," and "Our rest is in heaven," were sung. The interment took place in Swavesey Cemetery, where the late Mr. Carter was laid to rest in 1909. The mourners included Miss Beldam and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goad (cousins) with many other friends from the village. The coffin was of oak with brass fittings, and upon it were no flowers, as none were sent, by special

request. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

ADVERT. 1st Aug. 1924

THATCHING SPITS for Sale, any quantity, large or small orders executed. – Prior's Stores.

BAND OF HOPE. 1st Aug. 1924

The annual outing of Bethel Chapel Band of Hope took place on Thursday week, when a party of forty members and friends went by motor charabanc to Kettering, and spent a happy day at Wicksteed Park, where they took full advantage of the many and various amusements.

HELPING ADDENBROOKE'S. 1st Aug. 1924

This year's house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital amounted to £18 14s. 9d., and is the largest contribution from Swavesey under the scheme of the County Organisation Fund. Mrs. Cooksey (District Vice-President of the Fund), Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. Walter Thorp and Miss Gaunt were the collectors.

BALLOON RACE. 1st Aug. 1924

News has been received of more of the miniature balloons which were despatched from Swavesey on July 19. As far as is known at present, the balloon that travelled the greatest distance was sent up by Mr. C. F. Banks, which was found in the river Krammer, at Nienwe Tonge, Holland. Mr. R. Banks' balloon found between Ipswich and the sea coming next.

DISTRICT COUNCIL VACANCY. 1st Aug. 1924

Nominations for the casual vacancy on the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey Rural District Council, caused by the retirement of Mr. C. Wood, one of the representatives of the parish of Swavesey, must be handed in at the office of the Clerk to the Board and Council, St. Ives, not later than noon to-day (Friday). The polling, if any, will take place on Tuesday, August 12th.

FUNERAL. 1st Aug. 1924

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Hepher, wife of Mr. George Hepher, whose death after a long illness was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners included Mr. G. Hepher (husband), Mr. G. Hepher, jun. (son), Misses Grace and Doris Hepher (daughters), Mrs. S. Kester (sister), Mrs. F.

Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prime, jun., Mr. C. Prime, Miss Mary Prime (nephews and nieces) and Mrs. A. Prime, sen., Mrs. D. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hephher (Lolworth), Mr. and Mrs. S. Hephher (Lolworth) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hephher (Lolworth) (brothers and sisters-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. Robinson Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. The late Mrs. Hephher left one son and two daughters.

ADVERT. 8th Aug. 1924

SPECIAL Lubricating Oil for Binders and Mowers, sold at 4s. per gallon, at Prior's Stores, Swavesey.

HOLIDAYS. 8th Aug. 1924

The National School broke up last Friday afternoon for the harvest holiday, and will not be re-opened until Monday, September, 15th.

HOSPITAL COLLECTION. 8th Aug. 1924

Mrs. Dean's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of ladies who conducted the recent house-to-house collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital which was published last week.

DANCE. 8th Aug. 1924

The third of the series of dances which are being promoted during the summer by the Swavesey Orchestra took place on Saturday evening in the Memorial Hall instead of on the Vicarage lawn, owing to the wet conditions of the ground. There was a good attendance. The proceeds have been divided between the Parish Church Repair Fund and the orchestra.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. 8th Aug. 1924

Mr. Alfred Day sen., was the only candidate nominated for the vacancy on the Swavesey Rural District Council, caused by the retirement of Mr. C. Wood, and he has been declared duly elected. Mr. Day is not new to office, as he represented the parish of Swavesey on the District Council and St. Ives Board of Guardians from November, 1893, until March, 1922, a period of 28 years.

SCHOOL TREATS. 8th Aug. 1924

The children attending the Sunday Schools attached to the parish church and Bethel Baptist Chapel had their customary summer treats on Thursday week, and the weather being fortunately fine, both parties spent a happy time. The church children were entertained in the Vicarage grounds, and played games, etc., in an adjoining field, and the Bethel youngsters, after a sumptuous tea in

the chapel schoolroom, enjoyed themselves in a meadow lent by Mr. J. Day, one of the deacons.

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT? 8th Aug. 1924

A sparrow met with an untimely end on Thursday week in the ivy at the back of Dr. J. W. Ellis's house. Attracted by a continuous fluttering, Miss Ellis discovered the bird, which was hanging about a foot below a nest in the ivy with a thin strand of bass twisted round its neck. She called her father and his chauffeur, and the latter, mounting a ladder, and breaking the bass, one end of which was firmly woven into the nest, brought the bird, now at its last gasp, to the ground. By the doctor's instructions the bird was immediately put out of its misery. The bass was entwined round the sparrow's neck eight or nine times, but how this happened is a matter for conjecture, as also is the question whether it was a case of suicide or accident.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 8th Aug. 1924

At the annual meeting of the village football club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, it was decided that the name of the club should be altered to "The Swavesey Institute Football Club," that the annual subscription should be reduced to 2s. 6d., and that the first eleven should be entered for the Cambs. League (Div. III) and the Cambs. Minor Cup competitions, and the second eleven in the Histon and District League. Officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. F. Banks, R. Barwell, A. Beaumont, W. A. Bignell, Blinkhorn, W. Crouch, A. J. Freestone, W. J. Hepher, H. P. Moller, J. Mustill, F. F. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, F. W. Pontefract, T. E. Tagg, E. Williams and R. Williamson; captain, 1st eleven, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-captain, Mr. T. Savage; captain, 2nd eleven, to be appointed each week by the selection committee; hon. secretary, Mr. H. A. Holmes; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Aldred; general committee, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. T. C. Heasman, F. Hepher, S. F. Mitham, A. Prime, jun., C. Savage and G. S. Winters; selection committee, Messrs. S. F. Mitham and H. Froment, with the captain, vice-captain and secretary; groundsman, Mr. H. Froment. The club will start the season with a balance of over £5 in hand.

SWAVESEY SHOW AND SPORTS. 8th Aug. 1924

Good Produce and Interesting Events at Annual Function.

The Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's annual show and sports, held on the Manor Field, Swavesey, by kind permission of Mr. A. Watts, yesterday (Thursday), met with its customary success. There was a large

attendance and an attractive programme had been drawn up, including some particularly interesting sports, in which there was some exciting cycle racing. Notable cycling was done by A. Ginn.

Amongst the horticultural exhibits there were some good cooking apples, but dessert apples were poor. Soft fruit, owing to the season, was weak. By far the strongest were the vegetable classes, which included some good onions, carrots and runner beans. Mr. L. Peppercorn, of Lolworth, showed some model runner beans, and Mr. Haggard exhibited some very fine coloured kidney potatoes. Eggs were very good indeed.

The Cambridge Railway Silver Prize Band, under Mr. C. Steele, were in attendance and played attractive selections during the afternoon. They also supplied the music for the dancing which was enjoyed in the evening.

(Full list of officials and prize-winners in newspaper.)

CHOIR OUTING. 15th Aug. 1924

The younger members of the choir of the parish church, accompanied by the Vicar, paid a visit to the Wembley Exhibition yesterday (Thursday), travelling by an excursion train which left Swavesey station at 8.35 a.m. By the same train 40 passengers were booked from Swavesey to Wembley and 11 to Liverpool-street.

DANGERS OF HIGH-STREET. 15th Aug. 1924

Two little children met with accidents in the main street of the village during last week-end. On Sunday morning Walter Isgrove, aged 4½ years, son of Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, ran out of the door of his fathers' house to cross the road, and was knocked down by Dr. Ellis' motor car which was passing by. On the following evening Mr. J. Kester's youngest child, when playing with other little children in the road near the school house, collided with a cyclist. The small child was knocked down, and the cyclist, a youth living at Boxworth, had a nasty spill. Fortunately, neither child sustained serious injuries, and the cyclist escaped with damaged clothing and a shaking.

OBITUARY. 15th Aug. 1924

We have to announce the death of Miss Alice Mitham, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Mitham, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, which occurred early on Tuesday morning at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Miss Mitham, who was 49 years of age, was a native of Swavesey, but for some years had resided at Luton, where she carried on the business of newsagent and tobacconist. Owing to failing health, she returned home about six weeks ago, and her condition becoming worse,

she entered Addenbrooke's Hospital as an in-patient on Tuesday, 5th inst. A week later she passed away. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church this (Friday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and their family.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 15th Aug. 1924

The second annual show and sports promoted by the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held on August 7th, a report of which appeared in our last issue, was an undoubted success. The attendance is estimated at over 1,500, the "gate" amounting to £55 11s. 6d., about £3 10s. more than in 1923. As the time allowed for the open-air dance was necessarily limited, and far too short for the enthusiasts who came from far and near, dancing was continued after 10 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, and was kept up until the small hours of Friday morning. The attendance was so large that the room was uncomfortably crowded, and dancing was, to put it mildly, a matter of difficulty. The music was supplied by the Swavesey Orchestra. Mr. Walter Dodson, of Plumstead, a native of Swavesey, who left the village fifty years ago, but still retains a keen interest in its welfare and its people, has presented a gammon of bacon to be given to the Swavesey exhibitor, who obtained most prizes in the cottagers' classes. The gammon has been awarded to Mr. W. Symonds, of Boxworth End, who has 26 prizes to his credit out of 34 exhibits, viz., 11 first, 11 seconds and 4 thirds. The horticultural prizes will be distributed at the National School this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock.

ADVERT. 22nd Aug. 1924

JAM JARS selling very cheap this season to make room. Any quantity at Prior's Stores.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR. 22nd Aug. 1924

Mr. W. Symonds, of Swavesey, to whom the gammon of bacon presented by Mr. W. Dodson was awarded as the winner of most prizes at the horticultural show on the 7th inst., discovered on taking his prizes last Friday evening that he had one more success to his credit than he thought, viz., 27 instead of 26 (11 firsts, 12 seconds, 4 thirds).

UNPROFITABLE FRUIT GROWING. 22nd Aug. 1924

A Swavesey resident has not found Lammas pears a profitable investment this year. He sent eight half-sieves of pears to market, where they made 8s. From this amount 5s. 4d. was deducted for railway charges, 8d. for market dues, and 8d. for commission, leaving 1s. 4d. for the grower. Owing to illness, the

grower had to employ a man to gather the fruit at a cost of 5s., and therefore found himself out of pocket to the tune of 3s. 8d.

OBITUARY. 22nd Aug. 1924

The news of the death of Mr. William Stocker, which occurred shortly after midday on Tuesday, was received with universal regret. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but was not taken seriously ill until Sunday night. On Monday morning he was unconscious, in which state he continued to the end. Mr. Stocker, who was 54 years of age and unmarried, was the only surviving son of the late Mr. Harry Stocker, a member of an old Swavesey family. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Cemetery this (Friday) afternoon.

LABOUR MEETING. 22nd Aug. 1924

Called by the National Union of Agricultural Labourers, a meeting was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening. Mr. H. Hovell, branch secretary, presided, and Mr. J. Johnson, J.P., of Ipswich, district organiser, gave an address on the future working of the County Wage Committee, which will assemble for the first time in September. It was decided to revive the Swavesey district branch of the union, and about thirty members were enrolled. The meetings of the branch will, it is understood, be held at the Memorial Hall, the first meeting taking place next Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

THE LATE MISS A. MITHAM. 22nd Aug. 1924

The funeral of Miss Alice Mitham, eldest daughter of Mr. George Mitham, whose death on August 12th at Addenbrooke's Hospital was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The immediate mourners were Mr. George Mitham (father), Mr. H. Mitham and Mr. E. Mitham (brothers), Mrs. W. Thorpe (Notting Hill), Miss A. Abrams, Mrs. A. Webb and Miss F. Abrams (sisters), Mr. W. Thorpe and Mr. A. Webb (brothers-in-law), Miss A. Mitham, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Nicholson (aunts), Misses L. and May Mitham (cousins). The coffin was of polished elm, with brass furniture.

SANDY SHOW. 29th Aug. 1924

Record Entries and Many Visitors at 51st Exhibition.

Local Prizewinners:

Mr. A. J. Freestone, of Swavesey, took two fourths in the bread class.

BULL PLAYS HAVOC. 29th Aug. 1924

Breaking through a hedge from an adjoining field, a bull on Thursday week played havoc with the movable fence surrounding the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground. Charging the fence, the animal tossed the rails and posts high in the air, breaking or splitting many of them. Three or four children, who were playing on the ground, were fortunately able to get out of harm's way. But there might have been a very different tale to tell if the school had not been closed for the harvest holidays.

DANCE. 29th Aug. 1924

A successful carnival dance, organised by Mrs. Thompson and friends, in aid of the Swavesey Cricket Club, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The company, which numbered about 120, many of whom came from surrounding villages, spent an enjoyable evening, and the music, supplied by the Cambridge Syncopated Four Jazz Band, was greatly appreciated. Mr. Reg. Godfrey was an efficient and indefatigable M.C. The financial result was gratifying, as the organisers were able to hand over to the cricket club the sum of £2, when all the expenses had been paid.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 29th Aug. 1924

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday week. The proposed visit of the Diocesan Pilgrims was discussed, and it was hoped that they would visit Swavesey towards the end of the month. As the amount of the Church Repair Fund now in hand is over £150, it was decided to invest that sum in National War Bonds. Some valuable old oak has been acquired, through Mr. Bowden, the architect, for the future repair of the roof. The Vicar drew the attention of the Council to the custom that has grown of stonemasons inscribing their own names on tombstones, and a unanimous resolution was passed that in future this should not be allowed in Swavesey churchyard.

THE LATE MR. W. STOCKER. 29th Aug. 1924

The funeral of Mr. William Stocker, whose death at the age of 54 years was reported last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Friday afternoon in the presence of a considerable assemblage of sympathising friends. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, officiated. The mourners included: Mrs and Mr. Whitehead (only sister and brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, and Mr. C. Adams, Over (uncles and aunt) and Miss H. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Norman (cousins). The coffin was of polished elm and upon it were many floral tributes. Mr. R. Mitham was the undertaker. At the evening service at Bethel Chapel on Sunday the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher,

taking his text from the 84th Psalm, verse 10, made sympathetic reference to Mr. Stocker, whose sterling worth was well known, and appreciated by, all at Bethel. He had been most regular in his attendance at the services, especially at the week-night meetings; he had acted as sidesman and had rendered numberless other services to the chapel – in short, he had always been ready to do anything, no matter how small, he was asked to do. Mr. Stocker's favourite hymns were sung, viz., "Lead, kindly light," "Rock of ages," "Jerusalem, my happy home," "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and "Abide with me."

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' UNION. 5th Sept. 1924

The first meeting of the recently revived Swavesey district branch of the National Union of Agricultural Labourers was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, Mr. H. Hovell, secretary, presiding. There was a good attendance.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 5th Sept. 1924

Including a balance of £38 0s. 9d. at the bank brought forward from last year, the income of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society for 1924 from subscriptions and various receipts in connection with the annual show and sports on August 7th amounts to £164 0s. 3d., and the expenditure to £124 19s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £39 0s. 10d.

THE TURNER CUP. 5th Sept. 1924

The Swavesey Cricket Club 1st eleven, by defeating Huntingdon, at Huntingdon, on Saturday, made their position at the top of the Turner (Hunts.) Cricket League absolutely certain. They have played all their matches, and have only lost three, viz., those against Fenstanton at home, and Bluntisham and Hemingford away, while all the other clubs, whether they have completed their engagements, or have still games to play, have lost four or more. The Swavesey Club will, therefore, have the honour of holding the Turner Cup for one year.

A SPILL. 5th Sept. 1924

A curious collision, resulting in a spill, happened at Boxworth-end on Monday afternoon, between Mr. W. Crouch riding a hand-propelled tricycle, and Mr. A. E. Daintree on an ordinary push bicycle. The two men were riding side by side towards the village, Mr. Daintree being slightly in front. On approaching his home, Mr. Crouch apparently drew towards the left-hand side of the road, and in doing so his tricycle caught in the back wheel and mudguard of the bicycle. Feeling something was amiss, Mr. Daintree jumped off his machine,

and as he did so Mr. Crouch fell over with the tricycle on the top of him. The machine was quickly lifted away, and Mr. Crouch, who is crippled, was set on his feet. He had not been seriously hurt, but his shoulder was cut and bruised and he had a severe shaking. His tricycle, however, was damaged, one wheel being badly buckled. The back wheel of the bicycle was also slightly buckled, and one spoke was torn out.

ACCIDENTS. 5th Sept. 1924

While assisting in getting an elevator through a gateway of the property in Market-street, which was the scene of the fire in January last, Mr. John Hodson, on Tuesday afternoon, was caught between the machine and a gate-post. Fortunately the post was an old one, and, not being supported by a wall or fence, gave way, otherwise the consequences to Mr. Hodson, who is approaching 80 years of age, would have been far more serious than they were. As it was, he escaped with nasty cuts on his head and hand, the latter requiring stitching by Dr. J. W. Ellis, who, with the district nurse, was called in. Mr. Hodson is going on well. – On Wednesday morning Mr. George Brooks, Black Horse-lane, had one of his toes badly crushed when driving the engine of a steam plough at Somersham. He was standing on the engine with his foot projecting over the edge of the foot-plate, and his great toe, which had already been injured twice previously, was crushed by a grip attached to one of the wheels. He was conveyed by his employer in a motor car to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he received attention, but was allowed to return home. Yesterday (Thursday) morning, it was ascertained that the injured man had passed an uncomfortable night, and was in considerable pain.

THE REV. A. W. WELLS. 5th Sept. 1924

The Rev. Anderson W. Wells, son of the late Mr. James Wells, of Swavesey, who for some time was vicar of Goldthorpe, Yorks, but has recently been appointed vicar of Whitworth, near Rochdale, has received a hearty welcome from the people of his new parish. He made his first appearance at a public function on August 23rd, when he performed the opening ceremony at the annual flower and vegetable show, and on the following Wednesday a notable reception meeting was held. There was a very large attendance, and both Mr. Wells and his wife, who also hails from Swavesey, were given the most cordial of receptions. One of the churchwardens in his speech, referred to previous vicars, specially mentioning the Rev. Isaac Gaitskell, who held the living from 1825 until his death in 1877, at the age of 80. The son of a Cumberland yeoman and graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, Mr. Gaitskell was a man of great energy and resource, and was noted for his zeal

for the Church. The present church at Whitworth was built during his incumbency and the money was raised entirely by his personal efforts. He was blessed with a ready wit, for it is recorded that when he approached John Bright, whose birthplace was near Rochdale, to ask for a subscription for the fund for building the new church, he met with a refusal, whereupon he promptly asked for aid in pulling down the old church, and got his subscription.

A MISSIONARY'S EXPERIENCES. 5th Sept. 1924

Swavesey Man's Life in Equatorial Africa.

Interesting letters have been received from Mr. Christopher Day, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, of Swavesey, who is engaged in mission work in Angola, Portuguese Equatorial Africa. "It is a bit queer," he writes, "being all alone here, with no one but black folk to talk to, and having no news from the outside world for so long, but I don't mind it now that I can talk their language, enough at least to be understood. It is funny the things one has to do for them. If a child is born they always come for a name, and it must be a swank foreign name which they can hardly pronounce, or it doesn't suit. One fellow wanted me to cut his toe nails, not because he was too lazy to do it himself, but because he had no knife or scissors. Another man wanted an old watch put right. On coming out of school yesterday a party met me with a "word," as they call it, i.e., a grievance that needed settling. This particular case was a debt of such long standing that the old man, who was the debtor, pleaded 'it was of the ages past even before my whiskers began to grow,' and a big, strong man chimed in, "Yes, when I was a little boy." Then out came a long rigmarole as to the old man having paid and paid again so many baskets of corn and cassava root and so many yards of cloth, and how his ox and his sheep had been taken, and now to-day his "child," i.e., his slave, had been tied up and beaten and another demand made by the creditor for the debt. The 'child' was brought as proof, and the fellow, a big, strapping, full-grown man, certainly showed proof of having a rough time.

"They are for everlasting running around after old-standing debts; in fact, nine out of every ten spend half their time in this way, and they think nothing of going weeks on a journey to collect a debt of a few pence. I am frequently called out at night to cases of illness, and once, at midnight, on opening my door, I found a poor fellow, who during the evening had been gored by a cow while breaking it in for ploughing. He had come a five hours' journey on foot through thick forest to get his wounds dressed. I am sorry to say my precious pig which I was so studiously fattening has been carted off by a leopard, so once more I am left with neither fat for cooking or meat to eat. I was hoping

to kill the thing in a week or so, as I have had no meat for two months except a shank of a small antelope about a month ago. I badly need the fat, as I haven't a speck in the house for frying or anything. The boys set a trap for the leopard, putting in a live goat, but the beast was so furious at being caught that it smashed part of the trap to pieces, killed the goat, which was partitioned off, and escaped. My gardening is going on fine, in spite of hosts of insect enemies. I have some lovely lettuces, and my tomato plants are coming along by leaps and bounds. Brussels sprouts and cabbages, too, are also doing well, and I have two nice rows of Irish potatoes."

In another letter, Mr. Day says he had managed to get some lard at last, and had a teaspoonful of baking powder left, but would have to wait for the fruit to come in season again before attempting to make pastry, as only oranges were available and they were hardly suitable. He continues: "There are a few Cape gooseberries, or okasussua, about, but I am unable to get any sugar. I have been without it for a month or so. It is wonderful what one learns to do without in this country, first meat, then fat, then milk, then sugar, but in the Lord's goodness I am kept in perfect health. I love the heat, and in fact the thought of your cold, dark, sunless weather makes me shudder. For the last two months we've hardly seen a cloud in the sky, just glorious sunshine from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and we know we needn't worry about any rain coming for another three and a half months.

"I am hoping to see a bit more of the country during the next few weeks. Dr. ----, at Capango, has asked me to accompany him on a three weeks' trip to explore the country beyond the Quanza River. I expect I shall have to walk, but he will probably have his bush car. We should reach the Quanza on the second day from here, and after that have nearly a week's going through practically uninhabited country.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 12th Sept. 1924

Thanksgiving services for the harvest were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the special preacher being Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Beds. Both services were well attended, and good collections were taken in aid of the cause. A public tea, also well attended, was provided at 5 p.m.

CRICKET FINALE. 12th Sept. 1924

The Swavesey Cricket Club first eleven, who, as already announced, have achieved the proud position of being at the head of the Turner (Hunts.) Cricket League, will on Thursday next receive medals and challenge cup at the hands of its donor, Mr. H. S. Turner, of St. Ives. On that day a match, commencing

at 11 a.m., will be played on the Recreation Ground between the Champions and the Rest of the League, the latter team, it is understood, being captained by Mr. Turner. Lunch will be provided in the Memorial Hall at 1.30 p.m. and tea at 4.30, and at 7.30 a concert in aid of the Swavesey Cricket Club Funds will be given in the Hall by Mr. Turner, who will be assisted by friends.

THE SCHOOL. 12th Sept. 1924

The National School will be re-opened on Monday morning after the summer holiday. During the vacation the interior of the building has been thoroughly cleaned, all the rooms have been re-painted and the walls distempered. Various shades of bluey-green paints have been used for the doors, beams, etc., while the walls are white with a dado of bright bluey-green. The ceiling and window frames have been painted white. The work has been done by Mr. Mitham, Swavesey. The clock outside the school is being repaired, the expense being borne by subscribers in the village, and it is hoped will very shortly be in going order once again.

LOCAL CRICKET. 19th Sept. 1924

SWAVESEY v. REST OF THE TURNER LEAGUE.

A cricket match of considerable local interest, which was watched by a crowd of cricket enthusiasts, was played on Swavesey Recreation Ground yesterday (Thursday), when Swavesey, this year's champions of the Turner (Hunts.) Cricket League, entertained a team representing the rest of the League, captained by the popular Mr. H. S. Turner, of St. Ives, the donor of the cup which brought the League into existence.

Swavesey won the toss and elected to bat first, on a good wicket. A disastrous start, however, was made, two wickets falling for five runs. The following wickets also fell rapidly, only Johnson and Hepher showing any liking for the bowling. Goodliffe, for the visitors, took seven wickets for 13 runs, and the innings closed for 44. The Rest began well in their innings, 32 going up for the first wicket. Afterwards Goodliffe indulged in some hard hitting, and Harrup also batted well. The total score was 134. There was a large attendance at the match. An excellent luncheon and tea was provided in the Memorial Hall, under the superintendence of Mrs. Wood, Miss D. Banks, Mrs. C. S. Hepher and other ladies.

In the evening a concert was given in the Memorial Hall by Mr. H. S. Turner and friends, and during an interval the cup and medals were presented to the Swavesey team by the donor.

(Full score-card in newspaper)

ADVERTS. 19th Sept. 1924

ALDRED'S Harvest Sale commences September 27th, for two weeks. Bargains in Boots and Shoes, Blouses, Overalls, Flannellettes, etc. TONS of Sections, in good condition, for Sale, very cheap, 4ft. by 13ft., 6ft. by 13ft., etc. – At Prior's Stores.

ACCIDENT. 19th Sept. 1924

Mr. Sidney Carrier, of Over, a sub-ganger, L.N.E.R., when trimming sleepers with an adze at Swavesey Station on Wednesday, cut his leg just above the ankle, inflicting a nasty wound, which had to be stitched by his medical attendant, who was called in.

THE INSTITUTE. 19th Sept. 1924

At a well-attended general meeting held at the Memorial Hall on the 11th inst., Mr. W. A. Bignell (chairman) presiding, it was agreed that the Institute should be carried on during the winter months on the same lines as hitherto, and stewards were nominated for the winter session. The secretary was desired to arrange, if possible, a series of lectures on various village industries. A proposal to reduce the charges for the use of the billiard tables was not carried.

DISAPPOINTED. 19th Sept. 1924

A Swavesey cottager, the winner of the special prize for gaining most successes at the local show in August, had a sad disappointment on Tuesday when he could not find the splendid specimens of kidney potatoes he had selected for exhibition at this week's Fruit and Vegetable Show in the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. On making inquiry, he ascertained that they had been cooked by mistake for his Sunday dinner, and he then remembered that he had remarked on the exceptional excellence of the potatoes he was eating.

CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN. 19th Sept. 1924

In spite of the drizzling rain, an open-air meeting, under the auspices of the Cambs. Conservative and Unionist Association, held on the Recreation Ground on Friday evening, attracted a good attendance, about 150 persons being present. Mr. R. Barwell, chairman of the polling district association, presided. Mr. W. W. Light, County Agent, gave a short introductory address, after which Mr. Harry Bland, although handicapped by a severe cold, made an effective speech, and answered innumerable questions all asked by the secretary of the Swavesey branch of the Agricultural Labourer's Union.

HOCKEY CLUB. 19th Sept. 1924

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Hockey Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Miss A. Norman in the chair. The accounts for last season having been passed, the question of continuing the club was discussed, and, as an increase in the number of playing members was assured, it was decided to carry on. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, Mr. C. T. Marshall (Manchester), Mr. R. Mailer (Boxworth), Mr. W. A. Bignell, Mr. Blinkhorn (Swavesey), and Mr. Marshall (Over), subject to their acceptance of office; captain, Miss Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; secretary, Miss Vera Williamson; treasurer, Miss A. Norman; committee, Misses S. Daintree and B. Thoday, and the officers. Practice will commence to-morrow (Saturday), and the first match will be played on October 2nd, when the club will entertain the Cam Hockey Club.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 19th Sept. 1924

With the Vicar in the chair, the annual meeting of the Swavesey Choral Society took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance. Votes of thanks for their services last season having been accorded the conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams, and the accompanist, Miss Wilderspin, officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz., President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Messrs. C. F. Banks, G. E. Canham, W. H. Key, A. Norman, R. Norman, sen., and G. J. Paine; chairman, Mr. E. Williams, vice-chairman, Mr. C. S. Hephher; conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams; pianist, Miss Wilderspin; assistant pianist, Miss Spolton (subject to her consent); secretary, Miss Banks; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss A. Norman and Mr. H. Prime. It was decided that the society should meet for practice at the National School on Tuesdays, commencing on Sept. 30th.

DANCE. 26th Sept. 1924

A hastily-arranged dance, held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening resulted in over £3 being raised for the Hall Fund. The Swavesey Orchestra supplied the music and Mr. W. A. Bignell officiated as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th Sept. 1924

The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, whose resignation of the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel was announced some time ago, will bid farewell to his Swavesey congregation on Sunday evening. He has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Blisworth, Northants.

LITTLE CHILD INJURED. 26th Sept. 1924

While playing in the yard of the New Inn, Huntingdon – Cambridge road, on Tuesday, Henry Oakman, the three-year-old grandson of Mr. Edward Oakman, the licensee, was knocked down by a horse, and when he was picked up it was found that his arm had been broken above the elbow. He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he received attention, but was not detained.

MR. TURNER'S CONCERT. 26th Sept. 1924

After the cricket match on Thursday week, between Swavesey, the champions, and the Rest of the Turner (Hunts.) League, a report of which appeared in our last issue, a concert was given in the Memorial Hall by Mr. H. S. Turner, of St. Ives. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the audience was most enthusiastic, as is always the case when Mr. Turner is announced to appear at any function in the village. In addition to Mr. Turner, the programme was contributed to by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Miss E. Dodson, Mr. Barwell, and Mr. H. Topham, whose songs were much appreciated, loudly applauded, and often encored. Mr. E. Williams was a capable accompanist. But it was Mr. Turner who was the great attraction. His items included the ancient ditty "Under the circumstances," in which the names of various Swavesey people were introduced. This was undoubtedly the hit of the evening, for it "touched home," and encore verses were demanded again and again. Mr. Turner also gave two amusing sketches, one entitled "His First Case," while in the other he told of his experiences when in charge of an employment bureau, and he sang "The Bassoon," a song that evoked roars of laughter. The presentation of the cup took place during the interval, and in handing the trophy to Mr. C. Wood, the captain of the Swavesey XI., Mr. Turner made a short and humorous speech about the League, the cup, and other things. Mr. Wood suitably responded. The medals could not be presented as they had not arrived, but Mr. Turner shook hands with every member of the team, and he announced that he had enjoyed the entertainment so much that he would pay another visit to Swavesey before long – a statement that was received with prolonged applause.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Sept. 1924

A meeting of the Parish Council called specially "to sign and seal the lease of the Memorial Hall from the Parish Council to the Trustees" was held at the Hall on Friday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. R. Mitham). At the outset the Chairman announced that the trustees of the Hall, who had met that evening, had

declined to sign the lease as drafted, as they objected to certain words in the deed, which in their opinion threw responsibility on their heirs, assigns, etc. The councillors, after due consideration, also objected to the wording of the document for the same reason, and a resolution authorising the chairman, who is also hon. secretary of the Memorial Hall Fund and a trustee, to interview Messrs. Day and Son, solicitors, St. Ives, in the matter, was carried unanimously. The Chairman further announced that three of the trustees, who had either left or were shortly leaving the village, had resigned, and that it was the duty of the Council to appoint fresh trustees in their places. On the proposition of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Parish, certain parishioners were nominated to fill the vacancies, subject to their consenting to serve. Mr. Norman called attention to the condition of the roadway leading to Mow Fen Gate House. The matter had, he said, been discussed by the District Council, of which he is a member, and he had been desired to obtain the opinion of the Parish Council regarding the steps that should be taken to render the road usable by pedestrians in times of ordinary flood. After discussion it was resolved that the Council should suggest that a bank should be erected for a short distance on one side of the road, and that the roadway should be repaired with gravel. It was agreed that it was not practicable to make the road passable in the event of a high flood. The question of the resignation of the Clerk, which had been before the Council at previous meetings, was again brought forward. Mr. Cole proposed, and Mr. Linford seconded, that Mr. Mitham should remain clerk until the end of the year, whereupon Mr. Burton moved as an amendment that Mr. Mitham's resignation should be accepted forthwith. Mr. Twist seconded, and on being put to the vote four of the seven councillors present voted for the amendment, which was therefore declared carried. At the request of the Clerk, the Council subsequently agreed that the resignation should not take effect until the Government audit had been held.

DANCE. 3rd Oct. 1924

The first of a series of dances, which the entertainments committee hope to hold fortnightly during the winter months in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, took place on Sept. 25th. The Swavesey Orchestra supplied the music, and Mr. D. Williams acted as M.C.

KIRBY'S CINEMA. 3rd Oct. 1924

Mr. B. Kirby, whose cinema entertainments earlier this year attracted large audiences, gave the first of a fresh series in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Once again the Hall was crowded with an audience who thoroughly

appreciated this interesting programme, the chief item of which was the drama, "The Virginians."

EVENING CLASSES. 3rd Oct. 1924

It is hoped that during the winter months to run in connection with the Institute a series of lectures and classes following the syllabus prepared by the County Council for adult education in the county. A meeting of members of the Institute to discuss the formation of classes will be held this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that as many as possible will enrol, and so make the classes a success.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 3rd Oct. 1924

A good congregation attended the harvest thanksgiving service at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in last week. The building had been effectively decorated with flowers, fruit, etc. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Smith, of Histon, who also preached an appropriate and helpful sermon, was bright and hearty, and the singing by the choir was excellent, the anthem "Praise the Lord, O my soul" (Roland Smart), being particularly well rendered. Mr. J. W. Williams presided at the organ. A good collection was taken in aid of the church funds. Before the service, a largely attended tea was held in the schoolroom attached to the chapel, the arrangements for which were admirably carried out by Mrs. W. Savage, Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. A. J. Willson, Miss P. Williams, and Miss C. Goad. The gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., and a large loaf of bread have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT. 3rd Oct. 1924

Mr. W. J. Nicholls, a motor mechanic, residing at Boxworth End, Swavesey, met with a serious accident on Monday evening when motor cycling along the Huntingdon-road, near the New Inn. Dazzled, it is believed, by the bright head lights of a motor car, he came into collision with two cyclists, and crashing on to the hard road, sustained very serious injury to his head. He was conveyed to his home by the driver of the car, and Dr. Rose, of Willingham, and the district nurse, who were summoned, were quickly in attendance. He was removed later to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he remains in a serious condition, his skull having been fractured. Both machines the two cyclists were riding were damaged and one of the riders, Mr. Stanley Geo. Coe, an engine driver, residing at 104, Hemingford-road, Cambridge, received cuts and bruises to both hands. He also was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, but

after receiving attention was allowed to leave. The other cyclist, a Mr. Jim Cornell, escaped injury.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL. 3rd Oct. 1924

Bethel Baptist Chapel was crowded on Sunday evening, when the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, who had been pastor since January, 1916, officiated for the last time prior to his leaving for his new pastorate at Blisworth, Northants. Mr. Ussher did not mention his departure in his sermon, but made a slight reference to it in announcing the succeeding hymn, "Abide with me." When the hymn had been sung Mr. A. Norman, the senior deacon, entered the pulpit, and in a few well-chosen words, on behalf of the church and the village generally, presented Mr. Ussher with a wallet bearing his initials in gold letters and containing notes of the value of £30, together with a book in which the names of the subscribers were inscribed. Mr. Ussher, in expressing the thanks of his wife as well as of himself for the gift, said they keenly appreciated the kindly thoughts that had prompted it. Referring briefly to Bethel Chapel, he remarked that while desiring not to single out any branch of activity for special mention, he felt he might say that he had reason to be particularly grateful to the choir who had contributed so largely to the brightness of the services. He was not going far away, he added, and he hoped therefore before long to meet his Swavesey friends again. Mr. Ussher then pronounced the Benediction, and the service closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. and Mrs. Ussher leave Swavesey to the general regret of the village. That they are appreciated by the people is shown by the testimonial having been subscribed by all classes and all denominations.

ADVERT. 10th Oct. 1924

SOME Daring Aeroplane Stunts and a romance of love and adventure. See "The Broken Wing," Saturday, at the Memorial Hall. Look out for the best Squibs' Picture of all – Squibs' Honeymoon, next Saturday.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 10th Oct. 1924

Showing for the first time this year, Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, gained the following successes at the Willingham Show on Tuesday: White leghorn pullet, 1st prize; White leghorn hen, 2nd prize; Rhode Island Red, reserve; white eggs, 1st prize; brown eggs, 3rd prize.

WHIST DRIVE. 10th Oct. 1924

The first of the series of whist drives, which are to be held during the autumn and winter for the benefit of the Memorial Hall Fund, took place on Thursday

week. Seventeen tables were in play, and the prize-winners were: Ladies, Miss Oakman, Mrs. E. Tagg, booby, Mrs. J. Culpin; gentlemen, Mr. H. Careless, Mr. G. Brooks, booby, Mr. T. C. Thompson. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 10th Oct. 1924

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday, Miss Reynolds, of Woodhurst, Hunts., being the special preacher. On Tuesday a public tea was followed by a sacred concert, given by the St. Ives and Over Primitive Methodist choirs. Mr. W. Fuller, St. Ives, presided, and the Rev. H. P. Ellis and Mr. J. Day gave addresses. The services, tea and the concert were all well attended, and satisfactory collections were taken, in aid of the circuit and trust funds.

HOCKEY. 10th Oct. 1924

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey eleven played their first match of the season on Thursday week, when they entertained the Cam first team. Early in the game the visitors scored, but after that Swavesey bucked up and played a much faster game, but failed to score up to half-time. In the second half E. Heasman captured one goal and S. Daintree another, the latter five minutes before the end, and the match resulted in a win for the homesters by two goals to one. A word of praise is due to the Swavesey half-backs, whose play throughout was fast and strong.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 10th Oct. 1924

The parish church was effectively decorated by ladies of the congregation with corn, flowers, fruit, etc., for the harvest festival, which opened on Sunday. The services were at the usual hours, and at evensong, when there was a large attendance, the choir gave an excellent rendering of Elgar's anthem, "Fear not, O Land," and a striking sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Gardner-Smith, Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge. The festival was continued yesterday (Thursday), the preacher at evensong being the Bishop of Ely. The collections on Sunday morning and yesterday were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and on Sunday evening for church expenses. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., will also be sent to the hospital.

ADVERTS. 17th Oct. 1924

FOR SALE, Improved Paxton Maiden Strawberry Plants. – Apply, W. Large, Smallholder, Swavesey.

A Quantity of Good Cloth Rugs, pegged and machine-made, for winter use. All sizes. One price, reasonable. – Prior's Stores. 'Phone 3.

MEMORIAL HALL. 17th Oct. 1924

The second of the dances, which it is hoped to hold fortnightly during the autumn and winter for the benefit of the Memorial Hall Fund, took place on Friday evening, Mr. R. Godfrey officiating as M.C. An excellent selection of dance music was provided by Hensher's Jazz Band.

MISSIONARY EFFORT. 17th Oct. 1924

The Women Messengers, who are making a pilgrimage under the direction of the Diocesan Board of Missions in parishes in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe to stir up a greater zeal for missions overseas, will be in Swavesey next week. A service of welcome will be held in the church on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m., on Wednesday a meeting for women will take place in the parish room, and there is to be a public meeting in the school at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday.

BISHOP'S VISIT. 17th Oct. 1924

On the occasion of his preaching the harvest sermon at the parish church on Thursday week, the Bishop, accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. V. H. E. Ritson, arrived early so as to have the opportunity of meeting some of the church officers and workers. The members of the Church Council, the Sunday School teachers and others were invited to the Vicarage, and while partaking of a cup of tea were able to have a personal word with their Bishop, who was glad of this chance of making their acquaintance. In his sermon his Lordship referred to the extensive work that had been done to the roof of the nave, and spoke a word of encouragement for the completion of the work, which requires some £1,900 for the remaining two roofs. He also commended to the congregation the Pilgrims who will be visiting the parish from the 21st to the 24th of this month. The collections on the previous Sunday (Evensong excepted), and on the Thursday amounted to £7 3s., and with the offerings of fruit and vegetables were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. On the Sunday afternoon there was the usual children's flower service, the gifts of flowers and fruit being subsequently sent to St. Ives infirmary.

HOCKEY. 17th Oct. 1924

CAM v. SWAVESEY LADIES.

Cam 3, Swavesey 1.

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club were entertained by the Cam first eleven at Cambridge on Thursday last. Swavesey won the toss. A fairly even

struggle ensued, but the Cam gained the lead after 20 minutes' play. Swavesey, after this reverse, played up, and tried hard to get on equal terms, but the Cam had a very strong defence. Before half-time, the Cam scored again, leaving the score 2 – 0 in their favour.

After the change of ends, in their eagerness, both sets of forwards were prone to get offside. Cam forced several corners, but failed to score, and Swavesey, too, had several opportunities but were hesitant in front of goal. The Cam forwards were especially vigorous in attack, and scored another goal. At this stage Swavesey began to show better hockey and certainly greater determination, and Miss K. Banks scored the only goal for Swavesey.

ADVERTS. 24th Oct. 1924

BRISCOE stands for the Union Jack and Our Empire.

TO-MORROW (Saturday), Sensation, Thrills and Passion, with a sprinkling of Tears, in "A Strong Man's Love," at the Memorial Hall, at 7.15. next Saturday, a splendid Love Drama, "Mothers-in-Law."

MEMORIAL HALL. 24th Oct. 1924

The prizes at the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall on the 16th inst. were won by: Ladies, Mrs. B. Prior, Miss L. Whybrow, Mrs. H. G. Key; gentlemen, Mr. H. Burton, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. T. C. Heasman. The duties of M.C. were undertaken by Mr. T. C. Heasman.

SPILL IN MARKET-STREET. 24th Oct. 1924

An accident, fortunately not attended by serious consequences, occurred in Market-street last Friday afternoon, when Mr. Joseph Froment, cycling out of High-street, came into collision with a pony attached to a buggy driven by Mr. James Norman, of Over, who turned into the street from Church End. Mr. Froment was thrown to the ground and the pony fell on the top of him. He was able to keep the animal under control by holding on to its ear until Messrs. P. Godfrey, R. Hephew and P. Spring, who witnessed the accident, ran up and released him from his precarious position. Mr. Froment escaped with a shaking and bruised on his legs and head. The pony was not injured.

HOCKEY. 24th Oct. 1924

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team were entertained by the Fenstanton ladies at Fenstanton on Saturday. Winning the toss, the Swavesey forwards swept down the field in a lovely movement, which had the defence completely beaten, and Miss V. Williamson shot the first goal for Swavesey. The game

was very open, and the fast moving Swavesey forwards made some dangerous raids on the Fenstanton defences, but failed to score again in the first half. The second half was opened with Swavesey pressing very hard, and the Fenstanton goalkeeper was called on to save several good shots. The game began to get very rough, fouls being frequent, when a sweeping movement was made by the visitors two minutes before the final whistle, which took the forwards clean through, and Miss K. Banks scored another goal for Swavesey. The game ended in a win for the visitors by 2 – 0.

WEDDING. 24th Oct. 1924

The marriage took place on Saturday afternoon at Swavesey parish church of Mr. Charles Henry Dilley, eldest son of Mr. H. E. Dilley, Dry Drayton, and Miss Evelyn May Symonds, eldest daughter of Mr. William Symonds, Swavesey. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing (vicar) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white silk georgette and a bridal veil with orange blossom and white heather, and she carried a sheaf of white chrysanthemums and ferns. She was attended by four bridesmaids, her sisters, Misses Vera, Florrie and Edie Symonds, and Miss Ivy Prior. The first-named and Miss Prior were attired in saxe blue satin stella, with head bandeaux of silver leaves, and they carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Misses F. and E. Symonds wore shell pink dresses and carried baskets of white chrysanthemums and fern. Mr. Jack Symonds, brother of the bride, was best man. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents after the ceremony. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a tea service from the bride's fellow workers at Messrs. Chivers' factory.

POLITICAL MEETING. 24th Oct. 1924

At Swavesey the meeting in the Memorial Hall was presided over by Mr. R. Barwell. There was a "full house." Speeches were delivered by Sir Geoffrey Butler and the Rev. Swan Mason.

Captain Briscoe spoke in the same strain as at Elsworth. When he referred to nationalisation of the land and State farming, a member of the audience told him not to tell stories, but that co-operation was the current expression. (Laughter)

Capt. Briscoe said that to the best of his belief that it was nationalisation of the land and State farming that the Socialists stood for. At the close of his address he thanked the audience for giving him a fair hearing and trusted his supporters would be fair to his opponent. (Applause.)

A questioner asked the candidate if he believed the machinery that was set up on behalf of the railway men by the Conservative Government had worked

well? Did he believe that machinery to adjust hours and wages worked well to-day?

Capt. Briscoe: I believe it was a very good endeavour to try and make it right. Why did you vote against the same thing that was asked on behalf of the agricultural labourer? – It is not the same thing.

Questioned as to the Agricultural Wages Boards, Capt. Briscoe re-iterated that the Conservatives did everything they could to give full powers to their local Boards and that he believed they were acting in the best interests of the industry. He explained that if the County Board could not come to a decision in two months they could apply to the Central Board, but that Board could not reverse decisions.

We have not got a Central Board? – Yes you have.

No! No! – Oh, but I am sorry, you have. (Laughter.)

You are a strong advocate of tariff reform, I take it?

Capt. Briscoe at first replied that he had already dealt with that but, pressed for a reply, he said, “At the moment, no.” (Laughter.)

On the proposition of Mr. Ellis a vote of thanks was accorded the speakers and the candidate.

The meeting closed with “three cheers” for the candidate, mingled with boos and cat-calls.

THE ELECTION. 31st Oct. 1924

Three hundred and ninety-four of the 625 electors on the register in the Swavesey polling district (Swavesey and Fen Drayton) voted on Wednesday.

WHITE RIBBONERS. 31st Oct. 1924

A meeting was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday afternoon in last week, in connection with the Little White Ribboners, at which Miss Easter, L.W.R. superintendent, who presided, gave an address to the mothers. Tea followed the meeting, 80 mothers and babies being present, and after the tables had been cleared, the children recited and played games, and spent an enjoyable time. Twenty new babies were enrolled.

MEMORIAL HALL. 31st Oct. 1924

The third of a series of dances which are being held every fortnight during the autumn and winter in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, took place on the 23rd inst., Albert Smith’s Jazz Band providing a capital selection of dance music. Mr. R. Godfrey officiated as M.C., and excellent light refreshments were supplied under the superintendence of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Thurlow.

MISSIONARY PILGRIMS. 31st Oct. 1924

The women messengers, who are making a pilgrimage in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe, under the direction of the Diocesan Board of Missions, visited Swavesey, from Tuesday until Friday in last week. A service of welcome was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating in the absence through illness of the vicar. On Wednesday afternoon there was a meeting for women in the parish room, and on Thursday evening a public meeting in the National School, at which a general survey of missionary work was given by Miss Wise (Pilgrim Frances), and a short address on missionary work in Africa by Miss Rutter (Pilgrim Helena). A house to house visitation was also made by the Pilgrims with the object of stirring up greater interest in missionary effort abroad.

LECTURES. 31st Oct. 1924

The following lectures, under the auspices of the County Education Committee, have been arranged for Swavesey, viz., Great men of history, by Miss Wiskerman, History Lecturer, Newham College; and Renovations, by Miss Mackay. The history course will commence on Tuesday next, and the renovation course on the following evening. Both lectures will be given at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Classes in Drama, to be taken by a member of the University Dramatic Society will, it is hoped, also start on Wednesday evening, and after Christmas a class is to be held on First Aid. It is hoped shortly to arrange for lectures on horticulture and agriculture. All these lectures are open to any person in the village, whether a member of the Institute or not. A meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall this (Friday) evening for the purpose of taking the names of persons desirous of joining the classes.

HOCKEY. 31st Oct. 1924

WILLINGHAM LADIES v. SWAVESEY LADIES.

Swavesey 3, Willingham 2.

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team were entertained by the Willingham ladies on Saturday. Willingham won the toss, and for some time did most of the pressing, but the visitors' defence was sound. Eventually Willingham attacked, and after a general bombardment scored the first goal. The visiting custodian was having a fairly busy time, although the play was very even, when Miss N. Parish shot the first goal for Swavesey. At half-time the scores were equal.

On change of ends the Swavesey forwards became a little more lively, but several likely attacks broke down through misunderstanding. When the half

was ten minutes old Miss N. Parish scored the second goal for Swavesey. Willingham roused up after this reverse, but the Swavesey defence was on top every time. The play had been in progress 20 minutes before Swavesey was put to the test, and there was some excitement near the Swavesey goal, and Miss J. Kirby scored with a good shot. The Willingham goalkeeper made a most marvellous save, and Willingham scored once more before the final whistle.

ADVERTS. 7th Nov. 1924

BARNWELL'S S.P.F. Laying Meal, the best egg and health producing poultry food, 17s. 6d. cwt. – Swavesey Poultry Farm.

TO-MORROW NIGHT (Saturday), at Memorial Hall, we shall have the laugh of our lives with Potash and Perimutter. Next Saturday we are to see William Desmond in a red-blooded romance of the Canadian North-West Gold Trails, "Shadows of the North."

SWANS. 7th Nov. 1924

Nearly the whole of Mere Fen is under water, and swans are to be seen there.

MEMORIAL HALL. 7th Nov. 1924

The prizewinners at the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall on October 30th were: Ladies, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. E. Holiday, Mrs. H. G. Key. Gentlemen – Mr. J. Prewer, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. D. Williams. Mr. Heasman acted as M.C.

CAPT. BRISCOE, M.P. 7th Nov. 1924

A crowd of about 100 people gathered outside the Memorial Hall gave Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P., an enthusiastic reception on Wednesday afternoon, when he paid a flying visit to Swavesey in the course of his tour round his constituency.

BOY INJURED. 7th Nov. 1924

Gordon Kidman, a lad employed by Mr. Stanley Badcock, of Cottenham, while delivering vegetables in Swavesey on Tuesday week slipped from the step of the lorry, and one of the front wheels ran over his leg. Fortunately no bones were broken, but the limb was seriously injured. The lad was conveyed by motor car to his home in Cottenham, and thence to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained. He is progressing favourably.

IN MEMORIAM. 7th Nov. 1924

In commemoration of the 26 men of Swavesey who made the supreme sacrifice in the war, their names, in accordance with established custom, were read out at the evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday (All Soul's Day), and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who officiated in the absence, through illness, of the Vicar, preached an appropriate sermon. Next Tuesday morning (Armistice Day) the tenor bell will be tolled 26 times at 11 o'clock.

LECTURES. 7th Nov. 1924

The courses of lectures at the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the County Education Committee, started well this week, both the history lecture on Tuesday by Miss Wiskerman, of Newnham College, and the lecture on renovations, by Miss MacKay, on Wednesday, being well attended. This (Friday), evening Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser, will give his first lecture at 7.30 p.m., and his subject will be artificial manures, their use and valuation. Lectures on agriculture and horticulture, for which no charge is made, will be given on alternate Fridays, the former by Mr. Sayce and the latter by Mr. A. T. Paskett.

ARMISTICE DAY. 14th Nov. 1924

During the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day the big bell of the Parish Church was tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. On the front of the memorial cross in the Churchyard a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the local branch of the British Legion was hung, and around the base of the cross there were other floral tributes, including a beautiful wreath of white flowers from the young widow of Pte. Joseph Barker Parish, 1st East Kent Regiment, who, desperately wounded on October 30th, 1918, died on the day Armistice was signed. A large wreath from the British Legion was also placed on the Roll of Honour at the Memorial Hall. The commemoration of the fallen took place at the Parish Church this year on Sunday, November 2nd.

ADVERT. 14th Nov. 1924

TO-MORROW (Saturday), 7.15, at Memorial Hall. A Thrilling Romance. A picture that will linger in your memory, "Shadows of the North," starring William Desmond. Also Harold Lloyd (comic), Pathe News, Felix the Cat, Eve's Review, and a 2-part Christie Comedy.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th Nov. 1924

Sermons on behalf of the National Society for Promoting Education in the Principles of the Church of England were preached at the parish church on Sunday morning and evening. The collections amounted to £2 15s. 5d.

NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION. 14th Nov. 1924

Eight out of the 10 children attending Swavesey National School who entered for the Watkin Needlework Competition, 1924, have been awarded prizes, viz., Class C, Minnie Bull (7s. 6d), Leah Spearman, Lily Spearman, Gwen Dodson, and Ruby Williams (2s. 6d. each); Class B, Violet Carrier, May Parish and Vida Parish.

AN UNFORTUNATE CHILD. 14th Nov. 1924

Henry Oakman, the three-year-old grandson of Mr. E. Oakman, licensee of the New Inn, Huntingdon-road, whose arm was broken by a horse on Sept. 23rd, again fractured the bone on Friday through a fall from a settle. He was attended to by Dr. J. W. Ellis, and on Saturday morning was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he had already been under treatment, and the bone was re-set.

HOCKEY. 14th Nov. 1924

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI entertained the Fenstanton Ladies' team on November 6th, and the game resulted in a decisive win for the homesters. Scores: Swavesey 7 (N. Parish 4, V. Williamson 3), Fenstanton nil. On the previous Thursday Chatteris Ladies visited Swavesey, and though they played a strong game were only able to capture one goal, while the home eleven placed three to their credit, for all of which Miss N. Parish was responsible. This season the Swavesey Ladies have played 6 matches, winning 5 and losing one, and have scored 18 goals against their opponents' 7.

WHAT POPPIES DO. 14th Nov. 1924

The proceeds from the sale of poppies for Lord Haig's Fund, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, increase year by year. In 1922 £7 19s. 3d. was realised, viz., : £5 11s at Swavesey (against £5 10s. 11d. in 1923), £2 3s. 4d. at Boxworth, £1 5s. at Lolworth, £1 2s. at Fen Drayton, and 16s. at Conington. The distributors at Swavesey, all of whom worked with great enthusiasm, were the Misses L. Thurlow, J. Willson, L. Melbourne, J. Pettitt, M. Bull, W. Froment, Ivy Thorp, and M. Coulson, and last, but not least, the energetic Secretary of the Branch of the Legion (Mr. A. W. Melbourne).

OBITUARY. 14th Nov. 1924

Mrs. Rose Wilderspin, wife of Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, High-street, who had been suffering from heart trouble for several years, died somewhat suddenly on Sunday morning. Mrs. Wilderspin, who was 68 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. John Webster, a well-known dealer, a member of an old Swavesey family, who resided for many years at the Railway Tavern, Longstanton, and afterwards at the "Rising Sun," Swavesey. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The principal mourners were: Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Golden (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin (brother and sister-in-law), and Mrs. Cracknell (Cambridge) (sister-in-law). Mr. S. Wilderspin (husband) and Mr. James Webster (brother) were unable to attend owing to bad health. There were no flowers, by request. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES NORMAN. 14th Nov. 1924

Funeral at Over.

The sad news reached Swavesey on Saturday that Mr. James Norman, who had been taken ill a fortnight previously while staying at The Manor, his residence in Swavesey, had passed away that morning at Carshalton, Surrey. Mr. Norman, who would have attained the age of three score years and ten had he survived until Monday, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Norman, of Over, in which village he was born. His working life was mainly spent at Carshalton and Sutton, Surrey, where during the past forty years he carried on with great success the business of draper, outfitter, etc. Some years ago he bought the old Manor, Swavesey, for a country residence, and during his occupancy the house and grounds have been greatly improved. Little is known in this district of what Mr. Norman has done apart from his business, but the fact that he was one of the five gentlemen who founded the Carshalton Cottage Hospital, which has recently been rebuilt as a war memorial, may be accepted as proof that his interest in the welfare of the community was keen and active. His generous gifts to the Swavesey War Memorial Hall will not soon be forgotten.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Over Cemetery, and notwithstanding the heavy rain, was attended by many old and sympathetic friends from Over and Swavesey. The Rev. H. P. Ellis, of St. Ives, officiated, and the mourners included: Mrs. Norman (widow), Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Norman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. F. F. Norman (son), Mr. and Mrs. George Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norman (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Bowtell (Buckden), Mrs.

G. A. Smith (Newark), Mr. Dryden (Norwood), Messrs. Smith, Smart, Bale and Dearling (Carshalton), Mr. F. Kirby and Mr. A. Watts (Over), Messrs. F. and H. Norman (Lolworth), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norman, jun., Mrs. J. R. Smith, and Miss Alice Norman (Swavesey).

There were very many floral tributes. (Names in newspaper.)

ADVERT. 21st Nov. 1924

MEMORIAL HALL, Saturday. A thrilling Crook Drama, "White Tiger." Next Saturday, Betty Compson in "White Flower," Comedies, Felix, Gazette, etc.

PERSONAL. 21st Nov. 1924

The Vicar, who has been away recuperating after his recent indisposition, returned to Swavesey on Friday, and officiated at all services at the Parish Church on Sunday.

HOCKEY. 21st Nov. 1924

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team visited Cottenham on Thursday week, and a well-fought game, played on a rough and very wet ground, resulted in a win for the homesters, who captured the only goal, scored a few minutes before the end.

WHIST DRIVE. 21st Nov. 1924

The prize-winners at the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week were: Ladies: Mrs. Twist, Miss Holbrook, Mrs. Holmes. Gentlemen: Mr. P. Burton, Mr. W. A. Bignell, Mr. H. Holmes, jun. Fourteen tables were in play. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

DEATH OF AN OLD PARISHIONER. 21st Nov. 1924

An old and greatly respected parishioner passed away on Monday morning in the person of Mr. James Bridgeford, who died at Earith, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. John Peacock, with whom he had recently been living. Mr. Bridgeford, who was 88 years of age, was a member of an old Swavesey family noted for their longevity, being the second son of the late Mr. James Bridgeford and Mrs. Esther Bridgeford. His wife died about 20 years ago. He had been in failing health for some time, but was confined to his bed for only three weeks. The whole of his working life was spent in his native village. For many years he rendered faithful service to the late Mr. John Crisp, farmer and butcher, whose sons, Mr. Tom Crisp and Mr. Leyton Crisp, have been

unremitting in their care of the old man in his declining years. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

LECTURE. 21st Nov. 1924

There was a good attendance at the Institute on Friday evening to hear a lecture on "Insect Pests and Fungoid Diseases of Fruit Trees" (Part I), by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser. The lecture, which was of great instructive and educational value, was illustrated by lantern slides showing the life-cycle of many insect pests that have done so much damage to the fruit and trees in the Swavesey district, involving great loss to the fruit growers. The lecturer dwelt on the great importance of proper time of spraying, what chemicals to use, and how to apply, and also dealt with the various pests. The lantern was kindly provided by Mr. W. A. Bignell, Chairman of the Institute, and all arrangements were made by Mr. C. Wood, Secretary. The next lecture on "Insect Pests and Fungoid Diseases" (Part 2) will be given at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, November 28th, and will be illustrated by lantern slides.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 21st Nov. 1924

At a meeting in furtherance of the objects of the British Red Cross Society, which was held at the National School on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, the Rev. C. F. Townley, County Controller, gave an address in which he explained the peace-time work of the Society, making special reference to the ambulance system, massage, and surgical aid afforded the very poor. He also spoke of the assistance rendered by the Society to ex-Service men and their dependents while waiting for pensions, and dealt at some length with the new scheme for Voluntary Aid Detachments, expressing the earnest hope that detachments would again be formed in all places where they had been in existence. In replying to a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Cooksey, a Vice-President and Commandant, the County Controller said he was greatly pleased and encouraged by the enthusiasm shown at the meeting. About half-a-dozen recruits have already notified their intention to qualify for admission to the Swavesey district detachment, and as a number of old members are rejoining there is no doubt a detachment will be formed.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES PARSONS. 28th Nov. 1924

Funeral at Swavesey.

We have to record the death of Mr. James Parsons, a well-known resident of Swavesey, who passed away shortly before noon on Saturday.

Mr. Parsons, who was the youngest son of the late Mr. Christopher Parsons, was born in Swavesey 69 years ago, and he lived in the village all his life. He leaves one daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt. He farmed at Swavesey and Over, retiring from business about a quarter of a century ago. Although he sought no public offices, Mr. Parsons served more than once as overseer of the poor, for 20 years he was a member of the Board of Feoffees of Galon's Charity, first, for a short time, as a Parish Council representative, and later as a life trustee, and he was a trustee of Swavesey Nonconformist Cemetery. A staunch Baptist, he was a trustee and life-long member of the congregation, and a generous supporter of the Particular Baptist Chapel at Swavesey. He was a keen sportsman, and in his younger days an ardent cricketer.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, Mr. E. Short (pastor), officiating. The mourners included Miss M. Parsons (daughter), Mr. Earnest Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Parsons, Mr. A. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Chaplin (nephew and nieces) and Mrs. Papworth (cousin).

Many neighbours and friends were also present. (List in newspaper). The coffin was of polished panelled oak, with brass furniture. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

ADVERT. 28th Nov. 1924

A Grand Programme at the Pictures to-morrow. Betty Compson in a Splendid Drama, Two Good Comedies, Gazette, Felix and Eve. You could never have a better Saturday evening. Next Saturday, "A Lady of Quality."

POULTRY SUCCESS. 28th Nov. 1924

Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, was awarded a first prize and two special prizes for a black Leghorn cockerel at the Crystal Palace show last week.

DANCE. 28th Nov. 1924

There was a rather larger attendance at the fortnightly dance at the Memorial Hall on the 20th inst. than on the previous occasion. Albert Smith's jazz band provided a good selection of music, and excellent light refreshments were dispensed under the superintendence of Mesdames Thompson and Thurlow. Mr. R. Godfrey acted as M.C.

HOCKEY. 28th Nov. 1924

Entertaining the Cottenham ladies' hockey team, in a return match on Thursday week, the Swavesey ladies' eleven placed another success to their credit. Both teams played well, but the homesters proved the stronger, and scored four goals to the visitors' one. The following scored for Swavesey: N. Parish (2), K. Banks (2) and J. Kirby.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' UNION. 28th Nov. 1924

At a well-attended meeting, held in the large room at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening, Mr. A. Johnson, organiser, gave a report on the question of the wages of agricultural workers in the county. Mr. H. Hovell presided. During the meeting Mr. J. Kester, jun., was elected chairman of the local branch of the Agricultural Workers' Union, and Mr. Hovell secretary, and many new members were enrolled.

LATE MR. BRIDGEFORD. 28th Nov. 1924

The funeral of Mr. James Bridgeford, whose death, at the age of 86 years while staying at Earith, Hunts., was recorded last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on the 20th inst. Mr. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, conducted the service, during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Bridgeford (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bridgeford (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. H. Turner, Needingworth (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Peacock (Earith), Mr. and Mrs. J. Holmes (Aldreth), Mrs. W. Kearney (Portsmouth), Mr. S. Peacock (Earith), Mrs. K. Moore and Mrs. B. Savage (Cottenham), Mr. and Mrs. Berryman, Mr. D. Williams and Mrs. H. G. Key (Swavesey) (nephews and nieces). The coffin was of elm with brass fittings. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. A. King, Earith, the hearse and carriages being provided by Messrs. Bryant and Bryant, St. Ives.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Nov. 1924

Three matters of considerable importance were dealt with at a special meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Memorial Hall on the 20th inst., viz., taking over the management of the Hall by the Council, the appointment of a new assistant overseer and clerk of the Council, and the question of granting a gratuity to the late rate collector. The councillors present were: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, C. Parish and W. Twist, with the retiring clerk, Mr. R. Mitham. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman announced that as they had been advised that the clause in the lease of the Memorial Hall to the committee of the Hall, to which both the Council and the committee objected, could not be altered, the

committee had resigned en bloc. After prolonged discussion the Council decided to take over the control of the Hall, in accordance with the original scheme, and to appoint a committee of management. The following were selected to serve on the committee: Messrs. Wood, W. Burton, C. Parish and Twist (Parish Councillors), and Messrs. P. Godfrey, T. C. Heasman, F. W. Pontefract and G. Winters. Mr. Mitham having resigned the clerkship of the Council, an office he had held for 27 or 28 years, the Chairman proposed that Mr. Prime Godfrey, who had succeeded Mr. Mitham as rate collector, should be appointed assistant overseer and clerk of the Parish Council. Mr. Twist seconded, and the proposition was carried nem. con.

ADVERT. 5th Dec. 1924

SATURDAY, at Memorial Hall, "A Lady of Quality." Next Saturday, 4.30 and 7.15, the Great Wembley Film, in five parts. Also five other attractions. Join free competition, over £10 in prizes.

HOCKEY. 5th Dec. 1924

Playing the Huntingdon Grammar School team at Swavesey on Saturday, the Swavesey ladies' eleven scored three goals to their opponents' one.

FOOLHARDY BOYS. 5th Dec. 1924

As a traction engine drawing trucks was passing through the village at a good pace on Monday, two schoolboys amused themselves by running between the engine and the first truck, dodging underneath the draw bar. They repeated the foolish trick two or three times.

MEMORIAL HALL. 5th Dec. 1924

The prizewinners at the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall, on November 27, were: Ladies – Mrs. W. Froment, Mrs. Isgrove, Miss Q. Spolton; gentlemen – Mr. F. Causer, Mr. G. Brooks, jun., Mr. T. C. Heasman. Mr. Heasman was M.C.

BULLOCK IN HOUSE. 5th Dec. 1924

Finding the front door open a bullock that was being driven to a butcher's establishment near by, entered Mr. F. Spring's house in High-street, and made it way to the yard at the back. By judicious handling of the situation, Mr. Spring, who had requested the drover to remain outside, induced the animal to return through the house, which it did without doing any damage.

THE SCHOOL CLOCK. 5th Dec. 1924

In July last the Parish Council gave permission for the public clock on the National School, which has been out of order for a considerable time, to be repaired, the cost being borne by private subscribers in the village. The internal repairs were effected with promptitude, but the clock is not going as the hands, which were removed for regilding, have not been replaced. Villagers, and it is understood subscribers also, are asking what is the reason for the delay.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT. 5th Dec. 1924

The pupils of Miss Allen, of Willingham, gave a most enjoyable concert in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. The production reflected great credit both on the children who took part and on the teacher who has had the training of them. It was disappointing to both pupils and teachers that the audience was not larger, but those who did attend were very appreciative, and it is hoped Miss Allen will at a future time give a Swavesey audience a further proof of her pupils' efficiency.

THE LATE MR. PARSONS. 12th Dec. 1924

The Feoffees of Galon's Charity, at their meeting on Monday evening, passed a vote of condolence with Miss Muriel Parsons in the loss she had sustained by the death of her father, Mr. James Parsons, who had been a feoffee for about twenty years.

DANCE. 12th Dec. 1924

Notwithstanding the wet evening, there was a very fair attendance at the fortnightly dance at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. A capital selection of dance music was provided by Miss Aves, of Longstanton, who presided at the piano. Mr. R. Godfrey was an efficient M.C., and the light refreshments, served under the superintendence of Mesdames Thompson and Thurlow, were excellent.

WHIST DRIVE. 12th Dec. 1924

Mrs. Twist, with a score of 172, won the first ladies' prize at the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, and the second and third prizes fell respectively to Mrs. Tagg and Mrs. Isgrove, after a cut with Mrs. Dean. The gentlemen's prizes were taken by Mr. A. Holmes, jun., Mr. D. Williams and Mr. H. G. Key. Mr. T. C. Heasman was M.C.

OBITUARY. 12th Dec. 1924

We have to record the death, at the age of 64 years, of Mr. Ebenezer Prime, who passed away at Wright's Farm, Swavesey, early on Tuesday morning, after a painful illness of four months' duration. He was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. William Prime. Much of his earlier life was spent away from the village, but about 20 years ago he returned, and has since been engaged in farming. He leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is felt.

HOCKEY. 12th Dec. 1924

Entertaining the Willingham Ladies' Hockey XI on Saturday, the Swavesey ladies proved the stronger team, and won by three goals to nil, notwithstanding the excellent play of the visitors' goalkeeper, who saved several good shots. Two goals were scored by Miss N. Parish (centre-forward) and one by Miss J. Kirby. The previous week's match was won by Huntingdon Grammar School, and not by Swavesey, as previously stated. The scores were: Huntingdon G.S. 3 goals, Swavesey 1.

WEDDING. 12th Dec. 1924

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Howlett, son of Mr. William Howlett, Swavesey, and Miss Gertrude Annie Barnes, daughter of Mr. H. J. Barnes, of Tredegar, Wales, took place at St. Michael's Church, Chester-square, London, S.W., on Monday, the Rev. Paul Nichols officiating. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in fawn gabardine, with hat to match, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Ada Howlett (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Amy Matthews. Mr. Ernest Jobbins was best man. After the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was held at 41, Eaton-terrace, S.W. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous and useful presents.

HOCKEY. 19th Dec. 1924

Visiting St. Ives on Saturday, the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team suffered defeat by three goals to nil at the hands of the St. Ives Ladies' XI. The visitors' defence was much weakened, as they were only able to put ten players in the field, whereas the homesters were at full strength.

BARNARDO'S HOMES. 19th Dec. 1924

By a house-to-house collection, which was made in the village on Saturday by members of the Young Helpers' League, the sum of £2 4s. 9d. was raised for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The collectors were: Misses Minnie Bull, Winnie Godfrey, Kitty Thurlow, Joyce Willson, Margery Coulson and Vida Parish.

CAROLS. 19th Dec. 1924

The Swavesey Choral Society will sing carols in the village streets on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday next week, commencing at 8 o'clock. On Tuesday the singers will perambulate from Boxworth End to the school, and on Wednesday (Christmas Eve) from the school to the church. A collection will be made in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 19th Dec. 1924

The yearly division of the funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club took place on Wednesday evening, every member receiving £1 2s. 9½d. The sum of £11 13s. 4d., was paid out in sick benefit during the year. The annual club supper was held at the Memorial Hall yesterday (Thursday) evening. The share-out of the White Horse Mutual Benefit Club also took place on Wednesday, each member's share amounting to £1 0s. 4d.

DEATH OF TWO BROTHERS. 19th Dec. 1924

On Sunday, 7th December, Mr. Mark Payne, a native of Swavesey, and until recent years a resident in the parish, died at Somersham, Hunts., after a long illness. He was buried at Somersham. On Sunday, 14th December, his elder brother, Mr. James Payne, who had been ill for a considerable time, also passed away, aged 71 years, leaving a widow, three sons and two daughters. His funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery yesterday (Thursday). They were the sons of the late Mr. Thomas Payne, of Swavesey.

CULTIVATION OF POTATOES. 19th Dec. 1924

The lecture on the cultivation of potatoes, given at the Institute on Friday last by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser, was well attended. Sixteen varieties of potatoes, many of them being new to the district, were shown by the lecturer, who gave full details of them, and also explained the cause of many of the failures of the potato crop, and various diseases to which potatoes are subject, emphasising the great importance of obtaining new seed from a reliable source. A lecture will be given this (Friday) evening, by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Adviser, at 7.30 p.m. on the feeding of cows.

THE LATE MR. E. PRIME. 19th Dec. 1924

The funeral of Mr. Ebenezer Prime, of Wright's Farm, Swavesey, whose death on the 9th inst., at the age of 64 years, was announced last week, took place on Friday. Mr. E. Short officiated at the service in the Particular Baptist Chapel and at the grave in the cemetery. The mourners included: Mrs. E. Prime (widow), Messrs. J. and S. Prime (brothers), Miss Coombes (sister-in-law), Mr. A. E. Welch and Miss Rule (cousins), and Mr. E. R. Johnson (nephew).

(Other mourners in newspaper). There were no flowers by special request. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

DEATH OF MRS. USSHER. 19th Dec. 1924

The sad and quite unexpected news reached Swavesey on Friday that Mr. Ussher, wife of the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, who until September last had for nearly nine years been pastor at Bethel Baptist Chapel, had passed away that morning at Blisworth, Northants. On the previous day recognition services were held at the Baptist Church, Blisworth, the pastorate of which Mr. Ussher had accepted. Messrs. A. Norman, J. Day and G. E. Canham (deacons of Bethel Chapel), who were accompanied by Mrs. Norman, and Mrs. Canham, attended. Mrs. Ussher, who for some years had been in failing health, could not be present, as about three weeks previously she had been taken ill. She appeared to be getting better, but on Tuesday week had to return to her bed, and, as stated, the end came on Friday morning. The funeral took place at Blisworth Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, a large and sympathetic congregation attending, amongst whom were 15 friends from Swavesey. The floral tributes were numerous, and included a wreath from Bethel Baptist Chapel.

BAZAAR. 19th Dec. 1924

Notwithstanding the fog, the Christmas bazaar and sale of work, in aid of the parish church repair fund, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week, was an undoubted success. The attendance was good, and with one exception everything went off well.

WEDDING. 26th Dec. 1924

Parish – Day.

A pretty wedding of much local interest, as both bride and bridegroom belong to old Swavesey families, was solemnised at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on December 17th, when Mr. John Ebenezer Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Parish, of Manchester, was married to Miss Mary Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, The Elms, Swavesey. Mr. Henry Popham, of Eastbourne, officiated, assisted by Mr. E. Short, pastor, and during the service two hymns were sung. The bride, given away by her father, was charmingly attired in white Hessian silk and georgette, trimmed with swans' down. She wore a wreath and veil and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white carnations. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Bessie Day (sister of the bride) and Miss Olive Parish (sister of the bridegroom), who were in very pretty dresses of champagne coloured silk, trimmed with marabout, with hats

to match, and carried bouquets of golden chrysanthemums, and two small attendants, Miss Marjorie Parish and Master Christopher Parish. The bridesmaids and also little Miss Marjorie Parish wore strings of beads, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Ernest S. Parish was best man. A wedding breakfast and reception was held after the ceremony at Mill Farm, Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 26th Dec. 1924

Services on Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral), Matins 10.30 a.m., evensong with anthem, "Behold I bring you good tidings" (Goss), and carols; no sermon 3 p.m. Collections throughout the day for the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

OBITUARY. 26th Dec. 1924

Mrs. Sarah Radford, widow of Mr. Daniel Radford, of Swavesey, and daughter of the late Mr. Robert Coulson, also of Swavesey, died on the 17th inst. in London, at the residence of her younger daughter, Mrs. Richard, with whom she had recently been living, and was buried in Swavesey Churchyard on Tuesday. Mrs. Radford, who was 82 years of age, had been a widow since August, 1902

CLUB SUPPER. 26th Dec. 1924

The members of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club held their annual supper at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, and after doing full justice to the repast, excellent in every respect, provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, they showed, by encoring every item, their appreciation of a capital entertainment, contributed by Harrison's Dance Orchestra from Cambridge, Mr. Sidney Maltby's Concert Party and Messrs. S. Clark, Heasman and G. Holmes of Swavesey. Mr. James Culpin was in the chair.

FUNERAL. 26th Dec. 1924

The funeral of Mr. James Payne, whose death at the age of 71 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on the 18th inst. The Rev. H. P. Ellis, of St. Ives, officiated, and the mourners were Mrs. J. Payne (widow), Mr. T. R. Payne, Bedford (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hephher (brothers and sisters-in-law), Miss Polly Payne, Cambridge, and Mrs. George Hall, Cambridge (sisters), Mrs. A. E. Daintree (sister-in-law), and Mrs. James Wright (cousin). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

WEDDING. 2nd Jan. 1925

Oakman – Holmes.

A pretty wedding took place at Swavesey parish church on Boxing Day, when Miss Gladys May Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes, Swavesey, was married to Mr. Geo. Oakman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Oakman, The New Inn, Swavesey. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in a pretty dress of white crepe de chine, trimmed with silver lace and white camellia. She wore a veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. In attendance were five bridesmaids, Miss E. Clowes in pale pink satin, with silver ribbon and feather mount; Misses Irene Holmes and Grace Whybrow (sister and cousin of the bride respectively), in pale pink crepe de chine, with silver streamers and rosebuds, and Misses Iris and Edna Clowes (nieces of the bride), in pale blue crepe de chine, with silver streamers and forget-me-nots. Miss E. Clowes wore a black picture hat, and the other bridesmaids wreaths of white flowers, and all carried bouquets of pink and white chrysanthemums. Mr. Henry Holmes (brother of the bride) acted as best man. A reception was held after the ceremony, between 30 and 40 guests being entertained at the bride's home. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous and useful presents, including an eight-day clock from members of the Swavesey Football Club, and a dinner service from the bridegroom's fellow workers.

PUBLIC NOTICES. 2nd Jan. 1925

James Parsons, deceased.

All persons having claims or demands against the Estate of James Parsons, late of Swavesey, in the County of Cambridge, Gentleman (who died on the 22nd day of November, 1924) are requested forthwith to send particulars of such Claims and Demands to me, the undersigned, as Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1924

H. COPLEY,
Saint Ives, Hunts.

HOCKEY. 2nd Jan. 1925

Entertaining the Cam Hockey Club on Boxing Day, the Swavesey mixed team were badly beaten by five goals to nil.

BILLIARDS. 2nd Jan. 1925

The final of the billiard tournament, which has been in progress at the Institute, was played on New Year's Eve, between Henry Holmes, jun. and

Mr. A. Kester. The former won by ten points. The third prize was won by Mr. H. Unwin, who beat Mr. J. Thoday (Over) by 70.

WHIST DRIVE. 2nd Jan. 1925

At the fortnightly whist drive at the Memorial Hall, which took place on Monday evening, the prizes were won by: - Ladies, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. T. Tagg, Miss D. Seamark; gentlemen, Mr. W. Webster, Mr. J. Clarke, Mr. S. Clark. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 2nd Jan. 1925

Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, vice-president of the Swavesey district of the British Red Cross Society, has received annual subscriptions amounting to £8 11s. 6d. With the view of re-forming the Voluntary Aid Detachment in the district, a course of lectures on First Aid will shortly commence at Swavesey National School.

CAROLS. 2nd Jan. 1925

Over 20 members of the Swavesey Choral Society, with their conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams, sang carols in the village on Tuesday, 23rd ult., and on Christmas Eve, perambulating from Boxworth End to the school on the first evening, and from the school to the church on the second. Their efforts were much appreciated by the villagers, and the collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which realised £8 6s. 9d., was larger than at Christmas, 1923. Messrs. J. Day and A. J. Willson were the collectors.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 2nd Jan. 1925

The parish church was simply but effectively decorated with evergreens, etc., for the Christmas festival. At the three celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day, viz., at 6, 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral) there were 91 communicants. At evensong at 3 p.m. the choir gave a good rendering of the anthem "Behold, I bring you good tidings" (Goss), and carols were sung. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society, and realised £4 5s., an amount over the average of late years. On Sunday evening, in place of the sermon, carols were sung.

MASKED DANCE. 2nd Jan. 1925

About 120 people attended the highly successful masked dance, which was held at the Memorial Hall on New Year's Eve for the benefit of St. Dunstan's. An admirable selection of music was provided by Hensher's band, and dancing was kept up with great spirit until 1 a.m., a break being made at

midnight, when the company sang “Auld Lang Syne.” Prizes for lucky numbers were won by Mrs. C. S. Hepher (umbrella), and Mr. A. J. Willson (hair brushes in case), Mr. C. S. Hepher securing the lucky black cat prize (tin of fancy biscuits). Excellent refreshments, the gift of ladies of the village, were supplied during the evening. The piano was kindly lent by Mr. G. H. Skeeles, St. Ives.

THE LATE MRS. RADFORD. 2nd Jan. 1925

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Radford, widow of Mr. Daniel Radford, whose death in London at the age of 82 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Dec. 23rd, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. C. Underwood (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Richart (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. John Daisley (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. W. Parish (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parish and Mr. C. H. Parish (nephews and niece). There were several beautiful wreaths on the coffin, which was of polished oak, with brass furniture.

DEATH OF MRS. SLATER. 2nd Jan. 1925

Many of our readers in the Swavesey district will regret to learn that Mrs. Dorothy Sarah Slater, late licensee of the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, died on Sunday, after a long and very painful illness, aged sixty years. Mrs. Slater was a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Puttifer, of Chatham, and widow of Mr. Alfred Slater, who after serving for 21 years in the Royal Army Service Corps, was landlord of the White Horse Inn for 18 years, until his death on January 1st, 1924. The licence was transferred to Mrs. Slater, but after a few months she was compelled by illness to relinquish it. She continued, however, to reside in the house, and there she passed away at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, at Swavesey Parish Church. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated, and the mourners were Mr. J. Senter, Mr. H. H. Moyne, Mrs. Wagstaffe, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Mr. F. Dale and Mr. H. Lee. The coffin was of polished elm.

ADVERTS. 9th Jan. 1925

S.P.F. Poultry and Chick Foods, Hatching Eggs, Stock Birds. – Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm.

SECTIONS for Sale, 6ft. x 12ft., 5ft. 6in. x 12ft., 3ft. 10in. x 12ft., and 5ft x 5ft., all at lower prices. – Prior’s General Stores. ‘Phone 3.

FOR THE BLIND. 9th Jan. 1925

The children attending the National School have contributed 11s 6d. for the funds of the National Institute for the Blind.

HELP FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 9th Jan. 1925

The masked dance at the Memorial Hall on New Year's Eve resulted in the satisfactory sum of £9 9s. being sent to St. Dunstan's.

POULTRY SUCCESS. 9th Jan. 1925

At the Scottish Metropolitan Poultry Show, held at Edinburgh at Christmas, Mr. Reginald Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, was awarded a third prize and v.h.c. for utility poultry.

BAND OF HOPE. 9th Jan. 1925

At the first meeting of the present year of the Bethel Band of Hope, which was held on Monday evening, the members were regaled with mince-pies, kindly given by the President, Mr. A. J. Freestone.

THE SCHOOL. 9th Jan. 1925

The public clock on the National School, which had been out of commission for a long time, was set going once again on Tuesday. The clock, which was provided by public subscription many years ago, has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired by Mr. Williams, of St. Ives, and the figures on the face and the hands have been regilded, the cost being borne by Mr. Ben Thorp, Dr. J. W. Ellis, and other public-spirited villagers.

FIRST AID LECTURES. 9th Jan. 1925

The first of a course of six lectures in first aid, under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society, will be given at Swavesey National School, by Dr. Connan, on Friday, 23rd January, at 6.30 p.m. The other lectures will be given on the following five Fridays. A fee of 2s. 6d. will be charged for the course, and all persons desirous of attending are asked to notify Mrs. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, from whom the Red Cross Manual and bandages can be obtained.

CRICKET CLUB. 9th Jan. 1925

About 100 card players and dancer attended the whist drive and dance, which was held in the Memorial Hall, on "Twelfth Night," for the benefit of the Swavesey Cricket Club. Twenty-one tables were in play for whist, and the prizewinners were: - Ladies – Mrs. P. Smith, Miss E. Prior, Miss D. Godfrey; gentlemen – Mr. P. Smith, Mr. Isgrove, Mr. Thoday. For the dance Miss

Parsons and Mr. E. Williams presided in turns at the piano. Excellent refreshments were provided under the superintendence of Miss D. Godfrey and Messrs. T. Savage and R. Seekings. Mr. D. Williams officiated as M.C. throughout the evening.

BRITISH LEGION. 9th Jan. 1925

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Ashby; treasurer, Mr. E. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Melbourne; committee, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, P. Burton, T. Froment, F. Hepher, A. Prime, M.M., H. Prime and H. Topham. It was agreed that a general meeting of the branch should be held at least once a quarter. The other business included the appointment of an entertainment sub-committee, the passing of last year's accounts, and a decision to again enter for the Lord Lieutenant's Cricket Cup. The meeting was well attended.

WEDDING. 9th Jan. 1925

The marriage of Mr. Fred Day, youngest son of Mr. John Day, Over, and Miss Ivey Rose Seekings, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Seekings, Swavesey, took place on Monday at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. B. Lucas, was tastefully attired in silk eolienne, with veil and silver leaves, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. In attendance were two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss R. Seekings, and Miss A. Thomas, who were in blue silk, with veils to match, and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Mr. R. Seekings, brother of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a gift of blankets from the bride's fellow workers at Girton College.

A YEAR'S RECORD. 9th Jan. 1925

It may be of interest to some of our readers to know that from the 4th January, 1924, to the 2nd January, 1925, the deaths of thirty persons resident in, or at some time connected with Swavesey were reported in the columns of the "Independent Press." Fifteen of the deaths occurred in Swavesey, two at Addenbrooke's Hospital, one at St. Ives Infirmary, and twelve in other parts of the country. The first death to be recorded was that of Mr. Alfred Slater, of the White Horse Inn, who died on 1st January, 1924, and the last that of his

widow, Mrs. Dorothy Slater, who passed away on the 28th ult., and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the churchyard on New Year's Eve. Fifteen of the funerals took place at Swavesey parish church, and eight at the cemetery. Seven of the deceased persons were between 80 and 90 years of age (the oldest was 89), six were between 70 and 80, ten between 60 and 70, four between 50 and 60, two between 40 and 50, and only one was young, viz., 19. The ages total 2,004 years, an average of 66.8 years.

DISTRICT NURSE. 16th Jan. 1925

Nurse Walters will after Tuesday next reside at Berry House, Boxworth End, Swavesey.

POULTRY SUCCESS. 16th Jan. 1925

Mr. R. Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm, was awarded a second prize and was highly commended for utility poultry at Hendon last week.

BILLIARDS. 16th Jan. 1925

Mr. W. A. Bignall, chairman of Swavesey Institute, has presented a handsome silver challenge cup to be held by the winner of each billiard handicap played at the Institute.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 16th Jan. 1925

The members of the Young People's Working Meeting spent a very bright and helpful social evening in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. Readings, recitations, and solo were contributed by Miss Easter, Miss Doris Aldred, Miss Spearman, Miss H. Dodson, Misses Coulson (2), and Mrs. W. Savage. Mr. Leigh, of Fenstanton, who gave an address, also sang a solo. Excellent refreshments, kindly given by friends, were greatly enjoyed.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th Jan. 1925

The annual New Year's services and tea were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday. Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Beds., preached in the afternoon and evening, and the congregations were especially good considering the unfavourable weather. About 50 persons attended the tea between the services, the following ladies presiding over the tables: Mrs. Jabez Parish, Mrs. Frost, Miss E. Day, and Mrs. A. Day. To the regret of all present, Mrs. William Parish, who for many years had regularly presided over a tray, was unable to be present owing to serious illness. The collections throughout the day were excellent.

MEMORIAL HALL. 16th Jan. 1925

At a meeting of the War Memorial Hall Committee, held on Tuesday evening, the accounts for the year 1924, which had been duly audited, were presented and approved. They showed that the total income, including the sum of £25 3s. 8½d., brought forward from 1923, and a loan of £550 from the Public Works Loan Board, amounted to £706 6s. 3d., and the expenditure to £647 6s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £58 9s. 4d., out of which the first instalment of £39 10s. 6d. in repayment of the loan had been forwarded to the Public Works Loan Board, viz., £27 principal and £12 10s. 6d. interest. The resignation of Mr. C. Wood of the offices of secretary and treasurer was accepted; he also resigned his membership of the committee, Mr. P. Godfrey being appointed secretary, and Mr. W. Burton treasurer in his place, Mr. T. C. Heasman also resigned from the committee.

MISSIONARY TEA. 16th Jan. 1925

That hardy annual, the missionary, or as it is now called, Epiphany, tea was held at the National School on Friday evening, when about 80 parishioners sat down at the very attractive looking tables, provided by Mrs. Stebbing, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. Barwell, Miss Paine, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. W. J. Hephher and Mrs. Banks. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Stebbing and Mrs. Hephher, their tables were superintended by Miss Banks, Mrs. S. Hephher and Miss Garner. After tea a lecture was given by the Rev. H. J. Cossar, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, on "Strange Languages and Romantic Happenings," in which he gave a very interesting account of the doings and adventures of missionaries in many lands. This tea may well be described as a hardy annual, for, except in 1918 and 1919, it has been held every January since 1872, when at the suggestion of Mr. W. H. Key, it was established by the then vicar of Swavesey, the late Canon Henry Isaac Sharp. Until last year it was always known as "The Missionary Tea," and it seems a pity to alter its name. Mr. Key and Mr. John Hodson are the sole survivors of those who took an active part in the management of the first gathering. The former was present last Friday evening, but the latter could not attend. A lecture dealing with missionary work at home or abroad has always been given except on two occasions in the early days, when a lecturer could not be obtained. Canon Sharp one year gave an address on bells, and another year on the history, cultivation, and uses of tea.

LECTURE ON HORTICULTURE. 16th Jan. 1925

A large number of fruit growers in Swavesey and district met at the Institute on Friday to hear a lecture by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser, on the cultivation of soft fruits. The lecturer dealt fully with the cultivation of raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries and currants, going fully into the details of the different varieties of raspberries, etc., showing how some varieties cropped heavily in one district while a failure in another. He caused some surprise by stating that many growers lost at least half a ton per acre of the raspberry crop by digging too much and cutting too little. Raspberries, he said, required mulching and not digging between, as in digging between the canes many of the best fruiting roots were broken allowing drought to set in later in the ripening stage, and filling the land full of young suckers where the roots had been broken. Many raspberry plantations were too much crowded. Speaking of strawberries, Mr. Paskett mentioned that Royal Sovereign strawberries grew extremely well in the Swavesey district, while in the greater part of the county they were more or less a failure. Many varieties of gooseberries were dealt with, showing the best for the green market, and also for dessert, and the pruning of the bushes and the steps to be taken to prevent attacks of the American gooseberry mildew were also explained. The lecturer also stated that where land was suitable the black currant was the best paying crop of all soft fruits. On no account should land be dug close to the roots of the black currant, which is a gross feeder, and should be heavily mulched, and the soil always turned towards the roots if ploughing is done between the rows. The blackcurrant mite and reversion were also spoken of. Many questions were asked during the evening and answered. A lecture will be given at the Institute this (Friday) evening by Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser, on "Insect Pests on the Farm."²

CHURCH MEETINGS. 16th Jan. 1925

The annual parochial church meeting was held at the National School on Monday evening, under the presidency of the vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Vicar spoke in terms of warm appreciation of the services rendered by the church officers and workers during the past year, and referred to the loss the Church Council had sustained by the death of Mr. John Smith. The churchwardens' accounts, which disclosed a deficit of £16 1s. 8d., were presented by Mr. C. F. Banks, who explained that the deficit was partly due to the collections in the church having been less than in 1923. The Church Repair Fund accounts submitted by Mr. R. Barwell showed that £146 2s. 2d. had been raised during the twelve months, mainly by the garden fete in the summer, socials, etc., and that the balance to the credit of the fund at the bank was £189 4s. 1d., with

£190 in National War Bonds. The accounts of the Duplex Envelope system, the Sick and Needy Fund, the Missionary Fund, and the Thrift Club were also presented. All accounts were passed, and the budget of £130 for the ensuing year (the same as for 1924) was approved. During the discussion on the accounts it was pointed out that the Duplex Envelope system was a business-like way of raising money for the church by small weekly contributions, and the hope was expressed that it would be taken up by more parishioners. Last year's sidesmen were re-appointed, and the following were elected members of the Church Council: Messrs. R. Barwell and R. Mitham, sen. (representatives at the Ruri-decanal Conference), Mrs. Banks, Miss Beaumont, Mrs. Cooksey, Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. G. J. Paine and Mrs. John Smith. After the meeting the Church Council met and re-elected Mr. Barwell vice-chairman, Mr. Banks (churchwarden) treasurer, and Mrs. Banks secretary of the Council, and co-opted Mr. W. H. Key a member. It was also decided that the Duplex Fund contributions which had not been earmarked should be allocated as follows: Contributions for church at home to the church expenses account, thus considerably reducing the deficit; church abroad equally divided between the S.P.G. and the S.P.C.K.

THE INSTITUTE. 23rd Jan. 1925

Mrs. Leah Manning gave the first of a series of lectures on drama at the Institute on Tuesday evening. The lectures are under the auspices of the County Education Committee.

S.P.G. 23rd Jan. 1925

Sermons in connection with the S.P.G. Week in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe were preached at Swavesey Parish Church at Mattins and Evensong on Sunday by the Rev. S. L. Halliday, from Sydney, who dealt specially with the work of the Society in Australia. The collection amounted to £3 6s.

INSECT PESTS. 23rd Jan. 1925

Mr. R. Sayce, County Agricultural Organiser, gave a lecture in the Institute on Friday on "Insect and fungoid pests on the farm." There was a small but appreciative audience. The life histories of several of the pests, including the frit and oxwarble flies, were explained and discussed, as also was the latest method of dressing wheat against smut. Mr. A. T. Paskett will lecture this (Friday) evening on "Insect pests on apples and pears."

CONSERVATIVE SOCIAL. 23rd Jan. 1925

There was a large attendance at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening for the social arranged by the Swavesey Polling District Conservative Association to celebrate the victory of Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P., at the General Election. The Member had intimated his attention to be present, but early in the proceedings Mr. C. Wood (Hon. Sec.) announced that a message had just been received stating that Capt. Briscoe was unable to attend, as he was confined to bed with a chill. An enjoyable entertainment was provided under the management of Mr. R. Barwell (Chairman of the Association), who acted as M.C. throughout the evening. The first part of the programme was carried out by local artistes, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mr. H. Topham and Mr. John Wilderspin contributing songs, and Miss M. V. Ellis, M. Parsons and Q. Spolton and Mr. E. Williams presiding in turns at the piano for dancing. Mr. W. W. Light's Concert Party were responsible for the latter part of the entertainment, dances and games being interspersed between their items. Excellent refreshments were supplied during the evening. Misses E. Dodson and D. Banks, Mesdames E. J. Mitham, F. Hemington, W. Thorp, and J. Pettit being in charge of this department. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes, on the proposition of Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Jan. 1925

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Mr. A. Norman (vice-chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, C. H. Parish, S. Prime, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes, there was considerable discussion respecting the present position of the Council, financially and otherwise, and the following resolutions were carried unanimously: (1) That the Parish Council safe be fetched from the late Clerk's residence and be handed over to the present clerk; (2) that three councillors take an inventory of the safe before it is removed; (3) that the late clerk should at once hand over all books, etc., and other property belonging to the Council, but should have access to any books he may require in connection with the Government audit; and (4) that the late clerk should be requested to render a full statement of the amounts owing to him by the Council. The chairman, vice-chairman and Mr. Cole were appointed to take the inventory mentioned in resolution (2). Mr. Burton proposed that Messrs. R. Barwell and A. J. Willson should fill the vacancies on the Memorial Hall Committee caused by the resignation of Messrs. Wood and Heasman. Mr. A. Norman seconded, and the proposition was carried. It was subsequently agreed that Mr. Perry Burton should be an extra member of the committee. The following parishioners were nominated as persons qualified to serve as parish constables

during the ensuing year: Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), M. C. Culpin, B. Hodson and J. J. Marriott. Before the meeting closed the following resolution, proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Twist, was carried: "That when the Memorial Hall is hired, the same shall be in a fit and proper condition for use."

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 30th Jan. 1925

The churchwardens have this week distributed Payne's Charity, a number of widows and widowers receiving 3s. each in lieu of tea, sugar, etc., which used to be given away. The distribution is made every year on or about the 29th January, the anniversary of the late Mr. Thomas Payne's birthday.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 30th Jan. 1925

The first of a course of six lectures in First Aid, under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society, was given on Friday, in the National School, by Dr. Connan, of St. Ives. Fourteen persons were present, but more ladies will be welcome at future lectures, as it is desired to re-establish the Voluntary Aid Detachment, which did such good work during the war. The remaining lectures will be given this (Friday) evening, and on the four following Fridays.

BILLIARDS. 30th Jan. 1925

A billiard tournament between teams representing Swavesey Institute and Fen Drayton, was played on Friday evening, the homesters winning five games to the visitors' one.

THE MEMORIAL HALL. 30th Jan. 1925

A subscriber to the Memorial Hall writes: - I was greatly surprised on Wednesday to find that a large board displaying a poster had been nailed to the low oak fence at the front of the Memorial Hall. The nails must damage the fence, and the poster is not a pleasing ornament for the outside of the Hall. May I ask if the board was erected with the permission of the Parish Council, who now, I understand have supreme control over the Hall? The board until recently "adorned" a telegraph post, but had to be removed, so I am told, by order of the Post Office authorities.

LECTURE ON HORTICULTURE. 30th Jan. 1925

A lecture on the pruning of apple and pear trees was given by Mr. A. T. Paskett at the Institute on Friday evening to a good audience of fruit growers. The lecturer spoke first of the different systems of pruning required for various varieties of apples. With plum trees the knife, he said, was used far too little

in the young trees, and the saw had been used too much in the large trees, the latter giving full scope for silver leaf disease to enter. Mr. Paskett stated that he had taken over the fruit plantation of Mr. W. F. Gleaves, and intended to use that as a demonstration plot for pruning and spraying, etc., of trees. Mr. Gleaves had asked him to say how much he appreciated the help. All growers in Swavesey and district could go at any time on the plot and see what is being done. Pruning demonstration will, it is hoped, be given next Wednesday. Mr. R. Sayce will lecture this (Friday) evening on "Production of clean milk."

THE ROSE OF SHARON. 30th Jan. 1925

An admirable performance of "The Rose of Sharon," a new Epiphany play by Mr. Fred I. Cowles, secretary of the Cambridge I.D.K. Club, was given in the Memorial Hall on the evening of Thursday, 22nd inst., by members of the dramatic section of the club. The play, it may be mentioned, was first produced at the Houghton Hall, Cambridge, on December 31 and January 1, and a subsequent performance was given at St. Luke's School, Chesterton, but last week's was its first presentation to a village audience. The story opens in a slum garret where a boy lies desperately ill. He sleeps and dreams, and in his dream is visited by the three Eastern Kings, Melchior, Casper and Balthazar, with whom he journeys to find The Child. After visiting the palace of Herod, they are seen on the road to Bethlehem, and outside an inn at Bethlehem, and at length find the stable and The Child. In the epilogue an anxious priest and doctor are watching the sleeping boy, who awakes, and the doctor, sorely puzzled, announces that the boy will recover. The whole performance was most excellent, and was marked by the great reverence of all who took part. The music was appropriate, that for the songs in scenes 1 and 3 having been specially composed by Mr. A. M. Hoppett. (Cast list in newspaper). There was no attempt at scenery, the stage merely being hung with curtains of dark hue, but the dresses of the various characters were most effective. A drop curtain would, however, have been welcome, for the shifting of "properties" and the arranging of groups, etc., in view of the audience tended to spoil the illusion. In Cambridge the play attracted large audiences, but at Swavesey, unfortunately, the attendance was not what it ought to have been, possibly because people did not realise what was meant by an Epiphany play. Those, however, who were there spent a profitable and enjoyable evening, and thoroughly appreciated Mr. Cowles' play, and the clever company who gave such an admirable presentation of it. There was one other matter for regret, namely the noise proceeding from that part of the building used as an Institute, which in addition to being an annoyance, at times

prevented a portion of the audience from hearing what was being said on the stage.

ADVERT. 6th Feb. 1925

BLACK LEGHORN, White Leghorn, R.I.R. eggs, S.P.F. Poultry Foods. – Barwell, Swavesey Poultry Farm.

GALON'S CHARITY. 6th Feb. 1925

At a meeting of the Feoffees of Galon's Charity held at the National School on January 29, Mr. George Burling was appointed a feoffee in place of the late Mr. James Parsons.

HOCKEY. 6th Feb. 1925

The Swavesey and district ladies' hockey team played two matches at home last week. On Thursday, 29th ult., they defeated Lilleys by six goals to nil, the goals being captured by Misses K. Banks (2), N. Parish (2), S. Daintree and E. Heasman, but on Saturday their colours were lowered by the St. Ives Ladies' Club, the visitors scoring two goals to the homesters none.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 6th Feb. 1925

By the death on Friday last of Mrs. Susan Dodson, widow of Mr. Berry Dodson, Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant. The daughter of the late Mr. William Johnson, she was born in the village 83 years ago. Her mother, whose maiden name was Savage, belonged to an old Swavesey family noted for the longevity of its members, one of whom lived until she was within three or four months of completing her 100th year. Mrs. Dodson, who had been a widow since February, 1914, leaves three sons, three daughters, 27 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Parish Church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. J. Rogers (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Armitt (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Berry Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dodson, Miss Elsie Armitt and Master Bertram Armitt (grandchildren). Numerous old friends and neighbours were also present. The coffin was of polished elm, and upon it were beautiful wreaths from members of the family and sympathising friends. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th Feb. 1925

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. Burton, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish and W. Twist, with the clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman reported that the safe belonging to the Council had been removed from the residence of the late clerk to that of the present clerk; that an inventory had been made of its contents; and that Mr. R. Mitham (late clerk) had furnished a statement of petty cash receipts and payments, which showed that £27 5s. 9d. was due to him from the Council. In course of a subsequent discussion it transpired that the Employers' Liability Policy in respect of men employed with the fire engine had apparently been allowed to lapse, and the clerk was instructed to make enquiries in the matter, and on the proposition of Mr. Norman, seconded by Mr. Linford, it was resolved that Mr. Mitham should be requested to furnish a statement of the accounts of the recreation ground for the years 1923 and 1924. A communication was read from Mr. T. C. Heasman, who recently resigned his membership of the Memorial Hall Committee. Mr. Heasman enclosed a letter from the committee, in which he was thanked for his services in connection with the Hall, and stated that he could not accept it unless it was accompanied by an apology from a member of the committee. The communication was referred to the Hall Committee. The new County Rate Basis, which showed a net increase on buildings, etc., in the parish of £409 and on land of £4 was discussed, but the Council decided that no action should be taken. Mr. Linford called attention to the number of Councillors on the Hall Committee. There ought, he thought, to be four, whereas at present there were only three. It was stated that four was the proper number, and Mr. Linford was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Linford asked who gave permission for a large board bearing a poster advertising a cinema entertainment to be nailed on the fence in front of the hall. The Clerk having explained the circumstances in which, he believed, the board had been put up, and the Chairman having spoken of the damage to the fence, it was decided that the Hall Committee should be instructed to have the board removed, and the damage made good by the proprietor of the cinema.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Feb. 1925

The annual distribution of prizes for regular attendance at the parish church Sunday School, took place at the children's service on Sunday afternoon.

PARISH COUNCIL. 13th Feb. 1925

At the meeting of the Parish Council on the 3rd inst it was stated, as reported last week, that the Employers' Liability Policy in respect of men employed

with the fire engine had apparently been allowed to lapse. The Clerk of the council has since made further enquiry, and has ascertained that the premium due in August last was paid in due course.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 13th Feb. 1925

A mission, conducted by Miss Reynolds, of Woodhurst, was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, February 1st, and during the following week. A Faith tea being given on February 9th. Miss Whybrow (Over) acted as organist at the services, all of which were well attended. The collections were devoted to the expenses of the mission.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 13th Feb. 1925

The annual meeting of the members of the church and congregation of Bethel Baptist Chapel was held on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr. Arthur Norman, senior deacon and treasurer. The year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand, were presented, and satisfactory reports were submitted with reference to the various activities connected with the chapel. Short addresses were also given by Mr. Breens, of Longstanton, and others. A tea preceded the meeting.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE. 13th Feb. 1925

The organisers of the dance in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week may be congratulated on its success as "the dance of the season," and on the profit of £6 9s. which was realised for the Memorial Hall Fund. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flags, kindly lent by Messrs. Robert Sayle, Ltd., Cambridge, and about 80 dancers spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The Y.M.C.A. Jazz Band provided an excellent programme. Several handsome prizes were offered for competition. The prizewinners were: Fox trot, Miss Aves and Mr. J. Freestone (case of knives and cigarettes, presented by Mr. H. Topham); lucky numbers, Miss Banks (leather handbag, presented by Mr. F. S. Salter) and Mr. C. Wood (diamond and ruby brooch, presented by Mr. F. Cresswell). The refreshments, given by various ladies in the village, were excellent.

CRICKET CLUB. 13th Feb. 1925

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. R. Barwell presiding over a good attendance of members. After last season's accounts, which disclosed a satisfactory balance in hand, had been passed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P.; vice-presidents re-elected,

with the addition of Mr. H. P. Moller and Mr. Walter Dodson (subject to their consent); captain 1st XI, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. F. Hephher; captain 2nd XI, Mr. T. Froment; vice-captain, Mr. S. Clark; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Godfrey; assist. secretary, Mr. F. Aldred; committee, Messrs. S. F. Mitham, D. Williams, A. Hephher, R. Seekings, H. Wright, C. Savage, H. J. Culpin and T. Savage; selection committee, Messrs. A. Hephher and A. P. Payne, with the executive officers; representatives on the Institute committee, Messrs. R. Godfrey, F. Hephher and T. Savage; umpires, Messrs. J. Culpin and A. P. Payne; groundsman, Mr. H. D. Froment. It was decided to enter the 1st XI for the Furner (Hunts.) League and the Cambs. Junior Cup, and the 2nd eleven for the Milton and District League and Cup.

THE GALE. 13th Feb. 1925

Considerable havoc was caused in Swavesey by the gale on Monday night. A chimney stack at Brooklands, Market-street, with a wireless aerial attached, was blown on to the roof, and at the "Old House" (the Swavesey Poultry Farm) a tall cowl collapsed with some of the brickwork of the chimney, damaging rafters in their fall. Fowl houses there and in other parts of the village were overturned or unroofed; sheds and outbuildings also suffered. Some trees came down, while others were bereft of branches, big and small. A large arm of an elm near the schoolhouse was torn from the trunk, and fell on outbuildings, smashing the tiles and crashing into a lattice screen of considerable dimensions near by. Another massive piece from the same tree narrowly escaped the house. Stacks and thatched roofs of houses and buildings suffered seriously. On Tuesday morning the streets and roads were strewn with branches of trees, fragments of slates and tiles, and thatch litter. A villager, after surveying the mischief, remarked to a friend, "Well, it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. This will keep the bricklayer in work for a year."

MEMORIAL HALL. 20th Feb. 1925

Another of the series of whist drives arranged for the benefit of the Memorial Hall was held on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. Smart, Miss Pook; gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mr. A. Holmes, Mr. P. Burton. The duties of M.C. were undertaken by Mr. P. Burton.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 20th Feb. 1925

A sacred concert in aid of the piano fund was given in Bethel Baptist Chapel on the 12th inst. by the choir, who were assisted by Mrs. H. Asplin, of Over,

and Miss Ray, of Cambridge. Mr. Leigh, of Fenstanton, occupied the chair. There was a fairly good attendance.

CAN THIS BE TRUE? 20th Feb. 1925

A correspondent writes: While I was travelling on the L.N.E.R., near Swavesey Station, on Monday, I overheard two of my fellow passengers discussing the water-logged state of the land adjoining the line. One passenger enquired whether land was let by the gallon at Swavesey, and the other replied that the fields in Swavesey had to serve for the drains. I wondered if the gentleman who asked the question was an "uplander."

HOCKEY CLUB. 20th Feb. 1925

A successful whist drive and dance, arranged by the Swavesey District Hockey Club, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. For whist 16 tables were in play and the prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss Q. Spolton, Miss R. Parish, booby, Miss Pook; gentlemen, Mr. Cyril Hemington, Mr. H. Careless, booby, Mr. Hones. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C. Miss Parsons, Miss Netta Mustill and Mr. E. Williams presided in turns at the piano for dancing. Excellent refreshments were produced, and from first to last a very pleasant evening was spent.

WEDDING. 20th Feb. 1925

Hepher – Nunn.

The marriage took place at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Tuesday afternoon, of Mr. George William Hepher, only son of Mr. George Hepher, Swavesey, and Miss Florence Ruby Nunn, elder daughter of Mr. Walter L. Nunn, Manuden, Essex. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in golden brown crepe de chine, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Ellen Nunn, in silver grey silk, and Misses G. and D. Hepher (sisters of the bridegroom) in grey silk marocain. All wore black hats and carried bouquets of daffodils. Mr. Arthur J. Hepher was best man. After the ceremony a reception, which was largely attended, was held in the Memorial Hall. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a clock from Mr. and Mrs. R. Norman and family, Trinity College Farm, by whom the bridegroom has been employed for the last twelve years.

BILLIARDS. 27th Feb. 1925

The billiards match between teams representing Swavesey Institute and the County Hall, Cambridge, which was played at the Institute on February 19, resulted in a win for the visitors by four games to two.

HOCKEY CLUB. 27th Feb. 1925

Visiting the Town Club at Cambridge, on February 19, the Swavesey and District Ladies Hockey eleven were beaten by five goals to one. The game was well played by both teams, and Swavesey should have scored more goals, but their forwards were not fast enough, and, therefore, missed several good shots. Miss N. Parish, who scored the Swavesey goal, has now to her credit 20 of the 35 goals scored this season by Swavesey. The whist drive and dance for the benefit of the club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Feb 18, resulted in a net profit of £5 8s. 3d.

OCTOGENARIANS. 27th Feb. 1925

Mr. George Trundley, Askew-row, an employee of the Rural District Council, celebrated his 80th birthday on February 14th, and seven days later his wife attained the same age. Their wedding took place at Easter, 1871, and, therefore, in a few weeks they will have been married for 54 years. Both are in good health. Mr. Trundley is a native of Swavesey, and his wife of a neighbouring parish. His father, George Trundley, lived to a great age, and was the last man in the village who wore a smock frock. Including Mr. and Mrs. Trundley, there are at the present time 20 persons 80 years of age or upwards residing in Swavesey, viz., 7 men and 13 women, and three or four more are in their 80th year.

MEMORIAL HALL POSTERS. 27th Feb. 1925

A subscriber to the Memorial Hall Fund writes: In the "Independent Press," of January 30, you kindly published a letter from me calling attention to a large board displaying a poster of a cinema entertainment, which had been nailed to the low oak fence at the front of the War Memorial Hall, and I pointed out that not only had the nails damaged the fence, but that the poster was not a pleasing ornament for the outside of the Hall. In a report of a meeting of the Parish Council, which appeared in the "Independent Press" the following week, I read that the question of the erection of the board had been discussed, and that the Council had decided to instruct the Hall Committee to have the board removed and the damage made good by the proprietor of the Cinema. The Hall Committee, I understand, met shortly after the council meeting and doubtless discussed the matter, but not only has the board not been removed but fresh flaming posters have been displayed on it every week since. If the

present Parish Councillors are powerless, or will not take the trouble to see that their instructions are carried out, an opportunity will be afforded of replacing them by others when the new Parish Council is elected next month.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 27th Feb. 1925

Although illness in the district, bad weather, bad roads and counter-attractions elsewhere may to some extent have been responsible for the comparatively small audience at the annual concert of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Shrove Tuesday, it is to be feared that the efforts of the society do not appeal to the general public, who prefer music of a lighter and more frivolous character. This want of support is much to be regretted, as the Choral Society ought to be regarded as a valuable village asset. The chief item in the programme was J. B. Van Bree's bright and tuneful cantata, "St. Cecilia's Day," and in their rendering of it the society showed a marked improvement on their performance a year ago. The recitatives and arias were admirably sung by Mrs. C. S. Hephher (Swavesey) and Miss Vera Furniss (Fen Drayton), and the choruses were excellent, and showed that no pains had been spared in the training of the choir. Mr. J. Williams conducted with ability. In Miss Alice Wilderspin, who presided at the piano, the society has the good fortune to possess an efficient and reliable accompanist. The second part of the programme included the part song, "If I had but two little wings," (Hubert Parry); banjo solos by Mr. E. Williams; the quartette, "An evening's pastorage" (Wilfred Shaw), by Messrs. F. Aldred, J. Clarke, S. F. Mitham and B. Prime, who gave "The Song of the Jolly Roger" (Candish) as an encore; song, "Garden of happiness," by Mrs. C. S. Hephher; song, "Maid of Malabar," by Mr. J. E. Young; and the glee, "The Fisherman's Goodnight" (Sir Henry Bishop). Misses Wilderspin and Furniss and Mr. J. Williams shared the duties of accompanist. The various items in the programme were announced by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), who presided.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 6th March 1925

After a long period of failing health, Mrs. Harriett Mitham, wife of Mr. George Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, passed away on Wednesday, aged 83 years.

FLOODED LAND. 6th March 1925

Practically the whole of the low lying land around Swavesey is flooded, and the farmers are experiencing much inconvenience through work being interfered with and grazing land being under water.

A COMPLAINT. 6th March 1925

Owing, it is believed, to a gate in the fence of the Memorial Hall being out of order, cattle driven along High-street on Monday effected an entry into adjoining gardens, doing damage and causing annoyance by trampling on freshly dug and planted land. As these undesirable excursions by animals have happened on previous occasions through the same cause, the occupiers of gardens in the vicinity of the Hall are anxious that steps should be taken to prevent the recurrence.

THE LAST SMOCK FROCK. 6th March 1925

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: Some of the older inhabitants having suggested that the last wearer of a smock frock in Swavesey was the late Mr. John Cain, and not the late Mr. George Trundley, as stated in the paragraph headed "Octogenarians" in last week's "Independent Press," I have made further inquiries and have ascertained that Mr. Trundley, whose death, at the age of 77 years, occurred on 26th July, 1883, outlived Mr. Cain by two or three months. Mr. Cain attained the age of 86 years. He was a well-known poulterer, who for over fifty years on four days in every week attended with unfailing regularity the markets at Cambridge (Wednesdays and Saturdays), St. Neots, and St. Ives. He invariably wore, on Sundays as well as on week days an elaborately worked smock frock, a shiny tall silk hat, white cord breeches and speckled worsted stockings. His Sunday smock and hat were not those he wore on week days. He was never known to wear a great coat, nor when riding in his cart to wrap himself up with a rug, no matter how inclement the weather might be. Mr. Trundley's wife was a famous maker of smock frocks, and it is on record that in one year she made no less than fifty-two.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS. 13th March 1925

A parish meeting for the election of Parish Councillors will be held at the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday next, March 16th. The meeting will also be the annual assembly of the parish meeting.

HORTICULTURAL LECTURE. 13th March 1925

The last lecture of the series arranged by the Cambridgeshire Education Committee during the winter months was given on Friday, at the Memorial Hall, by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser, the subject being "Soils and manures." The lectures through the winter have been well attended, especially that on the Friday previous, when the grafting of apple and pear trees was dealt with.

CARNIVAL DANCE. 13th March 1925

About 120 people attended the carnival dance, held on March 5th, in the Memorial Hall, which had been effectively decorated for the occasion with flags, balloons, etc. Prizes for spot dancing were won by Miss V. Williamson and Mr. Aves, Mr. P. Watts carried out the duties of M.C., and Cornell's Dance Orchestra supplied a programme of the latest music. After expenses had been paid, £5 was handed over for the benefit of the Memorial Hall Fund.

BILLIARDS. 13th March 1925

The second billiards match between teams representing the County Hall and Swavesey Institute, which was played at the Institute on Thursday week, resulted in a win for the homesters by 4 games to 2.

WEDDING. 13th March 1925

Owing to illness in the families of both the bride and bridegroom, the marriage of Mr. Charles Henry Parish, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parish, and Miss Ada May Prime, daughter of Mr. Alfred Prime and the late Mrs. Prime, took place very quietly at Crown Yard Chapel, St. Ives, on Wednesday. Mr. J. T. Wiles officiated, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Harry Prime. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for Gorleston, where the honeymoon is being spent.

THE LATE MRS. G. MITHAM. 13th March 1925

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Mitham, wife of Mr. George Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, and daughter of the late Mr. John Robins, of Riseley, Bedfordshire, whose death, at the age of 83 years, on the 4th inst. was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. George Mitham (husband), Messrs. Harry and Ernest Mitham (sons), Miss Abrams and Miss F. Abrams (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. W. Thorpe (daughters and sons-in-law), Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nicholson, Mrs. W. Mitham and Miss A. Mitham (sisters-in-law and brother-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm, with black furniture. Mrs. Mitham was a native of Riseley, but had resided in Swavesey for about 60 years.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 13th March 1925

The annual general meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding over an excellent attendance of members. The accounts for 1924, which

showed a balance in hand of £40 3s. 10d., were passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. G. Sweetland; vice-presidents, re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Walter Thorpe (Swavesey), who retired, and, subject to their consent, with the addition of Messrs. H. R. Lovell, F. F. Norman (Swavesey), F. W. Bird, F. Stanton (Lolworth), H. P. Moller (Fen Drayton), P. Elliott and Edwards (Over); chairman of meetings, Mr. C. W. Hines; chairman of committees, Mr. Peachey; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner; secretary, Mr. C. Wood, School House, Swavesey; general committee, re-elected, except Mr. Walter Thorpe, who retired, with the addition of Messrs. A. Brasher, P. Burton, J. Culpin, G. Doggett, W. D. Lucas, W. Thorpe (Over) and H. Wells; sports committee re-elected with the addition of Messrs. F. W. Bird, A. Ginn, C. Hemington and S. Warrington. The other business included the revision of certain of the rules, and a decision to limit the cottagers' classes to the occupiers of not more than one acre. It was further agreed that the annual show and sports should be held in August next. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the sports committee and to the Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL. 13th March 1925

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, C. H. Parish, and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk reported that the statement of the Recreation Ground Accounts for the years 1923 and 1924, which the late clerk had been asked to supply, had not come to hand. The Council, therefore, instructed the Clerk to write to his predecessor, requesting him to hand the statement to the Chairman by Wednesday, March ? The Clerk also announced that he had received an intimation that the County Rate Basis, which had been discussed at the previous meeting, had since been revised, and that the rateable value of the parish had been reduced from £7,892 to £7, 871. He further stated that the board displaying a large poster, had been removed on the previous day from the fence at the front of the Memorial Hall, and had been re-erected on waste land on the southern side. A letter was read from the Over Parish Council asking the Swavesey Council to co-operate with the Over and Fen Drayton Councils in a representation to the L. and N.E. Railway Company with a view to the provision of a weighbridge at Swavesey station, and on the proposition of Mr. A. Norman, seconded by Mr. Parish, it was unanimously agreed that the request should be complied with, and that a meeting of representatives of the three Councils should be held at Swavesey. A precept having been issued on the Overseers, the Clerk suggested that a

committee should be appointed to examine the Council's accounts. The suggestion was approved, and the Chairman, Messrs. Burton and Twist, were chosen to serve.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS. 20th March 1925

The following nominations have been received: - Swavesey (2), Alfred Day and Robert Norman, no contest; Fen Drayton (1 member), Frederick Johnson and Henry Baldwick (old member).

HOCKEY. 20th March 1925

The Swavesey ladies' hockey eleven visited Cambridge on Thursday week, and inflicted a 4 – 0 defeat on Lilley's team, Misses S. Daintree, N. Parish, D. Carter and K. Banks capturing the goals. On Saturday the team had their colours lowered at Huntingdon, when, after a very good game, the Grammar School won by three goals to nil.

PROPERTY SALE. 20th March 1925

The two freehold closes of meadow land, containing 3a. 1r. 28p., situate in Mow Fen, Swavesey, which, by direction of Miss Vidler, Messrs. Dilley, Theakston and Read offered for sale by auction at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, were purchased by Mr. Robinson Mitham, for £120. The land was left by the late Mr. Thomas Payne, who died in October, 1910, for the purposes of Payne's Charity, and on its sale in the following year, under the provisions of the Mortmain Act, was bought by Miss Vidler for £160. The outgoings are stated to be: Commuted tithe £1 2s. 9d., land tax 7s. 11d.

OBITUARY. 20th March 1925

The funeral of Mr. Asaph Samuel Pettett, late of the City of London Police, who died at Hemingford on March 13, aged 61 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated, and the principal mourners were: Messrs. G. L. and J. T. Pettett (brothers), Mrs. B. Cook and Miss M. Pettett (sisters), Mrs. J. T. Pettett and Mrs. W. Williamson (sisters-in-law), Misses E., D. and J. Pettett (nieces). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. Pettett leaves a widow, who was unable to attend the funeral owing to illness, but no children. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

CRICKET CLUB. 20th March 1925

A successful whist drive and dance for the benefit of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Sixteen tables were

in play for whist, and the prizes were won by: ladies – Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. R. Asplin, Mrs. P. Burton; gentlemen – Mr. H. H. Berryman, Mr. G. Burling, Mr. D. Williams. For the dance which followed, Mrs. Q. Spolton presided at the piano. Excellent refreshments were provided, under the superintendence of Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Miss E. Dodson. Mr. C. Savage officiated as M.C. throughout the evening. The net proceeds amounted to about £3 15s.

B.W.T.A. 20th March 1925

Preceded by a tea, the annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Thursday week, in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Chapel. Owing to illness and other causes, several visitors who were expected to take part in the proceedings could not attend, and the branch, therefore, had to rely entirely on its own members. Mrs. W. Savage made an excellent chairman, and Miss Easter gave an admirable address. Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. Prime Godfrey sang a duet, and other members contributed solos, recitations, etc. The office of President, which had been held by the late Mrs. H. T. N. Ussher, was left vacant for the present, but the other officers were re-elected with the exception that Mrs. G. E. Canham was appointed treasurer in the place of Mrs. A. J. Willson, who had resigned. Arrangements were made for a social to be held in the near future.

PARISH MEETING. 20th March 1925

There was a large attendance at the parish meeting, held in the Swavesey Memorial Hall, on Monday evening, for the election of nine parish councillors to serve for the ensuing three years. Mr. C. Wood, chairman of the Parish Council and ex-officio chairman of the parish meeting, opened the meeting, but, being a candidate vacated the chair during the election proceedings, over which Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis was elected to preside. Messrs. W. A. Bignell and D. Williams were appointed tellers. Fifteen candidates were nominated and the voting resulted as follows, an asterisk denoting members of the present council: *Mr. R. Norman, sen., 47, *Mr. C. W. H. Cole 42, *Mr. A. Norman 40, *Mr. C. Wood 39, Mr. M. C. Culpin 34, *Mr. J. Linford 33, Mr. P. Burton 30, Mr. P. Parish 29, *Mr. W. Burton 27, *Mr. W. Twist 27, *Mr. C. H. Parish 23, Mr. H. Wells 23, Mr. H. R. Lovell 21, Mr. H. Hovell 11, Mr. C. Savage 5. Messrs. W. Burton and W. Twist, who had tied for ninth place, withdrew, and this left a further tie to be settled between Messrs. C. H. Parish and H. Wells. Their names were written on separate pieces of paper, which were placed in a hat, and the paper drawn by the chairman bore the name of Mr. Wells. The chairman thereupon declared the first eight candidates in the foregoing list and

Mr. Wells duly elected. A demand for a poll was made by Mr. Hovell, but the chairman stated that it could not be entertained as Mr. Hovell was supported by only two other electors. Mr. Wood then resumed the chair, and the meeting became the annual assembly of the parish meeting. The Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) read the Parish Council accounts for 1923-4, which, so far, had not been audited by the Government auditor, the Recreation Ground accounts for the years 1923 and 1924, and Galon's Charity accounts. Mr. Hovell, who was supported by Mr. S. Seekings, raised the question of the allocation of the Hale allotments by the feoffees of Galon's Charity, and was informed by Dr. Ellis, who said he was the oldest feoffee, that years ago the feoffees had decided that applications for allotments from agricultural workers should have preference over applications from railway men. The proceedings then terminated.

THE LATE MR. A. S. PETTETT. 27th March 1925

The name of Miss L. Whiterod (cousin) should be added to the list of mourners in the report of the funeral of Mr. Asaph S. Pettett, which appeared last week.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY. 27th March 1925

Mr. William Henry key, of Top Leys Cottage, was 80 years of age on Tuesday. His many friends in the district will be pleased to know that he is in good health, and is still wonderfully active.

DEATH OF MR. REGINALD BANKS. 27th March 1925

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Reginald Banks, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, The Priory, Swavesey, who passed away suddenly on the 23rd inst., at the early age of 19 years. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church at noon to-day (Friday).

BILLIARDS. 27th March 1925

The final game (200 up) in the billiard handicap for the Institute Challenge Cup was played at the Institute on Saturday evening, the finalists being Mr. W. A. Bignell and Mr. Palmer, both of whom owed 20. An exciting neck-to-neck fight resulted in a victory for the former by a narrow margin. A flying handicap is being arranged for a further competition for the cup.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S SUDDEN DEATH. 27th March 1925

Mr. George Tompkins, a pensioned soldier, 79 years of age, who had served many years in India, died somewhat suddenly on Saturday morning at his cottage in Middle Watch. His health had been failing, but he was out and

about on Friday, and on Saturday rose as usual. While resting in his chair he passed away. Although not a native of Cambridgeshire, Mr. Tompkins had lived in Swavesey for about thirty years. He leaves a widow, a son and daughter, both by his former wife, who died in February, 1916. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Tompkins (widow), Mr. Fred Tompkins (son), Mrs. J. Meredith (daughter), Mrs. Anderson (sister-in-law), Mr. John Dodson, St. Ives (brother-in-law). The coffin was of polished elm. Messrs. George Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

HOCKEY. 3rd April 1925

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey XI defeated the Cambridge Town Ladies' team on Thursday week by 3 – 0, Miss N. Parish scoring two goals and Miss W. Godfrey one. The game was played on Manor Field, Swavesey.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 3rd April 1925

It is understood that the managers will fill the vacancy in the infants' department of the National School by the permanent appointment of Miss Constance Scott, of St. Ives, who for some time past has been a temporary member of the teaching staff.

MEMORIAL HALL. 3rd April 1925

At the whist drive under the auspices of the Memorial Hall Committee, which was held on Tuesday evening, nine tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss E. Whybrow, Mrs. Isgrove, Miss D. Seamark. Gentlemen – Mr. H. Burling, Mr. P. J. Watts, Mr. T. C. Heasman. Mr. P. Burton officiated as M.C.

PARISH CHURCH. 3rd April 1925

The preacher at the special Lenten service at the Parish Church on Wednesday evening was the Rev. F. W. Bodger, vicar of Buckden, Hunts. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey will preach on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and the services on Good Friday will be as follows: 10.30 a.m. Matins and ante-Communion service, 1 to 3 p.m. addresses on the Seven Last Words by the Vicar, 6.30 evensong and sermon.

FUNERAL. 3rd April 1925

MR. REGINALD BANKS.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Reginald Banks, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks, the Priory, Swavesey, whose sudden death on March 23rd, at the early age of 19 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church at noon on Friday. That the sympathy of the people went out to the bereaved family was evident, not only by the large and representative congregation attending the funeral, but by the blinds of every house, cottage and shop being drawn as the cortege passed through the heart of the village on its more than half-mile journey from the Priory to the Church. The service, which was as simple as could be, was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Banks (parents), Misses Dorothy and Kathleen Banks (sisters), Mr. Philip Banks (brother), Mr. Henry Mason (grandfather), Mrs. Scate, Mrs. Strickland, Miss Mason (aunts). (List of villagers attending funeral in newspaper).

The flowers were beautiful, coming from family and friends, and also from colleagues at the boarding house, the counting house, and in the motor department at Messrs. Whiteley's; The Kildare Rowing Club; and the Kildare Athletic Association (tennis section).

The coffin was of unpolished oak, with silver-plate fittings. Messrs. W. Eaden Lilley and Co., Ltd., Cambridge, were the undertakers.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 10th April 1925

The name of Mr. Walter Dodson, of Plumstead, should be added to the list of vice-presidents of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, which appeared in the "Independent Press" on 13th March.

PROPOSED WEIGH BRIDGE. 10th April 1925

A meeting of representatives of the Fen Drayton, Over and Swavesey Parish Councils was held at the Memorial Hall on the 2nd inst., to consider whether a joint representation from the three Councils should be made to the L.N.E.R. Co. as to the provision of a weigh bridge at Swavesey Station.

SOCIAL. 10th April 1925

The winter sessions of the Young People's Working Society and of the British Women's Temperance Association were brought to a close on April 2nd with a joint social in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Chapel. Mr. G. E. Canham presided. During the happy and helpful evening solos, recitations, etc., were contributed by Mrs. W. Savage, Misses D. Aldred, E. Freestone, M. Coulson, B. Savage, Spearman and others, and the hymns, "Dare to be a

Daniel,” “Rejoice, the Lord is King,” and “Glory to Thee, my God, this night,” were sung. Excellent refreshments were served.

WEDDING. 17th April 1925

Prime – Mortlock.

A very pretty wedding of much local interest took place at Shimpling, Suffolk, Parish Church on Easter Monday, when Mr. Harry Prime, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Alfred Prime, of Swavesey, Cambs., was married to Miss Florence Amy Mortlock, eldest daughter of Mr. Edgar Mortlock, of Shimpling. The Rev. Lawson Forster, officiated, and the service was choral, the hymns, “Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,” and “The voice that breathed o’er Eden” being sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in ivory crepe de chine, trimmed marabout, with bridal veil and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of arum lilies, tulips and fern. She was attended by her sisters, the Misses Lily and Ruby Mortlock, and Miss Ethel Prime, sister of the bridegroom, who were in apricot crepe-satin, with hats to match. Mr. Edward Williams was best man. Notwithstanding that rain was falling heavily at the time, there was a large congregation. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Village Schoolroom, which had been decorated with Japanese lanterns, streamers, etc., and later the wedding party spent a happy evening in the same room with music and dancing. The presents, about 70 in number, included a clock from the Swavesey Church workers, and gifts from the employer of the bridegroom and the late employers of the bride.

ADVERTS. 17th April 1925

We have a Good Stock of Wallpapers for sale, this season’s, from 4½d. per roll. – Prior’s General Stores.

MR. P. LEE, Market-street, Swavesey, will be pleased to supply for cash or weekly payments, Ladies’ Gentlemen’s’ Boys’ and Girls’ Underclothing and Outer Garments, Boots, Shoes, Household Linen, Linos, Rugs, etc. Dependable goods, Square dealing. Illustrated catalogues, patterns and prices. Inquiries invited, strictly confidential.

BRITISH LEGION. 17th April 1925

The meeting of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was well attended. Various matters were discussed, but none of them was of public interest.

PARISH CHURCH. 17th April 1925

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday were well attended. For Easter Day the church was simply but effectively decorated with spring flowers. The congregations throughout the day were excellent, the communicants numbering 140, an increase of 16 on last year.

VESTRY MEETING. 17th April 1925

At the Easter Vestry meeting, which was held under the tower of the Parish Church on Monday, Mr. H. Wells was re-elected people's churchwarden, and the Vicar again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as his warden. There was no other business.

SACRED CONCERT. 17th April 1925

Bethel Baptist Chapel was crowded on the evening of Good Friday with an appreciative audience for a sacred concert given by friends from Zion Chapel (Cambridge). Coton and Trumpington, assisted by the Bethel Choir. Mr. G. E. Milnes (Cambridge) presided, and the excellent and well-varied programme included vocal and violin solos, recitations, and a dialogue, "The Old Bonnet." The Bethel Choir sang an anthem and a chorus. Miss Neaves was a capable accompanist. A collection was taken in aid of the Piano Fund. The concert was preceded by a well-attended public tea in the Chapel Schoolroom.

THE INSTITUTE. 17th April 1925

The annual meeting of the Institute was held on April 8th, Mr. W. A. Bignell, Chairman, presiding over a good attendance of members. Mr. C. Wood (Secretary-Treasurer) read a report of the Institute's activities during the first year of its existence, and also submitted a financial statement which showed that, notwithstanding certain heavy items of expenditure which were not likely to recur, the Institute had a balance in hand of £14 10s. The report and statement having been adopted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: - President, Mr. G. J. Paine; Chairman, Mr. W. A. Bignell; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. C. Wood; Auditors, Messrs. H. Ashby and F. W. Pontefract; Committee, Mrs. J. J. Marriott, Misses Barwell and Spolton, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, H. Holmes, jun., C. Savage and Uriah Thixton; Amusements Committee, Mrs. T. W. Thurlow, Miss Spolton, Messrs. H. Topham, and E. Williams. The officers are ex-officio members of both committees. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, having asked for practical suggestions and criticism so as to strengthen the usefulness of the Institute, certain suggestions were made at this stage of the proceedings by the Secretary, practically all of which were adopted. Amongst other matters, it was agreed that a caretaker should be

engaged; that the question of closing the Institute during the summer months should be left to the discretion of the Committee; that the annual subscription should be reduced from 6s. to 4s. (or 2s. half yearly); that the charge for billiards should be reduced to 4d., 2d and 1d., according to table, for half an hour's play; that all card games should be played in the downstairs room, and that none should be allowed in the billiard room; and that a team should, if possible, be entered in the Cambridge Billiard League. The various points connected with billiards were discussed at considerable length.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 24th April 1925

The annual collection of eggs for the use of patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has taken place during the past week, resulted in 1,360 being sent to the Secretary-Superintendent. The collectors, Misses M. Coulson, S. Daintree, N. Mustill, V. Parish, L. Thurlow, and J. Willson, are to be congratulated on having obtained about 200 more eggs than last year.

BILLIARDS. 24th April 1925

The return match between the Swavesey Institute and County Hall Billiard teams, which was played in Cambridge on Wednesday evening, resulted in a draw, each team winning four games.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th April 1925

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on the 16th inst. every member being present, viz., Messrs. Percy Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, P. Parish, H. Wells and C. Wood, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). The declarations of acceptance of office having been signed, the Council proceeded to elect a chairman. Mr. Wood was proposed by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Linford, and Mr. William Burton (an old councillor) by Mr. A. Norman, seconded by Mr. P. Burton. On a vote being taken Mr. Wood was elected. Arising out of the minutes, the clerk gave a report of the recent conference between representatives of the Fen Drayton, Over and Swavesey Parish Councils as to the advisability of a joint application being made to the L.N.E.R. Co. for a weighbridge at Swavesey station. The following appointments were made: Vice-chairman of the council, Mr. Linford; Overseers of the Poor, Messrs. A. Day, jun., and C. H. Parish (re-appointed); Sub-Captain of the Fire Engine, Mr. H. D. Froment. It was agreed that the whole of the Council should act as the Fire Engine Committee, and that the Chairman, Messrs. P. Burton, Culpin and Linford (Parish Councillors) and Messrs. R. Barwell, F. W. Pontefract and G. Winters should form the

Memorial Hall Committee. The Chairman, Messrs. P. Burton and Culpin were authorised to sign cheques. It is understood that Mr. Barwell has since intimated that he does not desire to serve on the Hall Committee.

SETTING A STACK FIRE. 24th April 1925

Leicestershire Man's Alleged Act of Arson.

A Leicestershire man, Joseph Dennis, Freeman, of Higham Ferrars, was committed to take his trial at the next Assizes on a charge of arson, when he appeared before the Cambs. Divisional Court last Saturday morning. The case was a sequel to a stack fire at Swavesey, which was recently recorded in our columns. His Honour Judge Farrant presided at the hearing of the charge.

John Scambler, a Conington farmer, said he had one field in the parish of Swavesey. It was a grass meadow called Mount Pleasant, and extended about 13 acres. He stacked last year's crop in the field close to the main Cambridge-Huntingdon road. On April 8th, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, he went to his field and saw the stack afire. It was ablaze all round, and "three parts" was destroyed. Ten tons was destroyed, which witness valued at £30. The property was insured.

Stanley Endersby, a boy living at Bell-lane, Fenstanton, said he cycled to Cambridge on April 8th, leaving home about 1 o'clock. On the way he noticed a man running out of a gateway leading to a field about half a mile on the Huntingdon side of the New Inn. As the man approached he held out his hand, which had a cigarette in it, and asked for a match. Witness cycled on without taking any notice of the man. When he got near the gate from which the man had run out he noticed a stack ablaze – nearly the whole of one side was flaming. Witness told some men who were tarring the road farther along that the stack was alight. Accompanied by the police constable, witness later went to St. Ives Workhouse, where he identified prisoner as the man whom he saw coming from the field.

P.C. Breed, Swavesey, stated that when questioned in St. Ives Workhouse, prisoner denied having seen Endersby. When searched witness found no matches in prisoner's possession. Asked what he knew about the fire, he replied: "I admit it, but not purposely." He made and signed the following statement: "I sat down against the haystack and read a book. I lit my pipe. I was sitting on some loose stuff against the hedge, with my back against the stack. I might have thrown the match down or some ashes fell out of my pipe. I noticed the cut hedge of the stack was alight. I then went off along the road. It was useless; I could not do anything to put it out. I did not do it wilfully."

After consultation the magistrates, as stated above, committed prisoner to take his trial.

HOCKEY CLUB. 1st May 1925

During the past season the Swavesey District Hockey team played 22 games, winning 10 and losing 12, an improvement on the previous season. The club hope to do still better next winter.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 1st May 1925

At a general meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (president) in the chair, the accounts for the past season, which showed a balance in hand of 16s. 3d., were presented and approved, and at the instance of Mr. E. Williams (chairman of the society) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the President, committee, Conductor (Mr. J. W. Williams), Secretary (Miss D. Banks), Treasurer (Miss E. Dodson), and especially to Miss A. Wilderspin (pianist), who had worked so hard and enthusiastically throughout the season. Mrs. C. S. Hephher was also thanked for lending a room for committee meetings, and Mr. G. H. Skeeles for a donation, which had enabled the society to show a balance in hand instead of a deficit.

COW RAIDS CYCLE SHOP. 1st May 1925

A cow on Monday wandered into the yard adjoining Mr. Dick Wilderspin's cycle warehouse in High-street, and finding nothing to interest him there, entered the workshop, proceeding thence through a doorway into the front shop, in which there were a number of new cycles, motor and ordinary, children's tricycles, etc; in fact the floor was so covered with various things that only a narrow passage was left. As no one was in the shop there was every possibility that the animal would do considerable damage. But the raider had been "spotted" by Vic Wilderspin, Mr. Wilderspin's seven-year-old son, a fearless and resourceful youngster. Seeing that there was no room for the cow to turn without trampling on cycles, etc., and that if he attacked from the rear the animal might make a dash through the large plate-glass window, he went round to the front of the shop, and entering the door, clambered over packing cases until he faced the intruder. With a small stick he tapped its head, and by persistent tapping induced it to back slowly along the narrow passage into the workshop, dragging with it, entangled in its feet, three small tricycles. In the workshop there was room for the intruder to turn, and it at once walked out into the yard, leaving the tricycles behind. Strange to say, no damage was done, the tricycles even escaping without a scratch.

MAY DAY DANCE. 8th May 1925

The May Day dance at the Memorial Hall on Friday was a great success from every point of view. There was a large attendance, the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. band provided an admirable programme of dance music and the light refreshments were excellent. Prizes were awarded for fox-trot and crossword dances. The net proceeds of the evening will be handed over to the Memorial Hall Fund.

DROVE LETTING. 8th May 1925

A correspondent writes: - "Have the District Councillors forgotten that it is usual to let the herbage of the drove ways, etc., in the parish of Swavesey, before April 1st, on and from which date it is understood the persons hiring the drove have the use of them until December 31st? The money obtained by the letting is used for the upkeep of the by-ways, and as the period during which the herbage will be available will this year be curtailed by six weeks or more by the Council's apparent neglect, even if the letting takes place at once, the sum realised will probably be smaller than usual. If this happens, it will be most unfortunate, as the money hitherto obtained from the letting has not been sufficient to keep the by-ways in proper order, and at the present time they are in a very bad state. Will the Council call upon the already overburdened ratepayers to make up the deficit?"

AN ALARMING INCIDENT. 8th May 1925

A horse-drawn lorry laden with upwards of twenty empty milk cans, which were being conveyed from the railway station, caused much alarm in High-street, and roused several late risers from their slumbers about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. When near the Rising Sun inn some of the cans fell off the lorry through the breaking of a cord with which they had been bound. They crashed on to the road, one after another, with an alarming noise, frightening the horse, which started to bolt. Fortunately the driver, Mr. F. Bricklewold, was able to pull it up almost immediately. The noise brought people to their doors and their bedroom windows, but with two notable exceptions the onlookers were content to smile at the mishap. Two Good Samaritans were, however, at hand in the persons of the village blacksmith (Mr. M. C. Culpin), and the parish churchwarden (Mr. H. Wells), and they promptly went to the rescue notwithstanding the heavy rain, and the cans, which had littered the street for some distance, were speedily replaced on the lorry, while Mr. Bricklewold held the horse. Another milk cart, proceeding to the station, was passing at the time, and the noise caused the pony to bolt, but the horse attached to a butcher's cart, standing not far off, though startled, was kept under control.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 15th May 1925

The following children attending the National School have passed the written examination for Minor County Scholarships: Lucy Key, Leonard Lovell, Wilfred Parish, Cecilia Wells, Kenneth Williams and Lionel Wood. They have to attend the oral examination on May 23rd. Out of the ten Swavesey children who were examined, only four were unsuccessful.

THE INSTITUTE. 15th May 1925

The social and dance, organised by the Institute Amusements Committee, on Saturday evening was a great success. The Memorial Hall was crowded – too crowded in fact as far as dancing was concerned – and a capital entertainment was provided by local talent, assisted by friends from Cottenham, whose songs, recitations, etc., were thoroughly appreciated. The refreshments were excellent. The duties of M.C. were capably carried out by Mr. C. Savage.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 15th May 1925

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Polling District Branch of the Cambs. Women's Conservative Association was held at the National School on Friday evening, Mrs. C. Wood presiding in the absence of the Chairman (Mrs. E. J. Warboys). The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. F. Banks; chairman, Mrs. Warboys; vice-chairman, Mrs. Wood; hon. sec. Miss Beaumont; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Page; committee: Mesdames J. Cain, F. Cooke, F. Hemington, E. J. Mitham, Pettitt, W. Thorp, Misses D. Banks and E. Dodson.

DR. ELLIS ATTACKED BY DOG. 15th May 1925

Alderman J. W. Ellis, when walking in Market-street early in the evening on Thursday week was severely bitten in the leg by a dog, which attacked him from behind, and getting a firm grip of his calf inflicted a nasty wound, besides tearing his trousers and underclothing. After receiving first-aid, Dr. Ellis was conveyed home in his motor car, and later Dr. R. Ellis, of Cottenham, who was sent for, attended to the wound, the insertion of several stitches being necessary. Dr. Ellis is progressing satisfactorily. The dog is dead, having been promptly shot by the direction of its owner.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATES WANTED. 15th May 1925

In reply to Captain Briscoe, M.P., who asked the Attorney-General in the House of Commons on Tuesday whether he was aware of the inconvenience caused to the inhabitants of Swavesey by the fact that there was no Justice of

the Peace residing there, the Attorney-General replied that the Lord Chancellor's attention had been drawn to the matter by his Advisory Committee, that he had been informed that owing to the death of the magistrate who resided in Swavesey there was a need for the appointment of a magistrate who resides in the district, and that he had appointed a magistrate who resides at Over. The Lord Chancellor understood that Over and Swavesey are adjoining villages, and that the newly-appointed magistrate would be available for the inhabitants of both places.

DROVE LETTING. 15th May 1925

The annual letting of the herbage of the droveways and roadsides in the parish, of which notice was given in the village on Saturday, took place at the White Horse inn on Monday evening. There was a fairly good attendance, but the bidding was far from keen, and the results were disappointing. Mr. G. Love, of Cambridge, who acted for Messrs. Underwoods, was the auctioneer, and supporting him were the two District Councillors representing the parish (Messrs. A. Day and R. Norman) and Mr. P. Godfrey (Assist. Overseer and Clerk of the Parish Council). The droves, etc., were offered as usual in 22 lots, most of which were secured by Mr. A. Day. They realised £12 2s. 6d., the smallest sum, it is believed, on record, and £3 5s. less than last year. In 1923 the droves were let for £22 17s 6d., in 1920 for £33 10s., in 1918 for £27, in 1917 for £21 10s., and in 1913 for £25 5s. In 1887 and 1889, when the droves etc., were under the control of the old parish surveyors, they brought in £41 1s. 6d., in the former year and £30 17s. 6d. in the latter. For the herbage of the recreation ground, which was offered after the drove letting, by order of the Parish Council, there was no competition, Mr. Alfred Prime's bid of £3 being accepted, a few shillings less than in 1924. It is stated that the delay in holding the letting, to which a correspondent called attention last week, was due to the illness of the auctioneer who should have officiated.

CHURCH COUNCIL. 22nd May 1925

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday evening arrangements were made in connection with the Church Festival which is to be held at Swavesey Church on Thursday, 4th June, at 6 p.m. Choirs from Over, Swavesey, Girton, Impington and Swaffham Prior will attend, and Mr. G. W. Thoday (organist, Over parish church) will conduct. The sermons will be preached by the Rev. Seirol Evans, Precentor, Ely Cathedral.

LENT SAVINGS. 22nd May 1925

The boxes containing the savings during Lent of members of the congregation of the parish church, on being opened, were found to contain £17 2s. 0½d. This amount has been devoted to the Church Roof Repair Fund.

MILK IN DANGER. 22nd May 1925

Milk cans on their journey to or from the railway station have recently been causing excitement in the village. Only a week or two ago, as reported at the time, a number of empty cans returning from the station were scattered in High-street, arousing late slumbering villagers and startling horses in their clattering fall. On Monday evening a further mishap occurred in Middle Watch, when about half-a-dozen cans full of milk were in serious peril through the collapse of a wheel of the float in which they were being conveyed to the railway. The incident again caused much excitement, but fortunately no milk was spilled, and by the prompt commandeering of a lorry belonging to a fruit grower living close by, the station was reached just in time to catch the train.

PARISH CHURCH. 22nd May 1925

A lightning conductor has this week been affixed to the tower of the parish church, which hitherto had had no protection from lightning. The cost of the work has been borne by Mrs. Beaumont and family.

ANOTHER TIE. 22nd May 1925

The cricket match in the Lord Lieutenant's Cup Competition between teams representing the Swavesey District and the Comberton branches of the British Legion, which was played on Swavesey Recreation Ground on Wednesday evening, ended in a tie, each side scoring 89 runs. Play did not start until 6.15 p.m., and long before the close of the game at about 9.30 p.m., while the homesters were fighting hard for runs, the light failed. There was much excitement towards the finish. This was the second match played on the Recreation Ground within the past few days to end in a tie.

HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. 29th May 1925

Mr. George Dean, youngest son of Mrs. Dean and the late Mr. James Dean, who left Swavesey about 2½ years ago to join his brother near Perth, Western Australia, has arrived in Swavesey on a holiday. He is in excellent health.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 29th May 1925

Good congregations, including many visitors from neighbouring villages, were present at the anniversary services which were held at Bethel Baptist Chapel

on May 21st. The special preacher was the Rev. F. E. Marsh, D.D., whose eloquent addresses were greatly appreciated. At the evening service the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd." A public tea at 5 o'clock was also well attended. Satisfactory collections were taken in aid of church funds.

PROPERTY SALE. 29th May 1925

By direction of Mrs. Prime, widow of Mr. Ebenezer Prime, who is leaving the district, Messrs. Dilley, Theakston and Read offered for sale at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Wednesday evening, the freehold estate known as Wright's Farm, with brick and tiled residence, outbuildings, gardens, and 38a. 6r. 31p. accommodation pasture land; also a freehold detached cottage with garden. Wright's Farm was purchased by Mr. F. Stanton, of Lolworth Grange, for £1,500, but the cottage was withdrawn at £110.

A RECORD DANCE. 29th May 1925

The carnival dance in aid of Swavesey Institute, which was held in the gaily-decorated Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Amusements Committee, was a great success in every respect. The attendance was a record for dances in the hall, the company included numerous visitors, not only from neighbouring villages, but from St. Ives, Girton, Histon, Cottenham, Milton, and even from Sutton in the Isle of Ely. A capital selection of music was supplied by Cornell's Jazz Band, and the refreshments were excellent in quality though moderate in price. Among the attractions was a waltz competition, the prizes for which were awarded to Miss Collins (Cottenham) and Mr. Grumbley (Longstanton). Mr. H. G. Topham was an efficient M.C.

THE FEAST. 29th May 1925

The village feast has been held this week. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were bright and hearty, and at evensong, when the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem, "O, taste and see" (Goss), there was an exceptionally large congregation. The collections during the day were in aid of the National School, and amounted to £3 14s. On other days cricket has been the chief attraction during day time. On Monday the second eleven, who on Saturday had qualified for the second round of the Milton and District League Cup by defeating Milton, met with a reverse at the hands of Over Reserves in a Milton and District League match, and on Tuesday the first team were unsuccessful against Warboys in a full day's game in the Turner (Hunts.) League Competition. Market-street, as usual, was well filled with the

customary attributes of a feast, including Manning's galloping horses, cocoanut shies, stalls, etc. On Tuesday evening there was a considerable crowd.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th May 1925

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, M. C. Culpin, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, P. Parish and H. Wells. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) read a letter he had received from the Traffic Manager of the L.N.E.R., in which it was stated that the amount of traffic was not sufficient to justify the erection of a weighbridge at Swavesey station, as suggested by the Over, Swavesey and Fen Drayton Parish Councils, and that no useful purpose would be served by a deputation from the Councils interviewing him on the subject. The following appointments were made: School manager, Mr. A. L. Parish (re-elected); Feoffee's of Galon's Charity, Mr. W. Twist (re-elected) and Mr. M. C. Culpin (vice Mr. Geo. Clarke). Mr. F. Parish was appointed a member of the Memorial Hall Committee in place of Mr. R. Barwell, who had declined to serve. The late clerk's accounts having been passed by the Government auditor, it was agreed that they should be paid, and, as the Council had not sufficient money in hand, a precept for £25 was issued on the Overseers, to enable this to be done. Among other business of minor importance, it was decided that the public notice-board in High-street, which had been removed during the building of the Memorial Hall, should be re-erected.

PERSONAL. 5th June 1925

Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis will on Wednesday next celebrate the 72nd anniversary of his birthday.

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS. 5th June 1925

The anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when Mr. F. Kirby, of Ramsgate, who some thirty years ago was well-known in the Swavesey district, was the special preacher, were well attended. Unfortunately the Pastor, Mr. E. Short, could not be present owing to illness, but we are glad to say that his health is improving. Between the services there was a public tea, at which over seventy sat down at well provided tables, superintended by Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. E. Parish, Mrs. W. Parish, Mrs. J. Parish, Mrs. R. Sutton, and Miss E. Day. Good collections were taken, in aid of the chapel funds.

CHURCH GREEN. 5th June 1925

A correspondent writes: At the last meeting of the Parish Council, attention was called to the dilapidated condition of the swing gate on Church Green, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council asking that the gate might be repaired. Down to the time of writing no repairs have been effected, and on Sunday evening I noticed that two horses, which had been grazing on the Green, had made their way through the gateway, and were in grave danger of falling into the large drain. In the event of an animal falling into the drain and getting injured, may I ask whether the District Council would be called upon to compensate the owner, and if so, whether the already over-burdened ratepayers would not have to foot the bill?

WEDDING. 5th June 1925

A very pretty wedding took place on June 1st at the Parish Church of St. Clement's, Burnham Overy Staithe, Norfolk, between Miss Ida Elizabeth Gunston, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Gunston, of Burnham Overy, and the late Mr. J. Gunston, and Mr. Alfred Pettett, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pettett, of Swavesey, Cambs. The Rev. C. C. Hains, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Gunston, was attended by a little page, Master Kenneth Clarke (nephew of the bride) and three bridesmaids, Misses Elsie, Dorothy and Jenny Pettett (sisters of the bridegroom). Mr. Allen acted as best man. The bride wore a white crepe de chine dress, trimmed with orange blossom and wreath and veil. She carried a bouquet of wax lilies and white sweet peas and ferns. The bridesmaids wore white silk dresses, trimmed pale blue, and mob caps. Their bouquets were of white stocks and forget-me-nots. The bridal party were conveyed to and from the church by motor car, lent by Mr. Stacey Bell, as a wedding present to the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home, where about 20 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast, at which the Vicar proposed the health and happiness of the newly wedded couple. The presents were numerous and useful.

CHORAL FESTIVAL AT SWAVESEY. 5th June 1925

Performance by Choirs from Six Villages.

A choral festival under the auspices of the Church Music Society for the Archdeaconry of Ely, of which the Rev. Lawrence Fisher is secretary, was held at Swavesey parish church yesterday (Thursday) evening. Choirs from Over, Girton, Cottenham, Impington and Swavesey (North Stowe Rural Deanery) and Swaffham Prior (Fordham Rural Deanery) attended. The singers were about 130 in number, 70 of whom were surplice. (List of

attending clergy in newspaper). Mr. G. W. Thoday (organist of Over parish church) conducted, and Mr. G. A. Skeeles (organist of Swavesey Church) presided at the organ.

The congregation was not as large as it might have been. The somewhat early hour of the service, and the commencement of the fruit-picking season doubtless kept many away. The surpliced choirs, headed by the Swavesey banner, proceeded up the church singing the hymn "Come, Thou Holy Spirit, come." The service was taken by the Vicar of Swavesey. The special Psalms 114 and 145 were sung to chants from the Cathedral Psalter, and the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis to Parry's setting in "D". The first lesson was read by the Rev. H. G. Hooton, and the second by the Rev. S. G. Weston. An admirable rendering of Elvey's anthem "O give thanks" was given by the choirs. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Seirial Evans, who gave a practical address as to the parts the choir, the organist and choirmaster, and the congregation should take in the worship of the service. Cardinal Newman's great hymn, "Praise to the Holiest in the heights," was sung before the sermon, and H. F. Lyte's hymn, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," during the offertory. "The day Thou gavest" was the recessional. With the exception of the recessional, the music was taken from the English Hymnal. The offertory, which was devoted to the expenses of the festival, amounted to £3 17s. The choirs sang well, and showed that Mr. Thoday and the various choirmasters had spared no efforts in their training.

THE LIBRARY. 12th June 1925

A fresh supply of books having been received, the village library will be re-opened at the National School this (Friday) evening.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT. 12th June 1925

According to the report of the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. R. Grove), which has just been issued, there were 50 births (23 males, 27 females) in the six parishes comprised in the Swavesey Rural District during 1924, a birthrate of 20 per 1,000 of population, the rate for the year for England and Wales being 18.8. The deaths numbered 39 (20 males, 19 females), a rate of 15.7 per 1,000 of population, the rate for England and Wales being 12.2. No deaths were due to child birth and none to zymotic diseases. The causes of death were not noteworthy, except that there were nine from cancer, and the number of persons over 65 was less than usual. The sanitary inspector made 145 inspections of slaughterhouses and bakehouses, five of the former and three of the latter being registered. He also made 91 inspections of dairies, cowsheds and milk-shops. There are 74 milk-sellers in the district. The abolition of ash-

pits, ash-heaps and privy vaults is being proceeded with. In most cases the sanitary pails are emptied by the tenants, but Dr. Grove suggests that it would be better if the larger villages were provided with sanitary carts, as is done in neighbouring districts.

BEHEADED. 19th June 1925

While hedge-trimming at Mr. Ezra Day's farm at Boxworth-end on Monday morning, Mr. C. H. Jones, greatly to his surprise, decapitated a yellow-hammer, which was hatching off eggs in its nest.

A NUISANCE. 19th June 1925

A ratepayer writes: The authorities responsible for the health of the parish should inspect the sewage pipes which run along the side of the drain crossing the main street of the village at the Turn Bridge. These pipes convey the sewage from houses, butchers' establishments, etc., in High-street. One pipe, within a few yards of a row of cottages, is broken, and through the fracture offensive liquid flows into the open drain below. The open drain, I may add, needs more attention, especially during hot and dry weather, than it has received of late, for the accumulation of stagnant, semi-liquid matter is not only offensive, but must be a danger to the public health. Are we, may I ask, to understand that the flushing tank, which was erected some time ago in Gibraltar-lane at the suggestion of an official of the Ministry of Health, is useless?

SWAVESEY'S FINE CHURCH. 19th June 1925

Garden Fete to Augment Roof Repair Fund.

The shady lawn at the back of Swavesey Vicarage was gaily beflagged on Thursday for the annual garden fete and sale of work, organised by the Parochial Church Council for the Church Repair Fund. The church is a very fine structure, nearly 600 years old, and work of restoration has been carried out during recent years under the supervision of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, but much remains to be done and cannot be put in hand until more money is forthcoming. The roof of the nave and part of the roof of the south aisle has been thoroughly repaired, but the north aisle and remainder of the south aisle roofs are in urgent need of attention, work involving a heavy expenditure. The church is one of the largest in the county, and is described in A. G. Hill's "Churches of Cambridgeshire" as a "fine, large specimen of Early English, altered considerably in Perpendicular times by insertions in the style of that period."

The Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presided over the opening ceremony, and introduced Miss Lucy Dunn (Milton) to the assembled company. When Miss Dunn and her father resided in Swavesey some years ago she was keenly and actively interested in the church and its Sunday School. On the platform, too, were members of the Parochial Church Council: Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Smith, Miss Beaumont, Mrs. Banks, Messrs. W. H. Key, R. Barwell, R. Mitham, S. Mitham, and the churchwardens (Messrs. H. Wells, C. Banks and G. Paine).

A LEGACY FROM THE PAST.

The Vicar remarked that he had always noticed two things about Swavesey and Swavesey people. One was what very hard workers they were, especially in anything to do with their church, and in this connection he noticed that it was the people who were busy themselves who were most ready to help. The other thing he noticed was how people – even after they had left it for some years – were always eager to visit Swavesey and how pleased people were to see them back. He thought this especially applied that afternoon with regard to the presence of Miss Dunn.

Because the church was so noble and fine a structure, continued the Vicar, it led them into extra expense for its upkeep. They had done marvellously well in repairing the nave roof, and now they had reached a position of over £400 in the bank. The smaller job of repairing the north aisle roof would cost £500, so that if they liked they could begin at once, but they preferred to do the larger job first – the south aisle roof, which would cost £1,350.

Miss Dunn expressed pleasure at re-visiting Swavesey, and recalled that during her residence in the village there were great floods, necessitating the use of planks and boats to move from the houses. Everybody acquainted with East Anglia and its architectural buildings knew Swavesey Church, and if ever Swavesey was mentioned people would remark, “Oh, yes, that’s the village with the splendid church.” “So that it is good to hear the efforts the people of Swavesey are making to preserve their splendid church for future generations,” concluded Miss Dunn.

Mr. T. W. Dunn, formerly Headmaster of Bath College, said they had to look back in the far past with gratitude to the children of centuries gone by. When this now ancient church was built it was a demand upon the goodwill and liberality of those who built it for its size and splendour was in no measure comparable with the wealth of the village. How they managed to build so magnificent a structure as had come down to us he could not manage to see.

The formal proceedings concluded with the presentation of a dainty bouquet to Miss Dunn by a dainty little maiden – Gwendoline Froment, the daughter of Mr. H. D. Froment, a sidesman.

(A list of stalls, stall-holders and competitions is in the newspaper).

ADVERT. 26th June 1925

QUANTITY of Oak Water Butts and Boarded Sections for Sale at Prior's Stores.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 26th June 1925

The Rev. F. E. Marsh, D.D., who was the special preacher at the anniversary services held recently at Bethel Baptist Chapel, paid another visit to the chapel on Sunday, when he preached in the morning and evening. His eloquent and impressive addresses were greatly appreciated by the large congregations that assembled to hear him. Good collections were taken at both services.

OBITUARY. 26th June 1925

Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, who for the past seven years had been bedridden, died on Tuesday afternoon in St. Ives Infirmary, where he had been since the death of his wife in November of last year. Mr. Wilderspin, who was well known in the Swavesey district, was 65 years of age. The funeral will take place in Swavesey churchyard at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

THE FLUSHING TANK. 26th June 1925

The flushing tank in Gibraltar-lane, to which reference was made by a correspondent in our last issue, was brought into use on Saturday morning, but it seemed to have little or no effect on the open drain at Turn Bridge, near which are several cottages, although the comparatively small flush of water may have done some good at the back of houses in Middle Watch. The broken drain pipe at Turn Bridge has not yet been repaired or replaced by a sound one.

WEDDING. 26th June 1925

The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, in the absence of the Vicar, who is taking his yearly holiday, officiated at the marriage of Miss Violet Dean, daughter of the late Mr. James W. Dean and Mrs. Dean, of Swavesey, and Mr. Stanley Francis Hoddinott, son of Mr. Frank Hoddinott and the late Mrs. Hoddinott, which was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey, on Wednesday. The bride, who was charmingly attired in apricot French silk, was given away by her brother, Mr. Cecil Dean, Mr. George Dean acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Waterton House, Swavesey. The wedding presents were numerous and useful. A merry peal was rung on the church bells at the conclusion of the service, and again in the evening.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 26th June 1925

Mr. Dennis Williams, of Market-street, Swavesey, had a very narrow escape from a serious accident when cycling near the New Inn on the Cambridge – Huntingdon road on Thursday week. A section of the road was being tarred, and Mr. Williams, who was riding an ordinary bicycle, was under the mistaken impression that a motor car, which was approaching from the opposite direction had been signalled to stop. The car, however, came on, and Mr. Williams had to choose between running into it “head on” or turning on to the freshly spread tar. He decided on the latter alternative, with the result that his wheels skidded, and the cycle went under the car while he fell clear. Mr. Williams was not injured, but the bicycle was completely smashed.

LAST WEEK’S FETE. 26th June 1925

The competitions etc., at the garden fete held in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday week, a report of which appeared in our last issue, were won by the following: Hidden treasure, 1 and 2 Mrs. Banks, 3 Mr. Moyne, 4 Mr. W. H. Key; plant pot and marbles, Mr. W. J. Hepher; weight of cake, Miss Hilda Hepher; coin in cake, Mrs. E. J. Linford, jun.; weight of eggs, Mr. W. Kester; chocolates, Mrs. Hall; cross-word puzzle, 1 Mr. F. Aldred, 2 Rev. C. F. Stebbing; age of cockerel, Miss E. Pettett; lucky number, Mr. C. S. Hepher; shooting gallery, Mr. Jack Bull; candle lighting, Miss D. Aldred; hat trimming, Mr. P. Lee. As a result of the fete upwards of £65 will be added to the Church Repair Fund.

SOMETHING LIKE A RECORD. 3rd July 1925

Six of the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilderspin, all under eleven years of age, have been attending the National School this week. Is this a record for one family? asks a correspondent.

DANCE. 3rd July 1925

The flannel dance in aid of the Swavesey Institute, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening was a highly successful and enjoyable function. An excellent selection of music was provided by Cornell’s dance band, and Mr. H. G. Topham was a capable M.C.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 3rd July 1925

Five of the six pupils of Swavesey National School, who qualified for the oral test for County Minor Scholarships, have passed the final examination, rendering them eligible for admission to secondary schools, and one has been awarded an honorary scholarship. The sixth pupil, who passed the preliminary

examination, did not sit for the final. The successful children are: Lucy Key, Leonard Lovell, Wilfred Parish, Cecilia Wells and Lionel Wood (honorary scholarship).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 3rd July 1925

At a meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society on Monday evening further arrangements were made for the third annual show and sports, which are to take place early in August, and stewards and judges, the latter being the same as last year, were appointed. It was also decided that a dance, arranged by Mrs. Thurlow, should be held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of the show, from 10 o'clock until midnight.

THE LATE MR. S. WILDERSPIN. 3rd July 1925

The funeral of Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, whose death on June 23, at the age of 65 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey churchyard on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Cracknell (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, sen., (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. T. L. Cracknell and Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, jun. (nephews), Mrs. Askew, Mrs. Golding and Mrs. Harvey (nieces). The coffin was of polished elm with black furniture. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CRICKET. 10th July 1925

The game between Swavesey and Fenstanton in the Turner (Hunts.) League competition played on Saturday at Swavesey, was attended by an unpleasant and unusual incident. Batting first, Swavesey scored 62, to which Fenstanton replied with 80. It was then 6.20, and according to the rules of the League, play should have continued until five hours' cricket had been completed, i.e., practically two hours longer. The Swavesey eleven were prepared to continue, when the Fenstanton captain asked the Swavesey skipper whether he was going on with the game. On being informed in the affirmative, he replied that he refused to play, as his team's 'bus had been ordered for 6.30, and was then waiting. Swavesey, he added, could report him if they liked. It is understood that the Swavesey club have reported the matter to the League authorities. They do not claim the award of points on the ground that Fenstanton refused to continue to play, but they demand a replay on a neutral ground with neutral umpires.

CHOIR OUTING. 10th July 1925

The choir of Bethel Baptist Chapel had a very pleasant outing on Thursday week when they motored to Clayhithe and enjoyed a few hours' boating on the river.

BRITISH LEGION. 10th July 1925

The quarterly meeting of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. W. A. Bignall presiding in the absence of the chairman, who was unable to be present. The business was not of public interest.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEGLECT. 10th July 1925

A ratepayer of many years' standing writes to complain of the neglect by the District Council of the droveways, bridges and stiles in the parish of Swavesey. Among other instances of neglect, he mentions Brickhill drove, which, he says, is obstructed by old bushes and its stiles are in such a state of disrepair as to be dangerous to all but the most athletic young people; the footbridge over the large drain in Mow-lane, leading to Holywell, which for a long time has been unsafe, and another bridge in Cow Fen, which appears likely to collapse at any moment. Hedges, he adds, are in a very wild state.

HARVEST BEGUN. 17th July 1925

Mr. B. Prime, Swavesey, commenced to cut his winter oats on Wednesday.

AN INQUIRY. 17th July 1925

An occasional visitor to Swavesey is anxious to know why the pond by the side of the main street, near Bethel Chapel, is being used as a repository for carts and wagons.

THE £3,000 PRIZE. 17th July 1925

Mr. H. H. Berryman, High-street, is one of the 1,274 persons who gave a correct forecast of the goal scores and attendance at this year's Football Cup Final in the competition organised by "Tit Bits." He has received £2 7s. 2d as his share of the £3,000 prize.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th July 1925

The flannel dance in aid of the funds of the cricket club, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, and for which Cornell's Band provided an excellent selection of music, attracted a large attendance. Mr. R. Godfrey (secretary of the club) officiated as M.C., the general management being in the capable hands of Mrs. T. W. Thurlow.

A RUNAWAY. 17th July 1925

A horse drawing a cart load of hay took fright on Friday, when near the Manor, and bolted towards the railway station. The gates being open, the line was safely crossed, but on the other side the runaway was met by a motor car and a cart, and, in order to avoid a collision, Mr. C. Cook, of Over, who was with the load of hay, at considerable risk to himself, pulled the horse into a ditch. No damage was done, but the cart had to be unloaded before it could be drawn out of the ditch.

WATER WASTED. 17th July 1925

Through the bursting of a pipe of the main supply during Saturday night, water has ever since been running to waste in High-street. It is not known why repairs have not been effected, but ratepayers are complaining of the waste of water and of the inevitable damage to the road, which has recently been freshly tarred. On Sunday there was only a gentle stream along one side of the street into the nearest drain grating, but by Thursday morning the water had spread across the road.

BOY INJURED. 17th July 1925

While driving a horse drag at Messrs. Day and Son's farm at Boxworth about noon on Wednesday, Montague Coulson, 14, of Turn Bridge Cottages, Swavesey, met with an unfortunate accident. Irritated apparently by flies, the horse bolted, and, the harness breaking, the lad was thrown off the drag. He was picked up by men working in the field and conveyed to Mr. George Holmes' house at the Brickyard, where it was found that he had sustained a nasty cut behind his right ear, and his head, neck and back were extensively bruised. He was attended to by the District Nurse (Miss Walters), who was sent for, and later was conveyed home by Miss M. Parsons in her motor car. Dr. J. W. Ellis examined the lad later in the day.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 17th July 1925

The anniversary of Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday School was kept last Sunday, the preacher being Mr. Foreman, of Cambridge, whose address to the children in the morning, and also in the evening were greatly appreciated. A flower service was held in the afternoon, the children bringing bountiful gifts of beautiful flowers, which were sent on the following day to St. Ives Infirmary. Throughout the day there was special singing by the children, whose efforts were most creditable, and at the close of the evening service certificates gained in the Sunday School Union Scripture examination were

presented to Fred and Kenneth Williams, Thora and Joyce Jacklin, the only Swavesey children who sat for the examination. The services were well attended, the evening congregation being exceptionally large, but unfortunately the collections on behalf of the Sunday School were not up to the average of recent years.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. 24th July 1925

During the short but sharp thunderstorm, between 8 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, a tree in Manor Field, close to the railway station, was struck by lightning.

DEFECTS ATTENDED TO. 24th July 1925

The burst water main in High-street, and the sewer pipes at Turn Bridge, to both of which attention has been drawn in these columns, have been repaired, the former on Thursday week and the latter on Wednesday.

DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER. 24th July 1925

Mr. John Beresford Senter ("Jack"), late of the Royal Army Service Corps, who for years was a familiar figure at the White Horse Inn, passed away at St. Ives Infirmary on Sunday morning, aged 61 years. He had long been in bad health. Mr. Senter was unmarried, and, as far as is known, had no immediate relatives. He served with the R.A.S.C. for 18 years, and was with the Corps in the South African War (Queen's Medal with five bars), until his thigh being shattered he was invalided out of the Service in 1901 with a small pension. On August 4th, 1914, he was called up for duty with the Commissariat, but was unable to obey the summons, as a few hours before he received it he had met with a serious accident through a fall downstairs, which resulted in two of his ribs being broken and other injuries. He came to Swavesey with his old comrade, the late Mr. Alfred Slater and the late Mrs. Slater, 21 years ago, and assisted them in the management of the White Horse, remaining there when Mr. H. H. Moyne took over the house about 18 months ago. Owing to his need of constant attention and professional nursing, he was removed recently to St. Ives Infirmary, where he passed away as stated. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. H. H. Moyne, Mr. J. Moyne, sen., Mrs. Wagstaff, Rev. J. F. Cooksey, Mr. P. Lee, Mr. H. Holmes and Mr. A. W. Melbourne (secretary of the local branch of the British Legion. The body, enclosed in a polished elm coffin, covered with a Union Jack, was borne to the grave by four ex-Service men, Messrs. H. Carter, J. Froment, A. Prime, jun., M.M., and B. Sutton. There was one wreath – from Mr. H. H. Moyne. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

SWAVESEY GARDEN FETE. 24th July 1925

Yesterday's Effort in Aid of District Nursing Association.

The annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association was held yesterday (Thursday) in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. Cooksey. Fortunately the weather was fine, and the attendance was satisfactory. The Association is doing useful work that is being more and more appreciated as the years roll by. The question of finance, however, occasions some anxiety to the President (Mrs. Cooksey) and the Committee. Contributions are not sufficient to meet expenses, and it is with the view of raising extra funds that functions such as yesterday's fete are organised.

The opening ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. R. Mailer, of Boxworth, who was accompanied by her husband, the representative of the Swavesey district on the County Council. In her brief speech Mrs. Mailer urgently pleaded for support of the Association which was doing such gallant work. She had heard from all sides high praise of Nurse Walters, who was a great asset to the Association.

A bouquet was then presented to Mrs. Mailer by little Ivory Wagstaff, of Swavesey.

The chief attractions were a baby show, children's fancy dress parade (under the management of Nurse Walters), and the children's country dances. There were also stalls, side shows, competitions, etc., and it is needless to add, a refreshment department, over which Mrs. Dean presided, assisted by a band of energetic lady helpers too numerous to mention. Mr. H. H. Berryman dispensed ice cream.

In the baby show, (limited to the three parishes), the infants were divided into four classes and the judges were Dr. Frank Robinson and Miss Bills (Superintendent of the Cambs. Nursing Association), who awarded the prizes as follows: - Class 1 – 1 Sheila Rachel Watts (Over), 2 Joan Saunders (Fen Drayton), 3 Derek George Brooks (Swavesey); Class 2 – 1 Eric George Dodson (Swavesey), 2 Molly Kenzie (Over), 3 Donald Day (Over); Class 3 – 1 Ruth Shepperson (Swavesey), 2 Margaret Anne King (Fen Drayton), 3 Joseph Powell (Over); Class 4 – 1 Kathleen Adams (Over), 2 Joan Elizabeth Thoday (Over), 3 Enid Frances Hemington (Over).

For the fancy dress parade Mrs. Mailer adjudicated, assisted by Mrs. Stebbing and Mrs. Barwell. They awarded the prizes to the boys representing: 1 Green Peas, 2 Father Christmas, 3 Darby, 4 Pierrot, 5 Indian; and to the girls representing: 1 Nurse, 2 Joan, 3 Toilet Table, 4 Early Victorian, 5 Shepherdess. Ten other girls received consolation prizes.

The children's country dances were pretty and effective, and the performers had been admirably trained by Miss Beaumont, Hon. Sec. of the Association, assisted by Mrs. C. Wood. They both danced and sang excellently. Names of stalls and stallholders in the newspaper. The general management was in the hands of Mrs. Cooksey, who, as usual, was indefatigable both before and during the fete.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 31st July 1925

The Rev. Thomas Boulanger Field, of Kensal Rise, London, Baptist Church, has accepted the call to the pastorate of Bethel Chapel, Swavesey, and it is hoped that he will take up his new duties early in October.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE. 31st July 1925

In consequence of the unsettled weather, the whist drive and dance in aid of the Church Repair Fund, which was announced to take place on Tuesday evening, was held in the Memorial Hall, and notwithstanding the change of venue was a complete success. Fourteen tables, over which Mr. E. J. Mitham presided as M.C., were in play for whist, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. Webb, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. B. Prior; gentlemen – Mr. G. Burling, Mr. J. Cain, Mr. Russell Barker. More people came in for the dance which followed the drive, and for which Miss M. Parsons, Miss N. Mustill and Mr. E. Williams, who presided in turns at the piano, provided the music. The net proceeds of the evening's entertainment amounted to £5 4s. 2d.

DANCE EXPENSES. 31st July 1925

A correspondent writes: - Is it not about time, when dances are so popular in the village, that more attention was paid by the promoters to the expenses incurred in connection with the same? Is it absolutely necessary to engage a band to supply the dance music? Could not some arrangement be made whereby the heavy expense could be diverted into the funds of the cause for which the dance is promoted. In any case, the piano is here on the spot. This means that we have to lay out several pounds for someone to come into the village to play it, with a little bit of jazz thrown in, and which is not essential to the success of the dance. Why not engage one or two pianists who live in the village (and we have several good ones) and pay them a reasonable fee for the evening? If two were engaged it would give both the opportunity of dancing themselves, if they so wished, for part of the evening, by playing alternately at the piano. I certainly think it is a scheme well worth considering. As things now stand, the financial success of a dance is

jeopardised at the commencement by the heavy fee that is to be paid to the bandsmen for their services. – Yours, etc., A. Newman.

LAST WEEK'S FETE. 31st July 1925

The garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association on the 23rd inst., a report of which appeared last week, realised a net profit of £39 16s. 11d., and to this must be added £2 10s. 2d., the proceeds of a dance organised by Mr. Percy Watts (Over) and Miss E. Dodson (Swavesey) for the benefit of the Association, which was held the same evening in the Memorial Hall. (List of prizewinners in the newspaper). The piano accompaniment to the children's country dances was played by Miss Vera Furniss, of Fen Drayton. The nicely-illuminated programmes were the work of some of the school children of that village.

SCHOOL TREATS. 7th Aug. 1925

The children attending the parish church and Bethel Baptist Chapel Sunday Schools had their annual summer treats on Thursday week, and as the weather was favourable, both parties spent a happy time. The church children were entertained in the Vicarage grounds and played games, etc., in an adjoining field, and the Bethel youngsters, after tea in the chapel schoolroom enjoyed themselves in a meadow lent by Mr. J. Day, one of the deacons.

WEDDING. 7th Aug. 1925

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Percy John Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cartwright, and Miss Fanny Prime, daughter of Mr. Alfred Prime and the late Mrs. Prime, which was solemnized at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Harry Prime, was attired in ivory crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her cousin, Miss Grace Hepher, and Miss Daisy Cartwright (sister of the bridegroom), both of whom were in blue silk, with black hats. Their bouquets were of red carnations and fern. Mr. Frank Hayward, of Elsenham, was best man. After the ceremony about 50 guests were entertained at the Memorial Hall. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW. 7th Aug. 1925

Good Entries and Exhibits But Poor Weather.

SWAVESEY SOCIETY'S THIRD VENTURE.

Much of the enjoyment of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's third annual show and sports, held on the Manor Field yesterday (Thursday), was spoilt by rain. The material results of the show, however, did not suffer much – the attendance of 1,400 or so, for instance, at least equalled the total of last year. In the afternoon the weather, although not ideal, was tolerably favourable. Rain commenced at about 6 o'clock, and increased to such a downpour that people were forced to crowd into the tents for over an hour, and marred much of the pleasure of a good show. Besides special classes, arrangements were made for 130 classes, and although no exhibits were staged in some instances the aggregate of entries was much larger than last year. Similarly, the general quality of produce this year represented a much higher standard than last – despite the less favourable season.

The judges in the show were Mr. A. T. Paskett (County Horticultural Adviser) and Mr. Geo. Hart (Willingham). In the fruit classes, apples – especially Cox's Orange Pippin, Bramley's and Beauty of Bath – made the best display. Rivers and Czars plums, too, were particularly good, while raspberries made quite a decent show considering the season. Among vegetables, both white and coloured kidney potatoes were prominent. Marrows were adjudged to be exceptional alike for their size and quality, and similar remarks were made with regard to Tripoli onions. Other vegetables classified as good included parsnips, carrots, long pod beans and globe beet. Flowers made a noteworthy display, particularly in the table decoration section.

(Long list of results in newspaper)

OBITUARY. 14th Aug. 1925

After years of ill-health, the sequel of pneumonia from his devotion to duty while shepherd for the late Mr. John Kirby, of Boxworth, Mr. Samuel Kester passed away on Saturday evening. The son of the late Mr. William Kester, a well-known shepherd, Samuel Kester was born in Swavesey 65 years ago in a house in Carter's-lane, adjoining that in which he died. His earlier life was spent in Swavesey, and for 27 years he worked for Mr. Kirby at Boxworth, until 1916, when, incapacitated by ill-health, he returned to his native village. He was greatly respected and much sympathy is felt for his widow, a sister of Mr. Alfred Prime, of Swavesey, and his son and two daughters. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiating. The mourners included Mrs. Kester (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kester (only son and his wife), Miss Eliza Kester and Mrs. Stamp (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. W. Kester (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daintree, Mrs. D. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. E. Prime, Mr. G. Hephew

(brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Miss G. Hepher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prime, jun. (nieces and nephew).

The polished elm coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

SHOW AND SPORTS. 14th Aug. 1925

The third annual show and sports promoted by the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held on August 6th, a report of which appeared in our last issue, was a success, notwithstanding the heavy rain which interfered with the latter part of the day's proceedings. The sports programme was carried out in its entirety, but owing to the wet, concluded later than had been arranged. The "gate" amounted to £51 14s., but this drop in takings was more than compensated by an increase in the number of members, the additional subscriptions amounting to £11. The Cambridge Railway Silver Band played during the afternoon and evening and for dancing after the sports. As the time allowed for the open-air dance was necessarily limited, dancing was continued after 10 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, and was kept up until about 1 a.m. on Friday. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Thurlow, and the music was supplied by Cornell's band. The dance, after all expenses had been paid, added £3 1s. 2d. to the day's takings.

(Sports results in full in the newspaper). At the close of the sports the prizes were presented by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who was assisted by Messrs. W. A. Bignell, C. S. Hepher, and P. J. Watts. The distribution of horticultural prizes took place on Tuesday evening.

HELP FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 21st Aug. 1925

The annual house-to-house collection under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, which has recently been made in Swavesey, amounted to £16 15s. 3d. The collectors were: Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. J. Dean, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. W. Thorp and Miss Gaunt. Mrs. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, the local vice-president of the Fund, asks us to state that the total sum collected this year for the Hospital in the Swavesey district was £82 5s. 6d., an increase of over £2 on last year's collections.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 21st Aug. 1925

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Football Club, held on the 11th inst., the following officers were appointed for the ensuing season: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Ashby, C. F. Banks, A. Beaumont, Blinkhorn, G. E. Canham, W. Crouch, H. P. Moller, J. Mustill, W. Mustill and

F. W. Pontefract; captain, Mr. T. Savage; vice-captain, Mr. G. Oakman; hon. secretary, Mr. H. A. Holmes; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Aldred; general committee, Messrs. H. Brooks, R. Godfrey, A. Heasman, A. Hephher, F. Hephher, R. Seekings and T. C. Thompson. It was decided that a team should be entered for the Cambs. League (Div. III) competition. The club will start the season with a balance in hand of £3 17s. 1d.

A PLAGUE OF WASPS. 21st Aug. 1925

Swavesey just now is suffering from a plague of wasps. Men, women, children and even babies have been stung; houses and shops have been invaded, the grocers' establishments being especially happy hunting grounds for the vicious and destructive insects. Six members of one family have been among the victims. Nests are numerous. Some of them have been destroyed, but a more general and organised campaign of destruction is desirable in the interests of the community. Mr. Jethro Linford, within the past few days, has destroyed 14 out of 19 nests in his field and orchard in Gibraltar-lane, and by the time these lines appear in print the remaining five will probably have been dealt with. Dr. J. W. Ellis has also been actively engaged in the work of destruction. One nest was discovered in the wall of an old house at Boxworth End, close to the window of a bedroom.

DEATH OF MR. ZACHARIAH PARISH. 28th Aug. 1925

Funeral at Swavesey.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Zachariah Parish, for forty years a well-known and much-respected butcher at Swavesey and Cambridge market, who passed peacefully away at his residence in Parkside, St. Ives, early on Saturday morning, will be received with regret by many of our readers. A son of the late Mr. Isaac Parish, he was born in Swavesey 62 years ago, and he lived in the village until September last, when failing health necessitated his relinquishing his business, which has since been carried on by his sons, Messrs. Arthur and John Parish. Mr. Parish then removed to St. Ives. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

The funeral, which, in deference to the well-known desire of the deceased, was as simple and quiet as possible, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, sympathising friends and old neighbours attending in large numbers notwithstanding the rainy weather. The body, enclosed in a coffin of panelled oak with brass furniture, was conveyed by motor hearse from St. Ives to Aylesford house, his old Swavesey home, whence the mourners followed on foot to the cemetery. The burial service was conducted by Mr. J. T. Wiles, of St. Ives, the hymn, "Rock of Ages," being sung at the close.

The mourners included: Mrs. Parish (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parish, Mr. and Mrs. John Parish (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. Bernard Parish (son), Misses Frances and Annie Parish (daughters), Mrs. J. B. Parish (daughter-in-law), Messrs. Jethro and Ephraim Parish, Manchester (brothers), Mrs. J. Parish (Bedford), Mr. and Mrs. B. Barker and Mr. Frank Barker (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barker, Messrs. Russell Barker, A. L. Parish and R. Parish (nephews and nieces).

(long list of other mourners in newspaper)

There were no flowers by request. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Meadows, St. Ives.

PROPERTY SALE. 28th Aug. 1925

Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, offered by auction on Monday evening a freehold dwellinghouse in High-street, by direction of Mr. P. S. Spring. The bidding started at £250, and at £300 Mr. Dick Wilderspin, of Swavesey, became the purchaser. The sale was held at the White Horse Inn, a good company being present. Messrs. Maule, Sons, and Winter, of St. Ives and Huntingdon, were the solicitors concerned for the vendor.

DEATH OF A VISITOR. 28th Aug. 1925

Mr. Walter Thorpe, proprietor of the Golden Cross Hotel, Notting Hill, London, who was spending the week-end in Swavesey, with Mr. George Mitham, his wife's father, was taken ill on Monday morning, and despite every attention, passed away at 1 a.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Thorpe, who was 45 years of age, leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of which is about 16. The funeral will, it is understood, take place in London.

WEDDING. 4th Sept. 1925

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Percy Bertram Freestone, only son of Mrs. Freestone, of Cambridge, and Miss Rose May Seekings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Seekings, of Swavesey, which was solemnised at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. George Seekings, was charmingly attired in white crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of white asters and fern. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Joyce and Sylvia Carter, Miss Emma Lucas (nieces of the bride), and Miss Florrie Ford. The Misses Carter wore peach marocain, with bandeaux of silver leaves, and carried baskets of pink asters, while Misses Lucas and Ford were in old gold crepe de chine; their bouquets were of bronze chrysanthemums and fern. Mr. R. Seekings (brother of the bride) was best man. A reception,

numerously attended, was held after the ceremony at the Memorial Hall. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, and included a gift of blankets from the bride's fellow workers at Girton College.

CALLOUS MOTOR CYCLISTS. 4th Sept. 1925

Thomas Henry Coulson, son of Mr. James Coulson, Boxworth End, Swavesey, when cycling home from Cambridge about 10 p.m. on Thursday week, was knocked over near Girton College by a motor cycle combination, which ran over his machine. Another motor cyclist with a pillion rider, who was following, also went over the cycle, the jolt causing a large bag he was carrying to fall on to the road. The second cyclist with his companion, who stopped about 100 yards away, returned on foot to pick up the bag. Coulson was then lying on the roadside where he had fallen in a semi-conscious condition, but neither the motor-cyclist nor his companion rendered, or even offered, any assistance, and, recovering their bag, quickly disappeared from the scene. A Good Samaritan, however, soon came up in the person of Mr. Swift, of Halifax-road, Cambridge, who took Coulson and his damaged machine in his car to Cambridge, where the cycle was left, and subsequently motored him to his home in Swavesey. Coulson was badly bruised and shaken, but was fortunately able to go to his work on the following day.

REPORT ON CROPS. 4th Sept. 1925

Wheat 6 to 8 sacks per acre. Barley 5 to 8 sacks per acre. Dry weather at the end of May and June were against it. Oats 10 to 12; not much oat straw owing to the same cause as the barley. Beans and peas fairly good, beans perhaps 7 or 8 sacks per acre, peas from 6 to 8. The early drought was rather against these. The hot sun quite enough for these crops. Roots: Mangolds are fairly good where sown early, and a good plant obtained. Where sown late they did not grow very fast on account of the dry weather. These will do better if another fortnight's fine weather continues. Hay not very heavy, but most of it secured in good condition. Clover good, and most of it got well. Fruit: Plums good, and sold well on account of a scarcity in some districts. Apples abundant crop, but make very little now. – R. Mitham.

ADVERTS. 11th Sept. 1925

100 ACRES OF AFTER-FEED, in eight fields, up to Christmas; most of them with good ponds of water; also 50 ACRES GRASS LAND to Let on Lease, in four fields; immediate possession. – H. Wilderspin, Swavesey.

TO LET, in Middle Fen, Swavesey, SIX ACRES GRASS. – apply, J. Dean, Swavesey.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 11th Sept. 1925

The dance at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week resulted in an addition of £2 9s. 7½d. to the funds of the Swavesey Football Club, Cornell's Dance band supplied the music.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 11th Sept. 1925

At the Bakers' Exhibition in the Agricultural Hall, London, this week, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded first prize (a gold medal) in the open class for fruit cakes.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Sept. 1925

The preacher at evening at the parish church on Sunday was the Rev. Percy J. Beaumont, eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who for over 40 years was the greatly respected headmaster of Swavesey National School. Mr. P. J. Beaumont is an assistant master at Stamford Grammar School and curate (unpaid) of St. Martin's Church in the town.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 11th Sept. 1925

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Beds., being the special preacher. Excellent congregations attended, including many friends from St. Ives, Godmanchester and Chatteris, as well as from neighbouring villages. Between the services there was a public tea, at which about 70 persons sat down. Good collections were taken for the chapel funds.

HOCKEY CLUB. 11th Sept. 1925

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Hockey Club was held in the Memorial Hall on the 5th inst., Miss A. Norman presiding. The accounts of last season, which had been audited by Mrs. Wood, having been passed, the following officers were elected for the coming season, subject to their acceptance of office: President, Mr. Roger Cole; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Mailer (Boxworth), F. Kirby (Over), W. A. Bignell, W. Blinkhorn and R. Williamson (Swavesey); captain, Miss D. Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; secretary, Miss D. Aldred; treasurer, Miss W. Parish. Play will commence tomorrow (Saturday), at 2.30, in the Manor Field, and the first match will take place on Sept. 24th. New members are invited to join the club.

ADVERTS. 18th Sept. 1925

JAMES W. WILLIAMS, Teacher of the Violin and Pianoforte. – Grove Cottage, Swavesey.

ALDRED'S HARVEST SALE will commence Saturday, September 26th. Special reductions and discount for cash.

DANCE. 18th Sept. 1925

In order to raise money to assist in defraying the cost of repairing the public clock on the National School, a dance, organised by Miss Queenie Spolton, was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance. Mr. R. Godfrey acted as M.C., and the music was supplied by Cornell's band. The Clock Fund benefited to the extent of £2.

WHIST DRIVE. 18th Sept. 1925

Twelve tables were in play at the whist drive, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week; and the prizes were won by: Ladies – Mrs. B. Prior, Miss J. Pettett, Mrs. Isgrove. Gentlemen – Mr. W. Thorpe, Mr. Reg. Culpin, Mr. E. J. Warboys. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C., and Miss Beaumont, in the absence of the Vicar and churchwardens, distributed the prizes. The net proceeds amounted to £4 15s. 6d.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 25th Sept. 1925

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society, which should have been held on Thursday week, had to be adjourned to Tuesday, 29th inst., owing to so few members attending.

SCHOLARSHIPS. 25th Sept. 1925

Cecilia Freda Wells, daughter of Mr. Horace Wells, has been awarded a minor scholarship at the County Girls' High School, and Winifred Froment, daughter of Mr. H. D. Froment, a free studentship tenable for two years at the Cambridge and County School of Arts and Crafts. Both were pupils at Swavesey National School.

GIANT CUCUMBERS. 25th Sept. 1925

Mr. H. H. Williams, High-street, has grown some large ridge cucumbers under ordinary conditions on his land adjoining Scotland Drove. One cucumber of exceptionally good shape measures 20 inches in length and 11¼ inches in

circumference, and weighs 4lbs., and another measures 18 inches in length, 11¼ inches in circumference, and weighs 3¼lbs.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Sept. 1925

The harvest festival will be held at the parish church on Thursday next and on Sunday, October 4th. The Rev. Cyril Hepher, canon residentiary of Winchester, will preach at evensong at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, and the Rev. Leonard Abbott at evensong on Sunday. Canon Hepher's visit is of special interest, as he is a member of an old Swavesey family, and although this will not be his first visit to the village, it will be the first occasion on which he has preached or officiated at the parish church.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR VAN. 25th Sept. 1925

William Northill, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Walter Northill, a leading stoker in the Royal Navy at present serving on a foreign station, while playing on the main road before going to school on Friday morning was knocked down by Mr. W. Spolton's motor van, driven by Mr. G. Oakman. His left knee was injured, his face slightly cut, and he was bruised and shaken. The boy, who is going on well, appears to have run heedlessly into the van, which was proceeding slowly at the time, and no blame is attached to the driver.

SUBSTITUTE FOR STRAW. 2nd Oct. 1925

Owing to the scarcity of straw in the village, a Swavesey smallholder has been using raspberry canes for thatching purposes.

NEW PASTOR. 2nd Oct. 1925

The Rev. Thomas Boulanger Field, who has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Chapel, will commence his ministry there next Sunday.

HOME FROM MIMIC WAR. 2nd Oct. 1925

Seven young Swavesey men, all belonging to the 5th (Territorial) Battalion, Northants. Regt., had their first experience of service under war conditions at the recent manoeuvres. On their return home last week-end they appeared to be in the pink of condition, and all of them declared that they had had a real good time, notwithstanding the weather.

NO GLEANING. 2nd Oct. 1925

In years gone by a Swavesey housewife, with the assistance of her children, could, on an average obtain two, and sometimes more, coombs of corn by

gleaning, and the corn so obtained was of great assistance during the winter. This year there has been no gleaning in Swavesey, but a few women have gone to Boxworth, where Mr. R. Mailer has allowed them to go on his land.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 2nd Oct. 1925

Preceded by a public tea, the annual harvest thanksgiving service was held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday week. The special preacher was the Rev. R. C. Griffin, of Ipswich, superintendent of the Eastern area, whose eloquent and appropriate discourse was greatly appreciated by the large congregation. The service was bright and hearty, an excellent collection was taken, and the chapel was nicely decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., which were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

HOCKEY. 2nd Oct. 1925

The Swavesey and District Hockey Club played their first match of the season on Thursday week, when they entertained the Cam (Cambridge) team on Manor Field. The game opened slightly in favour of the visitors, but the home eleven soon got going, and at half-time had scored two goals to Cam's nil. After resuming play went in favour of the visitors, for whom Miss Clark obtained two goals and Miss Snelson one. Swavesey also captured another goal, and the game – a very pleasant one – resulted in a draw of three goals each. Misses K. Banks, S. Daintree and W. Godfrey scored for Swavesey.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 2nd Oct. 1925

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, the special preacher in the afternoon and evening being Mr. E. Leigh, of Fenstanton. On Tuesday there was a public faith tea, followed by a further thanksgiving service. Mr. J. Chapman, of Longstanton, presided. Addresses were given by Mr. Leigh, Mr. H. Finch (Wyton), and Mr. J. E. Culpin (St. Ives), and solos were sung by Mrs. Corlett and Mrs. Foster, of St. Ives. At the close the gifts of fruit and vegetables were sold. The collections, with the proceeds from the tea and the sale of produce, amounting in all to £5 14s. 8d., have been devoted to the Trust funds.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd Oct. 1925

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There were present: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). A letter was read from the District Council, in which it was stated that while the District Council were

responsible for the footpath across Church Green, they were not responsible for the swing gate near "Brooklands" respecting the dilapidated condition of which the Parish Council had complained. The owners and occupiers of Church Green were, the letter stated, the responsible parties. The Chairman announced that Mr. R. Mitham's bill for £33 0s. 9d. had been paid, and that with this payment all his claims against the Council had been settled. A bill from the Clerk of the District Council for 7s. 6d., the cost of the uncontested Parish Council election in the spring, and another bill from Mr. S. Challis for services in connection with the fire engine, etc., were passed for payment. Mr. A. Norman, who is a member of the District Council, but not for Swavesey, brought up the question of the public drains, especially that at Turn Bridge, which, he said, had been before the District Council at two meetings, and would be further considered at the next meeting in a fortnight's time. An animated discussion ensued. Councillors protested vigorously against the large sums of money that had been wasted in recent years on the drains, which, it was alleged, had not been properly laid, and had been mismanaged and neglected. Why, it was asked, was the sump hole near Turn Bridge cottages not cleared out regularly as in former years. The flushing tank erected by order of the Ministry of Health also came in for adverse criticism, as also did the drains from both of the dumb wells at the Council houses. These wells having been dug in gault, refused to absorb the liquid sewage which overflowed into the gardens. Drains had, therefore, been put in to take the liquid away. In one case the pipes were too small, so a second drain had to be laid alongside the first set of pipes, and in the other the pipes had been forced up by the roots of trees, with the result that the drain was not acting and was emitting noxious odours. This drain was near the school. A suggestion that the old public water supply should be utilised for flushing the closed-in drain at Turn Bridge appeared to meet with general approval. The discussion did not lead to any definite proposal being made, and the matter appeared to be left in the hands of the Swavesey representatives on the District Council, one of whom was present. The councillors then sat in camera to consider the application from the Clerk for an increase in his salary as collector of the poor rate. It is understood that it was unanimously agreed that the application should be forwarded to the Board of Guardians, with a recommendation that it should be granted.

ADVERT. 9th Oct. 1925

NEW WRINGERS in stock, 20in. rollers, heavy frames, from £4 17s. 6d.; also large stock of Carpets. Killing Fowls wanted. – Prior's General Stores.

LARGE MARROW. 9th Oct. 1925

Mr. A. E. Thixton has on view in his shop window in High-street a green striped marrow, 37 inches in length, 24½ inches in girth, and 34½lbs. in weight. The marrow, which had not finished growing, but had to be cut because it had burst, was grown in Mr. Thixton's garden at Turn Bridge.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 9th Oct. 1925

The Rev. J. B. Field, the new pastor, who commenced his ministry at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday, received a hearty welcome from the good congregations attending the morning and evening services. A social hour after the usual mid-week service on Wednesday evening enabled him to get into further touch with his people.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 9th Oct. 1925

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society was held on the 29th ult., very few members being present. It was, however, decided to carry on and to begin a new work. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; chairman, Mr. E. Williams; vice-chairman, Mr. C. S. Hepher; conductor, Mr. J. W. Williams; pianist, Miss N. Mustill; secretary and treasurer, Miss D. Banks.

AN HOUR TOO SOON. 9th Oct. 1925

There were no untoward happenings in Swavesey in connection with the change from summer to winter time, though it is possible that one person omitted to put back his clock, or forgot that he had done so. The individual in question is a native of Swavesey, who has been living for some years in another part of the country. Revisiting the village last week-end, he met an old friend on Sunday morning. After a short chat he said he must go because he had been warned that dinner would be ready at 1 p.m., and he did not wish to be late. "Why, man," exclaimed the friend, "you've got over an hour yet; it's only 11.40. You evidently forgot to put back your clock."

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 9th Oct. 1925

The parish church was effectively decorated with flowers, fruit, etc., for the harvest festival on Thursday in last week. There was a celebration of Holy Communion in the early morning, and at 7.15 p.m. a large congregation assembled for evensong. This service, at which the vicar officiated, was bright and hearty, and the choir gave a creditable rendering of the anthem "O Lord, how manifold" (Barnby). The lessons were read by the Rural Dean (Rev. R. P. Moline, rector of Cottenham), and the special preacher was the

Rev. Cyril Hepher, canon residentiary of Winchester. The festival was continued on Sunday, the Rev. Leonard Abbott, rector of Conington, Cambs., preaching at evensong. The collections on Thursday and on Sunday morning and afternoon were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The amounted to £7 9s. The collection on Sunday evening was devoted to church expenses, £2 5s. being realised. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., have also been sent to Addenbrooke's, but the flowers, fruit, jam and eggs presented by the children at their service on Sunday afternoon have been forwarded, as usual, to St. Ives Infirmary for the benefit of the patients.

SWAVESEY MAN'S "FIND." 9th Oct. 1925

Bag of Valuables Picked up on Huntingdon Road.

A story comes from Swavesey of a valuable "find" by a Swavesey man on the Huntingdon-road last Saturday. Mr. Harry Holmes, labourer, of Council Houses, Swavesey, states that he found a small leather handbag containing 40 £1 Treasury notes, two gold rings, a gold watch, and a letter, which apparently had been dropped on the Cambridge – Huntingdon road near Lolworth at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Holmes was cycling home from Lolworth, and when he found the bag he says that no person or vehicle was in sight. The bag was not locked, and, after examining its contents, he placed it in a bag he was carrying and continued his journey home. When near the New Inn, at the corner of the Swavesey road, a motor car containing an elderly gentleman, a lady, and a chauffeur came up from the direction of Cambridge, and after passing him, stopped.

The gentleman got out, and going up to Holmes, asked him how far he had come. Mr. Holmes answered "From Lolworth." "Have you seen a bag?" inquired the gentleman. "Yes, sir," said Holmes, "it's in my bag." The lady, who had arrived on the scene, said "That's my bag," whereupon Holmes replied that if they could describe the contents he would give it up; if not, it was his intention to take the bag to P.C. Breed at Swavesey.

The contents having been accurately described by the lady, the bag was handed to her. Then with a curt "Thank you" from both lady and gentleman, they re-entered their car and proceeded towards Fenstanton.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 16th Oct. 1925

After many years of ill-health, Mrs. Sarah Crane, wife of Mr. George Crane, Wallman's-lane, Swavesey, passed away on the evening of October 8th. Mrs. Crane, who would have attained the age of 83 years had she lived until to-day (Friday), belonged to an old Swavesey family, being the daughter of the late Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Ann Parish. She left no issue. The funeral took place at the

parish church on Tuesday, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, who officiated, taking as much of the service as possible in the church in consequence of the very wet afternoon. The immediate mourners were: Mr. G. Crane (husband), Mrs. Fred Howlett, of London, Mrs. Harry Stevens, of London, and Miss Ann Parish, of Bradford, Yorks (nieces). The coffin was of polished elm, and upon it were wreaths from members of the family. Messrs. George Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

WEDDING. 16th Oct. 1925

Bethel Baptist Chapel was crowded on Thursday week for the marriage of Miss Naomi Alice Norman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norman, Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, with Mr. William Donald Chapman, son of Mr. Joseph Chapman, of Longstanton. The Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Blisworth, late Pastor of Bethel Chapel, officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. B. Field, the newly-appointed pastor. The service was choral, hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O love, divine and golden" being sung, and at the close Mr. J. W. Williams, who presided at the organ, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. George Norman, of Over, was charmingly attired in cream satin with veil and orange blossoms, and she wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids, her cousin, Miss Ruth Thoday, Miss Ruth Chapman (sister of the bridegroom), and little Miss Verna Smith (niece of the bride). The two older bridesmaids were in pretty dresses of mauve crepe de chine, with black hats trimmed to match, and they carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums and smilax. The little maid wore a cream satin frock trimmed with lace, and a headband of silver leaves. She carried a basket of old rose-coloured chrysanthemums and fern. Mr. Dennis Webster acted as best man. The wedding breakfast, at which 36 guests were present, was held in Bethel Schoolroom, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Chapman left for Cromer for the honeymoon. The wedding presents were about sixty in number, and included a case of fish knives and forks from Bethel Chapel choir, a silver-plated cake basket from the Swavesey and District Hockey Club, and a table lamp from the workmen at Trinity College Farm.

ADVERT. 23rd Oct. 1925

PIANOS, New and Second-hand; good selection; cash or easy terms. – Write, or call, G. H. Skeeles, Pianoforte Dealer and Tuner, East-street, St. Ives.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 23rd Oct. 1925

An enjoyable and well attended dance, organised by Miss Q. Spolton for the benefit of the Football Club, was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Cornell's Dance Orchestra supplied the music, and the duties of M.C. were efficiently carried out by Mr. R. Godfrey.

BRITISH LEGION. 23rd Oct. 1925

A general meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. R. Barwell (chairman) presiding over a fairly good attendance of members. The first business was the appointment of an hon. secretary in place of Mr. A. W. Melbourne, resigned. Mr. H. H. Berryman, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Frank Prior, was elected. Arrangements were made for the sale of poppies in the villages in the district on Armistice Day, and the question of the programme for the winter season was discussed. It was decided to make a start with a concert in a month's time.

DEATH OF ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN. 23rd Oct. 1925

The news of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Howlett, widow of the late Mr. Henry Howlett, who passed away at Frere Cottages on Tuesday afternoon, after only two or three days' illness, will be received with much regret by many past, as well as many present, residents of Swavesey. Until advancing years necessitated her retirement, she was in great request in case of illness, and she assisted at the birth of many a child. Mrs. Howlett, who had attained the age of 87 years, was left a widow with a young family nearly half a century ago. Both she and her husband were natives of Balsham, leaving that village for Swavesey a few years before the death of the latter. Mrs. Howlett's maiden name was Jaggard.

MOTOR CYCLE MISHAP. 23rd Oct. 1925

Mr. S. F. Mitham, of Church End, Swavesey, whose eye was injured on Saturday by a fragment of metal, met with a further mishap on Sunday morning, when on his way to Cottenham to consult Dr. R. Ellis. As he was nearing Rampton the head of the motor cycle broke, and he was precipitated on to the road. Fortunately he was riding slowly at the time, or the consequences would have been serious. As it was his right knee was cut in four or five places and badly bruised, his arm was grazed, and he was much shaken. He managed, however, to pick himself up, and Mr. Dodd, of Cottenham, who arrived immediately after the accident, took him on his motor cycle to Cottenham, where Dr. Ellis attended to his injuries. Mr. Mitham is

progressing satisfactorily, but will probably be unable to follow his employment for ten days or so.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 23rd Oct. 1925

Recognition services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. T. B. Field will be held at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday next at 3.30 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. McCaig, of Spurgeon's College will preach, and at 6.30 p.m. a public meeting will be held, when Mr. A. Rhodes (Histon), will preside, and the speakers will include Dr. McCaig, Revs. R. C. Griffin (supt. of area), R. Smith (Histon), G. Bird (Over), Messrs. E. Clark and R. Eatwell (Kensal Rise). Mr. Field was pastor of Kensal Rise Tabernacle, London, for ten years, and he left last month, not because he was weary of Kensal Rise, nor that the people were weary of him, but because a sphere of less responsibility would be acceptable. During his pastorate there much was done. He found a debt of £1,915, which has almost gone; structural defects have been attended to, the organ repaired, the Sunday School library reorganised, Scouts and Girls' Life Brigade inaugurated, a Million Farthings Fund instituted, and lastly during his ministry two-thirds of the present members joined the church.

FOX RAIDS POULTRY. 30th Oct. 1925

During Sunday night, or early Monday morning, a fox raided Mr. J. Day's poultry in a field in Mow Fen, 27 hens and pullets being found dead in various parts of the field and on adjoining land. Three other birds were missing, making a total of thirty birds.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 30th Oct. 1925

Last Sunday was observed as Temperance Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church, the Pastor (Rev. T. B. Field) preaching appropriate sermons at the morning and evening services. Mr. Field proposes to preach a series of sermons on Sunday evenings on "Texts which made history." Next Sunday he will deal with the text that converted Spurgeon. A Sunday afternoon Bible Class for adults of both sexes has been commenced by the Pastor. Miss Parish is the secretary. Mrs. Field has been appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 30th Oct. 1925

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. H. Peachey presiding, the accounts and balance sheet in connection with the third annual show and sports were presented by the joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C.

S. Hepher. Including the sum of £40 3s. 10d. brought forward from last year, the receipts amounted to £154 12s. 1d., and the expenditure to £106 15s. 10d. leaving a balance in the bank of £47 16s. 3d. The accounts were approved. The balance sheet has been posted in the Memorial Hall, where it can be inspected.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 30th Oct. 1925

Mr. Edward Williams had a narrow escape on Thursday week from what might have been a serious accident. On his return from delivering bread in neighbouring villages he drove into School pond about 6 p.m. to water his pony, and in the darkness failed to notice that a rail and post belonging to the Recreation Ground cricket pitch were floating on the water. The pony found himself between the rail and the post, which were firmly fixed together at right angles, and in its endeavours to get free stumbled and fell, but fortunately quickly recovered itself, and Mr. Williams was able to pull out of the pond. No damage was done to the pony, cart or harness, but there might have been another tale to tell.

THE INSTITUTE. 30th Oct. 1925

Two successful gatherings, open to members of the Institute only, have been held at the Memorial Hall within the past few days. The first was a social on Thursday week, when the members, who mustered in strong force, spent a very happy time with games, music and dancing, breaking up at 10 p.m., the usual hour for closing the Institute. On Wednesday evening there was a whist drive, ten tables being in play under the supervision of Mr. T. C. Heasman, who officiated as M.C. The prizes were won by: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss E. Brunton, Miss J. Pettett; gentlemen – Mr. P. Burton, Mr. G. J. Paine, Mr. J. Prewer.

B.W.T.A. 30th Oct. 1925

The first public meeting of the season of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Thursday week in Bethel Baptist Church, when, in spite of the rough and wet night, a goodly company assembled. Mrs. Field, the acting-president, occupied the chair, and Miss Easter presided at the organ. Mrs. J. Day (secretary) read the lesson, and recitations were ably given by Mrs. Savage and Miss Easter, and a solo by Miss Godfrey. The speaker was the Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., who dealt with the drink question from an economical point of view, pointing out that if the vast sum spent upon alcoholic beverages could be turned in other channels it would go far to decrease unemployment and bring greater prosperity to the

nation. He also advocated temperance public houses, where a man could spend an evening without the risk alcohol entails. The gathering was enthusiastic throughout, and augured well for the winter's work.

THE LATE MRS. HOWLETT. 30th Oct. 1925

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Howlett, of Frere Cottages, widow of the late Mr. Henry Howlett, whose death, at the age of 87 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Howlett (only son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Day, Trumpington (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. Jaggard (sister), Mr. F. Bentley, Bury St. Edmund's (nephew), Mrs. Bridge, Chevington (niece), Mr. and Mrs. P. Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Howlett, Mr. B. Day, Mr. T. Howlett and Miss N. Howlett (grandchildren). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham. – The late Mrs. Howlett was a native of Brinkley, and her husband, who pre-deceased her by 47 years, of Borough Green, and not of Balsham, as stated last week. She leaves one son and two daughters.

ADVERT. 6th Nov. 1925

If you once taste "KOL-Y-ENTE" no other TEA will do. Try it – Local agent, G. E. Canham.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME. 6th Nov. 1925

A number of live pigeons enclosed in a basket, or hamper, were sent to St. Ives last week for sale in the market. On arrival the carrier was greatly perturbed to find that he had only an empty receptacle to deliver. The birds, not relishing a change of quarters, had escaped, and had flown back to Swavesey.

WHITE RIBONNERS. 6th Nov. 1925

Between 40 and 50 mothers and children spent an enjoyable hour in Bethel Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon, on the occasion of the first meeting of the season of the Little White Ribboners' Association. Mrs. Field presided. Solos were sung by Mrs. J. Day and Miss D. Aldred, and Mrs. Savage and Miss Aldred gave excellent recitations, and three of the small members – little Mary Lee, Gladys Melbourne and George Norman – charmed the audience by their contributions to the programme. Four new members were enrolled.

CONSERVATIVE SOCIAL. 6th Nov. 1925

An enjoyable social was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week under the auspices of the County Conservative Association. Mr. R. Barwell, chairman of the local Association, presided. Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P., accompanied by Mrs. Pashler, who had been attending a meeting at Willingham, arrived during the evening, and was given a hearty reception. In his address, he spoke of the work of the Government, including housing, food, the Pensions Act, the Locarno Conference, economy, and the position of the coal industry. He concluded by warning his audience that although at the Liverpool Conference of the Labour Party it was resolved to exclude Communists from their ranks, the programme of the Labour Party was still the same as before, and it was therefore important to fight that programme with as much determination and vigour as ever. On the proposition of Mr. Walter Thorp, seconded by Mr. G. J. Paine, the Member was cordially thanked for his speech, the proposition being received with rousing cheers. During the evening, Miss Spolton provided excellent dance music, and Messrs. C. A. Birkin, J. Geeson, and S. Jones, who arrived with Mr. Light, gave an enjoyable musical and conjuring entertainment, and on the proposition of Mr. E. J. Warboys, seconded by Mr. R. Mitham, jun., all who had contributed to the programme were accorded cordial thanks. The arrangements were most capably made by Mr. Wood and Miss Beaumont and their respective committees. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks for the chairman, and with the singing of the National Anthem. Refreshments were served by the ladies' committee to the artistes.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SWAVESEY. 6th Nov. 1925

Recognition of the New Pastor.

The public recognition services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., formerly of Kensal Rise Tabernacle, London, took place at Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, on October 29th. The Rev. Dr. McCaig, Principal Emeritus of Spurgeon's College, preached in the afternoon to a very full congregation. Following the service a large crowd sat down to tea, during which a conference, presided over by the Pastor, took place, addresses being given by the Revs. R. C. Griffin (superintendent of the area), W. Corke (Waterbeach), and Mr. Allen (Colne).

A public meeting was held in the evening, when the spacious church was crowded in every part, friends attending in goodly numbers from Waterbeach, Over, Histon, Cambridge, Colne, Needingworth, Longstanton, Fenstanton and St. Ives. Twenty-one members of the Kensal Rise Tabernacle were also present to bid Mr. Field Godspeed.

The chair was taken by the Rev. R. Smith, of Histon, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. A. Rhodes.

Mr. J. Day (Swavesey) detailed the reasons which led to Mr. Field coming to Swavesey, and read the following resolution which had been sent by the Kensal Rise Church: "That a minute be recorded expressing our very deep appreciation of the untiring service rendered by Mr. Field during the ten years of his pastorate, and his ready sympathy in our joys and sorrows, and his earnest zeal for the extension of the Master's Kingdom. Our earnest desire is that God's richest blessing may rest upon him and Mrs. Field, and that they may be much used for the extension of His Kingdom."

Addresses were given by the Chairman, Revs. Dr. McCaig, G. Bird (Over), Mr. Carley (Moderator of Cambs. Association), Messrs. Ealwell and Clark (Kensal Rise), and the Pastor. Telegrams and messages were received from the Revs. C. A. Linnington (London), I. Jones (March), W. H. Redfern (Great Shelford), C. F. Stebbing (vicar of Swavesey), Messrs. Gibson, Preedy, Lucas, Walters and Chattin (Kensal Rise), and A. Townsend (Ealing).

ARMISTICE DAY. 13th Nov. 1925

The commemoration of the fallen took place at the parish church at evensong on Sunday, when the Vicar read the roll of all Swavesey men who served in the war, and J. S. Arkwright's hymn, "O valiant hearts" was sung. On Armistice Day (Wednesday) the big bell of the church was tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who made the supreme sacrifice, during the Two Minutes' Silence. On the front of the memorial cross in the churchyard a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the local branch of the British Legion was hung, and around the base were wreaths and flowers from relatives of the fallen. At the National School a short service, conducted by the headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) preceded and followed the period of silence. Opening with the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" and a prayer, the service included a lesson (Ecclesiasticus lxiv.), an extract from the "Pilgrim's Progress," and the poem "In Flanders Fields." An address was followed by the hymn "For all the saints," and the service concluded with the singing of "Recessional" and the National Anthem. Flanders poppies were sold in the village on Wednesday on behalf of Lord Haig's Fund by Misses D. and K. Banks, N. Mustill, Mr. Parsons, C. Prior, Q. Spolton, and L. Thurlow, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Prior. The sales realised £7 13s. 6d., as against £5 11s. in 1924.

LECTURE ON MISSIONS. 13th Nov. 1925

An interesting lecture on the work of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa was given at the National School on Friday evening by the Rev. H.

Skellern, organising secretary for the Eastern Counties. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, presided over a good attendance. There was a collection for the society.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Nov. 1925

Sermons on behalf of the National Society to promote education in the principles of the Church of England were preached at the parish church on Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. Canon Baldwin. Owing, unfortunately, to the inclement weather, the congregations were not as large as usual.

THE INSTITUTE. 13th Nov. 1925

The carnival dances arranged by Miss Q. Spolton for the benefit of the Institute, which was held at the Memorial Hall on the 5th inst., attracted a good number of dances. Messrs. Cornell's orchestra provided the music. The spot dance prizes were awarded to Miss Collins (Cottenham) and Mr. Grumbleby (Longstanton).

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 13th Nov. 1925

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Conservative Association, held on Monday evening at the National School, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. G. J. Paine; vice-president, Rev. J. F. Cooksey; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; secretary, pro. tem., Mr. C. Wood; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Mitham; committee re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Messrs. E. Prior and R. Gleaves. It was decided that the proceeds from the recent social, at which Capt. Briscoe, M.P., was present, should be divided between the Women's and Men's Associations.

MISSING COUNCILLORS. 13th Nov. 1925

The Parish Council should have met at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening to hear the accounts read for the year ended 31st March last, to issue a precept on the overseers for money needed to meet other expenses incurred by the Council, and for other matters, but, as only three Councillors, viz., Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Mr. J. Linford (vice-chairman) and Mr. P. Burton, put in an appearance, no meeting could be held as the standing orders required a quorum of five. After waiting a considerable time in the hope that a quorum would be formed, the Chairman instructed the Clerk to call another meeting for Monday next, at 7 p.m.

FLANDERS POPPIES. 20th Nov. 1925

By the sale of Flanders poppies on Armistice Day, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, £13 2s. was raised for Earl Haigh's Fund, an increase of £2 4s. 8d. on last year, viz.: Swavesey, £7 13s. 6d., Boxworth, £2 6s., Fen Drayton, £1 7s 1d, Lolworth £1 1s., Conington 14s. 5d.

BILLIARDS. 20th Nov. 1925

A billiards match between teams representing the County Hall, Cambridge, and Swavesey Institute, was played at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, the former team winning by four games to three.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 20th Nov. 1925

The first of a series of pleasant evenings with the lantern, took place in the schoolroom attached to the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The Rev. T. B. Field, who occupied the chair, gave the needful explanations, and Mr. Field and Mr. G. Day manipulated the lantern. Miss Easter presided at the piano. The next gathering will take place on December 5th, when the subject will be "The Pilgrims' Progress." – On Monday Mr. Gascoigne visited the Band of Hope and gave a lantern lecture, his subject being "Alcohol, a brain poison." Rev. T. B. Field presided.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Nov. 1925

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following Councillors attending: Mr. J. Linford (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. Culpin, R. Norman, sen., and P. Parish, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Mr. Ernest Prior, High-street, was appointed sub-captain of the fire engine in the place of Mr. George Clarke, resigned. A discussion ensued respecting the improper treatment of the movable fence which the Council had provided at considerable expense for the protection of the cricket pitch on the recreation ground. Portions of the fence, it was stated, were lying about adjacent fields, some were in the school pond, and Councillors were reminded that, as recently reported in the "Independent Press," a rail and post floating in the pond had nearly caused a serious accident. Strong disapproval of this mal-treatment of parish property was expressed by the Council, who accepted Mr. Culpin's offer to collect the various parts and store them at the Memorial Hall. The parish Council accounts for the year ended 31st March last, which had been audited by the Government auditor, were read by the clerk, who was heartily congratulated on having succeeded in placing the accounts on a satisfactory footing. A precept was issued on the Overseers for £15, for current expenses, and a

resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Godfrey as assistant overseer and clerk to the Council was passed unanimously. This resolution was necessary, as the auditor had held that the minute of November, 1924, dealing with the appointment, was not in proper form.

FIFTY YEARS WITH ONE FIRM. 20th Nov. 1925

Mr. Walter Prior, a member of a very old Swavesey family, has recently completed fifty years of faithful service with the firm of Messrs. Crowson and Son, Charterhouse-street, in the City of London. Old villagers will remember his father, the late Mr. Philip Prior, and young and old are well acquainted with his brother, Mr. Charles Prior, of Taylor's-lane. To mark the memorable occasion, Messrs. Crowson and Son's staff were invited to a dinner and concert at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, by the present head of the firm, Mr. Isaac Bidwell, a grandson of Mr. Isaac Crowson, who founded the business over 100 years ago. Previous to his going to London, Mr. Walter Prior worked as a lad on Mr. Crowson's farm at Needingworth, Hunts., and during his fifty years in the metropolis he served with Mr. Crowson, then with Mr. John F. Bidwell, father of the present proprietor, and for many years with Mr. Isaac Bidwell. During the evening three presentations were made, Mr. Prior receiving a gold watch, suitably inscribed, and chain, the personal gift of Mr. I. Bidwell, who presided, an arm chair from Mr. John F. Bidwell (Mr. I. Bidwell's son), and a tobacco bowl, pipe and pouch from his colleagues. In presenting the watch and chain, Mr. I. Bidwell spoke of the pleasure he felt as an employer in having a man of the character of Mr. Prior in his employ for so long a time. It was his earnest wish, he said, that all present should remain with him for a like period, and as many there that evening had been with the firm for over twenty-five years, he was proud to feel that there were others who were endeavouring to follow Mr. Prior's good example. Mr. J. F. Bidwell and fellow employees added tributes of warm and affectionate appreciation, and Mr. Prior, in responding, said it was his sincere desire to continue to serve the firm as long as he was able.

WEDDING. 20th Nov. 1925

Peacock – Goad.

Stretham parish church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the 10th inst., the bride being Miss Lilian Goad, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goad, of Chittering, and late of Swavesey, and the bridegroom Mr. Arthur Bertram Peacock, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peacock, Addington House, Wimblington, Cambs. The Rev. S. S. Stitt, rector of Stretham, officiated, and the service was choral, the hymns, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and

“Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us” being sung, and Mr. E. Swann, who presided at the organ, played Mendelssohn’s Wedding March as the bridal party left the church. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white silk georgette, trimmed with silver, with veil and wreath of real orange blossom from Kew Gardens. Her bouquet was of white roses and heather. Her bridesmaids, Miss Edith M. Peacock (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Irene Jacobs (cousin of the bride), were attired in pink silk georgette, trimmed with gold. They wore gold signet rings, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of gold chrysanthemums. Mr. F. D. Peacock (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception was held at Oakley House, Stretham, the residence of Mr. T. Jacobs, the bride’s uncle, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Brighton and London. About one hundred valuable presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Peacock will reside at Lattice Farm, Wimblington.

ADVERT. 27th Nov. 1925

Miss Williamson has opened a Ladies’ Hairdressing Saloon at Market Place, St. Ives, with up-to-date electrical appliances.

BOYS’ BRIGADE. 27th Nov. 1925

A branch of the Boys’ Life Brigade connected with the National Sunday School Union has been formed at Bethel Baptist Chapel. The Rev. T. B. Field is acting as captain for the time being, and Mrs. Field as secretary and treasurer.

THE INSTITUTE. 27th Nov. 1925

The second members’ social which was held at the Institute on Wednesday week, was a still greater success than the first. There was no formal programme, the enjoyable evening being entirely devoted to games and dancing.

BAPTIST MISSIONS. 27th Nov. 1925

Last Sunday was observed as Missionary Sunday at Bethel Baptist Chapel, the special preacher in the morning and afternoon being the Rev. F. W. Savidge, of the Lushai Hills, on the north-eastern frontier of India. The Pastor (Rev. T. B. Field) preached in the evening. Collections were taken at all services for the Baptist Missionary Society.

WHIST DRIVE. 27th Nov. 1925

An Australian whist drive was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Fifteen tables were in play, and the prizes were won by: Mrs. Loades and Mr. E. Clark, Miss Paine and Mr. G. J. Paine, booby, Mrs. Symonds and Mr. A. Hawkes. Mr. C. Savage officiated as M.C. During the interval refreshments were provided under the superintendence of Mrs. G. Brooks.

BILLIARDS. 27th Nov. 1925

Playing a match with a team representing F. Squadron, R.A.F., at Duxford, on Monday evening, the Swavesey Institute billiards team won four games to the homesters' three.

A TARRED BRIDGE. 27th Nov.

A correspondent writes; One of the corner coping stones of Turn Bridge received a thick coating of tar last week-end, and, it is understood that the clothing of more than one person suffered in consequence. The bridge, notwithstanding the unpleasant odours which are not unknown to proceed from the drain running underneath, has for many a long year been a favourite loitering place for conversation and meditation; and whether the tar was intended to act as a preservation of the stone, or to discourage loitering at that particular spot, it is felt that it was hardly a proper method to use, especially as on these dark nights pedestrians hurrying home or to their place of worship were liable to suffer.

DEATH OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA. 27th Nov. 1925

The first news of the death of Queen Alexandra reached Swavesey by wireless on Friday evening, and was received with universal expressions of sincere sorrow and regret. On Sunday references to the sad event were made both at the parish church and Bethel Baptist Chapel. At the evening service at church, the Vicar prefaced his sermon with words of appreciation of the noble life of the dead queen, and of sympathy with her family, special prayers were said, hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung, and after the Blessing the organist (Mr. G. H. Skeeles) played the Dead March in "Saul", the congregation standing. At Bethel Chapel, at the commencement of the morning service, the Rev. F. W. Savidge, a missionary from India, after expressing sympathy with the royal family, spoke of the example Queen Alexandra had set her people, and of the great influence for good that she had exerted throughout the sixty and more years she had lived in this country. The pastor, who officiated at the evening service, also made mention of Queen Alexandra in a prayer.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 4th Dec. 1925

The Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society has had to close down owing to lack of support, and the money in hand, amounting to £1 1s., has been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. It is hoped, however, notwithstanding the break-up of the society, to arrange for the singing of carols in the village streets at Christmas as in previous years.

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. 4th Dec. 1925

Two special meetings have been conducted in the Friends' Meeting House, this week, by the Rev. T. B. Field, minister of Bethel Chapel, who lectured on Tuesday evening on "Is the Bible true?" and on "Is religion worthwhile?" on Wednesday. The meetings were very well attended. Miss Easter kindly presided at the organ.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 4th Dec. 1925

A Faith Tea was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on the 25th ult., and was followed by a lecture on Florence Nightingale, given by Mrs. Corlett. Mr. Crew, of Hemingford, presided. There was a good attendance. The collection and the proceeds from the tea were divided between the Circuit and Trust Funds.

BILLIARDS. 4th Dec. 1925

A friendly billiards match was played at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week between teams representing the Histon and Swavesey Institutes, the visiting team winning six of the seven games played.

ACCIDENT. 4th Dec. 1925

Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor and assistant overseer, met with an accident on Monday morning, when on his way to see after one of his traction engines which had been held up between Swavesey and Fen Drayton, owing to the slippery condition of the road. When near "The Priory" the push bicycle he was riding skidded, and he was thrown violently on to the ice-covered road, where he lay stunned. Messrs. C. Prior and G. Hepher, District Council roadmen, who were near by, went to his assistance, and after a time he recovered sufficiently to be able to return home. Mr. Godfrey, in addition to shock, sustained a nasty cut on his forehead, and his left arm and shoulder were badly bruised. He is progressing satisfactorily under the care of Dr. J. W. Ellis.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 4th Dec. 1925

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mrs. Lydia Webster, who passed away shortly before noon on Monday, at "The Elms," the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, sen. Mrs. Webster, who would have attained the great age of 90 years had she lived until the 1st January next, had been in failing health for some time. She was a daughter of the late Mr. James Radford, miller and baker, and widow of the late Mr. Fisher Webster, miller, both well-known parishioners of Swavesey. She is survived by a son and two daughters. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery yesterday (Thursday).

SKATING. 4th Dec. 1925

As Mere Fen, the scene in bygone years of skating for the championship, had not been flooded, there was only a limited area of ice during the week-end, but many local skaters, and some from Cambridge and elsewhere, found what ice there was in excellent condition.

SKATING IN FULL SWING AT SWAVESEY. 4th Dec. 1925

Skating is in full swing at Swavesey, where the ice is in good condition. Despite the somewhat foggy night, skaters were out in force on Thursday, and the sport was kept up till well past midnight. This (Friday) morning there were again many on the ice, making the most of the opportunity that the recent severe weather has given them.

The local races which had been arranged for to-day (Friday) did not take place owing to the fact that the necessary length of course could not be obtained. Mere Fen, where the skating is taking place, is at present only partially flooded, but the owner is contemplating flooding the whole of it before Christmas if the height of the river will allow.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 11th Dec. 1925

The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel, conducted a second pleasant Saturday evening on the 5th inst., when he gave a lecture upon Bunyan and the "Pilgrims' Progress," illustrated by a large number of diagrams. There was a good attendance.

THE INSTITUTE. 11th Dec. 1925

The prizewinners at the members' whist drive at the Institute on Wednesday evening, were: Ladies – Miss Brunton, Miss May Thorp, booby Mrs. W. Thorp; gentlemen – Mr. D. Williams, Mr. W. Thorp, booby, Mr. A. C. Hepher. Nine tables were in play. Mr. C. Savage officiated as M.C.

THE LATE MRS. WEBSTER. 11th Dec. 1925

The funeral of Mrs. Lydia Webster, widow of the late Mr. Fisher Webster, miller, of Swavesey, whose death in her 90th year was recorded in our last issue, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Thursday week. The Rev. E. Short, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, officiated, and during the service the hymn "How happy are the souls above" was sung. The chief mourners were: Mr. James Webster, of Bedford (only son), Mrs. Day and Mrs. J. B. Mortlock (daughters), Mr. A. Day sen., and Mr. J. B. Mortlock (sons-in-law), Miss Ida Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. V. Mortlock, Messrs. F. and M. Mortlock, A. Day, jun., C. Day (grandsons and granddaughters), Mrs. Joseph Parish (Bedford) and Miss A. Parish (nieces), Mr. H. H. Williams (nephew) representing Mrs. Alfred Williams, only surviving sister, who was unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. and E. Mitham, Swavesey.

SKATING AT SWAVESEY. 11th Dec. 1925

Race for Chicago Cup.

Mere Fen, Swavesey, was patronised by crowds of skaters and onlookers on Saturday and Sunday, and the ice was in fair condition, though showing signs of wear on the latter afternoon. On Sunday, especially, the quiet village streets, usually only disturbed by the milk carts and an infrequent motor car, was kept alive from morning till night by motor cars and motor bicycles following close upon one another on their way to and from Mere Fen.

On Saturday afternoon local races, postponed from the previous day were brought off. The race for the Chicago Cup, presented by Mr. C. A. King, a native of Over, but for many years resident in Chicago, was won by Mr. H. P. Burton, of Swavesey, whose time for the 1¼ mile course was 4 mins. 56 1/5 secs. Mr. Burton was the holder of the cup. Mr. W. Garner, Over (5 mins. 20 secs.) was second, Mr. B. C. Kirby, Over (5 mins. 26 secs.) third, Mr. C. Hemington, Over (5 mins. 27 sec.) fourth. A race for boys under 17 resulted as follows: 1. C. Burton, 2. L. Carter, 3. J. Cooper, all belonging to Over.

SLIPPERY ROAD ACCIDENTS. 18th Dec. 1925

Cambs. Constable Breaks His Right Leg.

BICYCLE SKID INJURY.

P.C. Breed, of the Cambs. Constabulary, and stationed at Swavesey, met with an accident on Monday afternoon whilst walking along Magdalene-street towards the town. When opposite Messrs. Warrington's, he slipped and fell down, breaking his right leg below the knee. First aid was rendered by F. C.

Rogerson, and P.C. Breed was conveyed by the police ambulance to hospital, where he was detained.

RED CROSS SOCIETY 18th Dec. 1925

The sum of £7 10s. 6d. has been handed to the vice-president of the Swavesey Division, British Red Cross Society, for the peace work of the society.

FUNERAL. 18th Dec. 1925

The funeral of Mr. Sidney Beaumont, son of the late Mr. John and Mrs. Beaumont, who died suddenly on the 5th inst. after a very short illness, aged 64, took place on Friday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Vicar officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. H. Beaumont (sister-in-law), Mr. John Garner, Miss L. and Mr. Frank Beaumont, Mrs. John Beaumont (nephews and nieces), Mrs. Le Velle, Mr. H. Wells, and Miss E. Garner (cousins). Mr. R. Mitham was the undertaker.

OBITUARY. 18th Dec. 1925

The news reached Swavesey on Tuesday morning that Mr. William Wright and Mr. Frank Hodson, both natives of the parish, had died on the previous day, the former at Harrow after an operation, and the latter at Lancing, Sussex. Mr. Wright, who was 57, was the second son of the late Mr. William Wright. For 37 or 38 years he had been in the employ of the Midland Railway Co. at St. Pancras Station, and was at work as usual until Wednesday in last week. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Mr. John Eason, of Swavesey, but no children. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Harrow. Mr. Hodson was the third son of Mr. John Hodson, of Church End, Swavesey. He left the village about 23 years ago for Thorrington, Sussex, where he was in business as a butcher, removing after a few years to Lancing. Here he established a butcher's business, which proved most successful. Latterly his health failed, and he passed away on Monday evening, aged 48. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 18th Dec. 1925

Both as an agreeable social function and as a means of raising money towards the repair of the church roof, the sale of work and concert, held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was a great success. The hall presented a most attractive appearance with a large and beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the centre, surrounded by well supplied stalls and competitions of an attractive nature. The proceedings commenced at 3 p.m., when the Vicar introduced Miss Hair, of Willingham, who had kindly come to open the sale in

the absence of her mother through illness. There was a large attendance, and business was brisk throughout the afternoon. Tea was served at small tables, to the accompaniment of an attractive programme of piano music. A novelty deserving special mention was a needlework competition, prizes for which were awarded by public voting. The prize winners were: Miss L. Beaumont (sewing), Miss K. Banks (knitting) and Miss M. Stebbing (junior section). During the evening there was a most enjoyable concert, when the room was crowded with an appreciative audience. Owing to illness several of the expected performers were unable to be present, and their places were kindly taken at the last moment by local amateurs. Those taking part in the programme were: Mr. H. S. Turner (St. Ives), Mrs. C. S. Hephew, Miss E. Dodson, Miss N. Mustill, Mr. R. Barwell and Mr. E. Williams, while the concluding item was an amusing sketch, entitled "Jackets," in which the characters were taken by Misses Cole, E. Dodson, Paine, and D. and K. Banks. The amount added to the Repair Fund is expected to be nearly £30.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 25th Dec. 1925

Douglas A. H. Canham, son of Mr. G. E. Canham, High-street, has passed the preliminary examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, which was held recently at the Cambridge Centre. He is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, of Willingham.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 25th Dec. 1925

A sale and social was held in the Schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Church on the 17th inst. The following friends contributed to the programme: Misses D. Godfrey, Spearman, Aldred, Easter, Mesdames J. Day, Canham and Field, and Mr. G. Day. The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, presided. The proceeds were devoted to the purchase of materials for a bazaar on Easter Monday.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Dec. 1925

The notice board in the porch has recently been renovated, the expense being borne by one of the church officers. It is hoped that in future the board will not be encumbered with notices long out of date.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 25th Dec. 1925

The annual supper of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, an excellent repast being provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman. Nearly every member was present. For the social evening that followed, at which Mr. J. Culpin presided, a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment was given by Mr. Sydney Maltby's concert party.

FIGHT IN PUBLIC HOUSE. 25th Dec. 1925

Swavesey Man Given Benefit of "Doubtful Doubt."

DRINK IN UNPERMITTED HOURS.

An unusual story of a fight between a Swavesey publican and another Swavesey man was unfolded to the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday, when Herbert Henry Moyne, of the White Horse, Swavesey, appeared to answer to two summonses. The first was that of being unlawfully drunk on his licensed premises on the 7th inst., and the second of supplying intoxicating liquor between the hours of 10 p.m. on Sunday, the 6th, and 2 a.m. on Monday, the 7th., to James Kester.

The principal witness was a police constable, who was carried into court on a stretcher, owing to having accidentally broken his leg. He gave his evidence in a sitting position.

After hearing the evidence, the magistrates dismissed the first case and convicted the second.

Major Papworth appeared for the defendant, and pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Breed said that at 1.10 a.m. on the 7th inst. he heard a report similar to that of a gun. At 1.20 a.m. he saw a light showing from the doorway of the White Horse. He went to the door and listened, and heard voices. Defendant said, "I am dry." Witness tried the door and it was locked. He knocked and got no answer. He went to the back gate, but could not open it. He went to the front door again, but heard no voices. Witness went home. About 2 a.m. in his yard not far away he heard a voice which he recognised as James Kester's. Witness then went again to the White Horse and tried the front door. It was still locked. He went to the back gate, and it opened quite easily. When witness got into the yard he could see the back door wide open, with lights shining in the house. He entered the house and saw the defendant in the kitchen, lying on the couch on his left side. He was fast asleep and blood was running from his nose and mouth. He searched other rooms, but could not see anyone else in the house. Witness aroused the defendant, and asked what was the matter. Defendant said "Nothing." Witness said, "Who have you had in here to-night?" and defendant said "No one." When asked about his face, defendant said, "It is only an old abscess." Witness suggested that defendant had been fighting, and that someone had hit him. Defendant denied that he had anyone in the house since ten o'clock. Witness got defendant to get up to look at his face, but he fell forward on to the kitchen table. Defendant said the looking glass was in the bar parlour, and eventually walked into the bar parlour, keeping himself up with his hands against the walls as he went. When he saw his face in the glass he said "Oh, my God!" Against the fireplace was

a very old muzzle-loading gun. Witness questioned defendant about the gun, and then asked him about his sporting gun. Defendant said the latter was in the kitchen. Witness took hold of his arm and went back to the kitchen with him, but could not find the gun. Defendant again denied having anyone in the house, and witness pointed out that there were two glasses lying broken in the tap room on the floor. Witness showed defendant the glasses, but defendant insisted that there was only one. Witness told defendant that he was so drunk that he did not know what he was saying or doing. Defendant said, "I'm not. I'm quite all right." Defendant then put some of the lights out, and witness held his shoulder whilst he turned the last down. Then defendant went to a cellar and knocked two wind-pegs into two barrels. As he came out he rubbed his back against the wall for fear of falling down. Later defendant said his gun should be on the couch, and if it was not someone had taken it. Witness advised him to go to bed, but defendant said, "No, I am going to have my supper. I have been so busy that I have not had time to have any supper, and I've had 14 to dinner." Witness said, "Never mind supper, go to bed," but defendant said, "No, I've got a chicken in here, and I'm going to have a piece of that." Defendant got part of a fowl from a cupboard, took it into the taproom, and lit a lamp in the room to have his supper. Witness left about 3.30 a.m. Witness went to the house at 12.20, when defendant made a statement that two men came to his back door at 10.15 p.m. on the night of the 6th inst., and demanded drinks. He refused them, and one hit him in the face; the second also struck him. He hit them both and knocked them out of the gate, and closed and locked the door. Defendant also said that several in the house saw these two men, including Harry Nightingale and James Kester. Defendant refused to sign the statement. At 3.15 p.m. on the same day witness again saw the defendant about the two men. Defendant could not supplement his statement and witness later saw Harry Nightingale. At 9.40 p.m. witness visited the White Horse, had a look through and came out. At 10.15 p.m. he again called on the defendant and said he could not get anything about the two men. Defendant said he could not give witness any further information. Witness was quite sure that he was drunk when he went in first.

Cross-examined by Mr. Papworth, witness said that he did not think that defendant's injuries were such that it made him lie on the couch.

James Kester, of Swavesey, an agricultural labourer, said that he visited the White Horse, Swavesey, about 7.15 p.m., when there were only two in the house. He was in the house until ten o'clock, during which time they had "several cheap pints" of beer, which Mr. Moyne brought in, and at ten o'clock asked witness to stay. Defendant closed the door and took witness to the spirit bar and fetched a bottle of gin. Each had a drink, and the glasses were filled

again with gin, which was also consumed. Then defendant said to witness, "I've heard a lot of talk about you, Jimmy. Now I've got you here alone, I'll just show you what I can do with you." Defendant began sparring about and then they stopped. He called witness into the spirit bar, and while they were talking he knocked witness backwards on the bricks. He also collared witness's arm, saying he was a ju-jitsu man, and could easily knock him out. Witness said "You can't put me out at all."

"Then we had another little duel," said witness, "and then he got a gun from somewhere and said, 'I'll shoot you, you -----.'" I said, 'Don't be foolish, Bert.' I secured the gun and just as I got hold of it with the muzzle behind my head he shot the gun off. I took the gun away, and defendant ran for a mallet, and said he'd knock my brains out with it. I knocked the mallet from his hand and asked him to let me go home. I went outside in the back yard with the gun, and Moyne followed me out. He tripped me up in the back yard, and as my head hit the bricks, half stunning me, he collared me by the throat, held me there while I became almost unconscious, and eventually I got him off and found myself in a semi-conscious condition in conflict with someone, and when I came round, I saw Moyne lying on the bricks with a bruised eye and his nose bleeding. He had taken the gun and I got it again. I took it home with me. I went to see him on Monday morning, and he asked me what two men I met in the night. I told him there was no one there except he and myself, and he said, 'For God's sake don't say anything about it.' He gave me a pint or two of beer, and I told him it was no good him repenting for his own stupidity. He told me he had told the police a '----- good yarn,' had said that I was not there, and had set them looking for two men they would never find.

Questioned by Supt. Allen, witness said that at 10 o'clock "you might say that defendant was drunk."

What was his condition when you left him? – He was helpless all round.

Up to the time defendant had fired the gun had you struck him? – No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Papworth, witness said he went to the house most days. His son worked for defendant, and witness had supplied defendant with vegetables. He did not pay for the gin he had. Witness admitted that he was a pretty good pugilist.

Sergt. Keep, of Over, said that at 9.45 p.m. on Monday, 7th inst., he asked defendant for particulars of the men who had attacked him. Defendant said, "They are not Swavesey men. Don't bother any more about it." He denied that there was anyone in the house up to 2 a.m. On the 12th December he saw Kester with marks on his throat.

Giving evidence on oath, defendant admitted that Kester and he had two drinks of gin each after ten o'clock. He denied having "a set to." The gun was loaded with a blank cartridge, and it was fired by defendant. Kester gave him the black eye and made the blood flow. He told the police the story about two men assaulting him because he wanted to shield Kester, because of his wife and children. Two men did come to the house about 10.15 p.m., but defendant refused to serve them. He had suffered for some time from the injuries inflicted by Kester. P.C. Breed had found him in a dazed condition, and he was not responsible then for what he said. He was then practically knocked out. He did not realise he had been so knocked about until P.C. Breed showed him his face. The injuries were not caused through him being the worse for drink.

Cross-examined by Supt. Allen, defendant said that during the evening up to ten o'clock he only had three glasses of beer. After ten he had two glasses of gin with water. He thought that the constable in his evidence was under a misapprehension. He supplied the gin to Kester as a guest. Kester was a customer before ten o'clock, and afterwards defendant turned him into a guest. Bert Walker, a chimney sweep, of Swavesey, said he went into the White Horse about 7.30 in the evening, and defendant was perfectly sober when witness left at 9.50 p.m.

Percy Henry Lee, manager for defendant's fishmonger business, said that he assisted in the White Horse. On the evening in question, at 7 o'clock, defendant was perfectly sober. The next day, the 7th inst., defendant looked ill and dazed.

Cross-examined by Supt. Allen, witness spoke of hearing men wrangling in the public-house and a gun go off. When witness entered the house the next morning defendant had small cartridges in a coat pocket.

At this stage the Court adjourned.

After the adjournment, Mr. Papworth said he had considered the matter, and had decided not to call any further witnesses.

Mr. Papworth then addressed the Court, and said it was for the magistrates to decide whether it was a bona fide case of Moyne asking Kester to stop as a guest.

The magistrates retired, and on their return the Chairman said that in this case of supplying intoxicating liquor the magistrates had decided to convict.

Mr. Papworth then addressed the magistrates on the first case, and said that the magistrates had to decide whether defendant was suffering from the ill-effects of the blows received or drink. He thought that if the magistrates had any reasonable doubt as to the man being drunk, then defendant should have the benefit of the doubt.

The magistrates again retired, and on their return the Chairman said that in the first case the magistrates had decided to give the defendant the benefit of a rather doubtful doubt, but they considered his conduct in fighting was extremely reprehensible, and they were sorry to see a man in his position guilty of it. In the second case, defendant would be fined £5 and 10s. witness's fee.

BILLIARDS. 1st Jan. 1926

The final game (200 up) in the billiard handicap, which has been in progress at the Institute, was played last week between Messrs. Albert Ding (rec. 30) and S. Clark (scr.), the former winning by seven points. Mr. Ding is now the holder of the Institute Billiards Challenge Cup.

THE INSTITUTE. 1st Jan. 1926

Ten tables were in play at the whist drive at the Institute on Wednesday evening, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss J. Pettett, Miss Heasman, booby Miss E. Barrett; gentlemen – Mr. D. Williams, Mr. A. Culpin, booby Mr. A. Kester. Mr. S. Clark acted as M.C.

CAROLS. 1st Jan. 1926

A choir of twenty-five male and female singers, most of whom had been members of the recently disbanded Swavesey and Fen Drayton Choral Society, sang carols in the village on December 23rd and 24th, perambulating from Boxworth End to the school on the former evening and through the remainder of the village on Christmas Eve, finishing on the platform of the railway station, where carols were sung on the arrival and departure of the special late train. A collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital has, down to the present, realised £7 1s. 9d.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 1st Jan. 1926

The parish church was nicely decorated with evergreens and flowers for the Christmas festival. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11 a.m. (choral), matins was at 10.30 a.m., and evensong with anthem, "Good will to men," and carols at 3 p.m. The congregations were somewhat larger than they have been of late years, the communicants numbering 98 against 91 in 1924. The collections throughout the day, which, as usual, were on behalf of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society, amounted, as on Christmas Day, 1924, to £4 5s.

SCHOOL FESTIVITIES. 1st Jan. 1926

By the kindly thought of the headmaster and his staff, assisted by two or three friends, the children attending the National School were given a treat on the afternoon of Wednesday week, on the occasion of the breaking-up for the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately many children were kept away through sickness, but those who were there had a very happy time. Parents were invited to be present, and a few attended, together with the Vicar and Mr. A. L. Parish, representing the managers. Games of various kinds, musical chairs, etc., having been enjoyed, at 3 o'clock loud knocking was heard at the door, and Santa Claus (Mr. C. Wood, jun.) appeared wearing the traditional apparel. On his back he carried a large bag, which being opened was found to contain presents for every child, those absent through sickness not being forgotten. Oranges and apples were also distributed. Before separating, Mr. T. C. Heasman called for cheers for the headmaster and the assistant teachers, which were given most lustily by the youngsters. It is understood that the presents in Santa Claus' sack were provided by the headmaster and his staff, and the oranges and apples by the headmaster and Mr. Heasman.

NEW YEARS' EVE. 8th Jan. 1926

The old year was solemnly tolled out by the tenor bell at the parish church, and the New Year welcomed by a merry peal. At Bethel Baptist Chapel a watch night service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 8th Jan. 1926

The National School was re-opened on Tuesday morning, after the Christmas holidays. The apples and oranges distributed at the "breaking-up" were provided by Mr. Heasman and Mr. Lovell, and not as stated last week.

CAN IT BE TRUE? 8th Jan. 1926

A correspondent writes: - "I am given to understand that the feoffees of Galon's Charity recently decided that a notice should be posted in a specified building in the village inviting applications for the hire of certain land belonging to the Charity. The notice, it is rumoured, was not exhibited immediately, and that when it made its appearance on December 28th it announced that the applications should be handed in on or before December 24th."

BILLIARDS. 8th Jan. 1926

A return billiards match between teams representing Swavesey and Fen Drayton was played at the White Horse Inn on Friday evening. Owing to the very bad weather only four of the visiting team attended instead of eight as

arranged. Each of them, therefore, played two of the Swavesey representatives. Scores: Swavesey 2 games, Fen Drayton 6 games. Both teams were entertained by the host to coffee and sandwiches.

DANCE. 8th Jan. 1926

The New Year's Eve dance, organised by Miss Q. Spolton and the entertainment committee of the Institute, which took place at the Memorial Hall, was a great success. Upwards of 120 dancers attended, some of them in fancy dress. Cornell's Dance Orchestra provided an admirable selection of music, and excellent light refreshments were supplied under the superintendence of Mrs. T. W. Thurlow. Prizes for the most effective costumes were awarded by the judges, Mrs. Metcalfe, of Coton, and Mrs. Skeggs, of Earith, to Miss Briggs, of Boxworth (Victorian lady) and Mr. Hugo, a visitor to Boxworth (Persian Prince). Miss Metcalfe (Coton) presented the prizes to the winners. A word of commendation is due to Messrs. C. Savage and H. H. Brooks for their effective decoration of the Hall. The former officiated as M.C. Miss Spolton was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness.

FLOODS. 8th Jan. 1926

Much of the low lying land around Swavesey is under water.

S.P.G. 15th Jan. 1926

The collections at the parish church on Sunday were in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. They amounted to £3 3s.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 15th Jan. 1926

As a result of the successful whist drive arranged by Mrs. H. H. Berryman and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, which took place at the Memorial Hall on the 7th inst., £6 6s. 5½d. has been added to the Parish Church Repair Fund. The prizes were won by: Ladies – Mrs. P. Burton, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. Stebbing, carrying prize Mrs. C. Dean; gentlemen – Mr. H. Burling, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. P. Burton, carrying prize, Mr. H. Holmes. Mr. S. F. Mitham officiated as M.C.

EPIPHANY TEA. 15th Jan. 1926

The annual Epiphany tea, always a successful gathering, was exceptionally well attended on Tuesday evening. The tea, in accordance with custom, was followed by a lecture on Missionary effort, this year's lecturer being the Rev. Dr. J. Ingram Bryan, who gave an interesting account of his work in Japan and of the life, customs, etc., of the people. The proceeds from the tea and of a

collection taken after the lecture were in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. This annual parochial gathering, which, until two years ago, was known as the "Missionary tea," was established in 1872, when the late Canon Henry Isaac Sharp was vicar, and it has been held every year since, except in 1918 and 1919, when war-time food restrictions were in force. Two or three of those who attended the first tea in 1872 were present on Tuesday evening.

THE INSTITUTE. 22nd Jan. 1926

A members' whist drive was held at the Institute on Wednesday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss J. Pettett, Mrs. P. Burton, booby Mrs. Pettett; gentlemen – Mr. S. Clark, Mr. B. Prime, booby Mr. H. Wright. Mr. C. Savage officiated as M.C.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 22nd Jan. 1926

Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun inn, has received a letter from the Secretary-Superintendent of Addenbrooke's Hospital, gratefully acknowledging the receipt of a cheque for £7 2s., the proceeds of a guessing competition (numbers of pips in a large marrow), organised by him for the benefit of the hospital. There were numerous prizes, all of which were kindly given by friends.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 22nd Jan. 1926

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the annual New Year's meetings at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening were well attended, the congregations including friends from Cambridge, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Godmanchester, Oakington and Over. The special preacher was Mr. Curtis, of Southill, Bedfordshire. A public tea was provided between the meetings.

ICE AND SNOW. 22nd Jan. 1926

As Mere Fen was completely flooded, it was hoped by skating enthusiasts that last week's frost would have resulted in a splendid stretch of ice, but unfortunately for them snowstorms intervened and spoiled the surface. On Saturday and Sunday, however, a number of skaters ventured on Mere Fen, several of whom had a wetting through the ice giving way. One unfortunate gentleman, who is believed to have come from a distance, is reported to have "got in up to his neck" on Saturday, and must have spent an uncomfortable time in his dripping clothes while waiting for his train at Swavesey railway station.

A NEWSPAPER INTRODUCTION. 22nd Jan. 1926

The "Independent Press" has recently been the means of bringing two natives of Swavesey together in Australia. A member of the crew of a liner, which arrived in Sydney harbour not many weeks ago, was walking along the quay, when he passed a man who was reading the "Independent Press." Turning back he asked the reader if he was a Cambridgeshire man. "Yes," was the prompt response, "I am. Are you?" Receiving a reply in the affirmative, he enquired: "From what part do you come?" "From Cambridge," said the sailor man, "but I was born in Swavesey." "So was I," said the possessor of the newspaper, "Who's your father?" "Charles Rose," quoth the seafarer. "And I am John Williams' son Ezra," said the other, "Come along with me." The sailor went, and received a most hospitable welcome. Mr. E. Williams, who left Swavesey for Australia about twenty years ago, is in business in Sydney. He keeps in touch with the old country by having the "Independent Press" sent to him every week.

CHURCH MEETING. 22nd Jan. 1926

The annual parochial church meeting was held at the National School on Tuesday evening. In opening the proceedings the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) who presided, thanked all church workers, and especially the churchwardens and the Church Council for their help and co-operation during the past year. In presenting the church expenses accounts, Mr. C. F. Banks (churchwarden) said that, although they had begun the year with a deficit of £5, he was pleased to report that they had concluded it with a balance in hand of £15 5s. 5d., the collections, etc., having amounted to £115 2s. and the expenditure to £99 16s. 7d. In addition £42 6s. had been collected for special purposes. Mr. R. Barwell reported that £550 0s. 8d. stood to the credit of the Church Repair Fund, and that the greater part of this sum was invested in War Bonds, etc., and was earning interest. The "Duplex," Missionary and Thrift Club accounts were also presented. All accounts having been passed unanimously, it was decided that the budget for 1926 should be the same as for 1925 so far as the total amount required was concerned, though there were alterations in regard to one or two items. The election of the Church Council then took place with the following result: Representatives to the Ruri-Decanal Conference, Messrs. R. Barwell and R. Mitham, sen. (re-elected); church councillors *Mrs. Banks, *Mrs. Cooksey, Mr. C. S. Hephew, *Miss L. Beaumont, *Mr. G. J. Paine, *Mr. S. F. Mitham, elected, *Mrs. John Smith not elected (*members of the old council. Last year's sidesmen were re-appointed with the exception of Mr. H. D. Froment, who has left the parish, and whose place was taken by Mr. A. C.

Garner, Mr. J. T. Daintree was appointed an additional sidesman. Before the meeting closed Mr. Walter Thorp called attention to a grave in the churchyard which, he complained, was out of line with other graves and encroached on an old grave.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 29th Jan. 1926

A series of well attended special evangelistic services were brought to a conclusion on Monday evening, when the pastor lectured upon "The Beautiful Bernese Oberland," illustrated by a hundred lantern pictures.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 29th Jan. 1926

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's charity is being distributed by the churchwardens to-day, the anniversary of his birthday, and twenty-two widows and widowers will each receive three shillings in lieu of tea, sugar, etc.

ACCIDENT TO MR. W. DAISLEY. 29th Jan. 1926

Mr. William Daisley, of Rosedale, Swavesey, and Whittlesford, is laying in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from head injuries and a fractured rib, the result of a collision with a motor car about 5 o'clock on Monday evening. He was riding an ordinary bicycle along Trumpington-road, Cambridge, and when opposite the Botanical Gardens he collided with a Morgan run-about driven by Mr. G. D. Allan, an undergraduate of Pembroke College. Mr. Daisley was thrown on to the road, where he lay unconscious, and the back wheel of his bicycle was buckled. He was conveyed to the hospital in the Police Ambulance.

ENTERTAINMENT. 29th Jan. 1926

There was a crowded house at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening for the entertainment given by Sydney Maltby's Concert Party, under the auspices of the Swavesey Institute Committee, which had been postponed from the 15th inst. on account of the inclement weather. The long programme, carried through with commendable promptitude and without an interval, included songs by Messrs. Tom Dean and C. Brown sung most excellently, clever ventriloquial and conjuring tricks by Mr. F. Tuck, humorous ditties by Messrs. Maltby and B. Fordham, all keenly appreciated by the audience, as also were the items contributed by Miss M. Brinkley, humorist, at the piano. Mr. H. Harrison and Miss Brinkley were the accompanists. All the performers were in the best of form, and the entertainment went with a swing from start to finish, practically every item being encored. At the close a hearty vote of

thanks was accorded the party on the proposition of Mr. Walter Thorp, seconded by Mr. H. H. Berryman.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th Jan. 1926

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following councillors being present: Mr. J. Linford (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. P. Burton, M. C. Culpin, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Culpin reported that all the pieces of the movable cricket fence that could be found had been collected from the Recreation Ground, the school pond, and adjacent fields, and had been stored on the parish property in High-street. A discussion followed, in course of which it was stated that not half of the fence had been recovered, and the councillors expressed strong disapproval of the way in which the fence, which was the property of the parish, and had cost £26 10s. only five or six years ago, had been treated. "It's a scandalous shame," said one councillor, while another added that it should be distinctly understood that a fresh fence would not be provided by the Council. Eventually the Vice-Chairman proposed that notices inviting tenders for the purchase of the remnants should be posted in the village, and that the money realised should be paid into the Recreation Ground account. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Wells, and carried unanimously. Messrs. E. J. Shepperson (the present constable), J. J. Marriott, B. Hodson and G. Burling having been nominated as persons eligible to serve as parish constables during the ensuing year, the Council considered the question of the iron lamp-post at the junction of High-street and Taylor's-lane, which had recently been damaged by a motor car. As it was understood that the driver of the car had intimated his willingness to pay for the repair of the post, Messrs. P. Burton, Culpin and P. Parish were authorised to assess the damage, after which the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the motorist.

MEMORIAL HALL. 5th Feb. 1926

A successful dance in aid of the funds of the Memorial Hall took place at the Hall on Saturday evening. The music was supplied by Cornell's Dance Orchestra, and Mr. C. Savage acted as M.C.

CONVALESCING. 5th Feb. 1926

Police Constable Breed, whose leg was broken on December 14th, through a fall in Magdalene-street, Cambridge, left Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he

had been an in-patient, on Friday, and returned to his home at Swavesey. His leg is mending slowly, but, it is hoped, surely.

THE INSTITUTE. 5th Feb. 1926

A members' social was held at the Institute on Wednesday, a very enjoyable evening being mainly devoted to dancing, for which Misses Q. Spolton and N. Mustill presided at the piano. Songs were also sung by Mr. Taylor and others. During the evening the Chairman of the Institute, Mr. W. A. Bignell, presented Miss Spolton with a gold slave bangle as a small mark of the members' appreciation of her indefatigable services as pianist at the Monday night dances.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 5th Feb. 1926

The annual general meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding. There was a good attendance of members, every village in the district being represented. The accounts, which showed a profit on last year's working of £7 16s. and a balance in the Bank of £47 16s. 3d., having been presented, the election of officers and committees took place with the following result: President, Mr. R. C. Cole (subject to his consent); vice-presidents, re-elected with the exception of Dr. Spink, who has left the district, and with the addition (subject to their consent) of the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. Blinkhorn, G. E. Canham, U. Thixton, R. Williamson (Swavesey), F. Asplin, A. C. Hawkes, Marshall, A. Watts (Over), V. Webb (Cambridge), and G. Sweetland; chairman of committee, Mr. H. Peachey; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood; treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner; horticultural committee, Messrs. Brasher, P. Godfrey, H. Wells (Swavesey), A. and C. Adams, C. Haddow, C. W. Hine, W. Lucas, W. Thorpe, G. Wayman (Over), G. Bath, T. Day (Boxworth), J. Culpin, E. J. Warboys (Fen Drayton); sports committee, re-elected en bloc, with power to add. It having been decided that this year's show should be held in August, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

BRITISH LEGION. 5th Feb. 1926

The members of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, who attended in strong force, spent a very pleasant evening at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, when, under the genial chairmanship of their President, Mr. W. A. Bignell, they combined business with pleasure by holding their annual meeting after they had done full justice to an excellent supper provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun Inn. At the business meeting, which took

place after the tables had been cleared, the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) and the treasurer (Mr. E. Williams) presented their reports, both of which were adopted, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. P. Burton; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; auditors, Messrs. Frank Prior and E. Williams; committee, Messrs. S. Clark, H. J. Culpin, Frank Hephher, E. Prior, Frank Prior, T. Savage and H. Topham. It was decided to again enter a team for the Lord Lieutenant's Cricket Cup competition. The President, in a brief address on the principles and policy of the Legion, pleaded for that spirit of comradeship to foster which the Legion had been founded, and he appealed for an increase in the membership of the branch. Business concluded, an enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Mr. Syd Maltby's Concert Party. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Banks and the other ladies who had rendered valuable assistance in connection with Poppy Day, to the Concert Party, and to the caterer, and the evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the members joining hands.

ADVERTS. 12th Feb. 1926

COLE'S 'BUS will be at Market-street, Swavesey, at 9.30 a.m., returning 12.45 p.m.; at 2.30 p.m., returning 5.0 p.m.; at 6.0 p.m., returning 10.0 p.m. – W. H. Cole, Dry Drayton, Cambs.

H. G. KEY, Baker, Swavesey, is Agent for Messrs. J. Lyons and Co's Cakes, Confectionery, etc. Delivery in Swavesey, Over and Lolworth daily.

FLOODS. 12th Feb. 1926

Owing to the recent heavy rains much land around Swavesey is again inundated, and, the water is approaching the village. Yesterday (Thursday) morning, however, there were indications of a slight fall.

OBITUARY. 12th Feb. 1926

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Alfred Prime, son of the late Mr. James Prime, passed away at his residence in High-street on Wednesday morning, aged 62 years. He leaves a widow, four sons and five daughters.

HOCKEY CLUB. 12th Feb. 1926

The whist drive, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Hockey Club, which took place at the Memorial Hall on the 4th inst., not only provided a pleasant evening's entertainment for the members and their friends, but was the means of adding £4 to their club's funds. Nineteen tables, over

which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., were in play, and the prizewinners were: - Ladies – Miss E. Dodson, Mrs. P. Burton, booby Miss M. Parsons; gentlemen – Mr. W. Spolton, Mr. H. H. Berryman, booby Mr. W. Webster. The refreshments were excellent.

THE LATE MRS. JOSEPH COULSON. 12th Feb. 1926

We have to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Coulson, who passed away after many years of failing health at her residence, 12, Park-road East, Bedford, on the 5th inst., aged 81. Mrs. Coulson was a daughter of the late Mr. Charles Thurbon, and widow of Mr. Joseph Coulson, carpenter and wheelwright, both of Swavesey. She leaves a daughter and three sons, the youngest of whom is in Canada. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the greater part of the service being held at the deceased's residence prior to the removal of the body from Bedford by motor hearse to Swavesey for interment in the cemetery by the side of her husband, who died on 12th February, 1883. The Rev. H. E. R. Wassell, of Bedford, officiated at the house and also at the grave. The mourners included: Miss Coulson, Bedford (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. T. Coulson, Manchester, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulson, Bedford (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. Thurbon Coulson (grandson), Mrs. John Dodson, Swavesey (sister), Mr. Jonas Mitchell, Over (brother-in-law), Mrs. W. Thurbon (sister-in-law), Mrs. C. Hepher and Mrs. Maltby (nieces), and Mrs. Silk, Over (cousin). Many friends were at the graveside.

THE INSTITUTE. 19th Feb. 1926

The prizes at the members' whist drive at the Institute on Saturday evening were won by: Ladies – Mrs. Isgrove, Miss Pook, booby Miss R. Williams; gentlemen, Mr. H. Burling, Mr. G. Brooks, booby Mr. A. Kester. Mr. S. Clarke was M.C.

WHIST DRIVE. 19th Feb. 1926

The whist drive in aid of the funds of the Swavesey Football Club, which was held at the Memorial Hall on the 11th instant, resulted in a net profit of £2 10s. Sixteen tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. Culpin, Miss D. Pettett, Mrs. G. Oakman; gentlemen – Mr. J. Clarke, Mr. J. Prewer, Mr. P. Burton. Mr. G. Oakman officiated as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 19th Feb. 1926

The annual church and congregational tea and meeting took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, a large number of friends sitting down to tea, while for the annual meeting which followed the schoolroom was

crowded. The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., presided. Reports were presented by Mr. A. Norman, who, as treasurer, produced the balance sheet, which showed that all expense had been met and that a good working balance remained to carry on this year's working; and by Mr. J. Day, who gave the secretarial report, which indicated that quiet progress had been made in all departments. Mr. Day also gave the missionary report in place of Mrs. Aldred, which showed that £10 had been given to foreign work. Mrs. Field reported, as superintendent, that there were 60 children attending the Sunday School, with an average attendance of 56, and that the Band of Hope was also in a good condition. The Pastor also gave an account of the Boys' Life Brigade, from which it appeared that 22 boys were now enrolled in it. Addresses were also given by Misses Prior, Crane, Payne and Day, and by Mrs. J. Day and Mrs. Spearman. Miss M. Coulson ably presided at the piano.

THE LATE MR. A. PRIME. 19th Feb. 1926

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Prime, senior, whose death, at the age of 62 years, after a long and painful illness, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Prime (widow), Messrs. A. H. and B. Prime (sons), Mrs. F. Hayward, Mrs. C. Parish, Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. H. Andrews, Miss E. Prime (daughters), Mr. E. Prime (brother), Mrs. S. Kester (sister), Mrs. A. Prime, jun., Mrs. H. Prime (daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Parish (son-in-law), Mrs. D. Prime (sister-in-law), Mrs. G. Stemp, Miss G. Hephher, Mrs. W. Wells (nieces), Messrs. C. Prime, G. Hephher, jun., A. Hephher (nephews), Mrs. A. P. Payne (cousin). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 26th Feb. 1926

Mr. Robinson Mitham, senior, a very well-known and highly respected parishioner, celebrated his 70th birthday on Wednesday.

PARISH CHURCH. 26th Feb. 1926

The Rev. Canon F. V. Watson, of Ely, canon missionary of the diocese, who is to preach at the special services at the parish church on Tuesday evenings during Lent, gave his first address this week. The service consisted of intercessory prayers, a lesson and hymns.

THE INSTITUTE. 26th Feb. 1926

The prizes at the members' whist drive at the Institute on Saturday were won by: Ladies – Mrs. P. Burton, Mrs. Pettett, booby Miss D. Pettett; gentlemen –

Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. G. Brooks, booby Mr. G. Hodson. Mr. C. Savage acted as M.C.

CRICKET CLUB. 26th Feb. 1926

At the annual meeting of the Cricket Club, held last week at the Memorial Hall, Mr. S. F. Mitham presiding, the secretary's report and the accounts for last year were presented, the latter, unfortunately, showing a deficit of £2 2s. 6d. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows: President, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P.; vice-presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. R. Barwell, Blinkhorn, G. E. Canham, E. Day, H. R. Lovell, H. P. Moller, G. J. Paine, C. Richards, Roberts, W. Spolton, T. E. Tagg, and L. Williams; captain 1st eleven, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. T. Savage; captain 2nd eleven, Mr. G. Oakman; vice-captain, Mr. A. Hephher; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Aldred; assist. sec., Mr. J. Salmon; committee, Messrs. R. Godfrey, A. C. Hephher, H. A. Holmes, W. Kester, S. F. Mitham, B. Prime, R. Seekings and D. Williams. It was decided to enter both teams for the Milton and District League and Challenge Cup competitions.

OUSE DRAINAGE PROTEST MEETING. 26th Feb. 1926

After addresses explaining how the area would be affected had been given by Mr. C. G. Tebbutt, a member of the Ouse Drainage Board, and Councillor J. Johnson, of St. Ives, the following resolutions were carried unanimously at a well-attended meeting of the parishioners of Swavesey and Fen Drayton, held under the presidency of Mr. J. Evison, in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening: (a) (to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture) "That this meeting protests against this district being retained as part of the Ouse drainage area to pay the same as the Fens, since no benefit can possibly result from works done below Earith." (b) (to be sent to the County Council) "That this meeting wishes to call the attention of the County Council to the fact that a considerable area in Swavesey and Fen Drayton is retained in the proposed drainage area, as they are to receive no benefit, and as ratepayers, we wish to strongly protest against rates being charge by the County Council for the same area."

ADVERT. 5th March 1926

FOR REMOVAL WORK with ton motor lorry, any distance. – Apply, Jas. Prior, Swavesey. Estimates given.

THE INSTITUTE. 5th March 1926

The prizes at the members' whist drive at the Institute on Saturday evening were: Ladies – Miss Ruby Williams, Miss J. Pettett, Mrs. J. J. Marriott; gentlemen – Mr. John Culpin, Mr. Walter Thorp, Mr. S. Clarke. Mr. C. Savage officiated as M.C.

DANCE. 5th March 1926

Although the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, the dance at the Memorial Hall on the 25th ulto., in aid of the funds of the Institute, was an enjoyable and successful function. Harrison's band from Cambridge provided the excellent selection of music, and the light refreshments, in charge of which was Mrs. T. W. Thurlow, were all that could be desired. Mr. C. Savage was an efficient M.C.

DEATH OF AN EX-SERVICE MAN. 5th March 1926

Mr. Thomas Cadwallader Thompson, who for the past few years has been residing in one of the Council Houses at Swavesey, was taken ill at Cambridge railway station about 9 a.m. on Thursday week, and was unconscious when removed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, in which condition he remained until his death shortly after 11 p.m. on Saturday. Mr. Thompson, who was 46 on the day he was stricken down, had been with the firm of Messrs. Rees, Dawson and Co., Jewin-street, London, E.C., for 27 years, and he was on a journey as their representative on Thursday week. During the war he served in France, first with the London Irish Rifles and later with Queen Victoria Rifles. For some time he was in hospital at Cayeux suffering from gas and shell shock, which, there is reason to believe, was directly or indirectly the cause of his illness, as his health, which prior to the war was excellent, had since been far from satisfactory. He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

PARISH CHURCH. 12th March 1926

The Rev. T. C. Spurgin, rector of Girton, officiated and preached at evensong at the parish church on Sunday, the Vicar of Swavesey conducting the evening service at Girton.

THE INSTITUTE. 12th March 1926

The prizewinners at the members' whist drive at the Institute on Wednesday evening were: Ladies – Miss D. Pettett, Miss E. Heasman, booby Mrs. J. J. Marriott; gentlemen – Mr. G. Kester, Mr. C. Savage, booby Mr. Isgrove. Mr. C. Savage acted as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th March 1926

The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, on Wednesday week, gave a lecture upon the origin, sufferings and influence of "The Pilgrim Fathers," who, driven out of England by persecution, founded a new colony in New England, and laid the foundation of the United States of America. The lecture was illustrated by many beautiful views lent by the Liberation Society, which were skilfully handled by Mrs. Field and Mrs. G. Day.

BRITISH LEGION. 12th March 1926

The whist drive, organised by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, was a great success. Twenty-four tables, over which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. J. Culpin, Miss L. Key, Mrs. G. Burling, lucky number Mrs. Smart; gentlemen – Mr. D. Parish, Mr. S. A. Bath, Mr. G. J. Paine, lucky number Mr. T. S. Johnson. The net proceeds amounted to £5 14s.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS. 12th March 1926

The brilliant Aurora Borealis on Tuesday caused somewhat of a sensation in the village. One resident was confident that something serious was alight in the district for he was sure he could smell fire, and another motoring home from Cambridge hurried off towards Huntingdon, under the impression that there was a big conflagration in that direction. The "lights," however, faded away before he had gone very far on his journey, and he gave up the quest.

THE LATE MR. T. C. THOMPSON. 12th March 1926

A large congregation attended the funeral at Swavesey parish church on March 4th, of Mr. Thomas Cadwallader Thompson, a report of whose death appeared in our last issue. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The mourners included members of the family and the following representatives of the local branch of the British Legion, four of whom acted as bearers: Messrs. H. H. Berryman (secretary), P. Burton, S. Clark, A. C. Garner, J. Hall, H. G. Key, P. Lee (treasurer), F. F. Norman, C. H. Parish, E. Prior, F. Prior, and A. J. Willson. There were several beautiful floral tributes, among them wreaths from Messrs. Rees, Dawson and Co., Jewin-street, E.C., with whom deceased had been for 27 years, the British Legion (Swavesey District Branch) and Councillor R. Elsdon (of Cambridge). Messrs. R. Slingsby and Sons, Perowne-street, Cambridge, were the undertakers.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 19th March 1926

The 1st Swavesey Company of the Boys' Life Brigade gave their first display on Thursday week, under the leadership of their captain, Rev. T. B. Field, assisted by Lieuts. Mrs. Field and S. Wright and Sergt. G. Day. Recitations were given by F. and E. Dodson, D. Canham, W. and J. Wright, a piano solo by Sergt. Day, and the Company contributed displays of flag drill, Swedish exercises and first aid. Boys over eight years of age may be enrolled in the Brigade any Friday evening.

CRICKET CLUB. 19th March 1926

The whist drive, organised by the Cricket Club, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, was a great success. Thirty tables were occupied, and 32 hands were played. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Miss Lucy Key, Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. J. J. Marriott; gentlemen – Mr. F. W. Pontefract, Mr. C. Burton, Mr. G. Oakman; highest number of fives Miss Pook and Mr. J. J. Marriott; ditto fours Mrs. Symonds and Mr. W. Savage. Mr. T. Savage officiated as M.C. The evening's entertainment resulted in a welcome addition of over £5 10s. to the funds of the Cricket Club.

FOOTBALL. 19th March 1926

GRANSDEN CUP – Semi-Final.

Bassingbourn 2, Swavesey 1.

Played at Bassingbourn on Saturday, Swavesey opened strongly, and after ten minutes' play Oakman steered the ball through a crowd of players into the net. Bassingbourn then settled down, and following a scrimmage in front of the Swavesey goal one of the visitors' defenders had the misfortune to put through his own goal. Shortly afterwards R. Godfrey, the Swavesey left back, had to be assisted off the field owing to a badly damaged ankle. Bassingbourn attacked strongly and Swavesey were forced to concede a corner, following which Kefford then put the home team ahead.

Bassingbourn set a hot pace in the second half, and Unwin made many fine saves. A little feeling then crept into the game, and stoppages for fouls were frequent; Bassingbourn were the worst offenders in this respect. Swavesey were handicapped with having only four forwards, and could not make much headway. The defence, however, held out, and in spite of many determined attacks on their goal no further scoring took place. Both teams, after a hard game, finished up with ten men.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 26th March 1926

As will be seen from the report of the Cambs. Festival of Music, which will be found in another column, the Swavesey Orchestral Class, conducted by their instructor, Mr. R. B. Hurry, Mus.Bac., was placed first in the competition for village orchestras.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 26th March 1926

Preceded by an excellent tea, an admirable rendering of the service of song, "Rufus and Joe," was given at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Thursday week by the St. Ives Sisterhood Choir, whose training reflected great credit on Mrs. Corlett. The narrative was read by the Rev. R. T. Corlett. There was a large attendance from Over and Swavesey, both at the tea and the service of song, and expressions of regret and sympathy were general at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright, two mainstays of the Primitive Methodist cause in Swavesey, through the serious illness of the former.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th March 1926

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following Councillors attending: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, J. Linford, A. Norman, R. Norman, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes, the clerk read correspondence he had had with the Anglo-American Oil Co., respecting the broken lamp post at the junction of High-street and Taylor's-lane, and reported that he had received a cheque for £4 in settlement of the Council's claim. It was later decided that the damaged post should be sold. Various accounts, amounting in all to £7 19s. 6d., having been passed for payment, the Councillors proceeded to discuss the village pound, a wall of which was reported to have fallen down. One Councillor was of opinion that a pound was not needed, and another suggested that it should be sold. Mr. A. Norman, who thought it was not worth spending the money on, proposed that the question of rebuilding the wall should be left in abeyance for a time. Mr. Cole seconded, and the proposition was carried. A further proposition, moved by Mr. Wells, and seconded by Mr. R. Norman, that the gate should be kept locked to prevent animals straying through to the gardens beyond was also carried. Before the meeting closed the Council agreed that the herbage of the recreation ground should be let by auction when the herbage of the droves and by-ways was let by direction of the District Council (This took place yesterday (Thursday) evening).

DROVE LETTING. 2nd April 1926

Prospective bidders and other interested parishioners assembled at the White Horse inn on Thursday in last week for the annual letting of the herbage of the parish droves, etc., and of the recreation ground, which had been announced by notices posted in the village and by the public crier to take place on that evening, but no auctioneer put in an appearance, and, therefore, the letting had to be postponed. It subsequently transpired that the auctioneer's absence was due, through an unfortunate misunderstanding, to his not having received definite instructions from the District Council, and it was announced that the letting would take place at the White Horse at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 1st April.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 2nd April 1926

The Band of Hope celebrated its anniversary on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field presiding, supported by Rev. E. F. Blackaby, of Willingham, who gave an able address. Miss Easter read the annual report, which showed that the membership stood at 55, and that 23 meetings had been held during the session, with an average attendance of 50. Recitations were given by Joyce Melbourne, W. Wright, E. Dodson and Gwen Dodson, and a solo by Miss Aldred. A reward was given to Thora Jacklin for being present at every meeting during the session. Several choruses were rendered by the members. The Society will recommence its gatherings in October next.

B.W.T.A. 2nd April 1926

The annual meetings of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association were held on Thursday week in the Bethel Schoolroom. The business meeting took place at 4 p.m., Mrs. Aldred presiding. Mrs. Day (secretary) reported that the branch consisted of 54 members, 6 associates and 52 little white ribboners, and that five meetings had been held during the year. Mrs. Canham (treasurer) read the balance sheet, which showed an income of £4 5s. 7d., expenditure £3 0s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 5s. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. T. B. Field; vice-president, Mrs. Aldred; treasurer, Mrs. Canham; secretary, Mrs. J. Day; junior secretary, Miss Easter; who with the following ladies will form the executive: Mesdames A. Norman, Smith, Godfrey, sen., W. Savage, Samuel Wright, Melbourne, W. Coulson, Misses H. Dodson, I. Spearman and D. Godfrey. A resolution of sympathy was passed with Mrs. S. Wright on account of her husband's severe illness. A well provided and attended tea followed, after which the Schoolroom was well filled for a public meeting, presided over by the Rev. G. Bird (Over), and addresses by Revs. E. P. Blackaby (Willingham) and T. B. Field. Mrs. Spearman read an excellent report of the recent conference at Cambridge.

Solos were rendered by Mrs. H. Asplin and Mr. D. Webster, of Over, which were much enjoyed.

THE LATE MRS. J. MITCHELL. 2nd April 1926

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Mitchell, wife of Mr. Jonas Mitchell, whose death at the age of 71 years at her residence in Church-street, Over, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on the 25th ulto., the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, officiating. The mourners included: Mr. J. Mitchell (husband), Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. W. Thurbon (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulson and Miss B. Coulson, Bedford (nephew and nieces) and Mrs. W. Wayman, Mrs. Silk and Mrs. Harry Asplin (cousins). The coffin was of elm with brass furniture. Messrs. Wayman and Wayman, Over, were the undertakers.

EASTER VESTRY. 9th April 1926

At the vestry and parochial church meeting held under the tower of the parish church on Monday, Mr. C. F. Banks and Mr. H. Wells were re-elected churchwardens for the ensuing year. There was no other business.

HERBAGE OF DROVES AND RECREATION GROUND. 9th April 1926

Under instructions from the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves and roadsides took place on the 1st inst in the Club Room at the White Horse inn. Last year the droves, etc., realised £12 2s. 6d., the smallest amount on record, and this year they brought in only two shillings more, £12 4s. 6d., about half the amount they realised in pre-war days. In 1885 they were let for £46. The herbage of the recreation ground, which was also offered by direction of the Parish Council, realised £2 17s. 6d. against £3 in 1925. Messrs. Underwood, Willingham, were the auctioneers.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th April 1926

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Matins and Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., addresses on "The Seven Words" by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey 1 – 3 p.m., evensong and sermon 6.30 p.m. On Easter Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral), matins 10.30 a.m., and evensong 6.30. The services on both days were well attended, a large congregation being present at evensong on Sunday, when the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "Christ being raised from the dead." The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers for the festival. The collections on Sunday were, in accordance with custom, an Easter gift for the Vicar.

DEATH OF MR. JONAS WILLIAMS. 9th April 1926

The Wheatsheaf Lodge, L.O.A.S., has lost its oldest member by the death of Mr. Jonas Williams, who passed away on April 1st at 84, Ainsworth-street, Cambridge, after a brief illness following on a long period of failing health. Had he lived until April 12 he would have attained the great age of four score and ten. Mr. Williams, who left Swavesey for Cambridge about 35 years ago, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Williams, parish clerk of Swavesey, an office that has been held without break by successive members of the family since about the year 1818. He leaves five sons and three daughters. The funeral took place at Mill-road Cemetery, Cambridge, on Tuesday afternoon.

CRICKET MEETING. 9th April 1926

It having been found impracticable to run a village Cricket Club and also a club in connection with the local branch of the British Legion, a further meeting of Swavesey cricketers was held on Wednesday week, at which it was agreed to rescind the proceedings at the meeting held in February, and to run one club. Capt. Briscoe, M.P., was re-elected president, the vice-presidents previously chosen being also re-elected with the addition of Mr. W. A. Bignell and Mr. W. Dodson. Other officers were appointed as follows: Captain 1st eleven, Mr. C. Wood; vice-captain, Mr. R. Barwell; captain 2nd eleven, Mr. D. Williams; vice-captain, Mr. F. Aldred; hon. sec., Mr. F. Aldred; assist. sec., Mr. J. A. Salmon; committee, Messrs. S. Clark, A. C. Hephher, F. Hephher, S. F. Mitham, A. P. Payne, B. Prime, R. Seekings; umpires, Mr. J. Culpin (1st eleven) and Mr. A. Payne (2nd eleven). It was decided that the first eleven should be entered for the Turner (Hunts.) League and Cambs. Junior Cup competitions, and the 2nd eleven for the Milton and District League.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 9th April 1926

Easter-tide was a very busy time at Bethel Baptist Church. On Good Friday a social tea took place in the Schoolroom, at which 70 persons sat down, after which a praise service was held in the church, led by the Pastor, the Rev. T. B. Field. Following this a service was conducted by the Rev. G. Bird, of Over, who preached an excellent sermon upon the "Kingship of Christ." On Sunday special Easter hymns were sung. The Pastor preached at both services, the church being quite full in the evening. Mr. Eatwell, from London, gave a good address at the Young People's service in the afternoon. On Monday a very successful sale of work was opened by Mr. Eatwell in a very cheery speech. The object of the sale was to provide funds for the renovation of the premises and £35 was secured as the result of the day's efforts. During the

day three sacred concerts were given under the leadership of the organist, Mr. J. W. Williams, the artistes being: Misses Joan Williams, Vida and Winnie Parish, Mrs. Aldred, Miss D. Aldred, Miss Aldred, Mrs. Asplin (Over), Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Field, Miss Coulson, Miss Godfrey, Messrs. Aldred, S. Godfrey, J. W. Williams, D. Webster (Over) and Canham. The choir also sang several choruses. Every item was enthusiastically encored. Some of the items will be rendered again on Sunday next. Mrs. Stebbing and Mrs. Banks were present, with many others at the opening of the sale.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 16th April 1926

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held at the Cambridge Centre, Olive Wilderspin, daughter of Mr. Dick Wilderspin, passed in the primary division in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, of Willingham.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 16th April 1926

The annual collection of eggs in Swavesey for the use of patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has been made by Misses D. Aldred, M. Coulson, N. Mustill, V. and W. Parish, B. Savage, and L. Thurlow, resulted in 1,420 being sent to the Secretary-Superintendent, from whom a letter of grateful acknowledgment has been received.

WHIST DRIVE. 16th April 1926

Notwithstanding counter attractions sixteen tables were occupied at the whist drive, organised by Mrs. H. H. Berryman and Mrs. E. J. Mitham in aid of Swavesey parish church repair fund, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mr. B. Prior, Miss Stebbing, Mrs. H. Burling, booby Miss D. Pettett; gentlemen – Mr. C. Savage, Mr. A. Searle, Mr. R. Mustill, booby Mr. H. Burling. Mr. S. F. Mitham officiated as M.C. During an interval excellent refreshments, all kindly given, were served. As a result of the evening's effort, the organisers have handed £4 8s. 3d. to the treasurer of the repair fund.

WEDDING. 16th April 1926

A pretty wedding took place at Swavesey parish church on April 8th, the bride being Miss Louie Causer, daughter of Mrs. Causer, of Swavesey, and the late Mr. George Causer, and the bridegroom Mr. Arthur John Beaumont, elder son of Mrs. John P. Beaumont, of Church-street, Willingham, and the late Mr. Beaumont. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, officiated. During the service the hymns "How welcome was the call" and "O Father all

creating" were sung, and at the close Mr. J. W. Williams, who presided at the organ, played the Wedding March. The bride, given away by her brother, Mr. Fred D. Causer, was charmingly attired in ivory crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom. She wore white silk stockings and white shoes, and carried a lucky horseshoe and a sheaf of lilies and fern. Two bridesmaids were in attendance, Miss Edna Ruby Williams (niece of the bride) and Miss Edna May Rose, of Rampton (cousin of the bridegroom). Both were in pale mauve crepe de chine, with black hats, underlined with mauve, and mauve stockings, and carried lucky horseshoes and bouquets of pink carnations and maidenhair fern. Mr. Harry Beaumont, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony the guests, about forty in number, were entertained at the Memorial Hall. The presents were numerous and useful.

CLOSING OF THE INSTITUTE. 16th April 1926

The annual meeting of the Institute was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening and, was attended by between 60 and 70 members. Mr. W. A. Bignell, last year's chairman, presided. The annual report presented by the secretary, Mr. C. Wood, disclosed a far from satisfactory state of affairs, both financially and in other respects. Membership, the report stated, had decreased very considerably, and in consequence subscriptions had brought in £17 17s. less than in the previous year. The income from the billiard tables had dropped from £33 in 1924-25 to £10 16s. 4d., notwithstanding that during the past twelve months the Institute had been open in the day time as well as in the evening, but it was suggested that many games played during the day had not been paid for. The Institute, however, had been able to pay its way, but instead of a balance of £9 9s. 9½d. with which they had started the year, they now had a balance of only 2s. 3½d. Reference was made to the bad usage to which the billiard tables and accessories, and also the furniture had been subjected, and members were reminded that many of these articles did not belong to the Institute, but were the property of the Memorial Hall Committee. The work of the Amusements Committee was the bright feature of the report. This Committee had raised £32 5s. 5d., which was a welcome addition to the income of the Institute, and besides had helped to pay off the debt on the building with the hire paid for the hall. The report concluded with a reference to complaints that had been made respecting the behaviour of a few of the members. Both the report and the balance sheet were passed. After some remarks by the Chairman and Mr. W. Thorp, the election of officers for the ensuing year should have taken place, but there was a strong disinclination on the part of anyone present to accept office. Mr. G. J. Paine, last year's president, declined to be nominated as president. Mr. W. Thorp also refused.

Member after member was proposed as chairman, but none consented to stand except Mr. Sidney Clark. No one would undertake the vice-chairmanship or the secretaryship. At length Mr. W. Burton moved that the Institute should be closed for six months, and that a general meeting should be held on September 30th next. This was seconded by Mrs. J. J. Marriott, and carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Secretary concluded the meeting.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 23rd April 1926

As a result of a sale of work, organised by the Women's Institute, and a whist drive and dance, both held at Over on Easter Monday, a welcome addition of £21 has been made to the funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, viz., £10 17s. from the sale of work and £10 3s. from the whist drive and dance. These contributions, for which the treasurer, Mrs. Cooksey, is most grateful, will enable current expenses to be met without further encroachment on the small reserve fund.

BILLIARDS. 23rd April 1926

The billiards match between teams representing Swavesey and the County Hall, which was played at Cambridge on Wednesday evening, resulted in a draw, both sides winning three games. After the games both teams did full justice to an excellent supper.

TROUBLES OF A MOTORIST. 23rd April 1926

A Swavesey motorist had an unfortunate experience on Tuesday. His car showed signs of awkwardness when he essayed to set out from home, and a troop of energetic and enthusiastic children just released from school had to drag and push it along the main street of the village for some distance before it could be induced to move forward. But once it started it appears to have behaved fairly well until the driver desired to return to Swavesey. He was then on the Huntingdon-road some three miles from home, and here the car flatly refused to move in any direction except backwards. Being a man of resource and determination, the motorist refused to acknowledge defeat, and as the car would not go forward, he decided to drive it backwards. But the car thought it would have a little run first, and promptly ran into the ditch of the roadside, from which it had to be dragged with considerable difficulty by a passing motor van, ropes, it is said, being broken in the process. The car was eventually towed home behind the motor van.

COMING FROM AUSTRALIA. 30th April 1926

A cable message has been received from Mr. Fred Wilderspin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, Clare Cottage, Swavesey, announcing that he set sail from Adelaide for England on April 22nd, in s.s. Oronsay. This will be Mr. F. Wilderspin's first visit to this country since he left Swavesey for Australia in October, 1911. He is bringing with him his wife, whom he married in Australia, and their little daughter.

PARISH MEETING. 30th April 1926

Only eight parochial electors, including the clerk, attended the annual parish meeting, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, viz., Mr. C. Wood (chairman of the Parish Council), who presided, Messrs. J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish (parish councillors), Messrs. G. Clarke, F. F. Norman, U. Thixton and P. Godfrey (clerk). The business consisted solely of the presentation of the accounts of the Parish Council and of Galon's Charity.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th April 1926

The closing meeting for the session of the Young People's Society took place on Monday, Mrs. Field, Miss W. Parish, Miss D. Aldred and Rev. T. B. Field contributing to the programme. The Society will re-commence its meetings in October, when it is hoped lectures, debates and socials will be arranged. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Mrs. Field; treas., Mr. S. Godfrey; secretary, Miss E. Freestone. An excellent lending library has just been opened for the use of the congregation and Sunday School.

VILLAGE HALL AND INSTITUTE. 30th April 1926

We have received the following letter from "A Resident," respecting the Swavesey Institute, which at a recent meeting it was decided should be closed for six months: "Could not these excellent premises be put to a greater use than has been the case of late? I venture to suggest that a good reading room be opened, with a good supply of magazines and papers, and that the games room be utilised, and that an interesting course of lantern lectures be arranged for the coming winter. If these things were done surely all classes would support them."

BRITISH LEGION. 30th April 1926

The quarterly meeting of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, Mr. R. Barwell (chairman) presiding, supported by Mr. H. H. Berryman (secretary) and Mr. P. H. Lee (treasurer). Apart from an interesting account of recent activities of the

Legion read by the Secretary, the business was of a routine character. A smoking concert followed the meeting, the programme being contributed by Miss Blomfield and "Sam Blom," of Fenstanton, Messrs. Barwell and Lee, with Miss W. Blomfield as accompanist. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Fenstanton party, whose songs, etc., were greatly appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th April 1926

The annual meeting of the Parish Council took place at the Memorial Hall on the 22nd inst., the following Councillors attending: Messrs. P. Burton, M. C. Culpin, J. Linford, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and C. Wood. The only business on the agenda was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the presentation of the Council's accounts for the twelve months ended 31st March, and this was speedily disposed of. Mr. C. Wood was re-appointed chairman, and Mr. J. Linford vice-chairman. Messrs. C. H. Parish and A. Day, jun., who have already served as overseers for the past two years, were continued in office, as it was undesirable to make a change in view of the fact that there will be no overseers after this year. The clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey, in submitting the accounts, reported that all bills had been paid, and he was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks for the excellent way in which he had put the Council's accounts in order and for the satisfactory balance sheet.

THE SCHOOL BELL. 30th April 1926

The bell at the National School and its turret are not to be removed as certain generous villagers have undertaken to have the turret repaired and the sides, now open, protected so as to prevent the leakage of rain into the class room below; and further to have the weather vane, a prominent landmark, repainted. The managers, who had decided on the removal of the turret and bell in consequence of the damage done to the fabric of the school by the leakage, have rescinded their resolution, and have accorded the villagers concerned a hearty vote of thanks for this generous and public spirited offer. There was considerable feeling in the village against the removal of the bell, as the clock, which was provided by public subscription about the year 1847, strikes the hours on it. While the clock presumably belongs to the parish, the bell, which it is understood was in position some two or three years previously, is the property of the trustees of the school. It will be remembered that the clock was put in order about twelve months' ago, and the figures on the face re-gilded, the same villagers who are undertaking the repair of the turret being responsible for all expense incurred.

FROM TAPROOM TO SMITHY. 30th April 1926

After over 28 years' service as sub-postmaster of Swavesey, Mr. Thomas Metcalfe is retiring, greatly to the regret of the people of the village, especially as his retirement is mainly due to ill-health of his wife, who has been his only, but most painstaking, assistant. When Mr. Metcalfe was appointed sub-postmaster in February, 1898, in succession to the late Mr. John Rogers, his office was at the corner of Wallman's-lane and High-street, and here it remained until January, 1907, when he bought more commodious premises a few yards distant. This house had been the "Sir Harry Smith's beerhouse, which had been closed as redundant a short time previously, and the taproom became the public office. During the 28 years the work and responsibilities of the office greatly increased. For instance, in 1898, and for years after, there were no telephones, no old age pensioners, no widow' or dependant' or soldiers' and sailors' pensions had to be paid weekly; war savings, etc., were things of the future; but all entailed extra work. About the time Mr. Metcalfe became sub-postmaster two established postmen were attached to the office, who serve other villages as well as Swavesey. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe take with them in their retirement the best wishes of the villagers, who trust that Mrs. Metcalfe will soon be restored to good health, and that both will long be spared to enjoy their well-earned rest. To-morrow (Saturday) Mr. Percival Henry Lee will become sub-postmaster, and the office will be transferred from the quondam taproom in High-street to the old smithy in Market-street, which has been converted into a stationer's shop. Mr. Lee, who has lived in Swavesey since February, 1923, served three years on the Western front during the war with the 10th Queen's Regiment. He was severely wounded in the knee, the injury resulting in a permanently stiff leg.

PARISH CHURCH. 7th May 1926

During the absence of the Vicar on his annual holiday, the services at the parish church are being taken by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey.

THE STRIKE. 7th May 1926

The villages are bearing with the inconvenience caused by the strike with philosophic calm. Milk, of which much is sent away from Swavesey station, is being conveyed by road, and kindly owners of motor cars are giving residents who have business in Cambridge, and school children a lift to and fro. Thanks to the enterprise of Mr. C. Wood, headmaster, all the wireless news bulletins have been posted as soon as received outside the National School, where they have been eagerly read.

THE INSTITUTE. 7th May 1926

We have received the following communication from Mr. C. Wood, late hon. secretary, Swavesey Institute, in reply to "A Resident's" letter in our last issue:- "Will you kindly allow a few lines of your valuable space to answer the letter from "A Resident" respecting Swavesey Institute? In the first place it is evident he or she knows very little about the Institute, or how it was intended to be worked, and for his information I may say the Institute was begun on the exact lines he proposes, including reading room, games and classes. The first year things went fairly well, but the reading room was never a success. Classes were begun this year, but only one lasted the season; the others had to be discontinued after three weeks. If 'Resident' has some better suggestions to make than those he has put forward, he should attend the general meeting, which will take place on September 30th.

FOOD SUPPLIES. 14th May 1926

An emergency committee of representatives of the St. Ives Borough Council and the St. Ives and Swavesey Rural Councils has been appointed to deal with the food supplies of the district. Meetings have already been held and satisfactory arrangements are being made.

SCRATCH BANK. 14th May 1926

A petition signed by all owners (including Trinity College, Cambridge) and occupiers of land in Middle Fen, Swavesey, has been presented to the Swavesey District council asking that Scratch, or Cradge, Bank may be repaired. Owing to the recent rains much of the land has been flooded, and stock has had to be moved. This has not only caused inconvenience, but has necessitated the feeding of grass intended for mowing.

WOMN UNIONISTS. 14th May 1926

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Women's Unionist Association was held in Swavesey School on May 6th, Mrs. E. J. Warboys (Fen Drayton) presiding. Last year's accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, having been presented by the treasurer (Mrs. Page), and passed, officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: President, Mrs. Banks; chairman, Mrs. Warboys; vice-chairman, Mrs. Wood; local secretaries, Miss Beaumont and Miss Paine; treasurer, Mrs. Page; committee, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Pettett, Mrs. W. Thorp, Miss Banks, Miss E. Dodson, Mrs. Richards. In the absence, through the strike, of a special speaker, Mrs. Pashlar gave an address, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks.

A SPRING-CLEANING INCIDENT. 21st May 1926

A Swavesey young lady when recently spring-cleaning her pantry found in a mouse's hole a gold locket and chain she had lost some months ago.

THE SCHOOL. 21st May 1926

Of the ten children attending Swavesey National School, who sat recently for the written part of the County Minor Scholarship examination, seven have passed.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST. 21st May 1926

Good congregations attended the anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when the special preacher was Mr. Seth Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a public tea. The collections were in aid of the chapel funds.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. 21st May 1926

During the thunderstorm which passed over the village about 5 p.m. on Thursday in last week, a chimney stack at Mr. David Parish's house at Boxworth End to which a wireless aerial was attached, was struck by lightning and partly demolished. Mr. H. H. Williams, who with his daughter and sister-in-law, Miss P. Parish, were hurriedly cycling from his garden in the neighbourhood for shelter, had a narrow escape, for they were entering the passage at the side of the house immediately beneath the chimney stack at the moment the crash occurred, but fortunately the falling brickwork and chimney pots fell into the yard at the back of the house. They were, however, covered with fragments of mortar, etc., and, not unnaturally, greatly alarmed. Mr. J. Kester, sen., the occupant of the house on the other side of the passage also had a narrow escape. The lightning after striking the stack appears to have run along the ridge of the roof on the adjoining cottage, where several tiles were broken. But for the earth wire, it is believed, the damage to Mr. Parish's house would have been far more serious.

THE FEAST. 21st May 1926

The annual village Feast, which has been held this week, was attended by a considerably larger number of show folk than has been the case for a long time past, and their attractions were more varied and up-to-date. Contrary to custom, the "Feast" has been in two places, Messrs. Manning's round-about, with many stalls, shooting galleries, etc., pitching as usual in Market-street, while Messrs. Thurston and their following occupied Top Leys close, not far

distant. The arrangement of the temporary structures in both places was excellent, and the electric lighting admirable, especially at Top Leys. The attendance of the public on Tuesday evening was much above the average of late years. Cricket has been the main attraction in the day time. The Swavesey first eleven played two matches in the Turner (Hunts.) League, entertaining Fenstanton on Saturday and Warboys on Tuesday. The visitors were victorious on both days. The second eleven had better luck on Monday in a game with Over second eleven in the Milton and District League, when they scored 58 runs, Over replying with 39. The usual services were held at the parish church on Sunday, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating in the absence of the vicar. At evensong, when the choir gave an excellent rendering of Garrett's anthem "The Lord is loving," there was a large congregation. The collections throughout the day were in aid of Swavesey National School, and amounted to £3 10s.

LADY CRICKETERS. 28th May 1926

A meeting to consider the possibility of forming a ladies' cricket club in the village is to be held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday.

BETHEL CHAPEL. 28th May 1926

During the absence, through indisposition, of the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, the services at Bethel Baptist Church have been conducted by the Rev. G. R. Smith, late of Haddenham, and Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, the former officiating on Sunday, 16th May, and the latter on Sunday last. Mr. Field hopes to be well enough to resume his duties next Sunday.

MR. R. DAISLEY IN MOTOR SMASH. 28th May 1926

Mr. Rosslyn Daisley, R.A.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Daisley, of Swavesey, was involved in a serious accident on Wednesday week, when riding pillion on a motor cycle driven by a comrade. They left Gosport, where they were stationed, for an evening's ride, and when near Botley, on their return journey, the head lamp suddenly went out. Next moment they crashed into a horse and cart standing near some cottages, and Mr. Daisley was thrown on to the roadside, his companion falling on the hard road. The cottagers promptly rendered every possible assistance, and summoned a doctor, who ordered the immediate removal of the injured men to Haslar Royal Naval Hospital. Mr. Daisley was found to have sustained a fractured knee in addition to cuts and abrasions; his companion's injuries were far more serious. They include a fracture at the base of the skull, and a broken leg. The latest report of Mr. Daisley's condition is satisfactory.

SCRATCH BANK. 4th June 1926

It was understood that the petition signed by owners and occupiers of land in Middle Fen asking that Scratch Bank may be repaired was discussed at last week's meeting of the Swavesey District Council.

MEMORIAL HALL. 4th June 1926

A welcome contribution of £16 5s. in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, has been received by the Committee of Management as a result of a competition for a kiddies' bike, promoted by Mr. Dick Wilderspin. The bicycle was secured by a lady living in Fenstanton.

HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. 4th June 1926

Mr. Fred Wilderspin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, accompanied by his wife and daughter, has arrived in Swavesey on a visit to his old home. He landed from the Orient liner, Oronsay, on May 27th, being met at Tilbury by his father, and on reaching Swavesey the same day he received a hearty welcome. Mr. Fred Wilderspin, then a young man, left Swavesey for Queensland in October, 1911. At first he was engaged in various occupations, but for the last eight years he has been a successful farmer and hotel keeper successively at Ayr, Innisfail and Cairns.

WEDDING. 4th June 1926

The marriage of Miss Ethel Margaret Culpin, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culpin, of Swavesey and Mr. Alexander Stevens, son of Mrs. Stevens, Priory Park-road, Kilburn, London, N.W., took place on May 27, at St. Stephen's church, Paddington, in which parish the bride had lived for the past seven years. The Vicar of St. Stephen's officiated, and there was a large congregation. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of pale blue crepe de chine, with hat to match, was given away by her father. After the ceremony a reception was held at the happy couple's future home in Sherton-street, Paddington. The presents were numerous and useful.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 4th June 1926

The 86th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday week, when the Rev. E. W. Gibbons, F.R.G.S., of St. John's Wood, London, preached two sermons to very good congregations. Several friends accompanied the preacher, and many from Over, Fen Drayton, Willingham, Longstanton, Somersham, and other villages came to show their interest in the cause. About 80 persons sat down to a well-provided tea. A brief meeting

took place at the tea table, at which the Pastor, who presided, thanked the people for their kindness to him in his recent illness. Addresses were also given by the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, and Rev. E. W. Gibbons.

GARDEN FETE AT SWAVESEY. 4th June 1926

Successful Effort for Nursing Association.

The annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association was held on June 3rd, in the beautiful grounds of Swavesey Manor, once again kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The attendance was rather smaller than usual owing no doubt to the uncertain weather, but the financial result was the best since 1923. Mrs. Cooksey, hon. treasurer of the Association, was mainly responsible for the arrangements, and she was, it is needless to say, indefatigable in her efforts to ensure the success of the undertaking.

The fete was opened at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Grove, of St. Ives, who, in an excellent speech, pleaded for support of the Association, and pointed out the benefits to be derived from it. Notable features in the day's programme were a baby show, open to infants born in the three parishes, and dances by children. Twenty babies were entered for the show, but only a dozen were presented for inspection of the judges, Dr. F. Robinson and Miss Bills (supt. County Nursing Association), whose awards were as follows: Class 1 (under six months) – 1 Sylvia May Brickwood, 2 Mary Leggett; class 2 (6 to 12 months) – 1 Geoffrey Cook, 2 Daphne Joan Doggett and Ernest Eric Ingle; class 3 (one year) – 1 Sheila Rachel Watts and Bernard John Prior (equal). Every baby adjudicated upon was presented with a gift, and later on will receive a certificate. The children's dances were deservedly popular, for the young people's performances were admirable, and reflected the greatest credit on Miss Hurrell and Miss Beaumont (headmistresses respectively of Over Church School and Fen Drayton Council School), who had trained the children. There were Morris dances by Swavesey children, sword dance by six Over boys, a jig by two little Over girls, and country dances by Over and Fen Drayton girls, the latter also singing two songs. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss M. Parsons (Swavesey), Miss V. Furniss (Fen Drayton) and Miss Hurrell. A capital entertainment also brought grist to the mill, the programme including the sketch "An Awkward Mistake," well played by Misses Beryl Thoday and Marjorie Mustill, and songs by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Miss Annie Thoday and Miss Ingle.

A doll dressing competition, arranged by Miss Beaumont, attracted many entrants. The prizes were awarded by Mrs. Grove, who adjudicated, as follows: Class A (children 8 – 12) – 1 Hilda Askew, 2 Mildred Badcock, 3

Elsie Day; Class B (12 – 15) – 1 Annie Wayman, 2 Joyce Jacklin; Class C (over 15) – 1 Miss Hurrell, 2 Miss Bessie Linford. The dolls were on sale for the benefit of the funds, and most of them were disposed of.

List of stalls and competitions in the newspaper, also names of people in charge of them.

The net amount realised by the day's effort was £44 15s. 2d., against £42 16s. 7d. (including £2 10s. 2d. the proceeds of a dance in the Memorial Hall) last year, and £42 15s. 3d. in 1924

ADVERT. 11th June 1926

P.H. LEE, Market-street, stocks a splendid variety of Stationery at prices to suit all purses, and would welcome the support of his many friends.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT. 11th June 1926

Swavesey Man Admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Herbert George Topham, who lives with his grandfather, Mr. G. J. Paine, at Wayside, Swavesey, was on Sunday, at 11 50 p.m., admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital unconscious and suffering from serious head injuries. It appears that he was riding a motor cycle along the Huntingdon-road towards Swavesey, and when within about 100 yards of the New Inn noticed a man immediately in front of him. In trying to avoid a collision, Mr. Topham applied his brakes, and his machine stopping immediately, he was thrown over the handle bars. The cover of the front wheel was wrenched off, but the inner tube did not burst. The other man – a Mr. Carroll, who is at present staying at the New Inn, Swavesey, was not injured, though he was thrown on the grass at the roadside and his clothes torn.

When picked up, Topham was found to be very seriously injured. Blood was issuing from the ear, nose and mouth. Messrs. Tom Coulson and David Parish, both of Swavesey, who were close behind, did what they could for the injured man. Two motor cars arrived on the scene immediately afterwards, and one went to fetch P. C. Bell, of Boxworth, whilst the other brought Dr. J. W. Ellis, of Swavesey. Dr. Ellis, after examining Topham, conveyed him to Addenbrooke's.

On inquiry at Addenbrooke's this (Monday) morning we were informed that Mr. Topham was still unconscious.

ADVERT. 18th June 1926

FOR SALE, a 9ft. Spring Tined Patent Hay Rake, in good order, and a Nicholson's Patent Hay Shaker, in order. – Prior, Stanton Vue, Swavesey.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 18th June 1926

Eleven tables were in play at the whist drive, in aid of the funds of the Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss O. Hawkes; gentlemen – Mr. E. B. Smart, Mr. A. Culpin, Mr. W. Thorp. Mr. T. Savage officiated as M.C.

ACCIDENT TO CHILD. 18th June 1926

Florence Symonds, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. W. Symonds, of Boxworth End, frightened, it is understood, by a flash of lightning during a storm on Thursday week, rushed across the road near her home without noticing a motor car driven by Mrs. Stanton, of Lolworth Grange, which was passing from behind her. It was impossible for Mrs. Stanton to avoid the child, who was knocked down, but fortunately not seriously hurt, though her injuries necessitated medical attention.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 18th June 1926

In continuation of our report last week of the garden fete, in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, we are asked to state that the baby show was under the able management of Nurse Walters and that a bouquet, given by Mrs. Banks, was presented by little Joan Hepher to Mrs. Grove, who opened the fete.

WEDDING. 18th June 1926

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Arthur Collier Knapp, of Belton, Grantham, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp, of Highclere, Hants., and Miss Ethel Doris Victoria Whybrow, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whybrow, Middle Fen Gate House, Swavesey, which was solemnised at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Swavesey, on Wednesday afternoon. The bride, given away by her father, was charmingly attired in white crepe de chine and lace, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations and fern. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Eva Whybrow (sister of the bride) and Miss Edith Few (Over), who were in dresses of blue crepe de chine, and Misses Irene and Frances Whybrow (sisters of the bride) in white silk. All wore wreaths of roses and forget-me-nots, and gold brooches, the latter the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Reginald Thurston, cousin of the bride, acted as best man. A reception attended by about forty guests was held after the ceremony at the Gate House. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a dinner service from Lord and Lady Brownlow, in whose service both bride and bridegroom have been,

and a set of carvers from the Hon. Sarah Cust. The honeymoon is being spent at Hastings. The bride's parents, taking advantage of the whole of their family being at home, also celebrated their silver wedding on Wednesday, anticipating the actual date by a short time. They received many presents and congratulations. Mr and Mrs. Whybrow have had twelve children, eight of whom are alive.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS. 18th June 1926

Divisional sports, in connection with the School's Athletic Association Championships, were held in Manor Field, Swavesey, on Friday evening, the following schools competing: Cottenham, Willingham over (Church and Council Schools), and Swavesey.

(List of results in newspaper).

At a meeting of the head teachers of the schools concerned, held on Monday, the various competitors were chosen to meet the other county divisions and the Borough of Cambridge on a date to be fixed in July, a selection being necessary, as no girl or boy is allowed to compete in more than one event. No entry will be made for the 880 yards race, the head teachers being of opinion that the distance is too great for boys under 14.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL BENCH. 18th June 1926

SATURDAY. – Before his Honour Judge H. G. Farrant (in the chair), the Mayor (Ald. E. O. Brown), Mr. W. W. Pemberton, Mr. H. F. Beales, Mr. J. M. Taylor and Mrs. Pease.

ARREARS ON ORDER.

Horace Saunderson, of Conington, was summoned for arrears on an order amounting to £41 2s., due to Sarah Annie Walker (nee Coulson), of Swavesey. – Mr. H. M. Finch appeared for defendant, and said that at the time the summons was heard respondent was on the high seas on the way to Australia. He was summoned last Saturday by a summons which was dated May 29th. It was then admitted that no order had been served upon him up to June 5th last. The order was then drawn up, undated, and served upon him, and that was the first time he had any official cognisance. Two days after he had official cognisance he was served with the summons claiming the large amount of £41 2s. On those circumstances alone he (Mr. Finch) would ask for an adjournment in order to give the man an opportunity of getting some money. That would give him an opportunity to comply with the order, which had only just been served upon him. Mr. Finch submitted that the order made in 1911 was of no avail until brought to the notice of the defendant. There was no endeavour on applicant's behalf to trace the man, although she knew he had

gone away. Nothing was done until he arrived home in the middle of May, and the case was sprung upon him. The first summons had been withdrawn, and the second one amended; two days after the service of the order he was summoned for non-compliance with it, and this did not comply with an Act which demanded 14 days' notice. The child was now 15 years of age, and the order was of no force at the present moment.

Applicant said she heard defendant was going away, and she tried to find out his address. She produced a letter addressed to the Cambs. Constabulary, which asked for particulars of defendant.

Supt. Allen said that inquiries were made for defendant in 1911, but he could not be found. He did not return until recently, and that was why the order was not served before. The summons was served on January 12th, 1911.

Defendant, on oath, stated that he left England on January 8th, 1911. He had no knowledge of the order, or he would have paid the money. He was now married and had four children. He left Australia because of his health.

In reply to Mr. Finch, defendant said he sold his property for £6,000, but it was mortgaged for £4,500, and now, after paying expenses he had little left. When he arrived in England he had only £25.

After retiring the Bench made an order for payment of the full amount of arrears from June 1st 1914 (£41 2s.) and 3s. 6d. costs. The order would be suspended for seven days, providing defendant undertook not to leave the country during that period. If he did not pay the amount owing within seven days he must go to prison for three months.

ADVERT. 25th June 1926

LOST, GOLD BROOCH, Thursday, 17th June, at Vicarage, or between Vicarage and School. Reward if returned to Miss Beaumont, Swavesey.

ACCIDENT TO A CHILD. 25th June 1926

With reference to the paragraph under the above heading, which appeared with our Swavesey news items last week, Mrs. W. Symonds informs us that, as her daughter's nose was broken, the statement that she was not seriously hurt was not accurate. The child was, she adds, admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday.

FOR CHURCH REPAIR. 25th June 1926

The Swavesey Church Repair Fund benefited to the extent of £5 7s. 6d., as a result of the whist drive held on the Vicarage lawn on Thursday week. Fifteen tables were in play, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. Pettett, Miss D. Symonds, Mrs. Walter Thorp, booby Miss C. Thorp, lucky

number, Mrs. W. Burton; gentlemen – Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Mr. Stan Wright, Mr. R. Seekings, booby Mr. Webb (Over). Mr. S. F. Mitham officiated as M.C.

GALON'S CHARITY. 25th June 1926

For the very moderate sum of £5 15s., Mr. A. Day, sen., secured the 21 acres of mowing grass in "Scotland," on the Cambridge-road, with afterfeed until Michaelmas, which was offered by auction on Monday evening at the White Horse inn, Swavesey, by direction of the Feoffees of Galon's Charity. Messrs. Underwood, of Willingham, were the auctioneers. The inability of the Feoffees to let the land, and the small amount realised by the grass, will, it is feared, result in a reduced quantity of coal being distributed next winter.

INADEQUATE POSTING OF NOTICES. 25th June 1926

A correspondent writes: Cannot the District Council devise a better method of inviting applications for Council houses that may be vacant in Swavesey than by merely displaying the inconspicuous printed official notice in the window of a motor garage, or among the cakes in a confectioner's shop? Surely some of the District Councillors are aware of the existence of the board in High-street, provided by the Parish Council for notices of an official nature. That board should be used, and, if further publicity is required – the more the better – shop windows might also be utilised.

DANCE. 25th June 1926

Through an unfortunate misunderstanding the band engaged for the dance, in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, on Saturday last, failed to put in an appearance. Although the complete success of the evening was somewhat marred by the delay which inevitably resulted, the majority of those who came to dance accepted the position in good part, and eventually managed to spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thanks to Miss Mustill and a lady visitor, who volunteered to play the piano, the company kept together until the service of the Over Jazz Quartette could be obtained, and the excellent music thus provided was thoroughly appreciated. In the circumstances it is satisfactory that the Hall Fund received the sum of about £3, as a result of the dance. Those who were disappointed last week, as well as those who enjoyed the evening, will be interested to learn that another dance will be held to-morrow (Saturday).

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 25th June 1926

The anniversary services of Bethel Sunday School took place on Sunday last, the Pastor preaching in the morning and evening. A flower service was held in the afternoon, when the Rev. T. B. Field presided, and recitations were given by the following children: Beatrice Savage, Alex Kester, Douglas Canham, Walter Isgrove and E. Dodson. Each recited a passage of Scripture, which added much interest to the occasion. Certificates and prizes and missionary collectors' cards were presented by Mrs. Field to the various recipients who had passed the Sunday School Union examination, or who had helped the Missionary Society. Mr. Stanton, of London, also gave an interesting address. The large quantity of flowers given were sent to St. Ives Union. The choir and children deserve the highest credit for the excellent way in which they rendered the special hymns, some of which will be repeated next Sunday evening. The collections were well over £6.

NEWS OF AN INVALID. 2nd July 1926

On inquiry at Addenbrooke's Hospital yesterday (Thursday), we were informed that Mr. Philip S. Spring was still very weak, his condition being about the same as on the previous day.

STRAWBERRIES. 2nd July 1926

Fine strawberries, in excellent condition, of the Royal Sovereign variety, are being gathered this week on Mr. A. J. Norman's smallholding on Thorp's Land, Boxworth-end, Swavesey, some, shown to a correspondent, averaging eight to the pound.

DANCE. 2nd July 1926

There was a good company at the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, and the Over Jazz band, who made their second appearance in Swavesey, provided an excellent selection of music. The proceeds have been devoted to the Memorial Hall Fund.

DAY MAIL RESTORED. 2nd July 1926

The day mail despatch of letters, parcels, etc., from Swavesey Post Office, which had been temporarily suspended owing to the withdrawal of the 1.46 p.m. train to Cambridge, was restored yesterday (Thursday), but as the mail will, for the present, have to be conveyed by the 11.8 a.m. train, the box at Swavesey Post Office will be cleared at 10.35 a.m. Correspondence posted at Conington before 8.15 a.m., and Fen Drayton before 8.30 a.m. will also be included in the despatch.

DEATH OF THE REV. E. SHORT. 2nd July 1926

Many of our readers will learn with regret that the Rev. Edward Short, who for the past 28 years has been pastor of Swavesey Particular Baptist Chapel, passed away on Monday morning after ten days' illness. Mr. Short, who was 78 years of age, and a widower, his wife, long an invalid, having died on 12th April, 1924. They had been married for well-nigh half a century. Prior to his coming to Swavesey on 1898, Mr. Short was for seven years minister at Blunham, Bedfordshire. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Swavesey Cemetery, after a service in the Particular Baptist Chapel.

FARM TO LET IN 1746. 2nd July 1926

The oldest Cambridge newspaper, "The Cambridge Journal and Weekly Flying-Post," established in the year 1744, in its issue of Saturday, January 4th, 1746, contains the following advertisement, which may be of some interest to Swavesey people in 1926: "To be Let and entered upon at Lady Day next at Swavesey, in the County of Cambridge, a Farm late in the occupation of William Papworth, deceased; consisting of a good Homestall, Twenty-Eight Acres of Pasture, six half-yard Lands, with a Right of Common for six Horses, eighteen Cows and seventy-four sheep. For further particulars enquire of Mr. Thomas Cockayne, of Soham, or Mr. Berry Dodson, of Swavesey aforesaid." This copy of the "Journal and Flying Post" also contains much interesting news respecting affairs on the Continent, and the activities of the "Young Pretender" in Scotland and the North of England.

MEMORIAL HALL. 9th July 1926

The dance in aid of the funds of the War Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, for which the Over Jazz band provided the music, was attended by a large company.

SCHOLARSHIPS. 9th July 1926

Lucy Key, daughter of Mr. H. G. Key, and Grace Thorp, daughter of Mr. Ben Thorp, both pupils at Swavesey National School, have been awarded County Minor Scholarships tenable at the County Girls' School, Cambridge.

PASTOR'S FUNERAL. 9th July 1926

The funeral of Pastor Edward Short, whose death at the age of 78 years, after ten days' illness, was announced last week, took place on July 1st, Mr. S. Curtis, of Southill, Beds., and Mr. J. Wiles, of St. Ives, officiating at the service in the Particular Baptist Chapel, where Mr. Short had ministered for 28 years, and at the grave in the cemetery. The mourners were: Miss S. Janes

(niece), Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish, Mr. and Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. Jethro Linford, Mrs. J. Savage, Miss E. day, Miss Warboys (Cheshunt), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parish, Mrs. E. Parish, Mrs. E. Prime (Gravesend), Mrs. Wiles (St. Ives), and Miss Sutton. The large congregation included friends from Bedford, Cambridge, Oakington, Huntingdon, Godmanchester, St. Ives, Fenstanton, Yaxley, Southill, Chatteris, Luton, Over, Needingworth, Cheshunt, and Rushden. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

DANGEROUS BATHING PLACE. 9th July 1926

We have received the following letter from Mr. Arthur E. Welch, of Swavesey:- "Dear sir, - I should like to call attention to the exceedingly dangerous state of the bathing place in the Ouse at Swavesey. As it exists, it is nothing less than a death-trap. The whole place is choked up with weed, and that of the most dangerous class, that which lies in masses beneath the surface of the water. There is only one small clear spot at the end of the diving board in which a swimmer can exercise. If those who use the spot for bathing have no leisure to clear the weed away for themselves, may I suggest that a small subscription from each would pay a man to clear it for them? By all means let them do something. It would add to the pleasure of their swim, and do away with the ever-present risk of a fatal accident. Let me ask them to lay this warning well to heart. Once entangled in the weed is almost certain death, both to the one entangled and also to anyone attempting a rescue.

DEATH OF MR. PHILIP SPRING. 9th July 1926

After a long and painful illness, Mr. Philip Stanfield Spring passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday morning, and many were the expressions of sorrow and regret when the news reached Swavesey, although it was felt that death was release from suffering. Born on 8th March, 1862, Philip Spring spent the whole of his life in the Swavesey district, where he was well-known and much respected. For upwards of 38 years he was in the service of the Prudential Assurance Company as agent, retiring in January, 1922, under the age limit rule, and during that long term of years many had reason to thank him for acts of unobtrusive kindness and consideration in times of trouble. He was a confirmed bachelor, and, after the sudden death of his mother in March, 1907, he lived alone, doubtless feeling that no one could replace the mother to whom he was devotedly attached. He indignantly rejected all suggestions of his friends that he needed care, and that it was not good that man should be alone. In his younger days he was a member of the church choir, and to the last took a keen interest in church music, especially that of 40 or 50 years ago.

While in Addenbrooke's, Mr. Spring was visited by Mrs. John Spring, of Ipswich, widow of his brother, Inspector Spring, of the Great Eastern Railway Police at March, and her son, Mr. Reginald Spring. They were his only near relatives. The latter on returning to Ipswich after a visit to his uncle on Monday, 21st June, found that his mother had been taken ill, and two days later she died suddenly, aged 72. Philip Spring was laid to rest in his mother's grave in Swavesey Churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Spring (nephew and niece), Mr. George H. How, Mrs. G. Hawkes, Mr. G. Smith (Ipswich), and Messrs. E. T. Druce (superintendent), T. H. Fensome, and C. Misseldine (assist. supts.), representing the Huntingdon district staff of the Prudential Assurance Company. The coffin was of polished elm, with brass furniture. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. W. Harper, of Cambridge.

SWAVESEY'S "GIPSY FAIR." 9th July 1926

Picturesque Effort for Church Restoration.

An event which had been anticipated with much eagerness and worked for with much diligence came to pass when Swavesey held its Gipsy Fair on Thursday. The sale was in aid of the Church Repair Fund. £1,350 is required for the repair of the roof of the south aisle, half of which has already been raised, and it is hoped, as the result of this fair and other help, to get well on the way to raising the remainder.

All Swavesey flocked to the pleasant grounds of the Vicarage, which, flooded with sunshine, looked for all the world like a gipsy colony, with the gay figures in Romany garb. The booths were laden with "wares" of all descriptions, and the side-shows and competitions were as numerous as they were entertaining. Madame Zara, the gipsy queen, was present in her caravan to tell fortunes, and there was a variety entertainment by Mr. Barwell's company, which included thought reading by "Monsieur Blanc-Mange," juggling by Fred Tuck, and monologues by Miss E. Dodson. St. Ives band, which played selections during the afternoon, supplied the music for the dancing which took place in the evening.

Previous to the opening, the "gipsies," numbering about 50, assembled at the school and walked en masse to the Vicarage grounds, creating much interest on the way. Later, there was a parade, in which prizes were awarded for the best costumes, of which Miss Vidler and Miss Bullimore were the judges.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. C. Vidler, a former Vicar of Swavesey, who left the village 14 years ago to become Rector of Tewin, near Welwyn. Mr. Vidler, who was regarded with considerable

affection and respect in Swavesey, spent a very happy time renewing old friendships and talking of bygone days with his former parishioners.

At the opening the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (the vicar) presided, supported by members of the Parochial Church Council. Miss Helen Vidler, who accompanied her father, and Mrs. Stebbing were each presented with large bouquets by little Hilda Hephher.

In introducing Mr. Vidler, the Vicar said they were now at the half-way mark of their effort to raise £1,350 for the roof of the south aisle. That was, they had over £600 actually invested and in the bank, and there was a pleasant little surprise that he had to announce that afternoon. He had heard on Monday from Mr. Tyndall, one of the members of the Diocesan Board, that that body had granted the church £50. It could therefore be confidently said that by that afternoon they would be well on the second half of the large amount required. It was the policy to wait until they had enough to complete the work, and not to do things by halves, but it was hoped to get on with raising the money at a faster rate, and to see the work in hand in another two or three years.

There was no need to introduce the opener, as most of those present knew him so well already. He was Vicar of Swavesey for 17 years, and though it was now 14 years since he left, his influence was still widely and deeply felt. He really thought there was no man living who would be more welcome as an opener, and many present would like to have a word with him about old times, and to renew old friendships. (Applause.)

In declaring the sale open, Mr. Vidler warmly thanked those present for the hearty welcome they had given him on his return to Swavesey. He was pleasantly surprised to see so many church workers and he was glad that such an effort had been made towards the repair fund, with everyone "pulling together." The work of restoration had been going on for 30 or 40 years, and he hoped some of the old parishioners, like Mr. Key, would see the work completed. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Stebbing for the invitation to open the fair, and had very great pleasure in declaring it open. (Applause.)

Appended is a list of stallholders and helpers.

ADVERT. 16th July 1926

MOTOR TRIP TO HUNSTANTON to-morrow (Saturday), leaving Swavesey 7.15 a.m. and calling at Willingham 7.30 a.m. Return fare 8s. 6d. – For seats, apply Jas Prior, Swavesey, or H. Jeeps, Willingham.

LATER DESPATCH OF DAY MAIL. 16th July 1926

In consequence of the restoration of the normal railway service next Monday, the day mail from Swavesey will on and after that day be conveyed to

Cambridge by the 1.46 p.m. train, instead of by the 11.8 a.m. train as has recently been the case, and correspondence from Boxworth, Lolworth and Elsworth will, as formerly, be included in the despatch.

GIPSY FAIR. 16th July 1926

The competitions at the Gipsy Fair, held in the Vicarage grounds on the 8th inst., in aid of Swavesey Church Repair Fund, were won by the following: Name of doll, Mrs. Holden; weight of eggs, Mrs. J. Cain; cake (lucky number), Mr. C. Phipps; weight of fowl, Mrs. S. Hephher; muddled menagerie, Mr. Nightingale; hidden towns, Miss S. Daintree; weight of cake, Mrs. Woolley; mystery parcel, Mrs. C. Banks; number of chocolates, Mr. J. Linford; cushion, Miss D. Aldred; salt cellars, Mr. E. Williams. The net proceeds of the Fair amounted to over £70.

PARISH COUNCIL. 16th July 1926

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the following Councillors being present: Messrs. C. Wood (chairman), M. C. Culpin, J. Linford, P. Parish, and H. Wells, with the clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). The principal business was the appointment of three trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity, Mr. J. S. Goad having left the parish, and the period for which Mr. A. Day sen., and W. Twist were appointed having expired. Messrs. J. Linford, M. C. Culpin and H. Wells were appointed. The Clerk was instructed to pay the half-yearly instalment due in respect of the loan on the Memorial Hall, the requisite sum having been paid into the Parish Council account by the trustees.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th July 1926

The pulpit at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday was occupied by Gipsy Ezekiel Smith and ex-Inspector Dean, from Cambridge, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, who is away on holiday. The morning service was well attended, when the Gipsy gave an address to the children, and Inspector Dean preached. In the evening before the appointed time of service the chapel was well filled with people, gathered from miles around, and in spite of the heat, the congregation listened with great attention for over an hour to an earnest address by the Gipsy. An open-air service was held in the afternoon on the Recreation Ground, at which both the Gipsy and Inspector Dean gave addresses. It is estimated that at least 700 people, some from far distant villages, attended the services during the day.

A FALL DOWNSTAIRS. 16th July 1926

Mr. Charles Hephher, of High-street, was seriously injured through falling downstairs when on his way to bed on Sunday night. He cannot explain what caused him to fall, and no one witnessed the mishap, but, as for some time past he had been in bad health and was very feeble, it is thought that he may have become dizzy when ascending the stairs. On Monday, by direction of Dr. J. W. Ellis, he was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where by means of X-rays it was ascertained that he had sustained a fracture of the neck of the right femur. Unfortunately no bed was available for him at the hospital, and he had to be taken back home, being removed to St. Ives' Infirmary on Tuesday morning. Mr. Hephher, who was 72 on Sunday, was a well-known local carpenter, and for many years was in the employ of the late Mr. John Mitham, of Swavesey, and of his son and successor, Mr. Robinson Mitham.

TELEPHONE WIRES BROKEN. 23rd July 1926

During the storm on Sunday night a branch of a tree near the church fell on to the telephone wires, breaking all of them. The damage was repaired by noon on Monday.

GIPSY FAIR. 23rd July 1926

The Parochial Church Council have found that, after all expenses had been paid, the net profit from the recent Gipsy Fair, in aid of the Church Repair Fund, amounted to £67 12s., and not to over £70 as they anticipated, and as stated last week.

OFFENSIVE ODOURS. 23rd July 1926

Villagers are again complaining of the offensive smells arising from the open drain at the back of the houses in Middle Watch, especially in the neighbourhood of Gibraltar-lane. The flushing tank, provided by the District Council on the advice of the Ministry of Health, they say, is quite ineffective.

A MISPLACED STONE. 23rd July 1926

A motor cyclist had a painful experience of the rough condition of one of the Swavesey by-roads on Tuesday. He was cycling along the Hale road, and when near the Mill a loose stone flew up and inserted itself between the wheel and the mudguard with the result that the machine stopped dead and the rider was projected on to the road. All the Swavesey by-roads are in a bad state – some worse than others. A representative of a firm of auctioneers when recently on his way in a trap to inspect some land near the river is reported to have been bogged, and had to be rescued. The District Council would

doubtless keep the by-roads and drove-ways in decent condition – in fact it is believed they are anxious to do so.

34 YEARS A POLICEMAN. 23rd July 1926

Ex-P.C. W. Cain Dies at Histon.

Ex-P.C. William Cain, one of Cambridgeshire's first policemen to be pensioned off under the Police Pensions Act, 1890, died at his home at Histon on Monday, in his 91st year.

Born at Swavesey on September 11th, 1835, Mr. Cain came of a respected family. He served for two years and one month in the Borough Police Force, but on March 9th, 1859, entered the Cambs. County Constabulary, of which he was a member until July 1st, 1891, when he was pensioned off. Of a genial disposition, Mr. Cain was a devoted servant and a faithful colleague, and it was with general regret that the news of his retirement was received.

Upon retiring, he went to live at Swavesey until the "Great Fire," as it is remembered, occurred there, burning down many houses, including Mr. Cain's residence. It was then that he moved to Histon, where he resided up to the time of his death.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 30th July 1926

In the examination held by the Incorporated Society of Musicians at Saffron Walden on July 21st, Joan Williams, daughter of Mr. H. H. Williams, Swavesey, passed with honours in Grade 2 (pianoforte), and Hilda Hepher, daughter of Mr. W. J. Hepher, Swavesey, in the preparatory grade (pianoforte). Both are pupils of Miss Naylor, of Over.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 30th July 1926

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Football Club, held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. P. H. Lee presiding, it was reported that the club had a balance in hand of £1 19s. 7d., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Messrs. H. Ashby, C. F. Banks, A. Beaumont, W. A. Bignell, Blinkhorn, W. Crouch, P. H. Lee, J. Mustill and W. Mustill; captain, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-captain, Mr. T. Savage; hon. sec., Mr. J. Salmon; assistant sec., Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne. It was decided to enter the Cambs. League (Div. III).

A COMPLAINT. 30th July 1926

"A Sufferer" writes to complain of the wagon loads of manure that are allowed to stand in Market-street within a few yards of houses in which people

are suffering from throat, chest and lung troubles. He is anxious to know who gave authority for the vehicles with their objectionable contents to remain in such a position, and he asks that the practice may be stopped at once. A business man, he says, was ordered to remove a heap of manure which was on the roadside hundreds of yards from the nearest house, and he cannot therefore understand why wagon loads are permitted in Market-street, with houses in close proximity.

WEDDING. 30th July 1926

A pretty wedding took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Ellen May Howlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Howlett, of Swavesey, and Mr. Charles William Parker, son of Mr. C. Parker, of Histon, were married in the presence of many relatives and friends. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. P. Howlett, wore a charming dress of beige georgette and lace, with hat to match. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss A. Howlett, and her niece, Miss D. Howlett, both of whom were in pretty delphinium blue satin marocain frocks, with ivory crinoline hats. Mr. W. G. Parker acted as best man. After the ceremony the wedding guests and friends were entertained at the Memorial Hall. The presents were numerous and useful.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK CARTER. 30th July 1926

We have to announce the death of Mr. Frank Andrews Carter, elder son of the late Mr. Frederick Carter, of Bury St. Edmund's, and previously of Swavesey, which occurred at his residence, 113, Balfour-road, Highbury, London, on the 22nd inst. Mr. Frank Carter was a member of an old and very well-known Swavesey family, and was born in the village 62 years ago. He leaves a widow, but no children, his two sons having made the great sacrifice during the war. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning at St. Augustine's' Church, Highbury, N., the Rev. J. D. Griffiths, vicar of the parish, officiating. After the service the body was conveyed by road to Swavesey for interment in the churchyard, where so many other members of the Carter family have for long years past been laid to rest. The Rev. J. D. Griffiths, who had accompanied the mourners from London, said the prayers of committal, and the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) the benedictory prayer. The mourners included: Mrs. F. A. Carter (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ward (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Misses C. and N. Carter (sisters), Mr. Cecil Ward (nephew), Miss Vera Ward and Mrs. Williams (nieces), Mr. A. T. A. Ward, Mr. H. R.

Ward, and Mr. P. A. Ward (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirby, Miss M. Carter, Mr. C. W. H. Cole, Mrs. Peeling, and Miss Q. Cole (cousins). The flowers were many and exceptionally beautiful, and included a wreath of lovely roses from the widow which rested on the plain oak coffin when it was lowered into the ivy-lined grave. Mr. G. H. Carter, of Asplin's Close, Harpenden, was unable to attend the funeral owing to illness, and other members of his family were away from home.

THE LATE MR. W. CAIN. 30th July 1926

The funeral of Mr. William Cain, whose death, which occurred at his residence in Histon, was announced last week, took place on the 22nd inst. at Swavesey parish church, where he had been baptised and for many years of his long life had been a regular member of the congregation. The Rev. E. F. Allworthy, vicar of Histon, officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing). The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cain (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Bass (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Emily Cain (daughter), Mr. E. Bass (grandson), Miss Rebecca Thorp, Miss Clara Thorp, sen., ex-Supt. Stapleton, ex-Police Sergt. W. Allen, and Mrs. Allen (Cambridge), Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., and Mrs. Levell. Sergt. Keep and P.C. Breed represented the Cambs. Constabulary. Many old friends were present and others would no doubt have also been present had the date and time of the funeral been more generally known. The coffin was of polished elm, with brass fittings. Mr. Christmas, of Histon, carried out the funeral arrangements. The late Mr. W. Cain belonged to an old Swavesey family. He was born in the village 90 years ago, and was a son of the late Mr. Robert Cain. In 1857 he joined the Cambridge Borough Police Force, transferring after two years to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, under Admiral Davis. During the time the late King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was at Trinity College, and resided at Madingley Hall, P.C. Cain was on special duty there. He retired on pension in 1891 after 34½ years service, and went to live at Swavesey in the old house on the "Stones" by the Swan pond, which his parents had owned and occupied, and was then his property. Here he remained until the little homestead was destroyed in the great fire in 1913. Failing to find another house in Swavesey, he migrated to Histon, where he resided until his death, which occurred during the early hours of Monday, July 19th. His illness was of short duration – only 14 days. In his sermon at Histon parish church on Sunday evening, the Rev. E. F. Allworthy referred to the death of his aged parishioner. William Cain, he said, was a man of fine physique, of sterling character, and highly respected. A devout Churchman, and a regular communicant up to the last, notwithstanding his great age. The

day before he died he had said to the preacher with perfect resignation, "I have had a long innings and I can't complain."

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Aug. 1926

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School, who had their annual summer treat on Thursday week, spent a happy time in the Vicarage grounds. They did full justice to the excellent tea, and enjoyed games, sports, etc.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 6th Aug. 1926

The house-to-house collection, which has recently been made in Swavesey in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital by Mesdames Aldred, Beaumont, Cooksey, C. Dean, F. Hemington, W. Thorp and Miss Gaunt, resulted in £16 11s. 3d., being raised, about the same amount as last year.

A MUCH APPRECIATED TREAT. 6th Aug. 1926

Miss Gertrude Thoday, assistant teacher at Swavesey National School, gave the children in her class, about thirty in number, a picnic at Overcote on Wednesday. The youngsters, who had a sumptuous tea, spent a thoroughly happy time by the river, and before they left for home were further regaled with tarts, milk and sweets.

SCRATCH BANK. 6th Aug. 1926

The Swavesey District Council at their last meeting decided by a majority vote to undertake the repair of Scratch Bank, and gave instructions for the necessary work to be carried out. It will be remembered that about two months ago a memorial on the subject, signed by the owners and occupiers of land in Middle Fen, was presented to the Council. In explanation of the word "Scratch," by which the bank is generally known, it may be mentioned that it is probably a corruption of "Cradge," which according to Webster's dictionary, is a small bank to prevent water overflowing."

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 6th Aug. 1926

The annual school treat in connection with Bethel Sunday School took place on Thursday week, when the young folks, to the number of seventy, were regaled with tea in the Schoolroom, and at the second table a large number of adults followed suit. After tea an adjournment was made to one of Mr. A. Day's fields (kindly lent for the occasion), where a good programme of sports was gone through, under the able superintendence of Messrs. G. E. Canham and F. W. Pontefract. A stall for the sale of goods left over from the last

bazaar under the management of Mesdames Godfrey, sen., and Savage, contributed to the funds for church renovation.

MOTOR CYCLE MISHAP. 6th Aug. 1926

Mr. Bertram Gowler, of Hemingford Abbots, who was motor cycling home from Norwich on Friday evening, met with an accident on the Cambridge – Huntingdon road. When near the turning to Boxworth, by some unexplained cause, he fell, or was thrown, from his machine, and was found lying on the grass at the roadside partially unconscious by Mr. Jonas Smith, of Over, who came up in his motor car. No one witnessed the accident. Mr. Gowler's face and right hand were grazed, but beyond this he was not injured. The tube of the front wheel was out, but the machine, which was lying on the road, was not damaged. Mr. Gowler was conveyed to his home by Mr. Smith, and the motor cycle was taken to the New Inn.

SCOUTS' CAMP. 6th Aug. 1926

Considerable interest has been created in the village by the advent of Boy Scouts from London, who until the 15th inst. will camp on the grounds of the Rev. T. B. and Mrs. Field at Rutholme. Two troops are represented, viz., 48th West London and 15th Willesden, under the command of Scoutmaster Boshier, M.B.E., M.B.R.C.S., assisted by Assistant Scoutmasters Speechly, Jackson, Tolchard and Mitchell, and Cub-Mistress Miss Godliman. There are thirty persons in camp, to accommodate whom three Army bell tents and two bivouac tents have been erected, all cooking being done in the open air. On Sunday morning church parade took place at Bethel Baptist Church, when the Rev. C. J. Fowler, of Cherryhinton, conducted the service. There will be a special parade next Sunday, conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field and Scoutmaster Boshier, the members of the 1st Swavesey Boys' Brigade joining in. The lads are thoroughly enjoying themselves, and after rambling, fishing, bathing and cycling usually close the day with camp fire sing-song and prayer. During the past week many friends have visited the camp.

SWAVESEY SHOW AND SPORTS. 6th Aug. 1926

Fine Weather, Good Attendance and Splendid Exhibits.

All roads in Swavesey led to the Manor Field yesterday (Thursday), when the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society held their fourth annual show and sports. The field was kindly lent by Mr. A. Watts. The Clerk of the Weather was in a good humour, and had much to do with the success of the show. As is often the case with such affairs, the attendance was not very large in the early hours of the afternoon, but later on many people turned up and viewed

the attractions provided with obvious enjoyment and admiration. An enthusiastic committee had worked hard for some days to make the show a success, and the result was very satisfactory and should amply reward them for their efforts.

On the whole the show exhibits were very good. Considering the season, the cooking apples were splendid and the peas also were well up to the average. The potatoes were very good in all classes. The Royal Air Force Band, Duxford, were present, by permission of Wing-Commander R. G. Small, C.O., Duxford. This combination of musicians were in their usual pleasing form, and played on the Manor Field during the afternoon and for dancing in the Memorial Hall in the evening. Entries for the sports were good, and some exciting events were seen.

(Officials and prizewinners in newspaper).

PERSONAL. 13th Aug. 1926

Mr. Walter Dodson, of Plumstead Common-road, Woolwich, a native, and one-time resident of Swavesey, who came from London in order to be present at the Show and Sports of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, of which he is Vice-President, received such a hearty welcome from his old friends that he has prolonged his stay in the village during the present week.

STACK FIRE. 13th Aug. 1926

About 12.55 a.m. on Sunday last P.C. Breed, whilst on duty, saw a fire along the Fen Drayton-road, Swavesey. Upon going to the spot he found that a rather large hay-stack, belonging to Mr. Frank Norman, was all ablaze. The fire had got such a complete hold that nothing could be done to save the stack, which was completely destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is unknown, but is being investigated by the County Police. The stack contained about 40 tons of hay.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 13th Aug. 1926

When near a row of ancient Dod trees at the back of his premises, Mr. James Prior, of Stanton Vue, Swavesey, heard the call of chickens, and, on investigating whence it came, saw the head of a chick peeping through a small hole in the trunk of one of the trees. On enlarging the hole with a hatchet, Mr. Prior, to his surprise, discovered about half-a-dozen little birds. He surmises that the hen laid her eggs over a hole in an arm at the top of the tree through which the chicks fell down the hollow trunk.

SCOUTS' CAMP. 13th Aug. 1926

A church parade took place at Bethel Chapel on Sunday, the service being conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. B. Field, who was assisted by Scoutmaster Boshier, M.B.E. The camp breaks up to-morrow (Saturday), and the scouts desire to heartily thank all friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Field, Mr. Pontefract, Mr. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Willson, Mr. Blinkhorn, Mr. J. Day, Mr. Crisp, Mr. Peters, Mr. Twist, Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Aldred, who sent fruit vegetables, eggs, tinned tongue, and other good things, which, needless to say, were hugely enjoyed. The boys nearly every evening had camp-fire "sing-songs," and during the daytime visited the surrounding villages, St. Ives, and Cambridge, and indulged in those games so dear to youth. The lads will carry away very pleasant memories of the beauties and kindness of Swavesey, as the people of Swavesey will remember them, since their behaviour has been all that could be desired. It is hoped that when camp time comes again the scouts will return to the village. The Scoutmaster and his assistants have been indefatigable in looking after the comfort and conduct of the lads. They will find their reward with results of the voluntary work so nobly done.

ACCIDENT TO SWAVESEY BOY. 13th Aug. 1926

Arm Smashed by Truck of Granite.

Roy Godfrey, 5½ years of age, youngest child of Mr. P. Godfrey, haulage contractor, Market-street, Swavesey, met with a terrible accident about 11.30 a.m. on Monday, when attempting to climb on to a moving truck laden with 5½ tons of granite. Two trucks, both containing granite, were being drawn from the railway station along High-street, and when near Turn Bridge, three or four small boys, one of whom was Roy's brother Bernard, managed to climb on to the second truck. Opposite the National School, Roy attempted to follow their example, and tried to climb up by one of the wheels, with the result that he fell backwards with his right arm under the rear off-side wheel. One of the other boys shouted to the men on the engine to stop, but before the engine stopped the wheel, after skidding on the poor little fellow's arm, had passed over it. Notwithstanding his terrible injuries, the child was able to get up, and assisted by one of the other boys, had walked about 40 yards when Mrs. C. Wood, of the School House, who had rushed out on hearing screams, took him in her arms and ran towards his home. Half-way along the street Mr. Arthur Beaumont took the child, Mrs. Wood supporting the mangled limb, which was bleeding profusely. On reaching Mr. Godfrey's house, Nurse Walters, who fortunately happened to be close by, rendered what aid she could, and within a few minutes the child, accompanied by the nurse and Mrs. G. Brooks, was hurried off by motor car to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where the

arm was at once amputated. The arm appears to have been wrenched from the shoulder socket and smashed. P.C. Breed, who was on the scene immediately after the accident happened, measured the skid marks on the tarred road; they were 4ft. 6in. in length and 5½in. in width.

On enquiry at Addenbrooke's Hospital yesterday (Thursday) morning, it was ascertained that the boy was progressing satisfactorily. It is understood there are hope that the upper part of his arm may be saved.

ADVERT. 20th Aug. 1926

J. PRIOR is arranging MOTOR TRIPS every week to Coast or elsewhere, according to requirement of party. – Apply, Stanton Vue, Swavesey.

A FREAK. 20th Aug. 1926

When digging potatoes in his garden, Mr. Arthur Froment, of High-street, found one tuber which had grown through the metal buckle of a stocking suspender.

THE EARTHQUAKE. 20th Aug. 1926

Numerous Swavesey people were roused from their sleep by the earth tremor early on Sunday morning. They report that their houses were shaken, that bedsteads oscillated, and that window frames, crockery, etc., rattled.

OBITUARY. 20th Aug. 1926

Mrs. Esther Prior, of High-street, Swavesey, widow of Mr. William Prior, and daughter of the late Mr. William Wilderspin, of Swavesey, passed away shortly before midnight on Wednesday, after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Prior, who was 68 years of age, leaves one son and five daughters. One son was killed in the war.

STOLEN BICYCLE CHARGE. 20th Aug. 1926

At an Occasional Court held at the County Police Station on Wednesday morning, before Mr. H. F. Cook, John Edward Sedgeley, of 217, Stoney Stanton-road, Coventry, a brazier, was charged with stealing a bicycle belonging to James Kester, of Swavesey, at Fen Drayton, on August 15th – Supt. Allen said the bicycle was reported stolen on Sunday. Prisoner was subsequently arrested at Northampton, with the cycle in his possession. Prisoner was remanded in custody until Saturday.

ACCIDENT TO BOY. 20th Aug. 1926

Warren Wright, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Wright, of Askew-row, Swavesey, when putting canvas on a binder on Messrs. Webster Bros' farm at Over on Saturday morning, had the thumb of his left hand seriously injured, the top joint being practically severed. He was at once taken home by Mr. Jack Wilding, who also accompanied him to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where his injuries were attended to. The boy was not detained at the Hospital, but will remain an out-patient.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 27th Aug. 1926

A successful dance, in aid of the funds of the Football Club, was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening. The Over Jazz Band provided an excellent selection of dance music, and Mr. George Oakman was an efficient M.C.

THE LATE MRS. W. PRIOR. 27th Aug. 1926

The funeral of Mrs. Esther Prior, widow of the late Mr. William Prior, whose death at the age of 68 years on the 18th inst. was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Prior (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. T. H. Holder, Mrs. J. Simpson, Misses C. and E. Prior (daughters), Mrs. J. Amps, Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. H. Lemon (sisters), Messrs. John and James Wilderspin (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. E. Prior, Miss G. Froment (nephews and nieces). The coffin was of polished oak. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

HOSPITALITY ABUSED. 27th Aug. 1926

Coventry Man Gets Three Months' for Mean Theft.

A Coventry man who rewarded a person at whose hands he had received hospitable treatment by stealing his bicycle was sentenced to three months' hard labour by the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday. His Honour Judge H. G. Farrant was the presiding magistrate.

John Edward Sedgley, of 717, Stoney Stanton-road, Coventry, was charged with stealing a gent's bicycle valued, at £2 5s., at Fen Drayton on August 15th, the property of James Kester.

James Kester, living at Swavesey, smallholder, said that on Sunday, August 15th, he was between Longstanton-road and the King William IV, on the Huntingdon-road at 6 a.m., going home from Cambridge. Witness saw the prisoner, who was walking in the direction of Huntingdon. He (witness) was cycling, and upon prisoner asking him the time he got off and told him it was between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Witness walked with him as far as Soldier's Drove, prisoner telling him it was a hard life on the road. Witness then left him on his

cycle, and told him if he liked to come he could have some breakfast with him at his home at Swavesey. Prisoner arrived at his (witness's) home at 7 a.m., and was provided with a meal. He rested, and witness then showed him the way on the road, taking him as far as Fen Drayton, reaching there about 12 o'clock, and giving him a good drink at the Three Tuns publichouse. Whilst there someone made a remark about the employment, and witness then left there, and between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. took him as far as Conington-road end. Before he got there prisoner expressed a wish to get work at Mr. Scambler's at Conington, 1½ or 1¾ miles off the Huntingdon-road, and asked witness to lend him his bicycle to go there, as it was some distance to walk. Witness said, "You won't do anything dirty?" and he said "No. If I don't get a job at Mr. Scambler's I will bring the bike back to Conington-road end and walk to Thrapston. Witness lent him the cycle and waited for about 1½ hours on the Huntingdon-road bridge to see if prisoner returned, but he failed to do so. The bicycle was worth about £2 5s., but the lamp attached to it was not his. Witness borrowed a bicycle from another young fellow and cycled to Conington and Fenstanton to make inquiries, but did not see prisoner. This was between 3 and 4 p.m. Later he went on a motor cycle to Huntingdon, where he received certain information regarding the prisoner, and he told the police what happened. Prisoner did not tell him his address or his name, nor did he say anything about going to Coventry on the cycle, otherwise he would not have lent him it. After making the first trip on the bicycle, witness waited for Sedgley until after 6.15 p.m. on the Huntingdon-road for him.

Sedgley said that he understood Mr. Kester to say that he would lend him the cycle to go home on.

Sergt. Payne gave evidence that on August 17th he went to the Borough Police Station, where he saw the prisoner in custody. Witness was in plain clothes at the time. When arrested Sedgley said, "On Sunday morning I met Calsford (meaning Mr. Kester) at No. 1 Council Houses, Swavesey, and he lent me the bicycle to ride to Coventry. I was going to return it to him on my arrival at Coventry." Witness escorted prisoner to the County Police Station, Cambridge, where he was cautioned by Supt. Allen, and in the course of the statement said, "I met Mr. Kester coming from Cambridge. He took me to his house and gave me some breakfast. We then went and had some beer. Then he sent me after a job, and I could not get it. He then said he would lend me the bicycle to go home on if I returned it. . . I then made my way towards Huntingdon, and that way home. The bicycle is the one I had from Kester, and I had it when the Northants. Police arrested me."

The Chairman: How long was it after he had the bicycle that he was arrested?

Sergt. Payne; The next day.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and in the course of a statement persisted that he understood Mr. Kester to say that if he (prisoner) did not get work he could cycle home. He would have forwarded the machine back as soon as he arrived at Coventry. Prisoner attributed his present position in life to the strike, and informed the magistrates that lately he had done some pea-picking and had assisted in the cultivation of sugar beet, but the pay was low.

Supt. Allen stated that Sedgley was 32, and was a brazier by trade and worked for one firm at Coventry for six years until 1921. Since then he had done no work. He had been convicted on two occasions, viz., for drunkenness, for which offence he was fined 10s., and for stealing a bicycle, for which he received three months' hard labour.

Prisoner: I bought that bicycle, but I did not get the receipt.

Supt. Allen, continuing, said Sedgley served for two months in the Army, being discharged owing to eye trouble. Later, he served for a time in the Labour Corps.

The Bench sentenced prisoner to three months' hard labour.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 3rd Sept. 1926

During the holidays the exterior of the National School, which was in urgent need of attention, has been repainted. The work was entrusted to Mr. R. Mitham.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd Sept. 1926

It has been decided to thoroughly renovate the Bethel Baptist Church, and the work, which has been entrusted to Mr. E. H. Peters, is being put in hand at once. During the time the church is closed, Sunday services will be held in Mr. R. Norman's barn at Trinity College Farm.

SUCSESSES AT SANDY SHOW. 3rd Sept. 1926

Two Swavesey bakers and confectioners, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, of High-street, and Mr. A. J. Freestone, of Middle Watch, were successful exhibitors at Sandy Show last week, the former being awarded third prize (bronze medal) for slab fruit cake in the open class, and the latter third prize (bronze medal) for commercial bread in the county class.

ACCIDENT. 3rd Sept. 1926

Mr. Sidney Bedford, of St. Ives, who is employed by Mr. P. Godfrey, haulage contractor, Swavesey, while loading up at Swavesey railway station on Wednesday, slipped from the lorry on which he was standing and fell to the ground. He was taken home by a man, who was working with him, and on

being examined by a doctor it was found that one of his ribs had been fractured.

DISTRICT COLLECTION FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 3rd Sept. 1926

The sum of £82 18s. 6d. has been handed to Mrs. Bidwell, hon. secretary of the County Organisation Fund, as the result of this year's house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital in the villages comprised in the Swavesey district, viz., Childerley, Conington, Dry Drayton, Fen Drayton, Knapwell, Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and Willingham.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 3rd Sept. 1926

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. H. Peachey (Boxworth) presided, supported by Mr. C. Wood (hon. secretary), Messrs. G. J. Paine and Walter Thorpe (vice-presidents), Messrs. C. W. Hines, F. W. Pontefract, T. Day, J. Culpin, P. Godfrey, H. Wells, C. Savage, C. Brasher, P. Burton, F. F. Norman, P. Watts, Mrs. Godfrey, sen., and Mrs. Pettett (members of the committee). The accounts in connection with this year's show and sports were presented by the joint treasurers (Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner) and unanimously passed. They showed that including the balance brought from last year the receipts amounted to £184 18s. 2d., and the expenditure to £125 5s. 9d., leaving the sum of £60 5s. 4d. to the credit of the Society at the bank. Cordial votes of thanks to the officers, committee, and all others who had contributed to the success of the show concluded the proceedings. Copies of the detailed balance sheet will be exhibited at Swavesey and Over Post Offices next week.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 10th Sept. 1926

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, has been awarded a diploma and highly commended for his exhibit in the round fruit cake class (open) at the Bakers' Exhibition, which is being held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, this week.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 10th Sept. 1926

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Mr. Wise, of Chatteris, being the special preacher, and considering the very wet day the attendance of both was good. The collections, in aid of the Chapel funds, were also satisfactory. Between the services there was a public tea, at which the tables were presided over by Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. J. Parish, Mrs. Easter, Miss E. Day and Miss M. Parish.

ADVERT. 17th Sept. 1926

ALDRED'S HARVEST SALE will commence October 2nd, for two weeks only. Discount for cash.

THE INSTITUTE. 17th Sept. 1926

A correspondent writes: At the annual general meeting of the Swavesey Institute on April 12th, as there was – to quote the report in the “Independent Press” – “a strong disinclination on the part of any one present to accept office,” it was decided that the Institute should be closed for six months, and that a further general meeting should be held on September 30th. That date is near at hand. Some members of the Institute, and possibly other Swavesey residents who have the interest of the village and villagers at heart, have no doubt during the past few months given the question of re-organisation their serious consideration, for it would be most unfortunate – to put it very mildly – if what ought to be a valuable parish institution ceased to exist. Complaint is made of the dullness of village life. The villages of Great and Little Wilbraham, we read last week, are not dull because among other things, they have an institute, and the Swavesey Institute was established to make life in Swavesey brighter by providing a place where villagers – the younger ones in particular – could go for recreation, and, if they desired, add to their store of knowledge by attending classes, etc. But an institute to be carried on successfully must be governed by rules, which should be strictly and impartially enforced. I need not enter into the question whether the rules of the Swavesey Institute have been enforced in the past, but if, as I trust will be the case, the meeting on September 30th decides that the Institute should continue, it is to be hoped that the committee will see that they are adhered to in future, and that the members generally will support the committee in any action they may find it necessary to take.

FOR THE BLIND. 24th Sept. 1926

Last Saturday was Geranium Day in Swavesey, and the following girls of the upper division at the school, each of whom was allotted a district in the village, sold flowers for the benefit of the National Institute for the Blind: Yvonne lee, Nancy Prime, Grace Whybrow, Marguerite Nightingale, Winnie Wood, Olive Wilderspin, Joyce Melbourne, Hilda Culpin, Vida Parish and Winifred Payne. The sum of £2 8s was realised.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 24th Sept. 1926

Owing to indisposition the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, was unable to officiate last Sunday. As the chapel is closed until the 30th inst.

for renovation, the morning service took place in a large barn at Trinity College Farm, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Norman, the pulpit being occupied by ex-Inspector Dean. Gipsy Ezekiel Smith preached in the evening, when in consequence of the intense heat the service was held in a meadow adjoining the barn. Gipsy Smith also conducted a service in the Recreation Ground in the afternoon. Mr. Field hopes to be able to resume his duties next Sunday.

HOCKEY CLUB. 24th Sept. 1926

All last year's officers, with one exception, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Hockey Club on Monday evening; viz.: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. A. Bignell, W. Blinkhorn, F. Kirby, R. Mailer, and R. Williamson; captain, Miss D. Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; hon., secretary, Miss D. Aldred; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson (new appointment). The first practice game will be played next Thursday, and it may be mentioned that the club is desirous of enrolling new members.

A PERTINENT QUESTION. 24th Sept. 1926

A correspondent writes: - The Swavesey by-roads, which have long been sadly neglected, are rapidly getting worse and worse. The last "appointed" roadman ceased to function some nine or ten months ago. He was succeeded during the winter by a man who apparently was employed temporarily. Since March there has been no roadman, appointed or casual, yet I am given to understand that a by-way rate is still being levied by the District Council. Perhaps our two local district councillors will explain why they have appointed no roadman, and why they have levied the rate?

BRITISH LEGION. 24th Sept. 1926

At the quarterly meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. R. Barwell (chairman) presiding, the programme for the winter was considered, and it was decided that the annual dinner should take place at the end of the year, and be followed by a concert, and that there should be a whist drive during the autumn. Preliminary arrangements were also made for the church parade on Sunday, Nov. 7th, and for the sale of poppies on Armistice Day, and an offer by Mr. P. H. Lee (treasurer) to provide a notice board, provided permission for its erection outside the Memorial Hall could be obtained, was accepted with thanks. Before the meeting closed there was a long discussion respecting the scope of the Relief Fund, in course of which several points on which considerable misconception appeared to exist were explained.

CONSERVATIVE OPEN AIR CAMPAIGN. 24th Sept. 1926

Meetings at Swavesey, Caxton and Willingham.

The fourth and concluding week of the County Conservative Association's annual campaign of open-air meetings was opened at Swavesey on Monday evening, and, as usual, in addition to preliminary posters, handbills, containing a polite invitation to the meeting had been distributed during the day. The result was a large attendance. The pitch was illuminated by a powerful acetylene lamp, which, in addition to other necessary paraphernalia, Mr. W. W. Light, the county agent, carries in his car.

Mr. R. Barwell, who was supported by prominent men and women members of the association, presided, and in opening the meeting, welcomed Mr. T. H. Batty, the principal speaker, on his return visit. It was, the Chairman said, two years since Mr. Batty had spoken in Swavesey, and the reception Mr. Batty received on rising to speak on Monday proved that the audience, irrespective of their political opinions, were delighted to have the opportunity of listening to him again. After a rapid but comprehensive survey of the accomplishments of the Government, and contrasting their Acts with the unfulfilled promises of the Socialists, particularly as regards pensions for widows and orphans, the speaker traced the history of the coal dispute. He claimed that the signature of the Dawes report by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the then Prime Minister, whereby German coal was released for sale on the market of the world, was the original cause of the break-up of the prosperous condition previously prevailing in our export coal trade.

In inviting questions, Mr. Light referred to local matters, and as no questions were asked, the meeting terminated after a vote of thanks had been accorded the speaker of the evening.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 1st Oct 1926

A successful dance, under the auspices of the Football Club, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. An excellent selection of music was provided by the Cambridge Zivola Syncopaters, and Mr. G. Oakman was an efficient M.C.

EVENING CLASSES. 1st Oct. 1926

Evening classes will be held during the winter months for instruction in arithmetic, English language and literature, history, woodwork, or any other subject required, providing that the necessary number of students (not less than 12) give in their names at once to Mr. C. Wood, headmaster, Swavesey National School. An orchestral class has been arranged, and will open on Monday evening.

THE INSTITUTE. 1st Oct. 1926

At the annual meeting of the Institute in April, as there was a general disinclination on the part of members to undertake the responsibilities of office, it was decided to close the Institute for six months, and to adjourn the meeting until Sept. 30th. That meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29th, it having been found desirable to alter the date so as not to clash with harvest festivals, etc., in the district. Mr. Sidney Clark (chairman) presided. He was the only officer elected in April. Mr. C. Wood (late secretary) supported him. The audience consisted almost entirely of youths and lads, the few older men present including Messrs. F. W. Pontefract, T. C. Heasman, Frank Hepher, Ernest Prior, C. Savage, and H. H. Berryman. With these exceptions, not a single influential parishioner attended. Yet the Institute is for the benefit of the people – the younger people especially – of the parish. Only one parish councillor (Mr. Wood) was there. The two district councillors, the ministers of religion, the churchwardens, the deacons, all were conspicuous by their absence. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, an attempt was made to elect officers, but no one was even proposed as president, and no one as vice-chairman. Messrs. Wood, Pontefract and Berryman were in turn proposed as secretary, but all declined the office. As a possible way out of the difficulty, Mr. Wood then proposed the appointment of a small committee to consider whether the Institute could be carried on. Mr. C. Savage seconded, and the proposition was carried. It was then agreed, on the motion of Mr. J. Salmon, seconded by Mr. F. Aldred, that the committee should consist of the chairman and five members, and that they should report to a further general meeting to be held at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. Messrs. W. A. Bignell, Frank Hepher, C. Savage, W. Spolton and C. Wood were chosen to serve on the special committee.

ADVERT. 8th Oct. 1926

JAMES W. WILLIAMS, Teacher of Music, Violin, Pianoforte. – Grove Cottage, Swavesey.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 8th Oct. 1926

Miss Evans, of Upwood, Hunts., has been appointed an assistant teacher (uncertified) at Swavesey National School. She commenced her duties on Monday.

WHIST DRIVE. 8th Oct. 1926

Notwithstanding the counter-attraction of a circus in the village, twelve tables were occupied at the whist drive, organised by Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, in aid of the Church Repair Fund, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss K. Banks, Miss D. Pettett, Mrs. Banks; gentlemen – Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Mr. H. Brooks, Mr. P. Burton. Mr. S. F. Mitham officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £3 13s. 8d.

END OF SUMMER TIME. 8th Oct. 1926

Although no serious happenings of an untoward nature have to be recorded in connection with the putting back of the clocks in Swavesey on Saturday night, there were a few incidents of minor importance. One villager is reported to have sat up until 3 a.m. (Summer time) on Sunday in order to make the alteration at the appointed moment, and two or three others advanced their timekeepers by an hour, while our local correspondent, who had duly set back his watch before retiring to rest on Saturday, discovered on Sunday morning that it had stopped, as he had omitted to wind it up.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 8th Oct. 1926

A trinity of celebrations took place in connection with the Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week. The re-opening of the church after the re-decoration and repair (which reflects the greatest credit upon Messrs. Peters and R. Mitham) and the harvest thanksgiving, combined with the Pastor's first anniversary, brought together a good company to hear the Rev. R. Smith, of Histon, who preached in the afternoon an eloquent sermon upon the "bit more," as illustrated by Solomon's response to the Queen of Sheba in giving her more than she asked. Following the service came a well-provided tea, to which 90 persons sat down. The evening meeting, which filled the church, was presided over by Mr. O. Smith, of Cambridge, and was addressed by Mr. A. Townsend, of Ealing, an old friend and fellow worker with the Pastor at Kensal Rise, Revs. R. Smith and G. E. Bird (Over). The choir gave an admirable rendering of the chorus "Give thanks unto God." The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, thanked all who in any way had assisted to make the services a success, and referred to the cordial relations existing between himself and wife and the people. The past year, he said, had seen a solidifying, which augured well for the days to come. The gifts in kind were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and the monetary gifts were handed to the Pastor as a token of esteem.

SWAVESEY INSTITUTE. 8th Oct. 1926

To be Reopened Next Week.

The adjourned meeting of Swavesey Institute, which should have taken place on Monday was cancelled by the Chairman (Mr. Sidney Clark) as a travelling circus was visiting the village that evening, but the steps taken by him to notify the public were inadequate, and a number of people interested in the Institute attended at the Memorial Hall at the appointed time. Not only had the report in the "Independent Press" of last week's meeting aroused interest, but the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church (Rev. T. B. Field) referred to the projected meeting at a service on Sunday. An informal meeting was, however, held in the Hall. Among others present were the Rev. T. B. Field, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, W. A. Bignell, J. Day, H. R. Lovell, J. J. Marriott, A. W. Melbourne, R. Norman, sen., E. Prior, J. Prior, W. Thorp, E. J. Warboys, C. Wood, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Thurlow, and Miss Spolton. In justice to the Vicar, it should be stated that he had been informed that there would be no meeting. Mr. Wood, the late secretary of the Institute, who was voted to the chair, made a statement respecting the recommendations of the special committee appointed last week to consider whether the Institute could be carried on. The Institute, he said, was in debt, and at least £20 was wanted to meet liabilities and to pay for the repair of furniture, fittings, etc., that had been damaged. The committee were of opinion that the Institute could not be carried on satisfactorily unless the rules were strictly enforced, and they recommended the appointment of a committee of management, consisting of eight persons, whose names were given, each of whom was pledged to see that the rules were rigidly enforced. The special committee also recommended the adoption of a new rule holding a member personally liable for any damage for which he, or she, was responsible; the revision of charges for the billiard tables, and the conditions governing their use, and that the annual subscription to the Institute should be 5s., paid half-yearly, for adult members, and 3s. for those under 18. A useful discussion followed the Chairman's statement, in course of which various points on which misapprehension existed were explained, and it was unanimously agreed that it was of the utmost importance that the Institute should be carried on, especially for the benefit of the younger people of the village. The Rev. T. B. Field stated that his absence from last week's meeting was due to his not knowing until after the meeting was over that the date on which it was to be held had been altered. Mr. J. Day raised the question of the misconduct of people attending dances, etc., at the Hall, and it was explained that the Institute had nothing whatever to do with entertainments, other than those organised by the Institute, and that the Hall was let on such occasions to the parties concerned by the Parish Council, who were the owners of the Hall. On the proposition of Mr. Lovell, seconded by Mr. Thorp, it was agreed that

the adjourned Institute meeting should be held on Wednesday. Mr. Field said he regretted that an engagement in Cambridge would prevent his being present.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

There was a large and representative attendance at the meeting, held on Wednesday evening, at which Mr. S. Clark presided. Mr. Wood again explained the recommendations of the special committee, all of which were adopted except in regard to one or two minor points, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-president, Rev. T. B. Field; chairman, Mr. S. Clark; vice-chairman, Mr. C. S. Hephher; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Wood; committee, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, W. A. Bignell, T. C. Heasman, Frank Hephher, H. R. Lovell, C. Savage, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. C. S. Hephher. It was decided that the Institute should be re-opened on Monday next, that a caretaker with wages of 10s. a week should be appointed by the committee, and that applications for the post should be handed to the committee not later than noon to-day (Friday). A proposal that there should be twelve stewards, two of whom should attend every evening, was carried, and twelve men present volunteered for the duty. The question of an age limit for juvenile members was discussed at some length, and it was eventually decided that there should be no restriction, but that no youngster under 14 should remain in the Institute after 9 p.m. The Monday dances are to be continued, but will be open to members only. The proposals of the special committee in respect of the billiard tables were approved except as regards the suggestion that youths under 18 should be allowed under certain conditions to play on the full-sized table, an amendment that no player under 18 should be allowed to use the table being carried by 34 votes to 10. The suggestion that steps should be taken to form a billiards league for the district was cordially approved, and the secretary was asked to communicate on the subject with clubs at Willingham, Fen Drayton, St. Ives (2), Bluntisham, Earith and Fenstanton. The announcement that a challenge cup would be forthcoming was loudly applauded. Before the meeting closed the question of misconduct at dances, etc., was again brought forward, and Mr. Wood explained the Institute's position in the matter.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES. 15th Oct. 1926

During last week Mr. Dennis Williams of Market-street, gathered two or three lbs. of ripe strawberries. A few have also been gathered by Mr. T. C. Heasman. They were grown on his smallholding.

DEATH OF MRS. R. MITHAM. 15th Oct. 1926

Mr. R. Mitham has suffered irreparable loss by the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Mitham, who passed away on Wednesday evening after ten years of failing health and frequent illness. Mrs. Mitham, who was 74 years of age last month, leaves three sons and two daughters. She was a sister of the late Mr. Samuel Furniss, of Hilton, Hunts.

ENTERPRISE. 15th Oct. 1926

Mr. James Moyne, the licensee of the White Horse inn, on Wednesday evening placed a good-sized oil lamp on the Market-street corner of his premises, and it is understood that it is his intention that it shall be lighted every night during the winter months. Perhaps some other enterprising and public-spirited villagers will follow Mr. Moyne's highly commendable example. The street lamps have not been lighted since they were extinguished during the war.

THE INSTITUTE. 15th Oct. 1926

Swavesey Institute was reopened on Monday, and upwards of fifty members were at once enrolled. The Monday evening dance, a very popular feature of the Institute's activities in the past, was well attended, but unfortunately there was considerably more men than ladies. These dances, under the new rules, are open to members only. Mr. Ernest Prior, who resides opposite the Memorial Hall, has been appointed caretaker by the Committee Management.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Oct. 1926

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the following Councillors attending: Mr. C. Wood (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, J. Linford, R. Norman, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. There was very little business transacted. The circular from the County Council respecting soft roads was discussed and on the motion of Mr. Norman, seconded by Mr. Parish, it was decided that no action be taken by the Council in the matter. An application by the local branch of the British Legion for permission to erect a notice board on the parish property in High-street was granted, and a precept was issued for £15 for expenses of the Council. Mr. Linford asked whether a member who had not attended a meeting of the Council since April 16th had vacated his seat by absence, and after a brief discussion the clerk was instructed to write to the member in question on the subject.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 15th Oct. 1926

The parish church was effectively decorated with flowers, fruit, etc., for the harvest festival on Thursday week. The day opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the early morning, and festal evensong was sung at 7 p.m. The vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiated, and the Rev. W. T. Gibbings, rector of Boddington, Northants., was the special preacher. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to a setting by E. A. Clare, and the anthem was Stainer's "Ye shall dwell in the land." With the help from neighbouring villages a peal was rung on the bells before the service. The festival was continued on Sunday, when in addition to the usual services, a children's flower service was held in the afternoon, their offerings of flowers, etc., being sent to St. Ives Infirmary. The preacher at evensong was the Rev. F. W. Fulford, vicar of St. Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge. Good congregations attended all the services, but the collections on Thursday and Sunday morning which, as usual were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, were rather below the average of recent years. They amounted to £6 15s. The collection on Sunday evening for church expenses realised £2 7s. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., have been sent to Addenbrooke's.

ADVERT. 22nd Oct. 1926

WINTER TIME IS Reading Time. Join Lee's Lending Library. 400 books. Finest fiction, foremost authors. One penny per book per week.

ANOTHER LAMP. 22nd Oct. 1926

Following the good example set by the landlord of the White Horse inn, Mr. James Prior has placed a lamp outside his premises at Boxworth End, opposite the Longstanton-road.

CHURCH BELLS. 22nd Oct. 1926

F.W. writes: It has been said in the village that the Swavesey bell-ringers are lazy people. As I happened to be passing the church recently I had a pull on the bells, and I can state that only strong men can ring them in their present condition, and then only for five or ten minutes at the longest. As I have rung in nearly 100 different towers, I have come across indifferent "go" and tone of bells, and I have found that for tone Swavesey bells are good, but for "go" they are worse than the worst.

CLASSES AND LECTURES. 22nd Oct. 1926

Evening classes in woodwork, arithmetic, history and English literature have been arranged in connection with the Institute, and will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A fair number of students have joined,

but there is still room for a few more, and it is hoped that the young people of the village will take advantage of these classes. Agricultural lectures have also been arranged with the Rural Community Council, and these will be given in the Memorial Hall on Friday evenings. The date of the first lecture will be notified later. In conjunction with the Community Council it is also intended to hold concerts and various other social attractions during the winter.

MOTOR ACCIDENT. 22nd Oct. 1926

Mr. Alfred Baxter, of Fenstanton, and his wife, met with an accident when motoring on the Huntingdon-road about 1.50 p.m. on Thursday week. It appears that from some unknown cause the car, when passing a motor lorry, swerved on to the roadside grass and crashed against a telegraph pole. A clergyman riding by on a motor cycle rendered what help he could, and Mr. H. R. Lovell, of Swavesey, who came up in his car soon after the accident, hastened to Fenstanton to obtain a conveyance to take Mr. and Mrs. Baxter to their home, both being injured, the latter, it was feared, somewhat seriously. On arriving home they were examined by Dr. Grove, of St. Ives, who had been sent for, and he advised their removal to the Hunts. County Hospital. The car was badly damaged, and the telegraph pole bears marks of the collision.

RETIREMENT OF OLD PASTOR. 22nd Oct. 1926

Many of our readers in and around Swavesey will learn with interest that the Rev. B. G. Knight, who some 26 years ago was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, has retired from active ministerial work, and is enjoying a well-earned rest at Letchworth Garden City. A native of Evesham, his school days were spent in that town, and were followed by several years of business life. His inclinations were, however, towards the ministry, and he entered Spurgeon's College, coming under the influence not only of Spurgeon himself, but of Principal Gracey and Professors Fergusson and Marchant. Mr. Knight has only had three pastorates – the first at Tonbridge, the second at Swavesey, and the third at George-street Church, Fletton, Peterborough. This church was opened in May 1900, Mr. Knight beginning his ministry there in November of that year. He quickly won the love and esteem of the people, and in his work was ably seconded by his wife.

THE LATE MRS. R. MITHAM. 22nd Oct. 1926

There was a large attendance of villagers and other sympathising friends at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Mitham, wife of Mr. Robinson Mitham, which took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. In the absence of the

Vicar, who was away from home, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The mourners were: Mr. R. Mitham (husband), Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. and Mr. G. H. Skeeles, Mrs. and Mrs. C. J. Shepperson (daughters and sons-in-law), Masters John, Ernest and Bobbie Mitham (grandsons), Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. John Mitham (sisters-in-law), Miss Ellen Thorp Messrs. Fred Furniss (Hilton), Frank and Arthur Beaumont, J. W. and T. Mitham (nephews), Miss L. Beaumont and Mrs. F. Hemington (nieces), Mr. T. Johnson (Fen Drayton), Mr. W. E. Hephher (Wisbech), Mrs. G. Hawkes and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cain (cousins). There were representatives from the Mother's Union, of which Mrs. Mitham had been for many years a member. Many others were present from the village (list in newspaper). The coffin was of panelled oak with brass fittings.

ADVERT. 29th Oct. 1926

AT LEE'S, The Stationery Store, Xmas and New Year Cards, D'Oyleys, Dish Papers, Serviettes, Coloured Crepe Paper, Tinsel, Paint and Story Books, etc., etc.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 29th Oct. 1926

At a meeting of the Football Club, held on Friday evening, Mr. Arthur J. Hephher was appointed hon. secretary in place on Mr. J. Salmon, who is leaving the village.

TITHES, RATES, TAXES. 29th Oct. 1926

The first of a series of five lectures, under the auspices of the Cambs. Rural Community Council, on subjects allied to Agriculture, was given at the Institute on Friday evening by Mr. R. Ede of the Agricultural College, Cambridge, who dealt with "Tithes, Rates and Taxes, and their origin," in a way that kept his audience keenly interested from start to finish. A discussion, in which Mr. B. Hodson, Mr. H. R. Lovell, Mr. W. Thorp and others took part followed the lecture, and at the close Mr. Ede was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The next lecture will be given at 7 o'clock this (Friday) evening, at the National School, when Mr. Ede will take "Marketing and Co-operation" as his subject.

LIGHTS O'SWAVESEY. 29th Oct. 1926

"Skotos" writes: "The proceedings of our Parish Council make amusing reading. They remind one of a certain General who marched his troops up a hill and then he marched them down again. Why is it that on moonless nights

we have no street lamps? It is just as dark as it was before the war. If it was good to have lamps then, it surely would be the same now. We admire the public spirit of the two gentlemen who at their own expense are enlightening our darkness. Granted that burdens of life have been increased by taxes on mineral waters, tobacco and various other useful commodities, so that it may not be desirable ever to suggest a lighting rate, the writer suggests that where the householder is willing to "keep the home lights burning" he be allowed lamp and standard to do so. The writer would be willing so to act, and probably other residents would do the same. Of course, each person would be willing to "put out his light" when bed-time arrived.

LIBRARY. 5th Nov. 1926

The Swavesey branch of the County Library will be open this (Friday) evening, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., at the National School. An excellent selection of fresh books has just been received.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 5th Nov. 1926

Ex-Service men are asked to attend the evening service at the parish church on Sunday, and pay a tribute to the memory of their fallen comrades. They should meet at the churchyard gates at 6.15 p.m., and should wear their decorations and medals. A collection will be taken at the service in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

TRAIN AND POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 5th Nov. 1926

The following trains from Swavesey station were suspended on Monday last, and until further notice will be run on Saturdays only, viz.: 1.46 p.m. to Cambridge and 1.55 p.m. to St. Ives. In consequence of the withdrawal of the 1.46 p.m. train, the day mail from Swavesey is now being despatched by the 11.8 a.m. train to Cambridge. Last time of posting at Swavesey Post Office, 10.30 a.m.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 5th Nov. 1926

In spite of the inclement weather, a successful whist drive took place at the Memorial Hall on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Swavesey Football Club. Eleven tables were in play, over which Mr. T. Savage presided as M.C., and the prizes were won by: Ladies – Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. H. Holmes; gentlemen – Mr. D. Williams, Mr. H. Culpin, Mr. S. Clark.

MARKETING AND CO-OPERATION. 5th Nov. 1926

The second of a series of lectures on Subjects allied to Agriculture, was given by Mr. R. Ede at the National School on Friday, when an interesting and instructive lecture on Markets, Marketing and Co-operation was followed by an equally interesting discussion, in which Messrs. J. Day, H. R. Lovell, E. J. Mitham, A. L. Parish, C. Parish, A. Payne and others took part. The remaining lectures will be given at the School, and not at the Memorial Hall. Mr. Ede will deal with the "World's Food Supplies" this (Friday) evening.

THE INSTITUTE. 5th Nov. 1926

It is satisfactory to report that the Institute, under new management is "going strong," and is doing its "bit" towards the brightening of village life. The membership compares very favourably with that in previous years, the Monday dances are as popular as ever, and the lectures on subjects allied to agriculture, given under the auspices of the Cambs. Rural Community Council, are being exceptionally well attended. Next Monday evening the Noir et D'or Concert Party, a talented company working in conjunction with the Community Council, are to give a variety entertainment at the Memorial Hall, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the Institute. Their programme will include choruses, concerted pieces, songs, duets, interludes, etc. They have given great satisfaction to numerous audiences in the county, and there is little doubt but that Swavesey people will be more than pleased with them on Monday.

LIGHTS O' SWAVESEY. 5th Nov. 1926

Our Swavesey correspondent writes: The suggestion thrown out by "Skotos" in last week's "Press and News," that householders public-spirited enough to assist in lighting the village streets should be allowed the use of the public lamps and fittings to do so, is one that meets with the cordial approval of so many of the inhabitants, and I would suggest that "Skotos" and other householders whose residences are near standards should approach the Parish Council on the subject. The lamps and fittings, however, are understood to be in a bad condition, but possibly some might be found which are fit for use. The tree-lined road leading from the station into the village is particularly dangerous on moonless nights. People arriving by evening trains have to make their way through darkness that can be felt without a glimmer of light to guide them. They run the risk of falling into ditches or over heaps of granite and tar barrels, colliding with telegraph posts, excoriating their knuckles by painful contact with the churchyard wall, and finally of either stumbling over the raised causeway or walking into the Swan pond. Will some friend of mankind come to the rescue, and provide – at no expense to the parish, of

course – for the lighting of two or three lamps? There is one already at the churchyard gates, but it is only lighted on Sundays and for special services, and other standards are still in position. As regards the lamp which a week or two ago it was announced would be lighted by private enterprise at Boxworth End, I should like to explain that the householder who was to provide the lamp gave me the positive assurance that it would be in position and lighted before the announcement was published. No explanation of its non-appearance has reached me.

TREE PRUNING. 12th Nov. 1926

A demonstration of pruning of fruit trees will be given on the County Council smallholding, Mill-road, Swavesey, (Mr. W. Gleaves) next Wednesday, from 10.30 a.m., by Mr. A. T. Paskett, county horticultural adviser. All interested in fruit tree growing are cordially invited.

ACCIDENT. 12th Nov. 1926

When starting Mr. C. E. Page's motor delivery van at Warboys on Friday, Mr. Stanley Brooks, son of Mr. G. Brooks, Black Horse-lane, Swavesey, had his wrist somewhat seriously injured through the "kicking back" of the handle. He was taken into a house near by, where he was attended by a doctor, and later he was conveyed to Swavesey in a motor car for which Mr. Page sent.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 12th Nov. 1926

Twenty-two tables were in play at the whist drive, in aid of St. Dunstan's, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies – Miss A. Holbrook, Mrs. H. Holmes, Miss Ivy Thorp, booby Mrs. C. S. Hephner; gentlemen – Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. A. Bentley, Mr. H. Holmes, booby Mr. R. Mustill. The lucky number prize was secured by Mr. A. Milton, after a cut with Mr. R. Mustill. The number, 88 was the number of players present. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

CONCERT. 12th Nov. 1926

The wet and uncertain weather may to some extent have been the cause for the far from satisfactory attendance at the entertainment given by the Noir et D'or Concert Party at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening for the benefit of the Institute. The party, whose aim is to help to brighten village life, were paying their first visit to Swavesey, and for that reason alone were deserving of encouragement, and moreover the object to which the proceeds from the entertainment were to be devoted is one that ought to have the whole-hearted support of every villager. Those who did attend, it is believed, enjoyed and

appreciated the programme, which included concerted pieces, interludes, songs, duets, ensembles, etc. Every member of the party did his, or her, utmost to please the audience, and the pity is that the audience was not larger.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 12th Nov. 196

About 40 ex-Service men, who had assembled at the churchyard gates, under the command of Capt. R. Barwell, attended the evening service at the parish church on Sunday, seats having been reserved for them. The service, while being bright and hearty, was most impressive – J. S. Arkwright's beautiful "O valiant heart" was sung as the anthem, and in the singing of the hymns the large congregation joined right heartily. The Vicar, who officiated, in course of his sermon, which was particularly appropriate to the occasion, referred in terms of warm commendation to the work and unity of purpose of the British Legion. He also read the complete roll of the men of Swavesey who had served in the Navy, Army and Air Force during the war. The roll included the names of 26 men who made the supreme sacrifice, viz., 9 killed in action, 8 died from wounds (one while a prisoner of war in Bulgaria), 6 reported missing and subsequently presumed to have been killed, and three who died from disease due to service in the field, the graves of two of whom are in Swavesey churchyard. The collection in aid of Lord Haig's Fund amounted to £2 15s. The "Last Post," sounded by Capt. Barwell, and the National Anthem, sung by choir and congregation concluded the service. The bells were rung before the service, Mr. Walter Thorp pluckily taking the place of an absent ringer, notwithstanding that his health is not of the best and his years number more than three score and ten. At the memorial cross in the churchyard there was a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, and also flowers from relations of the fallen men.

FUNERAL. 12th Nov. 1926

The funeral of Miss Ellen Frances Carter, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Carter, of Bury St. Edmunds, and formerly of Ryder's Farm, Swavesey, who passed away at 36, Fornham-road, Bury St. Edmunds, after a short illness, on November 3rd, aged 56 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, officiated.

The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Chrissie Carter (sister), Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Miss Q. Cole (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirby (Over).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. L. Fluchen, Bury St. Edmunds.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 19th Nov. 1926

The net proceeds from last week's whist drive in aid of St. Dunstan's amounted to £6 6s. All the prizes and also the excellent refreshments were given by people in the village.

WHY THEY DID NOT GET TO MARKET. 19th Nov. 1926

When Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Mr. C. J. Shepperson were driving along the Huntingdon-road on their way to St. Ives Market on Monday morning, the horse fell near Scotland Drove, breaking one of the shafts of the trap. They had in consequence to return home.

B.W.T.A. 19th Nov. 1926

A well-attended meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association was held in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mrs. T. B. Field. Mrs. Latimer, of Cambridge, gave an address mainly dealing with the right of the people to have local option. Mrs. Harold Asplin was the soloist. After the meeting a very enjoyable social tea took place.

WORLD CALL. 19th Nov. 1926

The Rev. A. Fowler, of Fen Drayton, who has had considerable experience of church work in Canada, officiated at the evening service at Swavesey parish church on Sunday. In his sermon, which was in connection with the "World Call," he spoke of the changed conditions since the war, and the great opportunities for the Church to advance in her work, and the duty of every member of the Church to take his part in this forward movement. The Vicar of Swavesey took the evening service and preached at Fen Drayton.

FOR EARL HAIG'S FUND. 19th Nov. 1926

By the sale of Flanders poppies, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, £14 12s. was raised on Armistice Day for Earl Haig's Fund, an increase of £1 10s. on last year. Swavesey raised £8 15s. 1d. To this amount has to be added the collection at Swavesey parish church at evensong on Remembrance Day, £2 15s., making a total contribution to the fund from the district of £17 7s. The poppies were sold in Swavesey by Misses D. and K. Banks, E. Heasman, M. Parsons, C. Prior, Q. Spolton, J. Willson, Mrs. Berryman, and Mrs. H. Prime.

MISSIONARY MEETING. 19th Nov. 1926

In connection with the World Call, a meeting, under the auspices of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, was held at the National School on Tuesday evening. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, presided. The speaker, the Rev. A. G. de La Pryme, formerly Archdeacon of N.E. Rhodesia, gave a most interesting account of his experiences as a missionary on Lake Nyasa, his many and various duties including hospital work, supervision of schools, training of catechumens, in addition to the holding of services, etc. Once scene of his labours was a leper island on the lake established by Germans. A collection was taken on behalf of the Universities' Mission. At the close, the lecturer exhibited many interesting articles made by native workers, which, with books and calendars, were sold for the benefit of the mission.

OBITUARY. 19th Nov. 1926

The funeral of Mr. Charles Hepher, whose death, after an illness of four months' duration, occurred on Wednesday evening in last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. C. Hepher (widow), Mr. A. C. Hepher (son), Mrs. Maltby (sister-in-law), Mr. George Hepher, sen. (nephew), Miss M. A. Hepher (niece) and Mr. A. Hepher (nephew). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Born in Swavesey 72 years ago, the son of the late Mr. William Hepher, Charles Hepher lived practically the whole of his life in the village. He was a well-known local carpenter, and for many years was in the employ of the late Mr. John Mitham and his son and successor, Mr. Robinson Mitham. His health had been failing for some time, and he was very feeble, when on July 11, his 72nd birthday, he sustained a fracture of the neck of his right femur through falling downstairs. He leaves a widow, and of their family of three sons, only the youngest survives, the other two having fallen on the Western front in the war.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 26th Nov. 1926

Missionary day was observed last Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church, when able and interesting addresses were given in the morning and afternoon by Miss Williams, M.A., of Bengal. The Pastor preached at the evening service.

A WELCOME GIFT. 26th Nov. 1926

The Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton District Nursing Association have received a welcome donation of £3 from the Secretary of the Gransden Charity

Football Cup competition, for which the Swavesey Football Club entered last year, and again this year.

LANTERN LECTURE. 26th Nov. 1926

Under the auspices of the Bethel Young People's Society an interesting lecture on "London" was given on Monday by the Rev. C. S. King, F.R.G.S., of Somersham to a crowded audience. The lecture was illustrated by 130 beautiful slides, which were ably manipulated by Mrs. Field and Mr. G. Day. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

A MISSING LAMP POST. 26th Nov. 1926

Mr. Dick Wilderspin is anxious to know when the iron lamp post opposite his premises, which was knocked down and broken by a motor car, and for which, he understands, the Parish Council have received full compensation, will be replaced by a new standard. Mr. Wilderspin some time ago informed an official of the Council that he was prepared to find oil and keep the lamp alight at his own expense.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES. 26th Nov. 1926

The second series of agricultural lectures, given under the auspices of the Cambs. Rural Community Council in connection with Swavesey Institute, will commence this (Friday) evening. The subject of the series is "Botany," and the lecture is Dr. H. Godwin, of Clare College, Cambridge. The average attendance at the first series (subjects allied to agriculture), which concluded on Friday last, was 25, and the lively debate which followed each lecture was striking proof of the interest aroused. The lectures are being given at the National School.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE. 26th Nov. 1926

Mr. Robert Hephher, of High-street, when riding a bicycle, and at the same time leading a horse, met with an accident in Cow Fen-road on Saturday morning. The horse, frightened, it is said, by fowls, appears to have knocked Mr. Hephher off his machine, and he was found by Mr. Unwin, of Over, lying on the ground in a dazed and semi-conscious state. On being taken home in Mr. W. Kester's hand cart, it was found that in addition to bruised and shock caused by the fall, Mr. Hephher, who is over 70, had sustained injury to his head and leg. It is understood he is progressing satisfactorily.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Nov. 1926

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following Councillors attending: Mr. J. Linford (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, a letter was read from the Chairman, Mr. Charles Wood, resigning his membership of the Council on the ground that he would be fully occupied every evening during the next six months, and would, therefore, be unable to attend meetings of the Council. Mr. Wood's resignation having been accepted with regret, Mr. Frank Hephher was co-opted a councillor in his place, and Mr. Linford and Mr. Percy Parish were unanimously elected chairman and vice-chairman of the Council respectively. A communication from the hon. secretary of the Institute (Mr. C. Wood), addressed to the Memorial Hall Management Committee, which had been referred by the latter body to the Parish Council, was next taken into consideration. In the letter the Committee of the Institute asked that the Memorial Hall might be let to the Institute at a rental sufficient to cover the annual charges for the repayment of the Public Works Loan Board's loan on the building and interest. After prolonged discussion, the Council unanimously agreed that it was not desirable to comply with the request of the Institute Committee. The clerk read a letter from the Rev. T. B. Field, of Rutholme, Church End, offering, if the Council would erect a public lamp opposite his house at the southern end of the Swan pond, to provide for the lighting, etc., of the lamp. The Council decided that Mr. Field be given permission to erect a lamp, the expense to be borne by him, and the clerk was instructed to see him in the matter. (It will be remembered that a communication from "Scotos" appeared in the "Independent Press" a few weeks ago, suggesting that householders public-spirited enough to assist in lighting the village streets should be allowed the use of the lamps and fitting belonging to the parish.) Mr. Cole called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the wooden lamp standards throughout the village; several, he said, were shaky and unsafe, and one or two had tumbled down. He proposed that all shaky posts be removed and stored, and that the work be done by Mr. S. Challis. The proposition was seconded by Mr. R. Norman, and carried unanimously.

DANCE. 3rd Dec. 1926

A carnival dance took place in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the "What Knots" Jazz Band, from Cambridge, under the conductorship of Mr. Arthur F. Philips, supplying a programme of the latest dance music.

RAILWAY AND POSTAL SERVICES. 3rd Dec. 1926

On and from Monday next the trains from Swavesey railway station, which have been suspended since November 1st, will be restored, viz.: 1.46 p.m. to Cambridge, and 1.55 p.m. to St. Ives. The day mail will in consequence be despatched by the 1.46 p.m., instead of by the 11.8 a.m. train. Latest time of posting at Swavesey Post Office 1.15 p.m.

DEATH OF MRS. A. WILLIAMS. 3rd Dec. 1926

Swavesey has lost another of its aged and most respected inhabitants, the second within two days, by the death of Mrs. Eliza Williams, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Williams, grocer and draper, High-street, which occurred about 12.30 a.m. yesterday (Thursday). Mrs. Williams, whose health had been failing for some time, had attained the great age of 88 years. She leaves one son, Mr. H. H. Williams, who succeeded to the grocery and drapery business on the death of his father.

DEATH OF AN OCTAGENARIAN. 3rd Dec. 1926

We have to record the death of Mr. George Trundley, who passed away after a short illness at Frere Cottages on Tuesday morning, aged 81 years. The son of the late Mr. George Trundley, who was one of the last men in the parish to wear habitually a smock frock, he belonged to an old Swavesey family, and was much respected. He leaves an aged widow, for whom much sympathy is felt, two sons, one of whom is in Australia, and five daughters.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd Dec. 1926

Twenty-one tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, in aid of the funds of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss C. Thorp, Miss D. Milton, Miss P. Willson, lucky number Mrs. J. Prior, booby Mrs. Loades; gentlemen – Mr. E. Webb, Mr. C. Savage, Mr. J. J. Marriott, lucky number Mr. H. Burling, booby Mr. B. Prime. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £5 15s.

LOST IN THE FOG. 3rd Dec. 1926

During the thick fog on Thursday evening in last week a Swavesey labourer completely lost his bearing when crossing the fields from Highfield Farm to his home at Boxworth End. As his absence from the evening meal caused his aged parents much anxiety, search was made for him, and one searcher guided by shouts in the distance discovered the missing man stranded in a field near Tippler's Drove. How he got there neither the man, nor anyone else, can

explain, as between the farm and the field there is a large ditch, or drain, and also barbed wire, none of which the wanderer is said to have encountered.

DISHONOURING THE ROLL OF HONOUR. 3rd Dec. 1926

On my return to Swavesey on Monday evening I was astounded to learn, writes Mr. C. R. Vincent, that on the case containing the Roll of Honour at the Memorial Hall a poster announcing a Cinema show had been affixed covering the names of the men of Swavesey who had made the supreme sacrifice in the war, and in whose memory the hall was erected. Beneath the poster, also affixed to the case with drawing pins, was a slip of paper bearing the words "Saturday next" in MS. I desire, as the official compiler of the Roll, to enter an emphatic protest against this scandalous insult to the memory of the men who fought and died for us, and, in doing so, I feel sure that I am voicing the feelings of every right-minded inhabitant of Swavesey. I should much like to know what the Committee of Management of the Hall have to say in the matter, and what steps they propose to take to prevent a recurrence of the outrage.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd Dec. 1926

A sale of work in aid of the recent renovation fund was opened in Bethel schoolroom on Thursday week by Mrs. F. Kirby, of Over, who congratulated the people upon the very pretty and tasteful decorations of the church and premises. The sum it was desired to raise was £25, but the sale resulted in £31 being obtained. The organisers were gratified to see many friends present from the parish church, including Mrs. Stebbing, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. Bignell, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss Garner and others. The Chairman, Rev. T. B. Field, expressed his delight at seeing so many there, and hoped it was an augury for the future. Whilst we differ on comparatively minor matters, we are one in the great essentials of the faith. He would like, he said, to see the Christians of the village united in all general efforts for the uplifting of the people. During the day, under the able conductorship of Mr. G. E. Canham, short sacred concerts were given, mainly by friends from Willingham and Histon. The absence through illness of Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman was much regretted.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 10th Dec. 1926

The Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a welcome donation of five guineas from the trustees of the Over Town Lands Charity.

THE LATE MRS. A. WILLIAMS. 10th Dec. 1926

The Rev. H. Wiles, of St. Ives, officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Williams, widow of the late Mr. Alfred Williams, which took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. The hymn "All hail the power" was sung at the grave, which was at the side of that in which her husband had been laid to rest sixteen years ago. The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. G. D. Williams (stepson), Mrs. R. Sutton (stepdaughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. Day, Mr. James Webster, Miss E. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day, Mrs. and Miss Parish (Bedford), Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mortlock (nephews and nieces). The coffin was of polished oak with brass furniture. There were no flowers, by request. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th Dec. 1926

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, Mr. C. Culpin, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Mr. F. Hepher having signed the necessary declaration preparatory to his taking his seat on the Council in succession to Mr. C. Wood, resigned, a further letter from the Committee of the Institute respecting the Institute's connection with the Hall, was discussed at some length. The Clerk announced that the Rev. T. B. Field had intimated his acceptance of the Council's conditions relative to the erection of a public lamp on his residence, "Rutholme," opposite the Swan pond, and that the lamp would be in position shortly. On the proposition of Mr. Hepher, seconded by Mr. Burton, it was agreed unanimously that an iron lamp post should be erected at the junction of High-street, Taylor's-lane and Church End, in place of the post knocked down by a motor car some time ago, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain an estimate of the cost from Mr. D. Wilderspin.

FUNERAL. 10th Dec. 1926

The funeral of Mr. George Trundley, whose death on November 30th at the age of 81 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners included: Mrs. Trundley (widow), Mr. and Mrs. A. Trundley (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. S. Bridgeford (daughter), H. Barker, Mrs. and Mr. D. Hardy, Mrs. and Mr. H. Barker, Mrs. and Mr. B. Bath, Mrs and Mr. S. Trundley (daughters and sons-in-law), Miss L. Trundley, Misses Lily, Rose and Vera Bath, Mr. and Mrs. R. Trundley (grandchildren). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

SALE OF WORK. 10th Dec. 1926

A successful sale of work in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs. H. Slater, of Cambridge. The stalls were well patronised. There were also various competitions, and Miss Beaumont, as Father Christmas, was a great attraction, especially for the children. During the afternoon the proceedings were enlivened by music by Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Miss Spolton. A whist drive, for which Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C., followed in the evening. Twenty-two tables were in play.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 17th Dec. 1926

The net proceeds from the sale of work and whist drive, held recently at the Memorial Hall in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, amounted to £38 0s. 2d.

JOHN BUNYAN. 17th Dec. 1926

Bethel Young People's Society had a very full house on Monday, when the Rev. T. B. Field gave a lantern lecture on "John Bunyan." Mrs. Field presided.

CARNIVAL DANCE. 17th Dec. 1926

A masked carnival dance, which took place in the Memorial Hall on December 9th, attracted a large gathering. The Cambridge "What Knots" jazz band, conducted by Mr. Arthur F. Phillips provided a good programme of the latest dance music.

WEDDING. 17th Dec. 1926

The marriage of Miss Azubah Gleaves, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gleaves, of Willingham and Swavesey, and Mr. F. W. Thurmott, of Lowestoft, took place very quietly at Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday morning. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor, officiated.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 17th Dec. 1926

The division of the surplus funds of the "Rising Sun" sick and share-out club took place on Wednesday evening, each member receiving £1 4s. 4d½. The total receipts during the year amounted to £79 0s. 8d., and the sick benefit and other expenses to £9 11s. The annual supper was held at the Memorial Hall yesterday (Thursday) evening.

MORE HOUSES. 17th Dec. 1926

The question of providing additional houses in the village has been under the consideration of the Swavesey District Council for some time, and at their meeting on Friday last, it was decided to erect two pairs of houses at Conington and three pairs at Swavesey, to be let at rents which agricultural labourers will be able to pay.

GALON'S CHARITY. 17th Dec. 1926

Complaint is made by a Feoffee of Galon's Charity of the inadequate accommodation for meetings of his board at the National School. He says that while chairs are supplied for the Chairman and the clerk, the other Feoffees have to sit on desks provided for the use of infants, which, in addition to being undignified and uncomfortable, were not constructed to bear the weight of portly gentlemen. He suggests that as the School receives a yearly grant from the Charity, the comfort of the Feoffees is worthy of some consideration.

B.W.T.A. 17th Dec. 1926

The monthly meetings of the British Women's Temperance Association took place in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week. A meeting for mothers was held in the afternoon, followed by a well-provided tea, and in the evening there was a large gathering when the following programme was rendered: Pianoforte duet, Misses M. Coulson and V. Parish; vocal duets, Mr. and Mrs. Canham, Mrs. J. Day and Mr. J. W. Williams; solos, Miss D. Aldred and Miss D. Godfrey; recitations, Mrs. Savage, Misses Ethel and B. Savage; and dialogue by Misses Dodson and Savage. Mrs. Aldred was the accompanist. An address was given by the Rev. T. B. Field on "Excuses." Mrs. T. B. Field presided at both meetings.

LABOUR PARTY CONCERT. 17th Dec. 1926

Mr. Sidney Dye presided at a concert arranged by the Cambridgeshire Labour Party, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The programme included excellent and well-appreciated violin solos by Mr. Donald Barber, of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Mr. L. I. Nicholson, of Swavesey, popular selections by the Swavesey String Quartette, under the leadership of Mr. B. Sutton, and amusing comic songs by Mr. Burt Miller, of Harston. In an interesting speech Mr. G. T. Garratt drew attention to the great need for a progressive housing policy in the villages. This led to a number of questions which emphasised the need for more new houses in Swavesey and district at rents which the working people with wages of £2 per week and

under can afford to pay. A vote of thanks to the artistes, proposed by Mr. Horne brought the evening to a close.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 24th Dec. 1926

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, Doris Ethel Williamson, daughter of Mr. R. Williamson, passed in grade I., grammar of music. She is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, Silver-street, Willingham.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING. 24th Dec. 1926

Members of the Rising Sun sick and share-out club assembled in full strength for their annual supper, which was held at the Memorial Hall, on the 16th inst., and after doing justice to the excellent fare provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heasman, thoroughly enjoyed a capital entertainment given by Messrs. Reg. Clark (pianoforte selections), G. Brown, S. Maltby, W. G. Papworth (songs), and Fred Tuck (juggling tricks, monologues, etc.) Mr. J. Culpin presided. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the concert party and the host and hostess.

OBITUARY. 24th Dec. 1926

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Marriott, whose death, after years of failing health, occurred on December 13th, at St. Ives Infirmary, took place on Friday last at Swavesey Cemetery, the Rev. R. H. Corlett, of St. Ives (Primitive Methodist Circuit minister), officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marriott (nephew and niece), Miss Holbrook and Mrs. S. Carter (Over). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Miss Marriott, who had attained the great age of 86 years, was a daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Marriott, of Swavesey, and his wife Elizabeth, nee Allen, of Over.

GAS EXPLOSION. 24th Dec. 1926

Mr. C. F. Banks, of The Priory, Swavesey, met with a serious accident on Thursday evening in last week when entering the shed containing the apparatus which supplies the acetylene gas for the house. There had apparently been a leakage, as immediately the door was opened a violent explosion occurred. Mr. Banks was severely burned about the head, face and hands, and also sustained cuts, presumably from fragments of glass. The shed was damaged, the door and window being smashed, but the former, it is thought, shielded Mr. Banks to some extent from the full force of the explosion. Mr. Banks, it is understood, is going on as well as can be expected.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th Dec. 1926

A whist drive in aid of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, 18 tables being occupied. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss C. Thorp, Miss Carrier, Mrs. J. J. Marriott, Mrs. H. G. Key; gentlemen – Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. B. Prime, Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. J. J. Marriott, highest number of 4's, Mr. J. Ginn. Mr. D. Williams officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £3 15s. A welcome donation of 10s. has been received from Mr. L. Williams, of Brisbane, Australia, an old member of the club.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 24th Dec. 1926

At the annual share-out of the White Horse Mutual Benefit Club on Friday evening lady members received £1 6s. 7d. each and men members £1 4s. 7d. each. The total receipts for the year amounted to £70 8s. 4d., and the expenditure to £2 15s. 8d., viz., sick benefit £1 18s. 8d., and other expenses 17s. On Monday, after an excellent supper provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moyne, the members had a very pleasant social evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. T. Froment. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Holmes, B. Walker, R. Seekings, J. Moyne, T. Bishop, J. Hall and the chairman; Mr. D. Williams gave a recitation, and Mr. P. H. Lee gramophone selections. At the close hearty cheers were given for the host and hostess.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Dec. 1926

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall last Friday evening to receive a deputation from the committee of the Village Institute, who desired to inspect the deeds relating to the hall and the land on which it stands. The following councillors were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hephner, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Prior to the arrival of the deputation, Mr. Dick Wilderspin's estimate for the erection of a new iron lamp post at the junction of High-street, Taylor's lane and Church End was accepted. The deputation (Rev. C. F. Stebbing, president of the Institute, and Mr. C. Wood, hon. secretary) inspected a document bearing the seal of the Charity Commissioners, which showed that the hall and land were invested solely in the Parish Council to be held for the benefit of the parishioners. In reply to Mr. Wood, the clerk stated that the document by which the residuary legatee of the late Mr. George Long had surrendered all claim to the property was in the possession of the Public Works Loan Board. Before the deputation withdrew, Mr. Wood made certain suggestions as to the

letting of the hall, and the raising of money for the repayment of the Public Works Loan Board's loan on the property. The Council subsequently agreed to the appointment for three months from the 1st January next of a sub-committee, consisting of four parish councillors and four members of the Institute Committee, charged with the duty of arranging entertainments, etc., with the object of raising money for the repayment of the loan and the upkeep of the hall. Messrs. F. Burton, F. Hephher, P. Parish and H. Wells were appointed the Council's representatives on the sub-committee.

ACCIDENT. 31st Dec. 1926

Mr. William Daisley has been confined to his bed during Christmastide owing to his having severely sprained his knee when playing with a ball with his younger son.

GUESSING FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 31st Dec. 1926

The marrow pip guessing competition, organised by Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun inn, resulted in £2 11s. 6d. being raised for Addenbrooke's Hospital.

LIGHTS O' SWAVESEY. 31st Dec. 1926

The street lamp lent by the Parish Council to the Rev. T. B. Field for erection on his house opposite the Swan pond, was lighted for the first time on Thursday week. Mr. Field, it will be remembered, kindly volunteered to maintain the lamp, and be responsible for lighting and extinguishing it.

CAROLS. 31st Dec. 1926

Swavesey and Fen Drayton carol singers perambulated the village streets on the evenings of Thursday and Friday in last week, Mr. J. W. Williams acting as conductor. A collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, taken by Miss Parsons and Mr. A. C. Hephher, realised £6 15s. 6½d., making with £2 11s. 3½d collected at Fen Drayton on Wednesday evening, a total contribution of £9 6s. 10d.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Dec. 1926

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 6, 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral), matins 10.30 a.m., evensong with anthems and carols 3 p.m. All services were well attended, and the number of communicants was above the average. The collections, which amounted to £3 15s., were in accordance with custom in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society. The church was effectively decorated

with flowers, evergreens, etc., by the usual band of devoted ladies. The anthem and carols were repeated at evensong on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS TREAT. 31st Dec. 1926

The children of the Swavesey School had their annual Christmas treat on December 22nd, when they received a visit from Father Christmas. Parents were especially invited to be present and see the exhibition of work done by the scholars in the various forms. The main room was decorated with streamers and lanterns made by the children, and all desks and other impedimenta were cleared. At the afternoon assembly games of various kinds were played to the great amusement of scholars and parents. In the midst of the fun came a loud knocking at the door, which, on being opened, revealed Santa Claus in all his well-known regalia, with his two attendants, Jack Frost and the Snow King, carrying huge bundles. After greeting the staff, parents and children, Santa Claus proceeded to open the bags he carried and to call out the different children for their presents. This caused great excitement. Meanwhile the satellites of Santa Claus were busy distributing apples and oranges to the children and their friends. When the bag was empty Santa called for a song, and the children sang with great gusto carols and songs of their own choosing. A very pleasant afternoon closed with a vote of thanks to the school staff, proposed by Mr. Heasman, and carried with acclamation. The children desire to express their thanks to the gentleman who so kindly contributed the oranges and apples.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE. 7th Jan. 1927

The carnival dance, organised by Miss Elsie Dodson in aid of the Memorial Hall, which was held on New Year's Eve, was an undoubted success. There was a large attendance, the Zivola Syncopaters providing an admirable programme of dance music, and the refreshments were excellent. As the result of her effort Miss Dodson has been able to hand £7 to the Hall Committee.

WHIST DRIVE. 7th Jan. 1927

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive, organised by Mrs. H. H. Berryman and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Tagg, Miss Pook, Miss Butler, mystery Mrs. Barwell; gentlemen – Mr. S. Clark, Mr. G. Bentley, Mr. B. Burton, mystery Mr. S. F. Mitham. The net proceeds amounted to about £3 12s.

CYCLE AND CAR COLLIDE. 7th Jan. 1927

Mr. John Richard Hassall, of the Council Houses, Swavesey, who was riding home from Cambridge on an ordinary bicycle on Tuesday afternoon, owing to some misunderstanding came into collision with a motor car driven by Mr. Cecil Dean, of School-lane, Swavesey, when passing the turning to Lolworth on the Huntingdon-road, fortunately escaped with no worse injury than a cut face. The back wheel of the cycle was buckled and the radiator of the car was damaged.

CAPTAIN BRISCOE'S VISIT. 7th Jan. 1927

A large company assembled in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening for a social arranged by the combined committee of the local Conservative and Unionist Associations. Song and dance proceeded merrily until the arrival of the County Member, who was accorded an enthusiastic reception, and a hearty vote of thanks on the completion of his speech dealing with the record of the Government, and the many Acts of importance which have been passed during the last session. He particularly referred to the lessons to be learnt from the industrial disputes of 1926, and expressed the hope that goodwill in industry would re-establish those industries which had been effected by the troubles, and bring general prosperity, not only to the country, but to all sections of the people. Mr. Barwell, who was chairman and M.C., kept up an excellent programme, songs being rendered by Miss Thoday, Miss Parsons, Mr. A. Beaumont and the Cambs. Conservative Concert Party, who arrived later, with Mr. Light. Mr. Wood and Miss Beaumont and their committee were responsible for the general arrangements. A letter was read from Mrs. Banks much regretting her inability to be present, and after the usual votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. E. J. Warboys, seconded by Mr. Mitham, a most enjoyable gathering was brought to a close.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 14th Jan. 1927

Mrs. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, has received a much appreciated donation of £2 from Over Baptist Chapel.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th Jan. 1927

Special evangelistic services are being held at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evenings during the present month. At last Sunday's service Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham gave an able rendering of the duet "Saved by Grace," and next Sunday Mr. White, of Histon, will be the soloist.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 14th Jan. 1927

A large gathering assembled on Monday at the weekly session of the Young People's Society connected with Bethel Baptist Church to hear the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham Tabernacle, but unforeseen circumstances prevented his attendance, and the Rev. T. B. Field gave an interesting talk on the "Recollections of Devon."

LOCAL LABOUR PARTY. 14th Jan. 1927

At a meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, it was decided to form a local Labour party for Swavesey. Mr. Sidney Dye (agent for the County), who presided, after outlining the organisation and work of a local Labour party, said the object was to enable the Labour supporters in each village to work along the lines best suited to their locality. Mr. A. H. Jones also spoke. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Payne; secretary, Mr. C. Savage; treasurer, Mr. H. Wright; committee, Messrs. Prime, Sutton, Seekings and Clark. Members of the Over Labour party were present at the meeting, which terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dye.

NEW BILLIARDS LEAGUE. 14th Jan. 1927

At a meeting held on Monday evening at the Memorial Hall of delegates from Swavesey Institute, Willingham, Fenstanton, St. Ives Conservative Club, and St. Ives Liberal Club, final arrangements were made for the establishment of the Swavesey and District Billiards League, and the list of fixtures was drawn up. A challenge cup will be offered for competition, to be held by the winning team during the ensuing season. Several other clubs, which had previously intimated their intention to join the League, did not send delegates to the meeting. The first match will be played next Monday, when Fenstanton will entertain Willingham. It is hoped that more clubs will join the League in October, when the next season will commence.

EPIPHANY TEA. 14th Jan. 1927

There was a good attendance at the annual "Epiphany" tea, which was held in the National Schools on Tuesday evening. After tea Archdeacon Hayes, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, gave an interesting address. Introduced by the Vicar as one who for many years had worked among our fellow-countrymen abroad, the Archdeacon spoke of the work of settlers in the great provinces of Canada, of the help given by chaplains of the S.P.G. to emigrants at all stages of their journey, and of the financial assistance rendered by the Government to farm labourers who emigrated. He also spoke of the strenuous work of clergy in the vast dioceses, and deplored the fact that no religious teaching was given in Canadian schools. Concluding, he asked the audience to give all in their

power – their prayers and alms – to help the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose representative he was. A collection was taken for the Society.

FORD VAN WRECKED. 14th Jan. 1927

Collision with Two-Seater Near Swavesey.

A Ford van was wrecked and its driver slightly injured as the result of a collision with a two-seater car on the Huntingdon-road last Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred at the point where the Swavesey road enters the Huntingdon road by the New Inn. A two-seater car was coming out of the Swavesey turning on its way to Cambridge, when in some way it came into collision with the van which was being driven from Cambridge by William Birt, van dweller, of Rothwell-road, Kettering.

The Ford was turned completely over on to its back, with the wheels in the air, and was severely damaged. Birt received slight injuries to the left shoulder, a slight wound in the head, and a cut hand. He was taken into the inn, and was shortly afterwards conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital by the Borough Police ambulance. Here it was found that he was also suffering from shock.

The driver of the two-seater, Mr. H. R. Lovell, of Swavesey, was not injured, but his car was damaged. The other occupant of the van, Mr. Alfred Bradshaw, also escaped injury.

HOCKEY CLUB. 21st Jan. 1927

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, on the occasion of a whist drive in aid of the funds of the Swavesey Hockey Club. Fifteen tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Webb (Over), Mrs. C. Dean, booby Mr. H. Culpin; gentlemen – Mr. F. W. Pontefract, Mr. S. Clark, booby Mr. A. B. Palmer (Over). Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

BILLIARD LEAGUE. 21st Jan. 1927

The first match in connection with the newly formed Swavesey and District Billiard League was played on Monday between teams representing Willingham and Fenstanton, the former winning three of the five games.

DANCE. 21st Jan. 1927

The three-score dancers who attended the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening spent a happy time, and took full advantage of the excellent programme of music provided by the Zivola Syncopators. The prize, a fitted

attaché case, for the lucky number competition was won by Miss Ethel Heasman. The dance was organised by the special joint committee representing the Parish Council and the Institute, and the proceeds were in aid of the Memorial Hall.

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN. 21st Jan. 1927

We have to announce the death of Mr. John Bridgeford, who passed away on Monday at Over, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Doggett, with whom he had lived for the last two or three years. Mr. Bridgeford, who had attained the great age of 90, belonged to an old Swavesey family noted for their longevity, being the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgeford. He had been in failing health for some time, and confined to his bed for three or four months.

MEETING OF CHURCH ELECTORS. 21st Jan. 1927

The annual Parochial Church meeting was held at the National School on Tuesday evening, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presiding, supported by Mr. H. H. Wells (churchwarden) and Mrs. Banks (secretary of the Church Council). The church expenses accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £17, were passed, and it was announced that £750 1s. 10d. stood to the credit of the Church Repair Fund, of which £670 had been invested and £74 was in the bank. The whole of the Church Council were re-elected, viz., Messrs. R. Barwell and R. Mitham, sen. (representatives to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences), Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cooksey, Miss Beaumont, Messrs. C. S. Hephner, S. F. Mitham and G. J. Paine. The sidesmen were also re-appointed, but the hope was expressed that in future they would attend more regularly. Before the meeting closed Mrs. Cooksey moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. C. F. Banks (vicar's warden) who recently met with a serious accident from the effects of which he is, however, happily recovering. The proposition was carried by acclamation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. 21st Jan. 1927

ALIEN DOMINATION OF SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sir, - I am given to understand that at the last meeting of the Swavesey District Council Mr. G. A. Harrison, relieving officer for the district, was appointed the rating officer, who is to supersede the rate collectors, for the six parishes in the district, viz., Swavesey, Over, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth. There were other candidates for the post, all of whom reside in the district, whereas Mr. Harrison lives in Huntingdonshire.

As to the respective merits of the various candidates I offer no opinion, but I understand that the appointment has aroused considerable indignation in at least one parish, and when the facts become generally known there is reason to believe that the feeling of dissatisfaction and indignation will spread.

These six Cambridgeshire parishes will in future be controlled by officials, all of whom, with the sole exception of the road surveyor, are Huntingdonshire men, resident in that county, and with Huntingdonshire interests. I used the word "controlled" advisedly.

The Swavesey Council is ridiculously small, consisting as it does of eight councillors, all farmers, with a co-opted chairman, once resident in the district, but for some years living in Cambridge, who now, it is believed, has no interest in the district. The Council is attached to the St. Ives Board of Guardians. Surely this would have been a good opportunity to have relieved the district from the domination of an alien county, and to have had the six unfortunate parishes, if constituting a district not large enough to stand alone, amalgamated with one of the other Cambridgeshire districts. Ratepayers in the Swavesey district must not forget that in future they will have to journey to St. Ives if they wish to interview the rating officer, and that the day when the rate collector could be seen at all hours will be a thing of the past. – Yours, etc.,

“NOT CRICKET.”

January 17th, 1927

SEQUEL TO MOTOR ACCIDENT AT SWAVESEY CORNER. 21st Jan. 1927

Conflicting Evidence.

An accident on the Swavesey Corner on the Huntingdon to Cambridge road, in which a Ford van going from Cambridge to Huntingdon was knocked completely over by a car coming from the direction of Swavesey to Cambridge, had a sequel in the Cambs. Divisional Bench last Saturday.

Henry Robinson Lovell, of Council Houses, Swavesey, was summoned for driving a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public near Swavesey on Jan. 8th. Mr. Grafton Pryor, instructed by Messrs. Lyon and Son, appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty.

William Burt, a skin dealer, of Rockwell-road, Kettering, said he was driving the motor van for Mr. Bradshaw. He was coming from Brandon, and had passed through Newmarket and Cambridge. He was on his way to Huntingdon. At the Swavesey corner he was going 15 to 20 miles an hour. At the corner the near side wheels of the van were about 18 inches from the near side of the road. Witness sounded his horn two or three times. A car came

round the Swavesey corner at a dangerous speed. It was on the wrong side of the white line. The car was going very fast, but witness could not estimate speed. The car came straight across the road and hit witness's van. Witness did not remember anything after the accident. He regained consciousness in the Cambridge Hospital.

Supt. Allen said that the width of the road where the accident happened was 44 feet.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pryor, witness said the private car was on the wrong side of the road. He had been driving a car for 12 years and had never had an accident before.

Alfred Bradshaw, a skin dealer, of Rockwell-road, Kettering, who was in the Ford van with the last witness at the time of the accident, stated that they were going about 20 to 25 miles an hour. After the accident he was in a dazed condition. A man took Mr. Burt into the New Inn. Mr. Burt was later taken to the Hospital in an unconscious state. Witness went over to defendant, who did not complain of any injury. Defendant said to him, "Are you insured?" Witness replied, "No, sir." Defendant said, "I am. You can do the best you can. Don't be so funny. Why don't you speak and see if we can't come to some agreement?" Witness told him he did not want to argue with him, as he (defendant) was drunk. Defendant did not offer any assistance to the injured man. He was going to drive away, but witness asked him twice to wait until a constable arrived. A gentleman in the New Inn gave witness and defendant a lift to St. Ives. At St. Ives defendant fell out of the car on to his hands and knees. Witness did not think defendant was a fit person to drive a car.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pryor, witness said he did not tell the police that defendant was drunk. He did not think the defendant fell out of the car as a result of the shock of the accident.

Stephen Sidney Gifford, of 79, Vinery-road, Cambridge, employed as a joiner, stated that on the afternoon of Jan. 8th he was with a party of fellows going by car to Over to play a football match. Witness was sitting next the driver in the front seat. Just before reaching Swavesey corner the car witness was in slowed up to allow a Ford van to pass it, as they were turning into the Swavesey-road. The private car came round the corner and struck the van near the rear wheel. The Ford van was 18 inches from the near side of the road and travelling at about 20 miles per hour. The private car, a Wolsey two-seater, was over on the wrong side of both white lines. The car in which witness was in was about 30 yards behind the van. The van, when hit, fell over on to the side of the grass. Witness thought defendant had been drinking, as he seemed unsteady on his feet.

Harold Douglas Gray, sports outfitter, of 220 Milton-road, Cambridge, stated that on the afternoon of Jan. 8th he was motoring to Huntingdon. When he arrived at the Swavesey turning he found that an accident had taken place. He stopped to see if he could render any assistance. The Ford van was on the grass on its back, facing Huntingdon. Witness noticed that the accident had taken place on the near side, going in the direction of Cambridge. Defendant said he wanted to go to Cambridge on business. He seemed excited, and was waving his arms about. He said he was insured and he would be all right. He later asked witness if he would be a witness to the accident for his insurance company. Witness went to Swavesey for the police, but had to go on to Boxworth to obtain a policeman. Witness returned to the New Inn. By defendant's manner he thought he had had drink. Defendant was somewhat incoherent.

P.C. Bell, stationed at Boxworth, said that in consequence of information he went to the New Inn. The Ford van was upside down on the grass with its bonnet on the road. Witness saw the defendant, and when writing a statement defendant kept making a kind of hiccough, as if he had had something to drink. On the back wing of the off side of the Ford van there was a small round mark. It looked as if it had been hit by the small lamp of the private car. On the private car the off-side front wing had been knocked back.

Cross-examined by Mr. Pryor, witness said it had been raining, and was raining at the time. The road was wet, but not slippery.

THE DEFENDANT'S CASE.

Defendant, on oath, said that he was Justice of the Peace for the county of Hertfordshire. He had been driving a car since 1922, and had never had a charge of any description brought against him before. He had motored about 200,000 miles. He had had to go all over England for his work, which was responsible for his tremendous mileage. On the afternoon of the day mentioned he was driving from Swavesey to Cambridge at about 15 to 20 miles per hour. On nearing the corner he slowed down to ten miles an hour, sounding his horn once or twice. He did not hear the Ford van sound its horn. It was proceeding at a fast pace in the direction of Huntingdon. It was over the crown of the road – on the wrong side of the white line. The Ford van appeared to be going to the New Inn. The front wheels of the van hit defendant's radiator. In between hitting defendant's car and toppling over the van had gone 20 yards. Defendant thought the accident was due to the Ford van. Defendant's car finished up on his off-side of the road, as his steering gear was put out of action. He was terribly shaken up by the accident.

Defendant stated that he was crippled in one leg. He was not under the influence of drink. He had ridden to St. Ives on the dicky seat, which he was

not used to. On getting out he put his lame foot on the ground and it gave way. He fell down, but got up immediately.

Going on to speak of the accident again, defendant said he asked someone to go for the police. The Ford van was half on the road and half on the grass. Someone fetched a rope from the New Inn, and the van was steered on to the grass.

Cross-examined by Supt. Allen, defendant admitted that he had had three small glasses of beer at the Rising Sun publichouse, Swavesey. He rounded the corner on the left hand side of the road. A Ford van would turn over much easier than a car of his (defendant's) make, since a Ford was built higher. Defendant tried the engine of his car to see if it would run.

Reginald George Parker, a motor engineer, of St. Ives, said that he had inspected the car belonging to Mr. Lovell. He thought the car had been hit very hard by something. Witness thought the Ford van must have been very far over on the right hand side of the road. The Ford front axle was bent back. Frederick Crane, motor engineer, of Hobson-street, Cambridge, said he had examined the Ford van. Witness thought that one wheel had been smashed in the collision, and the other wheel smashed by having too much weight on it. Without retiring, the magistrates decided to convict. Defendant was fined £10, with witnesses' fees, amounting to £3 15s. 2d., and his licence was endorsed.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 28th Jan. 1927

The Rev. T. B. Field gave a lantern lecture on "Belgium" to a good and appreciative audience at Bethel Baptist Church on Monday. The slides were kindly lent by the L.N.E.R.

DEATH OF OLDEST PARISHIONER. 28th Jan. 1927

By the death in her 95th year of Mrs. Caroline Covill, widow of the late Mr. John Covill, Swavesey has lost its oldest parishioner. She had been in failing health for some years, and latterly had been a patient in St. Ives Infirmary, where she passed away on Sunday. Mrs. Covill leaves three sons and one daughter.

BILLIARD LEAGUE. 28th Jan. 1927

For their first match in the newly-formed Swavesey and District Billiard League, the Swavesey team had to meet St. Ives Conservative Club at St. Ives on Monday evening, the match resulting in a win for the homesters by four games to one.

MEMORIAL HALL. 28th Jan. 1927

Owing probably to the inclement weather only eight tables were occupied at the whist drive, organised by the Entertainments Committee appointed by the Parish Council and Institute Committee, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Bignell, Mrs. W. Spolton, Mrs. W. Thorp; Gentlemen – Mr. H. Brooks, Mr. Webb (Over), Mr. P. Burton. Mr. S. Clark officiated as M.C.

ANOTHER LAMP LIGHTED. 28th Jan. 1927

The new lamp post which has been erected at the junction of High-street, Taylor's-lane and Church End by the Parish Council in place of one knocked down by a motor car some time ago, was brought into use last week. Mr. Dick Wilderspin, of Swavesey, to whom the work was entrusted, has had the post painted red, and has provided an excellent lamp, which will be of great service, as there is a dangerous bend in the road where it is placed. Mr. Wilderspin has generously undertaken to provide the oil, etc., for the lamp at his own expense, and to be responsible for lighting and extinguishing it.

ACCIDENT. 28th Jan. 1927

Herbert Peppercorn, son of Mr. Joseph Peppercorn, Boxworth End, a youth employed by Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, when cranking up a motor van at Fen Drayton on Monday afternoon, had his wrist broken through the engine misfiring. A similar accident happened to another Swavesey youth quite recently. Young Peppercorn returned to Swavesey, a Fen Drayton resident kindly volunteering to drive the van, and later he was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where the injured wrist was attended to. He was not detained, but will remain an outpatient.

WHERE ARE THE LIBERALS. 28th Jan. 1927

We have received the following communication for publication: "Where, oh where, are the Liberals gone. Oh where, oh where, are they?" Has the Liberal sun set in the local sky, never to rise again? Has the Tory giant, or the Labour dragon frightened them? If the party is dead, where is it buried, so that one might shed a tear over its demise? Surely in Swavesey there are some Progressives left, who still adhere to those principles so ably advocated by Gladstone, Campbell-Bannerman and John Bright, which if fully carried out would bless England once again. If there is a local secretary, could he not call a meeting to reconsider the formation of the Liberal Association for the village. – Nemo.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BRIDGEFORD. 28th Jan. 1927

The funeral of Mr. John Bridgeford, whose death, at the age of 90, on January 17th, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Friday, the Rev. G. Bird, Baptist minister of Over, officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. F. Doggett, Mr. C. Bridgeford, Mrs. A. Payne, Mr. W. Bridgeford (sons and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridgeford (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. A. Payne (son-in-law), Miss S. Bridgeford, March, Mr. and Mrs. W. Muggeridge, Over (granddaughters and grandson). The inclement weather prevented the attendance of several friends. The coffin was of elm, with black furniture. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Sympathetic reference was made to the late Mr. Bridgeford by the Rev. G. Bird at the evening service at Over Baptist Chapel on Sunday, and the hymn, "O, for a closer walk with God," was sung.

DEATH OF THREE OLD AGE PENSIONERS. 28th Jan. 1927

Three aged inhabitants of Swavesey, all of them old age pensioners, have died this week. Mr. David George Garner, aged 73, who apparently was in his usual health when he drew his pension at Swavesey Post Office last Friday, succumbed to an attack of influenza on Monday. On Tuesday Mr. William Ding, aged 82, eldest son of the late Mr. Samuel Ding, of Swavesey, passed away, after four months' illness. Mr. Ding leaves one son and two daughters. On Wednesday the death occurred of Mrs. Harriet Marriott, widow of Mr. Allen Marriott, who fractured her thigh two or three years ago, and has since been confined to her bed. She will be laid to rest in the cemetery near her husband.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL WRIGHT. 28th Jan. 1927

After a very painful and distressing illness of nearly a year's duration, borne with great patience and fortitude, Mr. Samuel Wright, of Askew-row, passed away on January 20th, aged 60 years. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, of Swavesey. Throughout his long illness, the vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing) and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey were unremitting in their attention, and their visits, which were greatly appreciated, helped to cheer and brighten his long hours of suffering. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, the Rev. R. T. Corlett, Primitive Methodist minister, St. Ives, conducting the service. The mourners were: Mrs. Wright (widow), Messrs. Horace and Stanley Wright (sons), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wright (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Ablett (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Wright (sister), Mrs. W. Wright (sister-in-law), Mrs. James

Wright (aunt). The coffin was of polished elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

BILLIARDS. 4th Feb. 1927

The final in the billiards handicap for the Bignell Challenge Cup was played at the Institute on Monday between Alfred Culpin and D. Williams. The former won.

THE LAST OF A FAMILY. 4th Feb. 1927

The church bell was tolled on Wednesday morning for Mrs. Lucy Brett, youngest daughter and last surviving child of the late Mr. Edward Williams, of Swavesey, who passed away after a short illness, at Epping, Essex, on February 1st. The funeral will take place at Epping on Monday.

Y.P.S. 4th Feb. 1927

Another successful meeting of Bethel Young People's Society was held on Monday, when Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, contributed two readings. Others who took part were: Mrs. Field (recitation), Miss Coulson (piano solo), Miss Easter (reading and solo), Misses H. Dodson and G. Dodson (recitations), Miss B. Savage (reading). Rev. H. P. Blackaby is expected next Monday.

FUNERAL. 4th Feb. 1927

The funeral of Mr. David Garner, whose death at the age of 73 years was reported last week, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Gray (daughter), Mrs. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bedford, Mr and Mrs. Edward Bull, Mr. James Bull, Mr. S. Lambert (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. John Bull (nephew). A few friends were also present. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings. Mr. Ernest Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

DEATH OF MRS. ROBERT NORMAN. 4th Feb. 1927

We have to announce the death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Norman, wife of Mr. Robert Norman, Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, who succumbed on Sunday, after a short illness, to an attack of bronchitis and heart failure. Mrs. Norman, who was 70 years of age, was a native of Over, being a sister of Messrs. Henry and John Thoday, well-known residents in that parish. She leaves one son and three daughters. Her younger son, George Henry, was killed in France in the war.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 4th Feb. 1927

An interesting function took place on Wednesday week, the occasion being the distribution of rewards to those scholars of the Sunday School who had made the requisite attendances. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, and gave an address. Miss D. Aldred was the soloist. Miss Easter read the names of 65 scholars who were entitled to books, and Mrs. Field (supt.) made the presentations. Unfortunately many of the children were away owing to the prevailing epidemic, but their books have been sent to them. A pleasing feature of the meeting was a presentation to Frank and Ernest Dodson, in recognition of their services as organ blowers.

THE LATE MR. W. DING. 4th Feb. 1927

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated at the funeral of Mr. William Ding, which took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon. The mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. H. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Bevin (daughters and sons-in-law), Mr. Joseph Ding (grandson), Mr. George Ding (brother) and daughter (Oakington), Mrs. Ann Netherwood (sister), Mr. Charles Ding, Mr. Joseph Froment (nephews), Miss F. Daisley (niece), Mrs. P. Ding (sister-in-law). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

FUNERAL. 4th Feb. 1927

Mrs. Caroline Covell, Swavesey's oldest parishioner, whose death at the age of 94 was announced last week, was laid to rest in the parish churchyard on Monday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. J. Covell, Stratford (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Leggett, Over, Mr. L. Covell and Miss Nelly Covell, St. Ives, Mrs. S. Seekings, Mr. Reg. Seekings, Mrs. Henry Carter, Swavesey, Mrs. Fred Day, Over (nephews and nieces). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

LATE MRS. MARRIOTT. 4th Feb. 1927

The funeral of Mrs. Harriett Marriott, widow of the late Mr. Allen Marriott, whose death at the age of 86 years, after nearly three years' illness, occurred on January 26th, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Camp, of Southill, Beds., officiated. The mourners were Miss D. Marriott (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marriott (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Alice Holbrook (niece), Mrs. W. Coulson (cousin). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

LABOUR PARTY ENTERTAINMENT. 4th Feb. 1927

An excellent programme was given by the Foxton U.T.P. Concert Party on Tuesday at the concert arranged by the Swavesey Labour Party in the Memorial Hall. The songs, dances and jokes were well applauded. Particularly entertaining was the singing contest by members of the audience, the winner of which (a young man) was presented with a "ring." This provoked roars of laughter, and left the young man with nothing but a trick to play on his friends. During the interval refreshments were served by Mrs. Savage and other women members. A short address was given by Mr. Sidney Dye (Divisional Agent), in which he strongly criticised the policy of the Conservatives, which he stated had led the richer people into greater riches, but had left the great mass of the people poorer. The attempts to reduce wages, the attack on the insurance funds, and the continued bad housing conditions in both towns and villages were briefly dealt with. Dancing was continued until 11.15 p.m., and the concert party were heartily thanked for their services by the local secretary, Mr. C. Savage.

BRITISH LEGION. 4th Feb. 1927

Both the treasurer (Mr. P. H. Lee) and the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) were able to present satisfactory reports at the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr. R. Barwell. The treasurer announced that the branch had a balance in hand of £10 11s. 7d., and the secretary, after giving an interesting review of the year's activities, intimated that 12 new members had joined during the twelve months ending 31st December, and three since that date, and that the total membership was now 64, nearly 50 of whom were at the meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. Frank Prior; treasurer, Mr. F. H. Lee; hon. secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; auditors, Messrs. P. Burton and Turner; committee, Messrs. S. Clark, H. J. Culpin, J. Hall, F. Hepher, E. Prior, T. Savage and H. Topman; delegate to the County Committee, Mr. W. Melbourne. Ten vice-presidents were also elected, subject to their acceptance of office. It was decided to enter a team for the Lord Lieutenant's Cup, and a committee was appointed to consider whether it would be possible to form a cricket club in connection with the branch. An excellent dinner, provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, preceded the business meeting and closing the evening, Mr. Sidney Maltby's concert party and Mr. Fred Tuck gave an entertainment.

STATIONMASTER'S DEATH. 4th Feb. 1927

Inquest Story of Fatality at Swavesey.

JURY AND INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded at the inquest at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday last on Mr. Tom Ernest Tagg, stationmaster at Swavesey, who died as a result of injuries received in an accident on Monday evening. The inquest was conducted by the Borough Coroner (Mr. G. A. Wootten), before a jury. The evidence showed that Mr. Tagg was walking from Swavesey station to the village on Monday evening, arm in arm with a friend, Mr. W. D. Lucas. They were walking close to the grass on their left hand side, Mr. Tagg being on the outside, when a motor cycle approached from behind, driven by Mr. Harry Hemington, of Over. The motor cyclist did not see the two men until he was two or three yards from them. He swerved to the right and put on his brakes, but his handlebars struck Mr. Tagg and knocked him to the ground. Mr. Tagg's skull was fractured, and he died in hospital the same evening. The Coroner suggested the advisability of pedestrians walking on their right hand side of the road, so as to face oncoming traffic, and thus be in a position to avoid it. Mr. Lucas declared that it was a dangerous spot where the accident happened, and suggested that the Swavesey Rural District Council should be requested to erect a lamp at that place. Over, he said, had lamps in the village, but there were none in Swavesey. In returning their verdict the jury expressed the opinion that motor driving licences should not be issued to people until they had passed a proficiency test.

Supt. A. E. Allen, of the County Constabulary, watched the proceedings on behalf of the police, and Mr. F. E. Fordham represented the motor cyclist. Mr. E. H. Brett was elected foreman of the jury.

Evidence of identification was given by Ernest Wilson Tagg, 69, Thoday-street, Cambridge, relief signalman, son of the deceased, who said his father had been stationmaster at Swavesey for four to five years. His age was 62, and his eyesight and hearing were good.

Percy Burton, Church End, Swavesey, market gardener, said that about 7.00 p.m. on Monday evening, he was in his back yard and heard a motor cycle back-firing as it passed. He went to his gate and saw the motor cycle had "pitched" and was facing towards him. He saw the motor cyclist lying on the road and went over to him. He struck a match and saw Mr. Tagg lying on the ground. With the aid of a neighbour he carried Mr. Tagg into the house. He fetched Dr. Ellis, who came in about five minutes and ordered his removal to hospital.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that the motor cycle had a very good light.

Replying to the jury, witness said he did not hear a horn blown. The engine was running very slowly, and he could hardly hear it.

WALKING ARM IN ARM.

William Downs Lucas, Council houses, Over, retired railway official, said that on Monday about 6.30 p.m. he went to Swavesey Station and saw Mr. Tagg there. He remained in Mr. Tagg's office for about half an hour, and they then decided to walk towards the village. They walked together towards the Swan Pond, arm in arm. Mr. Tagg had witness's right arm, and witness was walking close to the grass on their left hand side. Mr. Tagg generally took witness's arm when they were walking in the dark. As near as he could say, witness's left foot was almost touching the grass. There was a slight bend in the road where the accident happened. The night was very dark, but not foggy. Witness heard what appeared to be a motor cycle coming up from behind, but they kept on walking without looking round. Witness did not see a light shining – a bend in the road would prevent it showing to them. Witness did not hear a horn sounded.

"The next thing I remembered," witness continued, "was I was lying full length on the grass. I did not feel anything strike me. I take it that the impact of the machine striking Mr. Tagg threw me on to the grass." Witness picked himself up as soon as possible, and said, "Where are you, Mr. Tagg?" He could not see him, so he struck a match and then saw him lying on the side of the road, within about one foot of the grass – almost where he had been walking. Witness turned and saw the motor cyclist standing up, and said to him, "Whatever are you a-doing?" The motor cyclist did not reply. Witness said, "Who is it? Are you Harry?" The motor cyclist replied "Yes." Witness knew him. Mr. Tagg was taken to hospital on Dr. Ellis's orders.

In reply to the jury, witness said he had no idea what speed the motor cycle was going. It did not carry Mr. Tagg any distance. His opinion was that the handlebars of the motor cycle hit Mr. Tagg and took him off his feet, and he fell backwards exactly where he was.

In reply to Supt. Allen, witness said the motor cycle was close to Mr. Tagg after the accident – it seemed to stop where it hit him.

SUGGESTION TO R.D.C.

Witness said he would like to make a suggestion. He thought that the spot where the accident occurred was very dangerous, especially on a dark night. He thought the Council should be requested to have a lamp erected there. There were no lamps in Swavesey, while at Over they had them all over the village.

Mr. Burton, re-called, said he saw the motor cycle about 20 yards before it arrived at the scene of the accident. It was going very slowly "from what he

could see of it.” The engine had been shut off to take the bend. The machine was “just gliding round.”

MOTOR CYCLIST’S EVIDENCE.

Harry Carl Hemington, of Over, farm labourer, said he was the owner of a Cotton motor cycle of 2¾ h.p. He had been driving it for about two months. On Monday evening he was proceeding towards Swavesey in his machine. He stopped dead at the railway crossing, and then went on towards the Swan Pond. He had to cross a bridge, and the road then went downhill. He knew the road well. In approaching the Swan Pond there was a bend in the road, round which one could not see in the dark. It did not occur to him that he should blow his horn at the bend. As he approached the pond he saw two men walking in the same direction. One was on the left hand side of the road, and the other more towards the middle. His speed was about 12 miles per hour. He always shut off his engine on going down that hill before taking the bend, and he did so on that occasion. The road was 18 to 20 feet wide, and there was no other traffic on it at the time.

The Coroner: What was to prevent you passing the men? – Witness: I could not because as I turned a little more to the bend my light was shining straight up the road, and when I caught sight of them I was on them.

Witness said his light was acetylene, and very good. He swerved to the right, but did not see the men soon enough. The left handlebar of his machine struck Mr. Tagg from behind. Witness was knocked over, and on getting up he found Mr. Tagg lying on the road and another man going towards him. Witness put his brakes on, swerved to the right, and hit Mr. Tagg practically at the same time.

In reply to Supt. Allen, witness said he could see 20 yards ahead on a straight road with his lamp. After getting to the bridge the road went to the left practically all the way to the scene of the accident.

Supt. Allen asked witness if he knew that there were skid marks from the point where the motor cycle stopped for a distance of some 25 feet back.

Witness replied that he could not explain them. It would take about 6 yards to pull up when travelling at 12 miles an hour.

POLICE CONSTABLE AND SKID MARKS.

P.C. Edward Breed, stationed at Swavesey, said that at 8.15 on Monday evening he went to the scene of the accident and saw Hemington, cautioning him. Hemington’s licence was in order. He examined the machine and found the front mudguard on the off-side was grazed, as well as the control lever on the right handlebar, the right footrest was bent back, the end of the footrest was grazed where it had touched the road, the gear lever was bent slightly inwards, and the handlebars were slightly twisted to the left, about one inch

back. The motor cycle had fallen over on its off-side. At 8.25 there was still a light burning on the machine – not very bright, but brighter than that of an ordinary bicycle lamp. He examined the road. There was not a bend within 60 yards of the accident. After going further towards the village there was a bend.

Witness, in reply to the Coroner, said that the bend in the road did not affect the case. He found a pool of blood two feet from the grass on the near side of the road, coming from the direction of the station towards the village. There was a tyre skid mark for 11 feet, and then for a distance of 12 feet there were marks where some hard substance had come in contact with the road. The first skid marks would be caused by the brakes being put on, and the machine then skidded out to the right. The skid marks ended one foot beyond the spot where the blood was. The road was 18 to 20 feet wide.

THE SAFEST SIDE.

Asked by the Coroner if he considered it was safer for pedestrians to walk on their right hand side of the road so as to face on-coming traffic, witness agreed that was the best thing to do.

Witness read a statement made to him by Hemington, which coincided with the latter's evidence, and which included the sentence: "I was going rather slow at the time, and my engine was shut off, but when I hit the man my hand moved the control and started the engine again."

Dr. Guy Montague Turner, house surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, said Mr. Tagg was admitted at 8.45 on Monday evening. He was unconscious, and suffering from superficial wounds of the scalp at the back, a superficial wound on the back of the left leg, and fracture at the base of the skull. He had been struck on the back of the left calf by something, but the chief injury was caused by a very severe blow on the back of the head, consistent with the head having struck the road.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner referred to the frequency of motor accidents, and suggested the advisability of pedestrians walking so as to face oncoming traffic.

After a short retirement, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," due to fracture of the skull. The Foreman said they added a rider pointing out that there was nothing to stop inexperienced people driving motor vehicles. People of limited experience had no business to drive. Drivers should have to pass a test before obtaining a driving licence.

HIS RAILWAY CAREER.

Mr. Tagg started his railway career as a boy clerk at Wisbech in 1879, subsequently serving as a clerk at Fordham, King's Lynn and Peterborough. From Peterborough he went back to Wisbech as chief booking clerk, moving

into the new station. After five years he was transferred to King's Lynn as chief parcels clerk, and three years later to a similar position in the Cambridge parcels office. He remained at Cambridge for a year and 10 months, and was then appointed stationmaster at Bluntisham, Hunts., where he spent 24 happy years, until he was selected to succeed Mr. Beales, the present stationmaster of Wisbech, at Swavesey, in 1922.

At Swavesey Mr. Tagg was greatly liked and respected by his staff, and by all with whom he came into contact, and his untimely end is deeply deplored. Universal sympathy is felt for his widow and his three sons.

THE SWAVESEY FATALITY. 4th Feb. 1927

Funeral of Mr. T. E. Tagg at Bluntisham.

The funeral of Mr. Tom Ernest Tagg, stationmaster of Swavesey, the tragic circumstances of whose death have already been reported, took place at Bluntisham, Hunts., parish church on Saturday afternoon.

There was a very large attendance, every seat in the church being occupied, and many people having to remain in the churchyard. The congregation included representatives of the L.N.E.R. from Cambridge, stationmasters, ex-stationmasters, the Swavesey Station staff, and friends from Swavesey, Over, St. Ives, Colne, Earith, Somersham and Bluntisham, where Mr. Tagg spent 24 happy years as stationmaster prior to his transfer to Swavesey in 1922. Wherever he went Mr. Tagg earned the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact.

The first part of the service was taken by the Rector of Bluntisham, Rev. E. Peake, the Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating at the grave in the churchyard.

The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Tagg (widow), Mr. E. Wilson Tagg, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tagg, Mr. Gordon Tagg (sons and daughter-in-law), Miss L. King (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. Morley (representing D.S.O., L.N.E.R., Cambridge), Mr. Palmer (representing D.C., L.N.E.R., Cambridge). Mrs. E. W. Tagg (daughter-in-law) and family were unable to attend owing to illness.

Y.P.S. 11th Feb. 1927

At a well-attended meeting of the Young People's Society on Monday, the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an interesting address on "Sunshine and Shadow in India." The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BILLIARDS. 11th Feb. 1927

Entertaining Fenstanton on Monday in the Swavesey and District Billiard League, the Swavesey Institute team won two of the five games played.

FOOTBALL. 11th Feb. 1927

A whist drive, in aid of the Swavesey Institute Football Club, was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Eleven tables, over which Mr. H. Unwin presided as M.C., were in play and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Isgrove, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. W. Thorp; gentlemen – Mr. H. Careless (Over), Mr. C. Jellings (Willingham), Mr. G. Oakman. The net proceeds amounted to £1 4s.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 11th Feb. 1927

Arranged by the Swavesey Women's Conservative Association, a whist drive in connection with the County Tournament took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Fourteen tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. Isgrove, Mrs. Stebbing, lucky number Mrs. H. H. Berryman; gentlemen, Mr. H. H. Berryman, Mr. J. Ginn, lucky number Mr. G. J. Paine. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 11th Feb. 1927

On Sunday evening, in the presence of a large congregation, the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, made sympathetic reference to the tragic death of the stationmaster, Mr. Tagg, and to the death of Mrs. R. Norman, of Trinity College Farm, the latter having been a regular worshipper and devoted helper at Bethel Church for many years. Resolutions of condolence were passed, copies of which have been sent to Mrs. Tagg and Mr. R. Norman respectively. To the regret of all, Mr. R. Norman was laid aside with illness, but is happily recovering.

OBITUARY. 11th Feb. 1927

Another aged inhabitant of Swavesey passed away on Thursday week in the person of Mrs. Susan Carter, widow of Mr. Benjamin Carter. Deceased, who had been in failing health for some considerably time, was 84 years of age. She leaves three sons, and five daughters, one of whom is in Canada. The funeral took place at the parish church on Monday afternoon, the vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. T. S. B. and H. Carter (sons), Mrs. W. Hine, Mrs. H. Holmes, Mrs. A. Whybrow, and Mrs. J. Brown (daughters), Messrs. W. Hine, H. Holmes, A. Whybrow (sons-in-law), Mrs. H. Carter (daughter-in-law), Messrs. H. Carter, jun., A. Holmes, H. Holmes, jun., Mr. and Mrs. W. Carter, Mrs. P. Clowes, Miss J. Holmes, Mrs. G. Oakman

and Mr. and Mrs. C. Savage (grandsons and granddaughters). The coffin was of elm. Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CRICKET CLUB. 11th Feb. 1927

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club, held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P.; captain, Mr. B. Prime; vice-captain, Mr. H. Culpin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Daintree; committee (also to act as Selection Committee), Messrs. H. Bishop, F. Causer, A. C. Hephher, S. F. Mitham, G. Oakman and D. Williams; umpires, Mr. J. Culpin (1st XI), Mr. A. Payne (2nd XI, if run). Vice-presidents were also elected, subject to their consent. It was agreed that, if the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion succeeded in forming a cricket club, only one eleven should be run, but, if there was no Legion team, that there should be two elevens, the first eleven to be entered in the Turner (Hunts) League, and the second eleven in the Milton and District League and Cup. A captain and vice-captain of the second eleven will be appointed by the committee, if needed. The meeting decided that no man should be allowed to play until he had paid his subscription, which was fixed at 3d. Mr. Culpin subsequently declined the vice-captaincy.

LATE MRS. R. NORMAN. 11th Feb. 1927

The funeral of Mr. Sarah Ann Norman, wife of Mrs. Robert Norman, of Trinity College Farm, Swavesey, whose death at the age of 70 years was announced last week, took place at Over churchyard on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over) and the Rev. T. B. Field (pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey) officiated. The mourners included Mr. R. Norman, jun. (son), Mrs. A. J. Easton, Mrs. J. R. Smith and Mrs. W. D. Chapman (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thoday, Mr. and Mrs. John Thoday (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs. James Norman (sister-in-law), Messrs. G. Robinson and G. Norman (brothers-in-law), Messrs. A. J. Easton, W. D. Chapman and J. R. Smith (sons-in-law). Mr. R. Norman, widower, was unable to attend owing to illness. The coffin was of panelled oak. Messrs. Wayman Bros., Over, were the undertakers.

THE INSTITUTE. 18th Feb. 1927

The final of the boys' billiard handicap was played on Wednesday evening between S. Bishop and E. Melbourne. The former won.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th Feb. 1927

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club, a report of which appeared last week, Mr. F. Aldred was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. B. Daintree assistant secretary. The annual subscription was fixed at three shillings.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 18th Feb. 1927

A successful meeting of the Young People's Society took place on Monday when Rev. T. B. Field gave a lecture on "Martin Luther," illustrated by lantern slides, manipulated by Mrs. Field and Master K. Williams. Miss Coulson presided at the piano.

BRITISH LEGION. 18th Feb. 1927

The special committee appointed at the annual meeting of the local branch of the British Legion to consider the desirability of forming a cricket club in connection with the branch, decided at a meeting on Tuesday evening to proceed no further with the matter in view of the fact that the village club would be run as usual.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Feb. 1927

Owing to the prevalence of illness many children attending the Sunday School were unable to be present at the presentation of prizes which took place at the children's service at the parish church on Sunday afternoon. The prizes were distributed by the Vicar. At the evening service, instead of a sermon, the Vicar gave an address on the proposed Revised Prayer Book, but in consequence of the thick fog the congregation was the smallest on a Sunday for a long time.

SWAVESEY FATALITY SEQUEL. 18th Feb. 1927

Motor Cyclist Fined £5 And Has Licence Suspended.

"DANGEROUS DRIVING."

Harry Carl Hemington, of Over, appeared at the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday last, before his Honour Judge Farrant (in the chair), to answer a summons for riding a motor cycle in a dangerous manner at Swavesey on 31st January. The case was the outcome of a fatal accident, in which defendant knocked down Mr. Tom Ernest Tagg, the Swavesey stationmaster, who died from his injuries. Major O. Papworth appeared for the defendant, and pleaded not guilty.

(Report has appeared elsewhere)

The Bench retired, and on their return the Chairman announced that they found the case proved. Defendant would be fined £5 and expenses. His

licence would be endorsed, and he would be disqualified from driving for twelve months.

Defendant asked for time to pay and a month was allowed.

BILLIARDS. 25th Feb. 1927

The return match, in the Swavesey and District Billiard League, between Swavesey Institute and St. Ives Conservative Club, which was played at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 games to 1.

BAND OF HOPE. 25th Feb. 1927

The anniversary tea and meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope took place on Monday. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address upon "The fallacies of alcohol." Recitations were given by Mrs. Field and Misses L. and W. Spearman, J. and G. Melbourne and N. Peppercorn, and Miss Easter (secretary) read the report, which showed that the society had a membership of 50, with an average attendance of 4. Miss Spearman gave the cash statement, showing a small balance in hand. Miss M. Coulson presided at the piano. Both the tea and the meeting were well attended.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 25th Feb. 1927

A correspondent writes: "We have a very excellent district nurse, but regret that she is obliged in her self-denying and arduous work to use an ordinary push bicycle to get about on. Could not something be done to secure a motor vehicle for her, which, of course, would remain the property of the local nursing association? Is that association sufficiently representative of the local churches and other institutions? Could not a public meeting be called once a year, say in the Memorial Hall, so that we who are so disposed might have the opportunity of hearing of its work and thus take a deeper interest in its affairs. – Verb Sap."

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 25th Feb. 1927

A largely attended meeting took place on Thursday week, which was the annual tea and meeting of the church and congregation. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor, presided. Speeches were made by the following representatives of the different organisations: Messrs. B. Prior, J. Day and G. E. Canham (deacons), Mrs. Field (supt. Sunday School), Miss Easter (Band of Hope), Mrs. Aldred (Missionary Society), Mr. G. Day (Boys' Brigade), Mrs. J. Day (B.W.T.A.), Mr. Williams (choir). A resolution of sympathy with the treasurer, Mr. A. Norman, in his prolonged illness, was heartily passed. Mr. Canham, acting

treasurer, read the accounts, which showed an income of £293, leaving a good working balance in hand. To the sum has to be added the amount raised for school and missions, making a grand total of £320. The church has been beautifully renovated, and the cause is in a flourishing condition, and commences its new year full of hope.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 25th Feb. 1927

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, under the presidency of Mr. C. W. Hines. The following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Roger C. Cole; vice-presidents, re-elected, with the exception of three who have left the district, and the Rev. T. B. Field, Messrs. F. Kirby, Roberts and B. Thorp being added, subject to their consent; chairman of general meetings, Mr. C. W. Hines; chairman of Horticultural Committee, Mr. H. Peachey; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood, School House, Swavesey; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher; Horticultural Committee, Messrs. A. Brasher, S. Godfrey, A. P. Payne, F. W. Pontefract, W. Symonds, H. Wells (Swavesey), C. Adams, C. Haddow, C. W. Hines, W. D. Lucas, H. Mustill, W. Thorpe, G. Wayman (Over), G. Bath, T. Day (Boxworth), J. Culpin, I. Parish (Fen Drayton); Sports Committee, Messrs. P. Burton, H. J. Culpin, F. Hepher, C. Savage, U. Thixton and P. Watts, with power to add to their number. The date of the year's show and sports was fixed, and it was agreed that Mr. Alfred Watts should be asked to allow them to be again held in Manor Field, adjoining Swavesey railway station. Mr. P. Watts having intimated that his father would allow the Society the use of the field, the Secretary was desired to convey the thanks of the Society to Mr. A. Watts. After a short discussion it was decided that the sports should not be "affiliated," but that certain events should be open to all England.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Feb. 1927

The meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was attended by Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hepher and Harry Wells. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been signed, the Chairman said he had received complaints of the very bad state of the ditch at the end of the recreation ground. The ditch, which was supposed to carry water away from the adjoining land, he said, was "full up," and was in such a condition that it could neither convey nor hold water. Nothing had been done to the ditch to his knowledge for 15 years, but he understood that about 12 months ago the

District Council, to whom it belonged, had given instructions for it to be cleared out. Nothing, however, had been done. Mr. Cole asked the Chairman whether that ditch was the only one in the parish under the control of the District Council which needed attention. He could point to one that had not been cleared out for 30 years. The Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) said that he had received a complaint respecting a pond at Boxworth End, into which it was alleged sewage drained. After further discussion Mr. Hepher proposed that a letter be sent to the District Council asking that the recreation ground ditch should be attended to forthwith. Mr. Culpin seconded. Mr. Cole moved an amendment that the attention of the District Council be called to the very bad condition of the ditches and waterways in the parish under the control of that Council. Mr. Burton seconded. The amendment was carried. Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), J. J. Marriott, B. Hodson and G. Burling were nominated as eligible to serve as parish constable during the ensuing year. A letter from the Cambs. Rural Community Council respecting rural planning, etc., was considered, and the Clerk was asked to do what he could to comply with the request of the Council. An application from the Rev. T. B. Field for the use of the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoons for Brotherhood meetings was referred to the Hall Management Committee. Before the meeting closed, the Council unanimously decided that a parish meeting should be held at the Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd March, to protest against the appointment by the District Council of a Huntingdonshire man as rate collector of the Cambridgeshire parish of Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 4th March 1927

The Rev. R. G. Bisseker, rector of Whitwell, Norfolk, preached at the morning and evening services at the Parish Church on Sunday.

AN EXCLUSIVE HEN. 4th March 1927

Far from the madding crowd of other birds of her species, who are content with the accommodation afforded in the poultry house, a domestic hen belonging to a resident in Market-street persists in laying her eggs in the comparative privacy of a corner of her owner's kitchen.

MEMORIAL HALL. 4th March 1927

Notwithstanding the wet night, 9½ tables were in play at the whist drive at the Memorial Hall on Saturday. The prizewinners were; Ladies – Miss K. Banks, Mrs. C. Dean, booby Mrs. H. G. Key; Gentlemen – Mr. A. Homes, Mr. C. Dean, booby, Mr. A. Hawkes. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the Memorial Hall funds.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 4th March 1927

The annual business meeting of the Young People's Society, connected with the Bethel Baptist Church, was held on Monday evening, the President occupying the chair. Miss Freestone, secretary, read the annual report, which showed that a series of interesting meetings had taken place during the session now about to close, and that the Society had a small balance of cash in hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Miss B. Savage; treasurer, Miss Freestone; secretary, Miss Field.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 4th March 1927

We have received the following communication with reference to the paragraph which appeared in our last issue respecting the district nurse: "The committee of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association wish to state they have entered upon their eighth year, and as hitherto all has worked smoothly and successfully they do not contemplate making any changes in their present regime. The balance sheet is sent up annually to the Cambridge Nursing Association, to which they are affiliated. If any non-benefitting subscribers or donors question the wisdom of our administration and wish to do so, they can, on applying to the treasurer, see the balance sheet. The benefitting subscriptions and fees, it may be mentioned, do not nearly cover expenses. We have a good nurse, and her strength is taxed to the utmost. We shall be glad if the work can be so arranged that she has free Saturday afternoons and Sundays; but, of course, this could not apply to midwifery or emergency cases. As regards a motor cycle, if the nurse really wishes for one and can learn to ride it, doubtless one will be forthcoming.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 11th March 1927

Twenty-seven passengers were booked from Swavesey station on Sunday by the special half-day excursion to Liverpool-street.

PROPOSED BROTHERHOOD. 11th March 1927

It has been felt for some time past that it would be a good thing to have a branch of the great Brotherhood movement in Swavesey. A meeting to consider the matter will be held on Sunday, at a place of which notice will be given in the village.

POLICE CHANGES. 11th March 1927

P.C. Edward Breed, who has been stationed at Swavesey for the unusually long period of 10½ years, left the village yesterday (Thursday), having been transferred to Ickleton. His departure is much regretted by the village generally. His successor at Swavesey is P.C. Luke Brooks, who has been at Ickleton for some years.

LITTLE GIRL INJURED. 11th March 1927

While walking along High-street to school with other children on Wednesday afternoon, Pearl Wilderspin, the seven-year-old twin daughter of Mr. Dick Wilderspin, in some unexplained way came into contact with a bicycle ridden by a lad named William Holmes, and her clothes catching in the machine, was dragged along the road for several yards. She was picked up by her sister Joan, aged 8, and was carried by her for some distance towards home, until they were met by their elder sister, who then took the injured child in her arms. Dr. Rose, who was sent for, on examining the child, found that her right leg had been fractured just above the ankle. She is under treatment at home.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th March 1927

A question of great interest to churchgoers was discussed at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday evening, when it was decided that for the present efforts on behalf of the Church Roof Repair Fund should be discontinued until sufficient money had been raised to provide a new heating apparatus for the church, many complaints having been heard lately of the inadequacy of the present system. The Council will, therefore, direct their energies to supplying this immediate need. Meanwhile the Repair Fund, which now amounts to more than £750 will go on accumulating interest, so that when efforts in that direction are resumed a substantial increase will be found to have accrued.

MEETING OF PROTEST. 11th March 1927

The parish meeting called by the Parish Council to protest against the recent appointment by the Swavesey District Council of a rate collector for the six parishes in the district, was held at the Memorial Hall on the 3rd inst. Mr. J. Linford, chairman of the Parish Council, who presided, having explained the circumstances in which the meeting had been summoned, Mr. C.H. Parish, one of the overseers, spoke of some of the objections to the appointment of an Huntingdonshire man as collector of rates for Swavesey, and he stated that Mr. P. Godfrey, the present rate collector, who was one of the unsuccessful applicants for the district collectorship, and who would have to relinquish his present office at the end of the month, had been complimented at the last audit

by the Government auditor on the way in which he had done his work. Why then, he asked, was Mr. Godfrey not as competent as the candidate selected by the District Council? Other parochial electors having testified to Mr. Godfrey's fitness for the post, and condemned the District Council's appointment, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the parishioners of Swavesey assembled in parish meeting on Thursday, 3rd March, 1927, hereby protest against the appointment by the Swavesey Rural District Council of a Huntingdonshire man as rate collector of the parish of Swavesey and other Cambridgeshire parishes in the district, notwithstanding the fact that there were other qualified applicants for the post who were, and are, residents in the said Cambridgeshire parishes, and two of whom are, and for some time have been, the duly appointed collectors of the rates of their respective parishes. The parishioners of Swavesey point out that a rate collector living at St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, with his office in that town, will be liable to cause inconvenience and expense to the majority of the rate payers in the Swavesey Rural District, and they ask that the appointment of Mr. Harrison may be cancelled, and that a Cambridgeshire man, resident in the district, be appointed collector for the parish of Swavesey." It was decided that copies of the resolution should be sent to the District Council, the County Council, and the Minister of Health. The following reply, dated 4th March, has been received from the Clerk of the District Council: "I read your letter of the 3rd inst and enclosure to my Council at their meeting this morning, and was directed to say that the Council regretted the opinion of your Council in regard to the appointment, but this Council acted in the matter, as they believed, in the public interests. – Yours faithfully, G. D. Day, clerk." Rumour is current in the village that the District Council did not discuss the resolution, but merely authorised their clerk to send what reply he deemed desirable. Whether or not there is any foundation for the rumour or not, it is evident that the Council or the clerk, or both, failed to realise that the resolution contained a protest and a request from the Parish Meeting.

ADVERT. 18th March 1927

HAVE you tasted NIPPY CHOCOLATES? LEE sells them. Try some, and you will nip along for more.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 18th March 1927

Another of the Young People's popular lantern evenings took place on Monday, when the subject was a visit to Hardcastle Crags, illustrated with a series of photographic views, lent by the L.M. and S. Railway Co.

MEMORIAL HALL. 18th March 1927

Fourteen and a half tables were in play at the whist drive in aid of the Memorial hall funds on Thursday week, and the prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Isgrove, Miss Smart, Mrs. J. Prior; gentlemen, Mr. J. Culpin, Mr. W. Spolton, Mr. D. Williams. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £3 5s. 3d.

BILLIARDS. 18th March 1927

Entertaining the St. Ives Liberal Club on Monday evening in the Swavesey and District Billiard League, the Swavesey Institute team lost four of the five games played.

PROPOSED BROTHERHOOD. 18th March 1927

A representative meeting of men took place on Sunday evening in Bethel Schoolroom, to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Brotherhood for the village. After a full discussion, it was resolved to convene a meeting for further consideration on Sunday, April 3rd, at 3 p.m., in the Memorial Hall, when it is hoped that all men over 16 years of age will gather in large numbers and set the matter going.

SWAVESEY BUTCHER SUED. 18th March 1927

Unsuccessful Claim by Firm of Motor Agents.

A disputed account for the repair of an old Ford van, which was taken by a Cambridge firm of motor agents from a Swavesey butcher in part exchange for a new van, was the subject matter of an action in the Cambridge County Court on Thursday, before his Honour Judge H. G. Farrant.

Plaintiffs were Cambridgeshire Motors, Ltd., Cambridge, who claimed from Walter Spolton, butcher, of Swavesey, the sum of £6 3s. 8d. for repairs carried out to a Ford van.

Mr. S. T. Miller (of Messrs. S. J. and S. T. Miller) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Grafton Pryor (instructed by Mr. Oliver Papworth) for the defence.

Mr. Miller said defendant agreed that the charges for the repair of the van were fair and proper, and the only question was to liability. On Friday, April 16th last, Mr. Deekes, who was in the employ of the plaintiffs, went over to Swavesey to see the defendant, who was the prospective buyer of a new Ford van. Defendant had a van in use, which was in good running order, and plaintiffs agreed to allow the defendant £20 on it as it stood, in part exchange for a new van. Plaintiffs could not complete the transaction at the time, as they did not have a new van in stock, but defendant agreed to buy a new van on those terms. The repairs executed to the van were the subject matter of the

action. Mr. Deekes saw defendant on April 19th, and defendant said the old van had broken down on April 17th – the rear axle had broken. Mr. Deekes told him it was up to him to put the van in good running order, and defendant agreed to pay for the repairs to the axle. Plaintiffs lent him a van in the meantime to carry on his business, for which no charge was made. On April 21st plaintiffs sent a new van to Swavesey, and defendant took delivery of it. Plaintiffs collected the old van and towed it back to their garage and carried out the repairs. The account was rendered monthly five times, and defendant had not replied, or disputed the account. On June 9th Mr. Deekes called on defendant at Swavesey to see how the new van was getting on, and defendant then agreed to pay for the repairs.

Dudley John Deekes, motor salesman with the plaintiffs gave evidence bearing out Mr. Miller's statement.

Mr. Pryor pointed out that there was an item on the account not connected with the repairs to the axle, and his Honour said it must come out.

Cross-examined, witness said defendant did not say to him: "Your firm sent me in a bill for repairs, and I lit a cigarette with it." Witness did not reply, "That's all right."

Mr. Lambert, the secretary of the plaintiff company, gave corroborative evidence as to the agreement come to with the defendant.

Defendant produced a letter from the plaintiffs confirming the order for the new van, and stating that £20 would be allowed for the old one. After the axle had broken, and before he received delivery of the new van, plaintiffs said he would have to pay for the repair, and he replied that if they charge him for that he would not pay it. He sent them a cheque for the full amount, less the £20, and this was cashed. Later he asked Deekes what they meant by sending him an account for the repair of the old van, and told him he had lit his pipe with it, and Deekes said it would be all right. He owed plaintiffs nothing – when they cashed his cheque that finished the deal. Something went wrong with the back axle as he was driving along the road – he did not have an accident, the van simply stopped running.

Cross-examined, witness said the old van was not in good running order; it was worn out, or he would not have wanted a new one. He had had it for seven years, and it was "wobbly".

Mr. Pryor submitted that the old van had passed to the property of the plaintiffs at the time the axle broke, and it was at their risk that defendant was running it.

His Honour said the defendant had given a perfectly clear and consistent account of his view of the transactions, and he could not see any reason why he should not accept it. Under the circumstances plaintiff's witnesses had

failed to satisfy him that the defendant ever agreed to pay for the repairs which were the subject matter of the claim. Plaintiffs would be non-suited, with costs.

MEMORIAL HALL. 25th March 1927

The prizewinners at the whist drive, in aid of the Memorial Hall Funds, on Thursday week, were: Ladies – Mrs. Webb, Mrs. H. Burling, booby Miss D. Godfrey; gentlemen – Mr. Careless, Mr. D. Williams, booby Mr. A. Ginn. Eleven tables were in play. Mr. T. C. Heasman was the M.C.

BILLIARDS. 25th March 1927

Entertaining Willingham in the Swavesey and District Billiard League on Monday evening the Swavesey Institute team won three of the five games played.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 25th March 1927

At the meeting of the Bethel Baptist Young People's Society on Monday an interesting discussion took place on "The Cinema, its use and abuse." The general opinion was that the cinema is a pleasant form of recreation, and might be used more completely than it is for educational and religious purposes, but that all well-meaning people should avoid films that were suggestive or pandered to the baser passions.

CRICKET CLUB. 25th March 1927

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive, organised by the committee of the Swavesey Cricket Club, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. The prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. P. Burton, Mrs. H. Culpin; gentlemen – Mr. J. A. Salmon, Mr. R. Mustill, Mr. S. F. Mitham. The knock-out competition was won by Messrs. R. Mustill and H. Careless. Mr. B. Prime acted as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to over £2. Mr. G. Oakman has been appointed vice-captain in succession to Mr. H. J. Culpin.

B.W.T.A. 25th March 1927

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Thursday week in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom. At the afternoon business session, Mr. Field, retiring president, took the chair, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Aldred; vice-president, Mrs. Savage; treasurer, Mrs. Canham; secretary, Mrs. J. Day; collector, Miss Aldred (of Over). The officers, with

the following ladies, form the Executive: Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Easter, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. Melbourne, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. Field, Miss H. Dodson, Miss Ida Spearman and Mrs. Coulson. After a well-provided tea a public meeting took place, under the presidency of the Rev. T. B. Field, at which Mrs. Pearson, from the parent society, gave an able address, and Mrs. J. Day read the annual report. Miss D. Aldred also contributed a solo.

CONFIRMATION. 25th March 1927

There was a very large congregation at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday afternoon on the occasion of the Confirmation by the Bishop of Ely of 39 candidates from Swavesey and nine other parishes. The Bishop was attended by the Rural Dean (Rev. R. P. Moline), and the other clergy present included the Revs. C. F. Stebbing (vicar of Swavesey), A. Fowler (Fen Drayton), F. G. Weston (vicar of Over), J. B. Onions (vicar of Fenstanton), H. W. Atkinson (vicar of Wilburton), E. G. Alderson (vicar of Hartford), and F. W. Bodger (vicar of Buckden). Candidates presented from Swavesey were 3 males and 3 females.

ADVERTS. 1st April 1927

AT ALDRED'S a selection of Ladies' and Children's Spring and Summer Hats, Dresses, Girl's Cardigans and Infants' Silk and Wool Sets now in. Inspection invited.

SMOKERS OF SWAVESEY – P. H. LEE respectfully solicits your patronage. Forty brands of Tobaccos and Cigarettes stocked. Any brand specially obtained.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st April 1927

The Rev. T. B. Field delivered his lecture on "Spurgeon and his college," illustrated with lantern slides, on Wednesday week. An offering was taken for the college funds. On the following evening, Dr. Wood, president of the County Union, paid a visit to Bethel Baptist Band of Hope, and gave an interesting address.

LABOUR PARTY. 1st April 1927

The attendance at the dance organised by the Swavesey Labour Party, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday was not as good as had been hoped owing to counter attractions in the neighbourhood, but all who were present spent a very enjoyable time. The Swavesey Jazz Band, who made their first appearance in public, provided a capital selection of dance music, and the

refreshments served under the superintendence of Mrs. C. Savage and Mrs. J. Coulson were excellent. Mr. R. Seekings was M.C.

HERBAGE OF DROVES AND RECREATION GROUND. 1st April 1927

By direction of the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves and roadsides took place on Monday evening at the White Horse inn. In 1925 the droves, etc., realised £12 2s. 6d., the smallest amount on record, and last year £12 4s. 6d., about half the sum they brought in in pre-war days. On Monday they realised £7 11s. 6d., every lot being let. The herbage of the recreation ground, offered under instructions from the Parish Council, which realised £2 17s. 6d. last year and £3 in 1925, was knocked down to Mr. Bertram Prime for £2. Mr. Cyril Watts was the auctioneer.

“THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA.” 1st April 1927

Lovers of music had a rare treat on Thursday week, when a very large audience assembled in Bethel Baptist Church to hear Sterndale Bennett's cantata, “The Woman of Samaria,” which was finely rendered by members of the choirs of St. Andrew's-street, Cambridge, Over and Bethel Baptist Churches. The soloists were Mrs. Hurst, Miss Chapman, Messrs. Harper and Brooks. Miss Tomlin was the accompanist, and Mr. J. W. Williams the conductor. An offertory was taken on behalf of the Choir and Church Funds.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st April 1927

The meeting of the Parish Council, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, was attended by Mr. J. Lindford (Chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hephew and Harry Wells. The Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) read a letter from the District Council in reply to the Parish Council's complaint respecting the ditch at the end of the Recreation Ground. The reply was considered evasive and unsatisfactory. Letters were also read from the Ministry of Health, the County Council and the District Council in reference to the resolution passed against the appointment of a Huntingdonshire man as rate collector of the parish of Swavesey. The Ministry of Health and the County Council stated that they had no power to interfere in the matter. The District Council's reply has already been published in these columns. The chief business on the agenda was the appointment of two persons to represent the parish on the new Rating Authority. It having been decided on the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Culpin, that the appointment should be for a period of one year, the following were nominated: Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, C. H. Parish, A. Day,

junior, and P. Godfrey. On a vote being taken Messrs. Cole and Godfrey were elected. A precept for £15 was issued on the Overseers for current expenses of the Council, and it was decided to inform the District Council that £10 would be required for Parish Council purposes during the six months ended 30th September next.

DANCE. 8th April 1927

Undeterred by the very wet evening, about 50 devotees of dancing, mainly from neighbouring villages, were present at the Memorial Hall on March 31st for the dance arranged by the special Entertainments' Committee appointed jointly by the Parish Council and the Institute. The Willingham Robarco Band, who paid their first visit to Swavesey, provided a capital programme of music. Mr. George Prime officiated a M.C.

OBITUARY. 8th April 1927

Mr. Edward Holmes, son of the late Mr. Charles Holmes, of Swavesey, who had been living in Cambridge for some years, died in Cambridge Infirmary on March 29th after a few days illness, aged 66. Early in the war, although over age, he joined up, and served in France with the Royal Army Service Corps from May, 1915, to May, 1916, when he was discharged as no longer physically fit for war service. The funeral took place at Newmarket-road Cemetery, Cambridge, on Tuesday morning.

SWAVESEY BROTHERHOOD. 8th April 1927

A meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon to further consider the question of forming a branch of the Brotherhood movement in Swavesey. After discussion it was resolved that a branch should be established, and that the first public meeting should take place on Sunday, May 1st. Temporary officers were appointed as follows: Chairman, Rev. T. B. Field; treasurer, Mr. E. Prior; secretary, Mr. G. E. Canham; committee, Messrs. S. F. Mitham, A. W. Melbourne, A. J. Turner, A. Hepher, A. P. Payne, and S. Godfrey. It is intended to hold meetings during the summer, and all men over 16 years of age are cordially invited to join.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 15th April 1927

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, was awarded second prize for currant cake in the open class in the Central Currant Office's competition held last week at Bingley Hall, Birmingham.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 15th April 1927

At the examination of the Associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held recently at the Cambridge Centre, Olive Wilderspin, daughter of Mr. D. Wilderspin, passed the elementary division in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, Willingham.

£250 FOR WIDOW. 15th April 1927

Mrs. T. E. Tagg, widow of the late stationmaster of Swavesey, has received £250 under the "Daily Express" insurance scheme. Mr. Tagg, it will be remembered, was knocked down by a motor cycle on January 31st, when walking with a friend from the station to the village, and died about two hours later in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

LABOUR PARTY. 15th April 1927

The wet night notwithstanding, there was a large attendance at the social and dance, organised by the Swavesey and Over Labour Parties, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Mr. A. H. Jones, of Over, who acted as M.C., sang songs, and there were competitions and amusing games, for some of which prizes were offered. The winners included Mrs. H. Nightingale (ring game), Mr. S. Street (candle extinguishing), Mrs. W. Whybrow (guessing lucky number), and Miss Budge and Mr. Stanley Prime (spot dance). Dancing, for which the Swavesey Jazz Band provided the music, was kept up until midnight. Excellent refreshments were supplied under the superintendence of Mrs. J. Coulson and Mrs. C. Savage.

SUMMER TIME INCIDENT. 15th April 1927

A Swavesey householder, who had arranged for a friend to call before church time on Sunday morning, had not risen when the call was made. "I did not mean before the early service," said the householder, who was greatly surprised when told that the church bells were then ringing for the 10.30 a.m. service. It subsequently transpired that although the householder had duly attended to her clocks before retiring to rest, she had omitted to wind up her watch.

WORKERS' UNION. 15th April 1927

At a well attended meeting held at the "White Horse" inn on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Workers' Union, Mr. A. P. Payne presiding, Mr. A. E. Stubbs gave an address in which, after referring in some detail to the past and present systems of Wages Boards, he went on to speak of the benefits to be derived from membership of the Workers' Union. Although no local branch was formed that evening, several of those present intimated their intention of

joining, and a further meeting will be held at the beginning of next month. Mr. Stubbs answered a few questions, mainly respecting work on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE. 15th April 1927

Annual Dinner and Presentation of Cup.

The first season of the Swavesey and District Billiard League was brought to a close on Tuesday evening with a dinner at Swavesey Memorial Hall, which was attended by representatives of every club in the League. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun Inn, Mr. W. A. Bignell, president of the League, who occupied the chair, presented the cup to the League champions, the St. Ives Conservative Club team, who out of the forty games had won 26.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP.

Mr. Bignell, in course of a short speech, referred with satisfaction to the undoubted success of the League in its first season. Every team, he said, had played well, and had shown an excellent sporting spirit. He urged the captains to impress upon their teams the importance of "playing to win." After a few words of advice on "potting the white," Mr. Bignell handed the cup to Mr. F. Harrison, the captain of the winning team.

Mr. Harrison said he could endorse the President's remarks as to the good spirit in which the games had been played, and he knew they had been greatly enjoyed. His club would do their best to hold the cup, but if they were beaten they would be only too glad to hand it over to the better team. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Bignell, to whose efforts the success of the League was so largely due, and they had also to thank him for his gift of this handsome silver cup.

The toast of the St. Ives Conservative Club billiard team was then drunk with musical honours.

In announcing that the annual general meeting would be held in August, Mr. C. Wood, hon. secretary, asked for suggestions to make the League even more successful, to be brought forward at that meeting, and that clubs already in the League would endeavour to induce other clubs to join.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wood for his services during the season, on the proposition of Mr. Allan (St. Ives Conservatives), seconded by the President.

CHAMPIONS v. THE REST.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to billiards, a member of the Willingham team playing a member of the St. Ives Liberal's team to decide which club should take the position of runner-up, and then the Champions

played the Rest of the League. The table had been removed from the billiard room to the hall, in order to accommodate the large company that assembled to witness the games, which resulted as follows:-

Runners-up – C. J. Jeeps (Willingham) 150; Chambers (St. Ives Liberals) 45. St. Ives Conservatives v. The Rest: Conservatives three games, The Rest two.

ADVERT. 22nd April 1927

5,000 MORE MILES GUARANTEED FOR TYRES RE-RUBBERED by Barwell's Tyre Renewing Co., Swavesey.

MEMORIAL HALL. 22nd April 1927

The dance at the Memorial Hall on Easter Monday evening was a great success, and resulted in an addition of about £5 12s. to the Hall funds. The Histon Jazzonians Band provided an excellent programme of dance music.

CHURCHWARDENS. 22nd April 1927

At the joint meeting of the Vestry and Parochial Church electors, held under the tower of the parish church on Monday, the Vicar, who presided, again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as vicar's warden, and Mr. Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden. There was only a very small attendance and no other business was before the meeting.

WHIST DRIVE. 22nd April 1927

Sixteen tables were in play at the whist drive in aid of the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. J. Prior, Mrs. Barwell, Miss K. Banks; gentlemen – Mr. D. Williams, Rev. C. Stebbing, Mr. H. Burling; knock-out, 1 Mrs. Webb and Mr. H. Culpin, 2 Mrs. Collen and Mr. D. Williams. Mr. A. Beaumont officiated as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 22nd April 1927

The annual tea and service took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Good Friday. Over one hundred persons sat down to a prettily arranged and well provided meal, after which a large congregation assembled for what proved to be a most interesting service conducted by the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham Tabernacle, read the lesson and preached a thoughtful sermon upon the alternative offered by Pilate, "Christ or Barabbas." Mr. T. White, of Histon, beautifully rendered two solos, and the choir contributed the anthems, "There is a green hill" and "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving."

PARISH CHURCH. 22nd April 1927

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were: Matins and Ante-Communion 10.30, addresses by the Vicar on "Seven Last Words from the Cross" 1 – 3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m. The collections were in aid of the Jerusalem Mission. On Easter Day, when the church was bright with spring flowers effectively arranged on every coigne of vantage by the ladies of the congregation, there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral; E. V. Hall's service), Matins at 10.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m., when the music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and the anthem, "Christ the Lord is risen." The offertories, as usual, were given to the Vicar as an Easter offering. All the services were well attended, the communicants numbering 151, a record for Swavesey on Easter Day.

WEDDING. 22nd April 1927

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Mabel Prior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prior, of Swavesey, and Mr. James Marshall, of the Warwickshire Constabulary, son of Mr. Thomas Marshall, of Stratford-on-Avon, took place on Easter Monday at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of white crepe de chine with silver lace and pearl trimmings. She was attended by four bridesmaids, her sisters, Misses Edna and Emily Prior, Miss A. Heasman (friend) and Miss A. Northill (cousin of the bride). The two elder bridesmaids were attired in blue silk with silver lace, and carried bouquets of narcissi, while the younger were in apricot crepe de chine, with mob caps to match, and carried baskets of primroses. The older maids wore gold rings and the younger silver bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Arthur C. Prior, brother of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

PARISH MEETING. 29th April 1927

The annual parish meeting which should have taken place at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening was a dismal failure. The meeting was called for 6.30 p.m., but at 6.45 p.m. only the chairman (Mr. Jethro Linford), the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey), and Mr. Harry Wells (a parish councillor) were in attendance. As the Parish Council was summoned to meet at 7 o'clock, the Chairman decided to open the proceedings, and called upon the Clerk to read the minutes of last year's annual meeting and of the special parish meeting held early this year.

This having been done, he signed the minutes, and, no other parishioners putting in an appearance, he then declared the meeting closed.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th April 1927

Soon after seven o'clock on Friday evening, members of the Parish Council who had not been present at the parish meeting assembled at the Memorial Hall for the annual meeting of the Council. There were present: Messrs. J. Linford, P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Hephher, R. Norman, sen., P. Parish and H. Wells, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Mr. Linford was re-appointed chairman for the ensuing twelve months, and Mr. P. Parish, vice-chairman, and the Clerk presented the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March. These showed receipts £123 2s. 1d., and expenditure £95 15s. 10d., leaving a balance at the bank of £27 6s. 3d. The accounts were approved. The Clerk also read the accounts of Galon's Charity for 1926. Before the meeting closed an informal discussion took place respecting the Memorial Hall.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE SMITH. 29th April 1927

We have to record the death of Mr. George Smith, who passed away at his residence at Church End on Friday evening, after only a few hours' illness, aged 56 years. He had been about the village as usual during the morning, but feeling somewhat unwell, had consulted Dr. Ellis at mid-day. During the afternoon his condition became worse, and early in the evening it was evident that he was seriously ill, and Dr. Ellis, who was summoned, found that he was dying. The end came about 8 p.m. The cause of death is believed to have been valvular disease of the heart. Deceased, who was the only son of the late Mr. George Smith, of Audley End had lived in Swavesey for about two years. He leaves a widow, but no children. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Smith (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. Williamson (step-son and daughter). The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT. 29th April 1927

It is an old saying that if you please the children you please the parents. This may not always be the case, for there have been known occasions – rare perhaps – on which the frolics of children instigated by thoughtless adults have not met with the approval of parents. But it was undoubtedly true on Monday and Tuesday evening, when some 70 of the children attending Swavesey National School closely packed on and around an enlarged platform

gave a concert in the Memorial Hall for the entertainment of their parents and friends, and incidentally to raise funds for their Outing and Entertainment Fund. The hall was crowded on both evenings. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they threw themselves heart and soul into all they had to do, and the happy faces, hearty laughter and spontaneous applause of the audience showed that the parents were pleased. The programme, which was far too lengthy to deal with in detail, included 12 unison songs, five folk songs, four part songs, three descants, three rounds, the song "Good-night, Mr. Moon," by girls in night attire – a very popular item – songs, duets, dance, etc., by small children, a sketch "Dollies' Doctor" and "The Washing Day" (musical sketch). The children, without exception, sang, or did their turns, most admirably, and it would be invidious to select individual performers for special commendation, but reference may perhaps be permitted to the excellent rendering of the part songs, "Drake's Drum" (S. Coleridge Taylor) and Brahms' "Slumber Song," and also to the musical sketch "The Washing Day." The latter appealed to fathers as well as mothers, for in it the divergent views of men and women in regard to the weekly washing day were set forth, and but for the timely interposition of a fairy (Winnie Wood), a demonstration by dinnerless "men" carrying banners inscribed with words of protest and defiance, might have had most serious consequences – on the stage. The sketch hugely pleased the audience. The programme concluded with the community singing, in which the audience joined somewhat faint-heartedly on Monday, but with vigour on Tuesday, of "Pack up you troubles," "John Peel," "Swing low, sweet chariot," "Swanee River," "The Drummer and the Cook" (sung earlier in the evening, but repeated by demand of the children), "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King." The all-round excellence of the performance on both evenings was due to the admirable training and supervision of the headmaster of the school (Mr. C. Wood) and his assistants, Miss G. V. Thoday and Miss C. Scott, the former being responsible for Standards I and II, and the latter for the infants. Miss Thoday, in addition to her other duties, was the accompanist, being relieved by Miss Scott for the infants' items. Mr. Wood was an indefatigable conductor, and he thoroughly deserved the hearty cheers, repeated again and again, that were given him at the close of the second concert. The proceeds, after paying for the hire of the hall and other expenses, amounted to over £8.

FRUIT CROPS DAMAGED. 6th May 1927

Serious damage has been done to the fruit crop in Swavesey by the recent severe frosts.

PERSONAL. 6th May 1927

Mr. Joseph Smith, confectioner, Market-place, Wisbech, son of Mr. Jas. Smith, market gardener, Boxworth End, Swavesey, was last week elected a member of the Wisbech Board of Guardians. He was returned unopposed.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER. 6th May 1927

At last Friday's meeting of the St. Ives Board of Guardians, Dr. Simon J. C. Fraser, of Swavesey, was appointed Poor Law Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Swavesey district, in succession to Dr. J. W. Ellis, who has retired after 50 years' service.

WORKERS' UNION. 6th May 1927

At a meeting held at the White Horse inn on Monday, Mr. A. P. Payne presiding, a branch of the Workers' Union was formed, and during the evening Mr. A. E. Stubbs gave an address in which he explained the aims and objects of the Union and its methods of working. Officers will be appointed at a further meeting on Monday week.

FORTHCOMING GARDEN FETE. 6th May 1927

That the church people of Swavesey are keen on getting a new heating apparatus for their church was shown when a meeting was held to arrange for the summer fete. This is to take the form of a Japanese fair, and the fancy dress procession, which proved such a success last year, is to be repeated, with prizes for the best costumes. A prize will also be offered for a lucky entrance ticket bought before July 14th, the date on which the fete is to be held.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 6th May 1927

A branch of the great Brotherhood movement for Swavesey was inaugurated at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, when the first monthly meeting was in charge of the Cambridge Federation. Mr. Brittain presided. Mr. Horace Brown gave a humorous, telling and succinct address upon "Brotherhood, its aims and purposes" and several of the brothers sang and recited. The audience was large and representative of all sections of the community. Mr. G. E. Canham ably presided at the piano, and members of the Swavesey Orchestral Society considerably brightened the proceedings by their welcome performances.

MEMORIAL HALL. 13th May 1927

Another of the series of dances, arranged by the committee in aid of the Memorial Hall funds, was held on Saturday evening. The music was supplied by the Willingham Robarco Band.

BRITISH LEGION. 13th May 1927

Sixteen tables, over which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., were in play at the whist drive for the benefit of the Swavesey District branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on May 5th. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss Joyce, Mrs. H. J. Culpin, booby, Miss D. Hepher. Gentlemen – Mr. R. Smith, Mr. R. Ginn, Mr. T. C. Heasman, booby Mr. A. C. Garner. Knock-out – 1 Mrs. Banks and Mr. T. C. Heasman, 2 Miss Pook and Miss L. Beaumont. The net proceeds amounted to £4 16s.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 13th May 1927

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Women's Conservative Association was held in Swavesey School on May 10th, Mrs. E. J. Warboys presiding, supported by Mrs. Pashlar (County Organising Secretary) and Mrs. Banks (president of the local branch). The accounts, presented by the Treasurer, having been passed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Banks; chairman, Mrs. E. J. Warboys; vice-chairman, Mrs. Charles Wood; hon. secretary, Miss Beaumont; assistant secretary, Miss Paine; treasurer, Mrs. J. Cain; committee, Mesdames Cooke, F. Hemington, E. J. Mitham, Pettitt, W. Thorp, and Miss Banks. At the close of business Mrs. Pashlar gave an address dealing with the policy of the Government in regard to China and Russia, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Banks, seconded by Miss Beaumont.

WORKERS' UNION. 20th May 1927

At the first meeting of the newly formed Swavesey and District Branch of the Workers' Union, which was held at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, Mr. A. Stubbs presiding, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. H. Brooks; secretary, Mr. A. P. Payne.

EGGS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 20th May 1927

The annual collection in Swavesey of eggs for the use of patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital has resulted in about 1,550 being sent to the Secretary-Superintendent, nearly 150 more than last year. Misses Ivy Hodson, Vida Parish, Winnie Payne, B. Savage, Leah Spearman and Grace Thorp were the collectors.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 20th May 1927

Exceptionally good congregations, including friends from Cambridge, St. Ives, Godmanchester, and the neighbouring villages were present at the anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when the special preacher was Mr. Seth Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a well-attended public tea. Collections were taken in aid of the chapel funds.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 20th May 1927

The 87th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Wednesday, when a large company greeted the Rev. E. W. Gibbons, F.R.G.S., of London, who so delighted the people last year. A record number sat down to an excellently provided tea, after which Mr. Gibbons preached to a very large congregation. The Revs. E. P. Blackaby and G. Bird were present during the day. The church and Sunday school (the latter being under the superintendence of Mrs. Field), are in a flourishing condition, and the church is usually well filled at the evening services. On Sunday evening, May 29th, it is intended to have a community singing service at Bethel, when some of the time-honoured hymns and tunes will be used, and a soloist will render assistance. The Pastor will give an address upon "Music." An open-air service will also be conducted in Market-street on the same evening at 8.

BAND OF HOPE UNION. 27th May 1927

"Drink the Greatest Curse of Our Time."

SPRING MEETINGS AT SWAVESEY.

That men who are teetotallers are much more healthy and in better condition morally as well as physically, than men who drink intoxicating liquor, was one of the contentions of Mr. T. P. Starke, of Cambridge, when he gave an address at Swavesey on Thursday afternoon at the Bethel Baptist Church, in connection with the Cambs. Band of Hope Union spring meetings. At the meeting in the afternoon the Rev. T. B. Field was the chairman, and the soloists were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham. Another meeting was held in the evening, when Dr. Alex Wood was in the chair, and the Rev. W. Thorington Cork (Waterbeach) addressed a well filled church.

MR. STARKE AND TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

In the course of his address, Mr. T. P. Starke said that he had been a temperance worker for fifty years. One of his earliest experiences in temperance work was when, at the age of eight, he signed the pledge. One evening he wanted to go to a Band of Hope meeting, but he was thought too young, so the next day he signed the pledge and he had adhered to it all his

life. There were a great many things said about the people who were attached to the temperance movement. People said they were a bigoted lot, and they had only one idea. The Band of Hope Union's idea was total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation. Some people said the Band of Hope Union had not made any headway, but those people only wished it had not.

Five years hence they would be celebrating the centenary of the great movement started by seven men of Preston. When they first started, those men gave up spirits and did not look upon it as wrong to drink beer. Then one of them found that by giving up spirits they drank more beer, so they gave that up too. Referring to the question of temperance teaching, Mr. Starke said that they must not only teach the young children, but must also gather in the older people into the Band of Hope. There were some things that it was not good to emphasise before children. Diagrams of the drink action on the heart and other parts of the human body were not good for children. They would be surprised at some of the cases that had come through his hands, from murder downwards. They did not want to tell the children of that kind of thing. If they gave them interesting talks and books to read they would be taught far better. Some people said they could not live without drink, but a more healthy body of men could hardly be found than in the prisons, where no intoxicating liquor was allowed.

Turning to the point that drink was a waste of money, the speaker said some people never spent a penny on clothes or shoes. All their money was wasted on drink. The working man should be taught to avoid drink for the sake of the economy, as well as for the spiritual, moral and religious benefits derived. When one recollected that for every 1s. spent on drink, one only got 2¼d worth in exchange, the rest going to the Government and brewers, it seemed a terrible waste of money. He contended a man could live without drink, and could live longer without drink. This was one of the great facts that they wanted to impress upon the people. (Applause.)

A discussion followed, in which several points of Mr. Starke's address were raised.

THE EVENING MEETING.

At the evening meeting Dr. Alex Wood was supported by the Rev. T. B. Field, the Rev. W. T. Cork (Waterbeach) and Mr. Bird.

In his introductory remarks, the Chairman referred to the fact that "Punch" had now refused to take any advertisements referring to intoxicating liquor. He thought this was a great step in the right direction.

The Rev. W. T. Cork, in his address on "Prohibition," said that drink was the greatest curse of our time. What other view one might have on this subject –

and there might be some present who were antagonistic to prohibition – (hear, hear) – the speaker felt they would all agree with him when he said that drink was one of the deadliest and most degrading evils in this country. In the workhouses, prisons and lunatic asylums there were large numbers of people who had been ruined by drink. The only way to get rid of the evil was to cut it right out. This was not only vitally necessary in the interests of the nation, but in the best interests of the individual.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Dr. Alex Wood for presiding, and the Rev. W. T. Cork for his address.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 27th May 1927

At the Syston, Leicestershire, Fur and Feather Show, Mr. Percy Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, was awarded a first prize and a special prize for a pair of Angora rabbits under three months old, and a first and a special with the same pair in the class for rabbits (any variety) under twelve months.

MEMORIAL HALL. 27th May 1927

The Entertainments Committee scored a success with their dance in aid of the Memorial Hall funds on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance, and the Histon Jazzoneans provided a capital programme of music.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR NORMAN. 27th May 1927

Many of our readers will learn with deep regret of the death, after a long and very painful illness, of Mr. Arthur Norman, of Hill Farm in the parish of Swavesey, who passed away on Tuesday night at Longstanton at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Major C. W. and Mrs. Townsend, with whom he had been staying since he left the Evelyn Nursing Home, Cambridge. Mr. Norman, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon, the service at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, being at 2.30, and the interment in Over Cemetery at 3.15 p.m.

“TREADING THE FOOTPATHS.” 27th May 1927

A correspondent writes: In a daily newspaper on Monday I read an account of an old-time ceremony known as “treading the footpaths” in which upwards of 100 men, women and children had taken part on the previous day at Keston in Kent. The leader of the procession is reported to have stated that in view of the considerable amount of building that was going on in the district it was considered more necessary than ever that the public rights in regard to the footpaths should be maintained by periodical “treading.” May I suggest that a

“treading” expedition should be organised without delay in the parish of Swavesey, where the public rights of way seem to be disappearing, not because of building operations, but in consequence of the neglect of the authorities charged with the duty – by Act of Parliament it is believed – of keeping them open. Perhaps the Cambs. Rural Community Council can help in the matter, for, unless I am mistaken, a Questionnaire sent by them not long ago to the Parish Council contained a request for information respecting footpaths, rights of way, and the like.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS. 27th May 1927

In connection with the inter-school sports to be held this (Friday) evening at Cottenham, the youthful athletes of Swavesey and Over had a preliminary meeting on Swavesey Recreation Ground on Wednesday evening. The results of the various events are in the newspaper.

LATE MR. A. NORMAN. 3rd June 1927

Well-Known Breeder of Pedigree Stock.

FUNERAL AT SWAVESEY.

The funeral of Mr. Arthur Charles Norman, of the Hill Farm, Swavesey, whose death on May 24th after a long and very painful illness was announced last week, took place on Sunday afternoon, and was the occasion of a remarkable demonstration of sympathy and respect.

The first part of the burial service was held at Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, of which Mr. Norman had for many years been a devoted and honoured member, and for a long period had held the offices of deacon and treasurer. The spacious chapel was crowded with relatives and friends from far and near, and it is estimated that at least 300 persons were present. During the simple but impressive service, which was conducted by the Pastor (Rev. T. B. Field), the hymns “Lead, Kindly Light” and “Blest be the tie that binds” were sung, Mr. J. W. Williams presiding at the organ.

Blinds were drawn in the village as the funeral cortege, followed by a long procession of motor cars, passed on its way from the Chapel to Over Cemetery, where the interment took place. Here the attendance was many times larger than at Swavesey. The Rev. T. B. Field again officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. Bird (Baptist minister, Over). The hymn “For ever with the Lord” was sung at the graveside.

The mourners were: Mrs. A. Norman (widow), Mr. and Mrs. F. Norman (son and daughter-in-law), Major and Mrs. C. W. Townsend (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Horace Norman (son), Mr. and Mrs. G. Norman (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. R. Norman (brother), Mrs. J. Norman (sister-in-law), Miss

V. Finch, Mr. A. Norman, Mr. F. F. Norman (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. R. Norman, jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. Chapman (nephews and nieces), Mrs. W. Coulson, Miss M. Bentley and Mr. Samuel Payne. Employees from the Grange Farm, Lolworth, followed the mourners, carrying wreaths from the cemetery gate to the grave. All the bearers were workers at the Hill Farm.

A very long list of others present is appended to the newspaper report.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. B. and R. Wayman, Over, in conjunction with Messrs. Silk, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On Sunday evening a very large congregation attended a memorial service at Bethel Chapel, conducted by the Pastor. Mrs. Bird, of Cambridge, gave a beautiful rendering of the solo "Homeland."

A CAREER OF USEFULNESS.

Born at Over 57 years ago, the youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Norman, Mr. Arthur Charles Norman farmed in Swavesey under Trinity College for 30 years, and from 1919 until 1926 at Lolworth as well. He was a well-known and successful breeder of Large Black pigs, winning several prizes, and was also noted for his herd of recorded dairy cattle, concentrating latterly on a herd of pedigree British Friesians. Last year he headed all herds recorded by the Cambs. and District Milk Recording Society by an average of over 1,100 gallons per cow.

He was a member of the Swavesey Parish Council from March, 1910, until his death, and for a considerable period chairman, and since 1922 he represented Lolworth on the St. Ives Board of Guardians and Swavesey District Council. Among other activities Mr. Norman was a founder and director of the Cambs. Farmers' Creamery, vice-chairman of the Cambs. and District Milk Recording Society, and an active member of the Farmers' Union.

FETE AT SWAVESEY. 3rd June 1927

Successful Effort in Aid of Nursing Association.

A successful fete, in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, was held at Swavesey Manor on Thursday in fine weather. The grounds were kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and there was a large attendance. Mrs. Simon Fraser, in opening the fete, expressed her pleasure at seeing so many present, and urged them all to buy all they could from the stalls, and enter all the competitions, in order to make the effort a great success.

One of the best side shows was the children's entertainment. Their dances were well conceived and prettily performed, and gained hearty applause from

the onlookers. The songs and a play were also well received, and showed that the children had been well trained by Miss Beaumont, Miss Hurrell and Miss Scott. A picturesque fancy dress parade was under the management of Miss Doris Aldred, and about a dozen children took part.

There were the usual amusements and competitions, and early in the afternoon a baby show, arranged by Nurse Walters, was held, for which there were 12 entries. Dr. Robinson judged, assisted by Miss Richards (assistant supt. of the Cambs. Nursing Association). The prizewinners were: One to six months – 1 Arthur Dodson, 2 Ella M. Asplin and Nora O. Nadel. Six to 12 months – 1 Reginald Unwin, 2 Barrie Adams. 12 to 18 months – May Brickwood, 2 Ernest Carter. All received certificates.

Those in charge of the stalls and competitions were as follows: Workstall, Mrs. C. Dean and friends; produce stall, Mrs. C. Barline and Mrs. W. Thorp; sweet stall, Misses E. Dodson and Mr. Parsons; ice cream, Mrs. Kester; refreshments, Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. Dean and many helpers; competition workstall, Mrs. Stebbing and Mrs. Banks; competitions, Miss Freestone, Miss Doris Godfrey, Mrs. W. Prince, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. W. Thorp, Miss Banks, Mrs. Cooke, and Miss Chew; bran tub, Miss Dodson; guessing the weight of the fowl, Mr. Hixton; at the gramophone, Mrs. Lee; at the gate, Messrs. Pontefract and C. Dean.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP. 10th June 1927

Winifred Wood and Joyce Melbourne, pupils at Swavesey National School, who sat in the recent County Minor Scholarship examination, have been awarded scholarships tenable at the Cambridge and County School for Girls.

MEMORIAL HALL. 10th June 1927

Although the attendance was not quite so large as on some previous occasions, due no doubt to other attractions in the district, the Memorial Hall Committee scored a success with their dance on Whitsun Monday. The Histon Jazzoneans provided an acceptable programme of dance music, and Mr. J. Salmon was an efficient M.C.

NEW STATIONMASTER. 10th June 1927

Mr. Harold Walter Whitehead, who has been appointed stationmaster of Swavesey, in succession to the late Mr. T. E. Tagg, took up duty on June 1st. He has served 26 years on the Great Central section of the L.N.E.R., having been goods clerk at Brackley and Nottingham, and stationmaster at Charwalton, Northants, and Langworth, Lincolnshire.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 10th June 1927

The second monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held on Sunday afternoon in the Memorial Hall, Mr. S. F. Mitham presiding over a large audience. Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave the address, Mr. T. White, of Histon, sang two solos, and the Rev. T. B. Field opened and closed with prayer. The orchestral band was in attendance, Mr. J. W. Williams presiding at the piano.

COMMUNITY SINGING. 10th June 1927

A large congregation was present at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evening for the community singing service. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address on the word "Hallelujah." Miss D. Godfrey was the soloist, Mr. J. W. Williams led the orchestral band, and Mrs. Aldred presided at the organ. The congregation entered into the singing of the old-fashioned hymns with great zest. In some hymns ladies sang one verse and the men the others; in others the choir sang verses alone. So thoroughly enjoyed was the service that people are asking for the next one, which may be held towards the end of July.

LAST WEEK'S FETE. 10th June 1927

The garden fete, in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, a report of which appeared last week, resulted in an addition of £45 15s. 6d. to the funds, £1 0s. 4d. more than last year. The gate money, including tickets sold previously, amounted to £8 6s. 6d., a record for this annual fete. The produce stall was under the charge of Mrs. G. Burling and Mrs. W. Thorp, the jumble stall of Mr. John Smith and Mrs. Mead, and the refreshments of Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. Dean, sen., assisted by many helpers. List of competitions and winners in newspaper.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 17th June 1927

In the Essex County Master Bakers' Association Bread and Confectionary Competition, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded second prize for heavy fruit cakes (Class C.).

A QUESTION OF SPELLING. 17th June 1927

A correspondent writes: Are the County road authorities, in doubt as to how Swavesey should be spelled, or are they endeavouring tentatively to introduce a new method? I ask the question, because on one side of the sign post opposite the New Inn on the Huntingdon-road the word appears as Swaversey, and on the other side as Swavesey. If the authorities desire to make a change, why not revert to Swaveseye, Swavesheye, Swaveseya or Swavesseia, as in

Domesday Book and other ancient records? The variant in an old "National Gazetteer," Swasey, is not recommended.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 17th June 1927

Nurse Cottrell, who has succeeded Nurse Walters as district nurse, took up her duties this week. She will reside at Berry House, Boxworth-end, Swavesey.

MIXED EGGS. 24th June 1927

A nest containing ten partridge's eggs and four eggs of a domestic fowl has been found this week in Baker's Close, Boxworth End.

PARISH CHURCH. 24th June 1927

During the absence of the Vicar, who is on his annual holiday, the services at the parish church are being taken by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey.

WHIST DRIVE. 24th June 1927

Owing to the uncertain weather the whist drive which was announced to take place in Miss Parson's garden on Tuesday evening, was held in the Memorial Hall. Eleven tables, over which Mr. T. C. Heasman presided as M.C., were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss D. Banks, Miss Watts, booby Mrs. Street; gentlemen – Mr. R. Asplin, Mr. S. Clark, booby Mr. H. Culpin; knock-out competition Mrs. Burton (ladies') and Mr. P. Burton (gentlemen's). The proceeds were in aid of the Memorial Hall funds.

DEATH OF A LATE PARISHIONER. 24th June 1927

We have to announce the death, at the age of 61 years, of Miss Rachel Parish, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Parish, of Swavesey, who succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia on June 11th, after three days' illness. A native of Swavesey, she lived in the village until the death of her mother 13 years ago, when she went to reside at Handcross, Sussex. Feeling unwell she went a few days before her death to stay with relatives at Haywards Heath, and here she passed away. She was buried at Handcross Cemetery on Thursday week.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 24th June 1927

The anniversary of the Sunday School was celebrated at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, when the Pastor preached to good congregations in the morning and evening. A young people's service was held in the afternoon, over which Mr. Field presided, the address being given by the Rev. G. Bird, of Over. Mrs. Field, the superintendent, presented certificates to the following children who

sat in the recent Sunday School Union examination: D. Canham, E. Dodson, F. Dodson, V. Parish, F. Williams, G. Payne and T. Jackson. The children, who had been admirably trained by Mrs. Aldred, Miss Easter and Mr. Canham, sang appropriate hymns during the day, Mr. J. W. Williams presiding at the organ. The children's treat took place on Thursday at Mr. A. Day's farm.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th June 1927

A meeting of the Parish Council, called specially to elect a councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Arthur Norman, should have been held at the Memorial Hall on Monday, and at 7.30 p.m., the time appointed, the Chairman (Mr. J. Linford) and Councillors P. Burton, Mr. C. Burton, M. C. Culpin and H. Wells were in attendance, together with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). They could not however, proceed with business, as the Standing Orders required a quorum of five. The four faithful councillors waited patiently, in the hope that one at least of their four absent colleagues might put in an appearance, but they waited in vain, and at 8.15 p.m. it was decided to adjourn until 8 p.m. on Monday next. On that occasion it is possible that the question may be raised of amending the Standing Orders so as to reduce the quorum from five to four, or perhaps three.

ADVERT. 1st July 1927

SPECIAL LINES. – New Three-Piece Oak Bedroom Suite, £11 10s., New Chesterfield Suite in Rexine, with cushions, £12 10s. – Prior's Furnishing Stores.

THE LATE VICAR. 1st July 1927

The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, who was vicar of Swavesey from 1912 to 1922, and has since been rector of Elveden, Suffolk, has been presented to the Rectory of Rattlesden, Bury St. Edmund's, by the Rev. E. J. Wild, patron.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 1st July 1927

At the Batley (Yorks.) and District Agricultural Society's Show on Saturday, Mr. Percy Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, gained a second prize with a white Angora rabbit.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 1st July 1927

The committee of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association wish to state that when leaving Nurse Walters was presented with £15, which was gratefully acknowledged. Nurse Cottrell, with whom excellent

testimonials were received, has started her work, and it is hoped she will be kindly received by all, and will soon feel at home in the district.

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG ATHELETS. 1st July 1927

Swavesey National School sent four representatives to the Cambridgeshire Elementary Schools Annual Athletic Championship meeting, which was held in Cambridge on Saturday, and three of the four achieved success. Bernard Bailey, a promising lad of 13 years, won the half-mile in 2min. 49secs., beating W. Adams (Over Church School) easily. He had the distinction of being the only representative of a school in the county who gained a championship medal. Vida Parish, after winning her heat in the girls' 75 yards hurdle race, came in second in the final, and Arthur Godfrey was third in the 220 yards flat race.

NEW COUNCIL HOUSES. 1st July 1927

Some time ago it was announced that the District Council proposed to build six new houses in Swavesey, four of which were to be in the main part of the village, and two at Boxworth End. Much surprise and indignation have therefore been aroused by the preparations that are being made to erect the whole of the houses at Boxworth End on land that is practically a swamp. It is maintained that the site is the most unsuitable to be found in the village, that tons innumerable of earth will be required to raise the land to a proper level, and that, as the sub-soil is clay, the houses when built will soon fall to pieces. One ratepayer suggests that the "wash" at the river side, where a district councillor has already had some experience of house-building, would be a drier and a healthier site, for water there runs away quicker than it does from the swamp at Boxworth End.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st July 1927

The special meeting of the Parish Council to elect a Councillor in succession to the late Mr. Arthur Norman, which could not be held on June 20th, as the quorum required by the Standing Orders, but not by the Local Government Act, 1894, did not attend, took place at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (Chairman), Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hephew, P. Parish and H. Wells with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. After Mr. C. H. Parish, who had previously served on the Council, and who has only recently relinquished the office of Overseer, had been unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy on the Council, it was agreed that a cheque should be drawn for £27 5s. 11d., the instalment due to the Public Works Loan Board on July 15th in respect of the loan on the Memorial Hall.

This sum will not, it was explained, be paid out of the rates. A letter was read from Mr. Bertram Prime complaining that cattle had several times strayed on to a field occupied by him; that the pound was not in a fit condition to contain animals, and further that the parishioner who used to officiate as pinder had informed him that he no longer acted in that capacity. Mr. Culpin stated that when the question of repairing the walls of the pound was raised about 18 months ago, it was decided from motives of economy that no action be taken “for the present,” and he moved that the matter be left until after next March, when the new Council could deal with it if they thought fit. Mr. Cole seconded. The proposition was carried by three votes to one, Messrs. F. Hepher and P. Parish not voting. Nothing was done in regard to the appointment of a pinder, probably because a pinder would find it difficult to act without a pound. The Clerk reported that the fire engine was crumbling to pieces. This venerable engine was 30 years of age when it was purchased for the parish from Messrs. Merryweather and Co. a century ago, and it came into great prominence on the occasion of the disastrous fire in Swavesey in 1913. A suggestion on Monday evening that a modern engine should be acquired was received in silence by the Councillors, who passed on to appoint Mr. H. Berryman a member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee, vice Mr. G. Winter, resigned. The Chairman moved that a special meeting of the Council be called to discuss the advisability of a reduction in the quorum required by the Standing Orders. He explained that with the present quorum of five there was frequently delay in commencing business, and that sometimes no meeting could be held owing to the necessary number of Councillors not being present. According to the Act of Parliament, he said, the quorum need not be more than three. Mr. Cole vigorously opposed any reduction, and as the Chairman failed to find a seconder, the proposition was not put to the meeting. Before the proceedings closed it was agreed that the quarterly meeting of the Council should be held on Monday, 18th July, at 8 p.m.

MEMORIAL HALL. 8th July 1927

A dance, in aid of the Memorial Hall funds, was held on Saturday evening. The music was provided by the Histon Jazzzoneans' Band

WHIST DRIVE. 8th July 1927

The whist drive in aid of the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund on Tuesday evening took place at the Memorial Hall, and not on the lawn at “The Priory as originally intended. Eleven tables were in play, and the prizes were won by: Ladies – Mrs. H. Culpin, Mrs. Stebbings, Mrs. J. Prior, lucky number

Miss Stebbing; gentlemen – Mr. E. A. Mitham, Mr. H. Burling, Mr. Webb, lucky number Mr. W. Twist. Mr. T. C. Heasman was M.C.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 8th July 1927

A largely attended meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, when Mr. F. Prior was in the chair. Councillor Whibley, of Cambridge, was the speaker, and Miss Prior and Mr. Harper (Cambridge) the soloists. About forty persons have intimated their willingness to become members of the United Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and others are invited to join. A meeting will be held shortly to place the movement on a more permanent footing. There are no binding rules, or financial burdens, the main objects being to promote unity among Christians and to helping forward all good work for the uplifting of the race.

SWAVESEY JAPANESE FAIR. 15th July 1927

Successful Effort for Church Heating Apparatus.

Owing to the wet the Japanese fair, in aid of the Church Heating Apparatus Fund, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday instead of the Vicarage grounds, and in spite of being rather cramped, the fair was quite a success. Mr. C. H. Barwell, of Kenilworth, brother of the treasurer of the Swavesey Church Restoration Fund, declared the fete open, and wished them every success.

One of the features in the entertainment was the conjuring of Mr. Sydney Pratt, of Cambridge, who is too well known to need an introduction. The St. Ives Band attended in the afternoon and played a good selection of music, and later in the evening provided the music for dancing. In addition, there were the usual stalls, competitions and sideshows, which were well patronised. The Japanese procession had a good number of entrants, and a prize was given to the person wearing the best costume.

List of stallholders and competitions in newspaper.

A SUCCESSFUL RABBIT. 15th July 1927

Mr. Percy Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, scored another success with his rabbits at the Rugby Fur and Feather Show on the 6th inst., when he was awarded a second prize for a white Angora.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 15th July 1927

The Treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a cheque for £18 0s. 7d. from the Over Women's Institute, for which the committee are most grateful.

HARD LINES. 15th July 1927

A Swavesey cottager, who sent two half-sieves of gooseberries to Manchester market last week, felt hurt and indignant when a day or two later he received the following invoice from the salesman: "One half-sieve berries 2s. 6d., one half-sieve pilfered, 1s."

DEATH OF AN EX-SERVICE MAN. 15th July 1927

We have to record the death of Mr. Frank Williams, which occurred at his mother's residence in Market-street on Sunday evening. Mr. Williams on the previous Sunday cycled to Swavesey from Ely, where he had been living for the past few years, and in the evening he walked, with his mother, to Needingworth and back to Swavesey. On Monday he was unwell, and two days later – his 39th birthday – it was evident that he was seriously ill, and Dr. Fraser, who was called in, found that he was suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia. Despite every attention his condition rapidly became worse, and he passed away at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday. Frank Williams was the second son of the late Mr. John Williams, coal merchant, who for many years was parish clerk of Swavesey, an office held continuously by members of the Williams' family for upwards of a century, and is now held by Mr. John Williams' youngest son. Early in the war (December, 1914) Frank Williams joined up, enlisting in the 24th Royal Fusiliers (2nd Sportsmen's Battalion), and with that battalion served on the Western front from November, 1915, until the 22nd December, 1917, when he was severely wounded by a shell, and his right foot had to be amputated. He remained under treatment until he was discharged as unfit for further service in October, 1918, and was granted a pension. He leaves a widow, a daughter and a son. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, and was attended by many villagers and friends of the family. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. Mr. G. H. Skeeles presided at the organ. The coffin was covered with a Union Jack. The mourners were: Mrs. F. Williams (widow), Miss R. Williams (daughter), Master J. Williams (son), Mrs. J. Williams (mother), Messrs. D. and E. Williams (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Cracknell (sisters-in-law), Mrs. P. Williams, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Day and Mrs. J. Turner (aunts), Mrs. K. Moore, Mrs. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sanderson, Mr. F. Turner, and Mrs. Farmsworth (cousins), Messrs. A. Melbourne, P. Lee and W. Spolton (ex-Servicemen). The following cablegram was received from his brothers in Australia: "With deepest and loving memory of our dear brother, Ezra and

Len, Australia. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

ACCIDENT AT SWAVESEY STATION. 22nd July 1927

Coach Derailed and Lines Blocked.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS IN DANGER.

Swavesey railway station was on Monday afternoon the scene of an accident of somewhat unusual character, which might have been, but fortunately was not, attended by consequences far more serious than the death of a horse, a smashed cart, damage to a railway coach and to the permanent way, and interruption of traffic.

A horse and empty cart belonging to Mr. Jabez Day, farmer and fruitgrower, Swavesey, was standing on, or near, the up-platform, when from some unknown cause the horse backed the cart into a large pile of baskets of fruit stacked on the platform, upsetting the contents, and then fell on the line, dragging the cart with it. Mr. Day, who clung to the horse as it fell, made a desperate effort to drag it clear of the up metals, on which a train conveying officials of the L.N.E.R. was rapidly approaching the station. As the engine was propelling the train, the driver could not see the obstruction, but the signalman on duty, Mr. W. Kester, had seen what had happened, and he promptly pulled the near up signal to danger just as the engine was passing the post. The driver, however, had not time to pull up before the leading coach, in which the officials were having tea, struck the horse and cart.

The coach was derailed, and travelled some yards, damaging the permanent way. Both up and down roads were blocked, the cart was reduced to fragment of splintered wood, and the horse – a valuable animal – was so badly injured that it died in a short time. Mr. Day escaped injury.

A breakdown gang from Cambridge soon replaced the coach on the metals, and thus cleared the down line, on which both up and down trains had to travel, piloted by Mr. H. Whitehead, the Swavesey stationmaster, until about 7.45 p.m., by which time the damaged up line had been repaired by the local gangs of platelayers.

The coach, which remained in a siding at Swavesey for the night, sustained some damage, including splintered running boards and a smashed panel.

ADVERT. 22nd July 1927

THE "CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS" is on sale each evening at Mr. P. H. Lee, The Post Office. Orders can be taken for regular delivery.

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 22nd July 1927

The Rev. J. D. Stewart, Diocesan Director of Religious Instruction, who recently visited Swavesey National School, has reported as follows: The Headmaster takes a great interest in his work, and desires to do the best for the children. The work has been conscientiously taught by him, and the children made a very good response to the questioning. The standard of written work was very good indeed; the papers were sensible and straightforward; they were written with care, and showed an interest in the subject matter. Middle Group: The younger children responded well to questions put to them on their Old and New Testament work. Good progress has been made on the lines of the new syllabus. Infant Group: I was very pleased with the response of the little ones. They are very happy and interested, and are being taught with care and sympathy.

THE JAPANESE FAIR. 22nd July 1927

Notwithstanding the deplorable weather on Thursday week, which necessitated the transfer at the last moment of the Japanese Fair from the grounds of the Vicarage to the Memorial Hall, a profit of £50 2s. 11d. was realised for the Parish Church Heating Fund. (Competition winners in newspaper)

SCHOOL ATHLETICS. 22nd July 1927

Vida Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parish, a pupil at Swavesey National School, was the only competitor from Cambridgeshire who achieved any sort of distinction at the Third Inter-County Championship sports meeting, held on Saturday at Stamford Bridge, London, under the auspices of the Schools Athletic Association. She won her heat in the first round of the 75 yards girls' hurdle race and ran second in her heat in the second round, but not being the fastest second in the round, she did not compete in the final. Bernard Bailey, Swavesey's hope for the half-mile was unplaced, as also was W. Adams of Over Council School, the only other Cambridgeshire representative in the race. Bailey, it should be mentioned, was far from well, and not fit to run. Arthur Godfrey, the reserve for the 220 yards flat race, accompanied the party to London, but was not called upon to run. The parade of competitors from the 21 counties, each with its flag, was an imposing spectacle. The salute was taken by the Home Secretary, Sir W. Joynson-Hicks, Bart., who distributed the trophies and medals.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd July 1927

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (Chairman), Messrs. P.

Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Mr. C. H. Parish, who had been elected at the previous meeting to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. Arthur Norman, having signed the declaration of acceptance of office, the Chairman called attention to the fire engine, now some 130 years of age. It had been reported, he said, that the woodwork had decayed, and that the engine was practically useless. If that was the case, he thought they should waste no more money on it. In the discussion that followed, the question was raised as to whether there was a stand pipe for use in case of fire in connection with the public water supply. Mr. C. H. Parish said he believed the stand pipe that had been provided was held by Mr. Chevill, of Willingham, who looks after the repair of the pipes. Some councillors were of opinion that the pressure of water was not sufficient to be effective in case of a fire; others thought it was sufficient. The opinion was expressed that the fire hydrants, some of which it would be difficult to find in a hurry, should be overhauled. Eventually, on the proposition of Mr. Norman, seconded by Mr. Wells, it was agreed that the engine should be tested at 8 p.m. on Monday next, in the presence of the whole of the Council. Before the meeting closed a councillor asked where the fire hooks were at the present time, but no one knew.

ASSAULT AT SWAVESEY. 22nd July 1927

J. K., of Swavesey, was summoned for assaulting R. G., of Swavesey, on July 7th at Swavesey.

Mr. G. A. Wootten appeared for defendant, and pleaded not guilty.

R. G., living at Swavesey, said that on July 7th he was sitting down to tea near his caravan when a man named W. and defendant came along. After conversation, defendant struck witness on the forehead.

Defendant, on oath, spoke of meeting complainant, who came straight up to him, saying that he had a bone to pick with him (defendant). He then hit defendant on the eye and kicked him on the thigh. Defendant then, in self defence, hit back.

A. W., of Swavesey, corroborated defendant's statement.

H. H., a labourer, of Swavesey, said that one day last June, in the White Horse, Swavesey, he saw G., who asked witness where K. was. G. added: "I am out to wait for K. I am going to give him a good hiding."

The Bench decided to convict and sent defendant to prison for two months with hard labour.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

J. K. and A. W., both of Swavesey, were summoned for committing wilful damage to the extent of £5 at Swavesey on July 7th.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

R. G., of Swavesey, said that on July 7th, after the assault, he went through the gap in the hedge. Witness later saw defendants burn up everything he had.

P. C. Brooks spoke to seeing the axles and tyres of the wheels, everything else being entirely burnt.

Both defendants, on oath, denied burning G.'s goods.

The Bench decided to convict. K., who had 21 previous convictions, including 11 assaults, four threats and one wilful damage, was sent to prison for two months' hard labour. W., who had four previous convictions, was sent to prison for one month with hard labour.

ADVERT. 29th July 1927

TROJAN VAN, 1925, perfect running order, taxed to December, £70. – Barwell, Swavesey.

EVENING FETE. 29th July 1927

The somewhat hastily arranged evening fete and dance, in aid of the Church Heating Apparatus Fund, which took place in the grounds of the Vicarage on Thursday week, was, it is understood, a financial success. The St. Ives Town Band was in attendance.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 29th July 1927

The annual house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which has recently been made in the village, under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, amounted to £17 10s. 3d., 19s. more than last year. The collectors were Mesdames Aldred, Beaumont, Cooksey, Dean, Hemington, Thorp and Miss Gaunt.

POTATO VARIETY TRIALS. 29th July 1927

We are informed by Mr. A. T. Paskett, County Horticultural Adviser, that the following varieties of potatoes grown for the County Agricultural Education Committee on the County Council small holding of Mr. W. F. Gleaves, Swavesey, are now ready for inspection by persons interested in potato growing. 28lbs. of the following varieties (Scotch seed) have been grown this year: Dargil Early, King George, Arran Consul, Glamis Beauty, Kerr's Pink, Red King, Eclipse, Arran Chief, Arran Victory, Golden Wonder, King Edward. A large label has been put up showing each variety. They can be inspected at any time. It is hoped that samples from the different varieties will

be on view at the Swavesey Horticultural Show on Thursday, August 4th, and at the Great Autumn Show at Cambridge on Sept. 21st and 22nd.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 29th July 1927

The annual meeting of the Football Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the Memorial Hall, Mr. G. E. Canham presiding. After the balance sheet, which showed that the receipts last year amounted to £34 12s. 5d., and the expenditure to £33 4s. 0½d., had been approved, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Rev. T. B. Field, Dr. S. J. Fraser, Messrs. C. F. Banks, A. Beaumont, W. A. Bignell, H. Blinkhorn, L. Brooks, G. E. Canham, W. Crouch, P. H. Lee, Moyne, J. Mustill, W. Mustill and H. Whitehead; captain first eleven, Mr. G. E. Canham; vice-captain, Mr. H. N. Unwin; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Hephher, assistant secretary, Mr. H. Holmes; general committee, Messrs. H. Brooks, P. Button, A. Lambert, G. Oakman, R. Seekings, E. Smart and Turner; selection committee, Messrs. E. Smart and Turner with the Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. It was decided that the first eleven should be entered for the Cambs. League, Division III, and the Minor Cup Competitions, and a second eleven for the Histon League and Cup. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the hon. secretary and the retiring assistant secretary (Mr. A. E. Melbourne).

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 29th July 1927

A good congregation attended the special musical service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The music included soprano solos by Miss Rose Taylor and Mrs. Ivatt, bass solos, violin solos, a performance by a string quartette, and an anthem by the choir. Mr. J. W. Williams presided at the organ and the piano. At the evening service Miss Taylor gave a beautiful rendering of Liddle's setting of "Abide with me," and Mr. Warren's fine voice was heard to advantage in "Nearer, my God, to Thee." The anthem "Hark, the glad sound" (F. C. Maker) was well sung by the choir. Addresses were given at both services by the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field. The collections, which amounted to £3 9s. 6d. will be equally divided between the choir and church funds.

WEDDING. 29th July 1927

The marriage of Mr. James Prime, of Atherstone Warwickshire, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prime, of Swavesey, and Miss K. M. Thomas, daughter of Mr. J. Thomas, of Eardisley, Herefordshire, took place at Eardisley parish church on Monday week, the Rev. S. H. Osborne, rector, officiating. The

service was choral, the hymns sung being "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Lead us Heavenly Father," and the organist played the bridal music from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March. A merry peal was rung on the bells as the newly-married couple left the church. The bride's dress was of ivory crepe-de-chine with georgette sleeves and pearl trimming. She wore a veil of silk embroidered net, a wreath of orange blossom, and a rope of pearls (the gift of the bridegroom), and carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations and fern. The bridesmaids were her sisters, Misses Doris and Hilda Thomas. They wore dresses of egg-blue taffeta, with accordion-pleated georgette panels, veils, and gold brooches (the bridegroom's gift). Mr. Reginald Thomas (bride's brother) was best man. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. J. Prime left by train for their honeymoon at Weston-super-Mare. The wedding presents were numerous and useful.

THE FIRE ENGINE. 29th July 1927

As decreed by the Parish Council at their meeting last week, the ancient fire engine, about which unkind things had been said, was taken to the recreation ground on Monday evening for inspection and trial in the presence of the Councillors. Seven of the nine Councillors were in attendance, viz., Messrs. J. Linford (chairman), C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish and H. Wells, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). A crowd of considerable dimensions assembled to watch the operations which were under the superintendence of the captain of the fire engine (Mr. S. Challis) and the sub-captain (Mr. E. Prior). On being manned by a crew of pumpers, among whom were some of the Councillors, the engine with three or four lengths of hose attached was found capable of throwing a fairly satisfactory stream of water. Some of the woodwork, as already reported, was rotten, but probably could be replaced at a small outlay. A fire hydrant near Mr. Ben Thorp's garage, on being tested subsequently with one length of hose, threw a stream of water not equal to that thrown by the engine, but onlookers were satisfied that with a stronger pressure from the waterworks at Bourn a far better result could be obtained, and that the hydrants might be of great service at a fire, provided they were easily accessible and the position of each clearly marked. As both the Swavesey representatives on the District Council were present at the trial these matters will doubtless have prompt attention.

SWAVESEY SHOW. 5th Aug. 1927

Record Entry of Flowers and Vegetables.

Delightful weather favoured the fifth annual show and sports arranged by the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held in the Manor Field, by kind

permission of Mr. A. Watts, to-day (Thursday). Last year the show was pronounced a success, but on this occasion all previous records were eclipsed. There was a record entry of vegetables and flowers, and one of the judges said that, taking the show all round, it was a great improvement on any previous show at Swavesey. In the classes for vegetables for the cup presented by Mr. Walter Dodson, he said, there would be an improvement in the exhibits if the exhibitors knew what was required.

The outstanding feature of the show was the display of potatoes. Runners and French beans, marrows and carrots were exceptionally good, while, considering the season, cooking apples, for which class there was a large entry, were quite good. Great interest was taken in the special exhibit of potatoes grown for the County Agricultural Education Committee, on the County Council smallholding of Mr. W. F. Gleaves, of Swavesey.

There was a large number of early visitors to the Manor Field, and much interest was shown in the various exhibits. The Cambridge Railway Silver Prize Band was in attendance during the afternoon, when there were children's sports. This evening there will be a further programme of sports, and the band will play for the dancing. There will also be a dance in the Memorial Hall and the music will be supplied by the Histon Jazzzoneans.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 5th Aug. 1927

At the large and important show of the Universal Angora Club, held at Darlington, Mr. Percy Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, was highly commended for a White Angora rabbit in the adult class and commended for another Angora in the five months' class.

MEMORIAL HALL. 5th Aug. 1927

There was a good attendance at the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, for which the Histon Jazzzoneans provided an excellent programme of music. The proceeds were in aid of the Hall funds. – A correspondent writes: Dwellers in High-street would be grateful if motor cyclists who attend dances and other functions at the Memorial Hall would show a little more consideration for the men, women and children endeavouring to get a night's rest in houses near the Hall. As an instance of unnecessary noise, it is stated that a motor cyclist on Saturday night kept his engine running while attending to a puncture, and a companion added to the hubbub by continually calling to the cyclist to "hurry up." This occurred under the windows of a row of small houses.

PARISH COUNCIL. 5th Aug. 1927

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening in order that the councillors might decide whether anything should be done in regard to the fire engine which had been tested in their presence during the previous week. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). After some discussion, during which the opinion was expressed that the fire engine was still capable of doing good work, notwithstanding the fact that it – the councillors said “she” – was 130 years old, it was agreed that only a few minor repairs were necessary, and that Messrs. Parish Bros., of Swavesey, should be asked to undertake the work. As regards the fire hydrants connected with the public water supply, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. C.H. Parish, that the District Council should be asked to raise the hydrants to the level of the footpath, where necessary, and to provide the Parish Council with a plan indicating the position of each hydrant. The Clerk reported that the standpipe which was supplied to the Council when the new water system was installed, was kept in the fire engine house, and that the other standpipe to which reference was made at the previous meeting was for the use of the engineer in charge of the pipes. A letter was read from Mr. C. Wood complaining of the stench arising from the District Council sewer between the school and the end of Market-street, and calling attention to a leakage of blood and other objectionable matter from the pipes near Swavesey Manor. As the Parish Council had no control over the sewer, it was decided to send the letter to the District Council

PARISH CHURCH. 12th Aug. 1927

The collections at the parish church on Sunday, which amounted to £3 10s., were in aid of the Sunday School Treat Fund.

TRIP TO THE SEASIDE. 12th Aug. 1927

One hundred and three passengers were booked at Swavesey station on Sunday by the special L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to Skegness.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 12th Aug. 1927

There was a fairly good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Brotherhood, in the Memorial Hall, on Sunday afternoon, at which Mr. G. E. Canham presided. The Rev. F. Bonsey, of the Free Church, St. Ives, was the speaker, and Mr. Webster the soloist.

ACCIDENT. 12th Aug. 1927

While loading up empty tar barrels on the Huntingdon-road, near Lolworth, on Monday morning, Mr. Stephen Gray, of Swavesey, a labourer employed by Mr. P. Godfrey, haulage contractor, was knocked down by a passing motor car, driven by Mrs. Stanton, of Lolworth Grange. Mr. Gray, who appears to have been caught by the wing of the car as he was stepping from behind the traction engine, sustained injuries to his head and leg. Mrs. Stanton immediately summoned the police ambulance from Cambridge, to convey Mr. Gray to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where his injuries were attended to, but he was not detained.

THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW. 12th Aug. 1927

The accounts in connection with the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's show and sports, held last week, were presented by the joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, at a meeting of the Finance Committee on Wednesday evening. Although incomplete, they showed that the receipts would exceed the expenditure, and that an addition would be made to the reserve fund. The "gate" amounting to about £54, was £2 less than in 1926, but this decrease was to a great extent counter-balanced by an increase in the membership from 200 to 210. The horticultural exhibits had also increased from 110 to 123. Through an unfortunate inadvertence no reference was made in our report last Friday to the President of the Society, Mr. R. C. Cole, J.P., who, in addition to being a most generous contributor to the funds, was unremitting in his efforts to ensure the success of the show. It was much regretted that Mrs. Cole, also a generous contributor was unable to be present, especially as ill-health was the cause of her absence. Practically the whole of the work of preparation, and also of clearing up – an even more thankless task – was done voluntarily, Messrs. E. J. Close, H. Culpin, C. Haddow, T. C. Heasman, F. W. Pontefract, G. W. Wayman and H. Wells being worthy of special commendation in this connection. Mr. Walter Thorp was also responsible for some useful preliminary work, but the heat and burden of the undertaking as a whole fell on the hon. general secretary, Mr. C. Wood, who for weeks before the show was engaged in preparing and organising, and on the day itself was hard at work from sunrise to midnight. The committee are most grateful to all who kindly lent crockery and forms, and also planks, trestles, etc., for staging the exhibits and for use in the refreshment tent. The judge of the horticultural exhibits associated with Mr. A. T. Paskett (County Horticultural Adviser) was Mr. George Hart, J.P., of Willingham. The Memorial Hall was crowded for the dance, which followed the show, 180 people paying for admission. Mr. W. A. Bignell officiated as M.C., and the Histon Jazzzoneans provided the music.

SCHOOL TREAT. 19th Aug. 1927

The children attending the parish church Sunday School spent a happy time in the Vicarage grounds on the 11th inst., on the occasion of their annual summer treat. After an excellent tea on the lawn, parents and friends joined the young people, and there were sports, cricket and other games, and at the close prizes were presented by Mrs. Cooksey.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 19th Aug. 1927

The total amount realised this year for Addenbrooke's Hospital by the house-to-house collections in the villages comprised in the Swavesey Division, was £84 4s. 8d., and this sum has been forwarded by the divisional Vice-President to Mrs. Bidwell, of Great Shelford, the hon. secretary of the County Organisation Fund.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 19th Aug. 1927

The balance sheet in connection with the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's show and sports, held on the 4th inst., which was presented by the joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, at a meeting of the General Committee on Tuesday evening, showed that, including a balance of £56 5s. 7d. brought from 1926, the receipts amounted to £200 10s. 1½d., and the expenditure to £129 12s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £70 17s. 7½d. The profit on this year's working was £14 12s. 0½d.

MEMORIAL HALL. 26th Aug. 1927

There was a fairly good attendance at the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, for which the Histon Jazzzoneans supplied the music, and Mr. J. Salmon acted as M.C.

ACCIDENT. 26th Aug. 1927

Mr. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun Inn, Swavesey, agent for Messrs. Bailey and Tebbutt's, accompanied by Mr. E. Oakman, of the New Inn, Huntingdon-road, had been delivering orders in Over on Thursday afternoon in a trap, and when returning down Over Hill a rein broke and the horse bolted. At the foot of the hill it fell, throwing out both occupants, who were injured about the legs. Mrs. Cecil Symonds, of Over, motored both men to their homes, Dr. Fraser being called to attend to Mr. Oakman's injuries.

WHIST DRIVE. 26th Aug. 1927

A successful whist drive was held at the Priory on August 18th, in aid of the Church Heating Fund. Thirteen tables were in play, and the prizes were won as follows: Ladies – Mrs. C. Dean, Miss Jill Stebbing, Mrs. G. Burling. Gentlemen – Mr. E. Moore, Mrs P. Burton (playing as a gentleman), Mrs. Isgrove (as gentleman). The prizes for the subsequent “knock-out” were won by Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore. Mr. Heasman kindly acted as M.C. The proceeds amounted to £6 12s. 7d.

AN OFFENSIVE DRAIN. 26th Aug. 1927

A correspondent writes: At the meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd August, a letter from a parishioner was read, in which complaint was made of the stench arising from the District Council drain between the school and the end of Market-street, and attention was called to the leakage of blood and other offensive matter from the pipes near Swavesey Manor. The letter was forwarded by the Parish Council to the District Council, and was no doubt discussed at a meeting of the latter body on Friday, 5th inst., as within a day or two the sanitary inspector came over and inspected the drain. Notwithstanding this display of energy, no effective steps have yet been taken to abate the nuisance, and this week, especially on Tuesday evening, the stench in the neighbourhood of the school has been particularly deadly. Some Swavesey people are asking whether the District Councillors ever trouble themselves to ascertain if their instructions are carried out, or whether they content themselves with merely passing resolutions, and it is suggested that if a cesspool connected with the District Council houses in School-lane were inspected, the District Councillors and their inspector might find cause for serious reflection. Something really effective ought to be done before the school re-assembles in a week or two's time.

LATE MRS. W. PARISH. 26th Aug. 1927

After four and a half years of ill-health, Mrs. Elizabeth Parish, wife of Mr. William Parish, and daughter of the late Mr. Robert Coulson, of Swavesey, passed away on the 19th inst., aged 74 years, leaving, in addition to her husband, two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at Swavesey cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Camp, of Southill, Beds., officiating. The immediate mourners were Mr. W. Parish (husband), Miss M. Parish (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parish (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Daisley (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. W. Frost (brother-in-law), Miss E. Parish (sister-in-law), Mr. A. L. Parish (son-in-law), Mrs. J. Parish (niece), Masters E., W. R. and W.

Parish, Miss Mary Parish (grandchildren). The coffin was of unpolished oak. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

TRIP TO THE SEA. 2nd Sept. 1927

Thirty-eight passengers were booked from Swavesey Station by the special half-day excursion to Yarmouth on Sunday.

A PROMISING YOUTH. 2nd Sept. 1927

Charles F. Wood, aged 17, eldest son of Mr. C. Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School was the youngest of thirteen pupils at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys, who succeeded in passing the Cambridge Higher School Certificate examination. His subjects were chemistry, botany, zoology, French and English authors. Six hundred and sixty-six boys and girls from all parts of England sat for the examination, 391 of whom passed.

MOTOR CYCLES IN COLLISION. 2nd Sept. 1927

People in and around High-street were startled on Friday evening by an alarming noise, as if all the old iron and derelict tin cans in the village had been dropped from an aeroplane. The clatter, however, was occasioned by a collision in the main street, opposite the school house, between two or three motor cycles, all proceeding in the same direction. As far as can be ascertained, their machines were scattered about the road. Fortunately, beyond bruises and abrasions, the riders escaped injury, and their cycles were not seriously damaged.

BILLIARD LEAGUE. 2nd Sept. 1927

The annual general meeting of the Swavesey and District Billiard League was held at Swavesey on August 28th, the chair being taken by Mr. W. A. Bignell. Delegates from Swavesey, St. Ives Conservative, Liberal and Ex-Service Men's Clubs, Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Huntingdon Literary Institute, and Willingham were present. The following officers were elected – President: Mr. Bignell; vice-presidents: Messrs. W. Jeeps, J. Few, W. Cole (Willingham), Sir Arthur G. Dilley (Huntingdon), Mr. Banks (Swavesey), Mr. E. Kiddle (St. Ives), Mr. Salter (Fenstanton), Mr. Allan and Mr. Gardiner; chairman: Mr. Allan (St. Ives); vice-chairman: Mr. L. Brooks (Swavesey); secretary: Mr. C. Wood (Swavesey); treasurer: Mr. H. J. Culpin (Swavesey). The rules in force last year were again adopted with several additions, and it was decided that the last date for clubs to enter the league should be September 10th. It was also agreed that an affiliation fee of 5s. per club be paid, and that a second division

of the league should be formed, each club to nominate three players who shall not be allowed to play in the second league. A further meeting of delegates will be held on September 14th to arrange fixtures.

MEMORIAL HALL. 9th Sept. 1927

Upwards of one hundred people attended the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, for which the Histon Jazzzoneans provided the music, and Mr. Percy Burton officiated as M.C.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. 9th Sept. 1927

Notwithstanding the late harvest may have kept some people away, good congregations attended the harvest thanksgiving services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when Mr. James, of Dunstable, was the special preacher. Between the services there was a well-attended tea, the tables at which were presided over by Mrs. A. Day, Miss E. day, Mrs. Jabez Parish, Miss M. Parish and Mrs. R. Sutton. The collections in aid of the chapel funds were quite up to the average.

THE BROTHERHOOD 9th Sept. 1927

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, when the Rev. T. B. Field presided, and the programme, with the exception of one item, a violin solo by Mr. Ll. Nicholson, was furnished by the Cambridge Brotherhood, the speaker being Mr. H. Brown, whose hearty and witty manner captivates all audiences. His subject was "Be of good cheer," and was much enjoyed. The following took part in the meeting: Reading, Bro. Humphreys; quartettes, Bros. Thorne, Tingey, Holland and Andrews; prayers, Bro. Brown; solo, C. Coe; and recitation, Bro. Miller.

MEMORIAL HALL. 16th Sept. 1927

Owing probably to the wet evening, the attendance at the dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday was not as good as usual. The Histon Jazzzoneans supplied the music.

A RABBIT TRAP. 16th Sept. 1927

Two bricks sprinkled with cayenne pepper, a Swavesey youth was assured by a gentleman, formed a simple but effective trap for catching rabbits. Sniffing at the pepper, the gentlemen said, would make a rabbit sneeze, and the sneeze would cause the rabbit to break its neck. The youth set his trap as directed, but

caught no rabbit. He thinks, however, that the pepper he used had lost its virtue, so he is going to try again with a fresh supply.

AN UNFORTUNATE MISHAP. 16th Sept. 1927

Mr. Fred Kirby, of Over, vice-chairman of the Swavesey District Council, met with an unfortunate mishap when inspecting the large open drain which runs past the school and under High-street at Turn Bridge. He was accompanied by Ald. J. Frohock (chairman of the Council), Mr. R. Norman, sen. (one of Swavesey's representatives on the Council), the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Reynolds), and the Road Surveyor (Mr. Hagger). Arriving at that point where the brick lining of the drain ends opposite Turn Bridge cottages, Mr. Kirby apparently desirous of ascertaining the depth of the accumulation of objectionable matter, straddled the drain and slipped in.

ADVERT. 23rd Sept. 1927

ALDRED'S HARVEST SALE commences September 24th. Special reductions and discount.

MISSION SERVICES. 23rd Sept. 1927

During the week mission services have been conducted in the village, under the auspices of the Friends' Evangelistic Band, by Messrs. Harris and Chadwick.

COMMUNITY SINGING. 23rd Sept. 1927

A large congregation attended the community singing service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, who was assisted by Messrs. Chadwick and Harris. Solos were effectively rendered by Mrs. Ivatt and Mr. Harris. Mr. G. E. Canham presided at the organ, and Messrs. F. Williams and F. Aldred (violins) also contributed to the musical part of the service.

HOCKEY CLUB. 23rd Sept. 1927

There was a fairly good attendance at the annual meeting of the Swavesey Hockey Club, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The accounts for last season, which showed a balance in hand of £2 2s. 2½d., having been passed, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Captain, Miss Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; hon. secretary, Miss K. Banks; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson. A president and vice-presidents were also elected, subject to their acceptance of office. It was arranged that the first practice game should be played on September 29th, and the first match on

October 15th at St. Ives. New members will be welcomed. Annual subscription 2s. 6d.

VISIT TO THE ZOO. 23rd Sept. 1927

The long-looked-for children's outing to the Zoo took place on Saturday, the journey being made by Octona saloon 'bus, the comfortable travelling properties of which were greatly appreciated. As several of those who were going when the trip was first discussed had dropped out during the holidays, the vacant places were allotted to any child who wished to make one of the party. The morning dawned with heavy skies and a downpour of rain, which no doubt caused many doleful remarks from sundry parents and children, as all had prayed for a fine day. At 7.15 a.m., however, the 'bus arrived, and soon after 7.30 a.m. started on its journey, a few stragglers being picked up at Boxworth End. The rain continued steadily, but it was evident it had not damped the ardour of the fifty children, who, with three teachers, formed the merry party, who whiled the time away with songs, and jokes and questions fired at each other and the teachers. The route taken was via Cambridge, Royston, Hatfield, Barnet to the north entrance of the Zoo. On arrival, however, the weather decided to be kind, the rain cleared off, and the sun shone brightly from a clear blue sky. Out of the 'bus they tumbled and into the Zoo they all went. The Regent's Canal first claimed attention, with its horse-drawn barges, a novel sight to many, but when the parrot house was reached all interest centred on the birds and animals. A tour was made from house to house, and many were the questions which called for answer from all and sundry, and many were the wondering expressions of surprise as some animal, or bird, which before had been only a name, came into view. As lunch-time came along all sat down to have a well-earned rest and meal. Afterwards there were rides on elephant and camel, and more sights to see, including the chimpanzees at tea (which caused much amusement by its near approach to the human element), the sea lions feeding, and their larger neighbours, the lions and tigers, with their portions of meat. Five o'clock came all too quickly, and after the sweet stalls and automatic machines had been visited, a move was made for the 'bus, and home. A different route was taken, via Broxbourne, Ware and Cambridge, and we soon found ourselves back at the School; everyone tired but full of delight at the splendid day they had enjoyed. Three cheers having been given for the driver, the party dispersed, feeling that the trouble they had taken in preparing the concert, which provided the greater part of the funds for the outing, had been well worthwhile. (Communicated.)

UNDER WATER. 30th Sept. 1927

As a result of the recent heavy rains, some land around Swavesey is under water, and harvest operations have been much delayed.

FOR THE BLIND. 30th Sept. 1927

A Geranium Day effort on behalf of the National Institute for the Blind took place in Swavesey on Wednesday, £2 10s. being realised. The following were the collectors: Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Scate, Misses Banks, M. Bedford, H. Culpin, Elsie Godfrey, Hilda Hephher, Yvonne and Joyce Lee, Mr. Scate and J. Willson.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 30th Sept. 1927

The harvest festival at the parish church yesterday (Thursday) opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the early morning. A large congregation was present at evensong, when the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price, and the choir sang the anthem "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works" (Barnby) The fine old church was effectively decorated with flowers, fruit, etc. The offerings of vegetables were numerous, and these with the fruit, will be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

BETHEL CHURCH. 7th Oct. 1927

The Young People's Society held its inaugural meeting for the winter session on Monday evening last, when a goodly company assembled. The chair was taken by the President, Rev. T. B. Field, who gave an address on "Books that influenced me." Mr. Canham contributed a solo, Mrs. Savage a recitation, and Mrs. Field a reading. Refreshments were served, and altogether a pleasant and profitable time was spent.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 7th Oct. 1927

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held on Sunday afternoon in the Memorial Hall, Mr. G. E. Canham occupying the chair. The Rev. T. B. Field gave an address on "Play the man." Mr. H. Leach, of Histon, beautifully rendered three solos, Mr. J. W. Williams presiding at the piano. Mr. Housam, of Fen Drayton, led in prayers, and Mr. S. F. Mitham read the lesson. There was a fairly good attendance. It was announced that the postponed social would take place on Thursday, Oct. 13th.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 7th Oct. 1927

Harvest thanksgiving services were conducted at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday by the Rev. R. T. Corlett, Circuit Minister, of St. Ives. On

Tuesday there was a public tea, followed by a service of song, entitled "The Harvest Hymn of Praise," which was excellently rendered by members of the St. Ives Sisterhood, Mrs. Corlett reading the narrative, and Miss Jude, of St. Ives, presiding at the organ. Mrs. G. Asplin, of Over, occupied the chair, and the Rev. R. T. Corlett gave an address. After the meeting the gifts of fruit and vegetables were sold, the proceeds, with the collections, being devoted to Trust Funds of the Church.

PARISH CHURCH. 7th Oct. 1927

The harvest festival at the parish church, which commenced on Thursday week, was continued on Sunday, when, in addition to the usual services, there was a special service in the afternoon, at which children brought gifts of flowers, fruit and eggs for the benefit of the patients of St. Ives Infirmary. At evensong, when there was a large congregation, the preacher was the Rev. E. J. I. Dredge, rector of Lolworth, and the anthem sung on Thursday was repeated. The collections on both days, with the exception of that on Sunday evening, were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. They amounted to £8 8s., rather more than last year. The offerings of fruit, vegetables, etc., have also been sent to the Hospital.

THE INSTITUTE. 7th Oct. 1927

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Institute, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. S. Clark occupying the chair. The Secretary presented a satisfactory report of last year's activities, and also the accounts, from which it appeared that the receipts amounted to £71 8s. 8½d. and the expenditure to £67 3s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 5s. 7½d. In moving the adoption of the report and accounts the Rev. T. B. Field spoke in terms of high appreciation of the services rendered to the Institute by the President (Mr. W. A. Bignell), the hon. Secretary (Mr. C. Wood), and the caretaker (Mr. E. Prior), to all of whom he proposed a vote of thanks. Mr. Walter Thorp seconded, and the proposition was carried amidst applause. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; Vice-Presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing and Rev. T. B. Field; Chairman, Mr. S. Clark; Secretary, Mr. C. Wood; Committee, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, Brooks, H. J. Culpin, F. F. Norman and W. Thorp; Billiards Committee, Messrs. Brooks (Captain), F. Aldred (Vice-captain), H. J. Culpin (Secretary), T. C. Heasman, T. S. Johnson and W. Thorp, with two others to be co-opted to represent the second team. It was decided that the annual subscription for members over 16 years should be 4s. to be paid on or before October 31st, or 3s. for each half-year if paid half-yearly; members 16 years of

age and under 3s., or 1s. 6d. for each half-year; visitors to the village 1s. Arrangements were made for the supply of coal, oil, etc., and on the proposition of the Rev. T. B. Field it was agreed that the Parish Council should be asked to grant the use of the Hall, free of charge, on two nights of the year for entertainments, etc., for the benefit of the Institute. It was further agreed that lads on attaining the age of 16 should be allowed to play on the full-sized billiard table at the discretion of the Billiards Committee.

FOOTBALL. 14th Oct. 1927

Swavesey F.C. have dropped their second team, which was defeated 12 – 1 by Willingham Reserves on Saturday, and have withdrawn from the Histon League. It is understood that the decision to run a second team was arrived at by a crowd of youngsters who attended the annual meeting of the club, but subsequently declined to continue, or become members of the club, which is now left with about 19 playing members.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 14th Oct. 1927

The committee of the Swavesey, Over, Fen Drayton Nursing Association have received a welcome and greatly appreciated donation of five guineas from the trustees of the Over Town Lands.

WHIST DRIVE. 14th Oct. 1927

The fund to provide a new heating apparatus at the parish church benefitted to the extent of £4 17s. by the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday in last week. Sixteen tables were in play, and the prize-winners were: Ladies, Miss D. Hephew, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mr. C. Dean; gentlemen, Mr. H. J. Culpin, Mr. D. Parish, Mr. S. Clark; knock-out, Miss K. Banks and Mr. R. Mustill. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th Oct. 1927

Harvest thanksgiving services took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday, 6th inst., when in the afternoon the Rev. R. L. Child, B.D., of Cambridge, preached to a good congregation after which 80 persons took tea together. During tea a short meeting was held, at which the Rev. E. P. Blackaby gave a cheery address. At the public meeting in the church in the evening Mr. Papworth Norman, of Cambridge, presided over a large congregation. The secretary, Mr. J. Day, presented a report of the work during the past year, and addresses were given by the Revs. R. L. Child and W. G. Bloomfield, A.T.S., of Harston, and the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field. Solos were sympathetically sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham and Mrs. Ivatt, and the choir,

under the direction of Mr. J. W. Williams (organist), gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "O bless the Lord." The church had been very tastefully decorated, and a large quantity of produce had been given, which has been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The offertories, with many added gifts, were handed to the Pastor as a token of esteem.

NEWMARKET (CAMBS.) POLICE. 14th Oct. 1927

ROAMING HUSBAND SENT TO GAOL.

J. S. W., greengrocer, of Swavesey, formerly of Soham, was brought up in custody and charged as a rogue and a vagabond with leaving his wife and children chargeable to the Common Fund of the Newmarket Union.

P.C. Luke Brooks, of Swavesey, deposed that he arrested the defendant that morning at 7.30. Mr. J. H. Soady prosecuted on behalf of the Newmarket Guardians.

Mr. Frank Wyat Manning produced the certificate of chargeability of defendant's wife and family. The certificate was dated Oct. 4th, 1927. Mr. Manning said the defendant ran away from his wife and family on August 23rd, leaving his wife and four children, who became chargeable to the Newmarket Union. Defendant was now living with a woman other than his wife at Swavesey.

J. S. W. went into the box and stated on oath that he lived at School-lane, Swavesey, where he carried on the business of a carrier. He said he left Soham on August 23rd to look for work. He visited several towns, but could not find work until he reached Swavesey, where he took a carrier's business, and where he still was. When he first started as a greengrocer in Soham he had a motor car. It was not a good business. About July he came to the decision to give up the business, and he spoke to his wife about it. He sold his motor car for £5 at Saffron Walden. He had served in the Territorials and had had five years' war service. He had no pension. He was now, as he had said, carrying on a carrier's business at Swavesey. He had sent his wife some money; he could not say how much. When his mother died her estate was worth about £90. He received £48. He spent that before he left Soham. He admitted that there was trouble with his wife about another woman. He was now lodging with that woman at Swavesey. He was the tenant of the house, which was taken in his name. The furniture was hers. He paid the rent, 3s. a week. Mrs. D. paid for the housekeeping. He paid Mrs. D. 20s. a week for his keep. He agreed to give £60 for the carrier's business. He paid £20 and was paying off the remaining £40 at the rate of £6 a week. He intended to make provision for his wife's and children's support as soon as he could. When they came to him in Swavesey he expected that Mrs. D. would take another

house. Mrs. D. had been very good to him; she came to Swavesey to keep him out of the gutter.

On this evidence Mr. Soady asked the Bench to treat the defendant as a rogue and a vagabond. It was evident that he did not intend to return to his wife and family or to support them.

The Bench decided to send Watson to prison for one month's hard labour.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 21st Oct. 1927

The Swavesey Brotherhood's social gathering, held at the Memorial Hall on the 13th inst., was well attended, and in every other respect a great success. Mr. G. E. Canham, secretary, having been voted to the chair, the proceedings opened with a hymn and a prayer. The programme for the evening included solos, a duet, quartettes (vocal and instrumental), recitations and community singing accompanied by violins, cornet, etc. Mr. J. W. Williams presided at the piano. The refreshments, all kindly given, were excellent, and were more than ample for the needs of the evening, the surplus being subsequently distributed among the old aged pensioners in the village. At a business meeting held after the social, with Mr. Canham in the chair, the treasurer (Mr. Frank Prior) presented a financial report of the past season, which showed that the Brotherhood had a balance in hand. It was unanimously decided not only to continue the Brotherhood, but to establish a Sisterhood, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-chairman, Mr. S. F. Mitham; secretary, Mr. G. E. Canham; treasurer, Mr. F. Prior; committee, Messrs. A. C. Garner, A. Hephner, A. W. Melbourne, A. P. Payne, Mesdames Canham, W. Kester, W. Savage and Street. It was agreed that combined meetings should be held on the first Sunday in each month, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood being alternately responsible for the meetings, and that arrangements should be made for another social in December.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Oct. 1927

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hephner, C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the clerk reported that in accordance with instructions he had seen Mr. A. Parish with regard to certain minor repairs to the fire engine, but he had heard nothing further from him in the matter. Mr. Cole said Mr. Parish had told him he would attend to the engine as soon as possible. The clerk further reported that he had not received any reply to, nor even an acknowledgment of, the letter he had sent to the District Council respecting

the fire hydrants in the village, and he was instructed to write again to the clerk of the R.D.C., requesting that the matter might have immediate attention. A precept was issued on the Rating Authority for £15 for expenses of the Council during the ensuing six months, and the clerk was authorised to pay £2 15s. 6d. for taxes on the Hall and other parish property, and for expenses in connection with the fire engine. Mr. C. H. Parish was appointed a trustee of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity in place of the late Mr. Arthur Norman. A letter from the secretary of the Institute asking for the use of the Memorial Hall, free of charge, twice a year for entertainments for the benefit of the Institute was referred to the Hall Committee of Management. Before the meeting closed the clerk announced that the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March last had been examined by the Government auditor and passed as correct. He also stated that on the 31st March the sum owing on the loan on the Hall amounted to £412 10s., and that a further instalment of £27 10s. had been paid, reducing the Council's indebtedness in respect of the loan to £385. – Our Swavesey correspondent writes: During the short discussion respecting the letter from the secretary of the Institute the Councillors, or at any rate some of them, appeared to overlook two important points, viz.: (1) that at the meeting of parishioners held on 7th May, 1919, it was unanimously resolved that the Swavesey War Memorial should take the form of a Village Hall and Institute; and (2) that the committee of management of the Hall is a committee appointed by, and under the control of the Parish Council.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 28th Oct. 1927

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, in aid of Swavesey Institute Football Club: Ladies – Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. Symonds, Miss Q. Spolton; gentlemen – Mr. A. Dayley, Mr. G. Burling, Mr. H. J. Culpin. Mr. H. Unwin acted as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £2 1s. 6d.

A RUNAWAY. 28th Oct. 1927

There was considerable excitement in the village shortly after two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when a horse, belonging to Mr. T. S. Johnson, farmer, Fen Drayton, bolted from Market-street, where it had been standing for some time, while Mr. Johnson's weighing machines, weights, etc., were being tested by the County Inspector at the White Horse Inn. Mr. T. Johnson, jun., who was in charge of the horse and cart, had already placed several weights in the latter, and was putting in two more, when the horse suddenly jumped forward and set off at a gallop along High-street, with young Johnson in pursuit. Except that the weights were jolted out of the cart one after another, nothing untoward

happened in High-street, and, fortunately, the children were inside the building when the school was reached. After safely taking the sharp turning into School-lane, the horse continued on its mad career to Fen Drayton, negotiating all the difficult turns in the road in marvellous fashion, until, in Horse and Gate-street, at the entrance to the village, Mr. T. Johnson, who had gone to meet his son, managed to seize the animal, and by hanging on succeeded in stopping it before the bridge across the brook in the main street was reached. Had he not done so the consequences must have been serious. Young Johnson, who had borrowed, or commandeered, a bicycle, arrived close on the heels of the runaway. No damage was done to the cart, and beyond a slight scratch, the horse appeared to be none the worse for its two-mile gallop.

MEMORIAL HALL. 4th Nov. 1927

Owing to the comparatively small attendance, the dance in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund on Thursday week, for which the Histon Jazzzoneans provided the music, was, unfortunately, not a financial success.

THE GALE. 4th Nov. 1927

No very serious damage was done in Swavesey by the gale on Friday. A few trees, including a large elm at the Priory, were blown down, and the others lost large branches, several wireless poles collapsed, and a brick wall belonging to Mr. W. Twist in Hog Pasture was razed to the ground.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURE. 4th Nov. 1927

The first of a series of free lectures on agricultural subjects, arranged by the County Education Committee, was given at the Institute last Friday evening by Mr. R. Sayce, who dealt with the feeding of dairy cows. The second lecture will be given this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock by Mr. J. C. Leslie, whose subject will be the management of heavy land.

HEALTH CAMPAIGN. 4th Nov. 1927

There was a large attendance at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening at the lecture and educational film display given by Mr. C. M. Kohan, in connection with the health campaign organised by the Cambs. Branch of the British Social Hygiene Council. At the close, on the suggestion of Dr. Fraser, who occupied the chair, a collection was made for the District Nursing Association, 17s. 10d. being raised.

B.W.T.A. 4th Nov. 1927

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on the 27th ult. in the Friends' Meeting House, Mrs. Field occupying the chair. Mrs. Aldred having given the President's address, Rev. T. B. Field spoke on "The physiological effects of alcohol." A solo was nicely rendered by Miss D. Godfrey, and recitations were given by Mrs. Savage and Miss Dodson. There was a large attendance of members, most of whom remained to a well-provided social tea.

BIBLE SOCIETY. 4th Nov. 1927

At a public meeting held in the National School on Thursday week, on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. T. B. Field presiding, the Rev. H. J. Cossar, of Cambridge (district secretary) gave an able address on "The Romance of Translation," in course of which he mentioned that the Bible had been issued in 592 languages, and that last year over ten million copies of the Scriptures had been issued from the Bible Society's house. Thanks were accorded to the speaker and a small committee was appointed to form an auxiliary for Swavesey.

ENTERTAINMENT. 4th Nov. 1927

Swavesey school children once again acquitted themselves right nobly, when on Monday evening, in conjunction with Mr. Horace Watson, the well-known Cambridge comedian, and Mr. Sydney Pratt, the man of mystery and magic, they provided the programme of a variety entertainment, organised for the benefit of the funds of the Village Institute. The Memorial Hall was packed, the audience enthusiastically appreciative, and from start to finish everything went with a swing. In addition to the marvellous conjuring tricks, etc., of Mr. Pratt, and the mirth provoking ditties of Mr. Watson, both of whom were accorded receptions which must have shown them that a speedy return visit would be greatly welcomed, the programme included several songs from the children. There followed community songs, in which the audience joined, concluding with the play, "The Three Wishes", capitably performed by Muriel Bedford, Kathleen Carrier, Joyce Lee, Hilda Culpin, Elsie Godfrey, John Mitham and Alec Kester. It is needless to add that the children had been admirably trained by their headmaster, Mr. C. Wood, and his assistant teachers, and Mrs. Wood was a capable accompanist. The proceeds amounted to £11 3s. 9d.

BRITISH LEGION. 4th Nov. 1927

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, was well attended. The

Secretary's report, which showed that the membership of the Branch had increased during the year, and the balance sheet submitted by the treasurer having been adopted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; vice-presidents, Dr. R. Ellis, Dr. Fraser, Mr. F. Norman, Mr. E. H. Thornhill, Major Thornhill, Mr. E. Williams, Capt. Wright; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Prior; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; hon. secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. J. Hall, F. Hepher, F. Norman, E. Prior, T. Savage, H. Topham, T. Bath (Boxworth), T. S. Johnson (Fen Drayton); auditors, Messrs. P. Burton and Turner; Unity Relief Committee, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. Bath, F. Hepher, T. S. Johnson, T. Savage and Turner; delegate on County Committee, Mr. A. W. Melbourne.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 11th Nov. 1927

The Rev. C. S. King, F.R.G.S., of Somersham, gave an excellent lecture on "Jamaica", which was illustrated by a large number of beautiful slides, ably manipulated by Messrs. G. Day and K. Williams. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES. 11th Nov. 1927

Between 25 and 30 farmers and others interested in agriculture, including Ald. J. W. Ellis and Mr. R. Mailer, C.C., were present at the lecture on the management of heavy land given by Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Organiser of Agricultural Education) at the Memorial Hall last Friday. Mr. A. T. Paskett's lecture on fruit this (Friday) evening will be illustrated by lantern slides.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 11th Nov. 1927

Under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, a united service was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon. Thirty-four ex-Service men assembled near the National School, and under the command of Captain Barwell, marched to the Hall, the men wearing their medals and decorations. The Hall was crowded in every part by a deeply sympathetic congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. T.B. Field, who gave an address from the words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Mr. Wood read the lesson, and Mr. Berryman, the secretary, the Roll of the fallen, during which the assembly stood and remained for a minute in silence. Appropriate hymns were sung. Mr. Canham presided at the piano and was assisted in the musical service by members of the Swavesey Orchestra, viz., Messrs. Sutton, sen. and jun., Nicolson, F. Aldred and J. W. Williams. The collection for Earl Haig's Fund

amounted to £2 6s. 6d. – The large congregation which attended the service of remembrance at the Parish Church in the evening included 40 ex-Service men, who, after assembling at the churchyard gates under the command of Captain Barwell, marched into church and occupied seats specially reserved for them, and other ex-Service men were in the choir. The service, at which the Vicar officiated and preached while impressive was hearty. “O, Valiant Hearts”, Arkwright’s beautiful hymn, sung after the third Collect, preceded the recital of the long roll of Swavesey men who served in the war, and the National Anthem, followed by the “Last Post,” sounded by Capt. Barwell, concluded the service. The offertory, which amounted to £3, was devoted to Lord Haig’s Fund. A large wreath of Flanders poppies and laurel from the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, was laid against the memorial cross in the churchyard.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Nov. 1927

Sermons on behalf of the National Society were preached at the parish church on Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. W. H. C. Malton. The collections amounted to about £3 2s.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 18th Nov. 1927

At the Norwich and All-England Fur Fanciers’ Association’s Show on the 9th and 10th inst., Mr. Percy Parish, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, was awarded a first prize and a special for a pair of white Angora rabbits under 13 weeks old.

LECTURE ON FRUIT. 18th Nov. 1927

Mr. A. T. Paskett (County Horticultural Adviser) gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on Fruit at the Memorial Hall last Friday evening, illustrating his remarks with excellent lantern slides manipulated by Mr. C. F. Wood. There was an excellent attendance. This (Friday) evening Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Organiser of Agricultural Education) will lecture on Artificial Manures.

B.W.T.A. 18th Nov. 1927

The local branch of the British Women’s Temperance Association is manifesting unusual activity this season. On Thursday week Mrs. Spearman presided at a crowded meeting in Bethel Schoolroom, when an interesting programme was carried out by Misses D. Godfrey, Savage, H. and G. Dodson, L. Spearman, M. Coulson, Mrs. Savage and others. Miss Easter was the pianist. Four new members were enrolled.

REFUSED! 18th Nov. 1927

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Memorial Hall, held on Monday evening, the application of the Village Institute to be granted the use of the hall free of charge on two evenings a year for entertainments for the benefit of the funds of the Institute was considered, and a resolution was proposed and seconded that the request should be complied with. An amendment that the free use of the hall should not be granted was, however, carried.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 18th Nov. 1927

Twelve and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive in aid of St. Dunstan's, which was held at the Memorial Hall on the 10th inst., and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Banks, Mrs. H. J. Culpin, booby Mrs. J. Cain; gentlemen – Mr. H. Kester, Mr. A. J. Thoday, booby Mr. A. C. Garner; knock-out Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Culpin. A guessing competition (number of chocolates in box – 55) Mr. C. Hemington. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The proceeds amounted to £4 6s. 6d. All the prizes and refreshments were given by people in the village.

FOR LORD HAIG'S FUND. 18th Nov. 1927

By the sale of Flanders poppies, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, on Armistice Day, £16 0s. 2½d. was raised for Earl Haig's Fund, an increase of £1 8s. 2½d on 1926. Swavesey collected £9 0s. 6d., against £8 15s. 1d. in 1926. To the amount realised from the sale of poppies has to be added the collections at the Remembrance Day services at the parish church £3, and at the Memorial Hall £2 6s. 6d., making a total contribution from the district of £21 6s. 8½d, against £17 7s. in 1926. The poppies were sold in Swavesey by Misses D. and K. Banks, M. Parsons, C. Prior, Q. Spolton, J. Willson and Mrs. H. Prime.

ARMISTICE DAY. 18th Nov. 1927

The two minutes' silence on Friday was preceded by the tolling of the tenor bell of the parish church 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who fell in the war. Beautiful wreaths were placed around the Memorial Cross in the churchyard, including one in memory of Joseph Barker Parish, who, desperately wounded a few days previously, died in France the day the Armistice was signed. Contrary to custom, however, there was no wreath on the Rolls of Honour and Service in the Memorial Hall. At the National School all the children, with the infants, assembled in the large room, where the Headmaster, Mr. C. Wood, after explaining the reason why the two minutes'

silence should be observed, conducted a short service which included an address by him, the recital of poems by individual children, prayers and the singing of the hymns "O God our help," "For all the Saints" and Kipling's "Recessional," concluding with the National Anthem.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES. 25th Nov. 1927

The fourth of the course of lectures on agricultural subjects, under the auspices of the Cambs. Education Committee, was given last Friday evening at the Institute by Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Organiser of Agricultural Education), who dealt with the rearing and feeding of cattle. This (Friday) evening Mr. R. Sayce will lecture on artificial manures. No charge is made for admission to the lectures, and all persons interested are cordially invited to attend.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 25th Nov. 1927

The present minister of Bethel Baptist Church was elected by the members and invited to accept pastoral charge for three years, which period ends in September next. In accordance with the rules of the Baptist Union, the members met in special session on Wednesday week, and unanimously invited the Rev. T. B. Field to remain with them as pastor without any time limit, which he has consented to do.

SWAVESEY BAKER'S SUCCESS. 25th Nov. 1927

The Duchess of York, while visiting the Cookery and Food Exhibition in London, tasted a slice of the winning currant loaf in the final of the currant cake and currant bread championships. In this competition, which was conducted by the Central Currant Office, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker, Swavesey, was runner-up, receiving second prize for currant cake in the Birmingham Preliminary Competition. Mr. John James Nathaniel Mackman, the world's champion baker and winner of 4,000 prizes, was the principal judge, and it was he who offered the Duchess a slice of the winning currant loaf. The winner was Mr. L. W. Jenkins, of East Ham, London.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 25th Nov. 1927

The balance sheet issued by the Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, for the year ended 31st October, shows that the income amounted to £202 12s. 1d., and the expenditure to £204 16s. 10½d., viz.: Receipts – Subscriptions, donations and fees, £118 6s.; Over Town Lands Trustees (2 years' donation), £10 10s.; Over Baptist Chapel, £2; Over Women's Institute, sale of work, £18 0s. 7d.; St. Ives Union, £5; Great Gransden Charity Challenge Cup, £3; fete at Swavesey Manor, £45 15s. 6d.; total £202 12s. 1s.

Expenditure – Nurses salaries £176 2s. 4d.; gift to Nurse Walters £15; smaller items £13 14s. 6½d.; total £204 16s. 10½d.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 25th Nov. 1927

A whist drive, organised by the Swavesey Branch of the Cambs. Women's Conservative Association in connection with the county tournament, took place at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Eighteen tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. P. Burton, Mrs. J. Cain, after a cut with Mrs. H. G. Key; gentlemen – Mr. S. Clark, after a cut with Mr. H. J. Culpin. The above qualified to play in the final at Cambridge. Lucky number prizes were won by Miss Sanderson and Mr. D. Williams. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C., and Mrs. Banks (president of the branch) presented the prizes.

OBITUARY. 25th Nov. 1927

Mr. James William Holmes, of 104, Ross-street, Cambridge, whose death at the age of 52 years occurred on Saturday, was a native of Swavesey. He was a son of the late Mr. Charles Holmes and brother of Mr. Harry Holmes, of Market-street. He was a guard on the L.N.E.R., and while in charge of a train near Cambridge station, about a year ago, he met with a serious accident, as a result of which one of his legs had to be amputated. The immediate cause of death, however, is understood to have been heart failure. Mr. Holmes leaves a widow, but no children. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at the Borough Cemetery, Newmarket-road, Cambridge, after a service had been held at Romsey Town Wesleyan Church.

“THE OTHER WOMAN.” 25th Nov. 1927

Soham Wife Granted a Separation Order.

At the Newmarket (Cambs.) Police Court on Tuesday, J. S. W., formerly a fruiterer of New-street, Soham, but now of School-lane, Swavesey, carrying on the business of a carrier, was summoned by his wife, Mrs. M. J. W., who asked for a separation order, and the custody of four children under 16 years of age, now living at 4, Kimberley House, Station-road, Soham. – Mr. J. H. Soady (d'Albani and Ennions) represented the Newmarket Guardians.

Defendant said he had only just come out of Bedford Gaol, where he had served a month for deserting his wife and children, and he thought he might have a few weeks' grace before this additional case was brought against him.

Mr. Soady said the parties were married on April 4th, 1904, There were eight children of the marriage, four over 16 and four under 16. Until August last defendant carried on the business of a greengrocer in Soham, but about that

time he became acquainted with a Mrs. D., of Exning-road, Exning, and on August 23rd he left his wife and family and went to live with Mrs. D.

Mrs. M. J. W. stated that up to August 23rd of this year he supported his family out of the business. On that day he left her, and she had not seen him till last Friday, and he had in no way contributed to the support of his children. He had never written to her. Prior to his leaving, she had had trouble with him in connection with Mrs. D. She found them staying together on August 12th. He stayed with Mrs. D. on August 12th, 13th and 14th at her house. He came home on the 14th for his pyjamas and then went away. On August 23rd he left her altogether, and he told her last Friday that he was living with Mrs. D. She had had trouble with him about women before. Three years ago he lived in London with a blind man's wife. She forgave him that. She considered his offer for her to go to Swavesey with him and Mrs. D. was one that she could not possibly accept. She asked for a maintenance order and the custody of the children.

Defendant had no questions to ask. He said he did not go away with Mrs. D. on August 23rd. She did not come to him till October 20th. Defendant went into the box, and said he was carrying on a carrier's business at School-lane, Swavesey. He had had no chance of other employment. As near as he could work out, the carrier business brought him in £2 a week, and he had instalments to pay on the purchase. He thought he was entitled to a little more grace, after going to Bedford Gaol.

By Mr. Soady: He paid £60 for the carrier's business, £20 down and £6 a month. Mrs. D. lent him the £20. He was making arrangements to reduce the £6 instalment. He was the tenant of the house, and paid 3s. a week. A month's money, 12s., was due this week. Mrs. D. lived with him and with her two children. He was just about making ends meet out of the business in Soham. He paid Mrs. D. £1 a week. For that she kept him and helped him in the carrier business. He left Soham to seek work, and he hoped that his wife and daughter could carry on the business at Soham, but they could not. He never earned a penny after he left his wife at Soham till he bought the carrier business. He admitted he had done wrong in leaving his wife and living with another woman.

The Bench retired, and on returning, the Chairman said the Bench had decided to grant the wife a separation order, with the custody of the children, the defendant to pay 10s. for his wife's maintenance, and 3s. for each of the children until they arrived at the age of 16 years.

ADVERT. 2nd Dec. 1927

FOR CHRISTMAS COMFORT cover your rooms with Rexoleum, 4s. 3d. yd., 2 yards wide, all colours in stock. – Prior's Furnishing Stores.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES. 2nd Dec. 1927

The fifth of a series of lectures on agricultural subjects, arranged by the County Education Committee, was given last Friday evening at the Memorial Hall, by Mr. R. Sayce, who dealt with artificial manures. There was a good attendance. This (Friday) evening and on Friday next, December 9th, Mr. H. Robinson (County poultry instructor) will lecture on poultry keeping. We are asked to announce that by special request the last lecture of the series, on December 16th, will be given by Mr. Syce on the feeding of pigs, instead of Mr. Robinson on poultry keeping.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL. 2nd Dec. 1927

A keenly contested game of football, played on the Recreation Ground on Friday afternoon between teams representing Swavesey National School and Over Council School, resulted in a victory for the Swavesey boys by two goals to nil. Although there was little to choose between the two teams, the total against the visitors might have been larger, but for the fact that they had an excellent goalkeeper in a lad named Day, who saved several very good shots. Owen Walker and John Mitham scored for Swavesey.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND. 2nd Dec. 1927

A correspondent writes: Cannot something be done to improve the playground and approaches to the National School, which for some time past have been in a deplorable state? In wet weather it is practically impossible for any child to enter or leave the main building by the usual entrance without getting wet-footed, as a huge puddle blocks the gateway, and another covers the path round the northern end of the building leading to the lobby. If the managers have no funds available for providing a few loads of gravel, may I suggest that they should follow the example of the Parochial Church Council and other local organisations in need of money, and run a whist drive, concert, dance, or something of the kind? As regards the extent and depth of the gateway puddle, I can speak from personal experience.

BILLIARDS. 2nd Dec. 1927

Swavesey lost away to Willingham by 10 points to nil.

ADVERT. 9th Dec. 1927

WE HAVE NO LOFTY WINDOWS or extensive showrooms for displaying our varied stock of Toys, Games, Bon-Bons, Story and Picture Books, Leather and E.P.N.S. Goods, Photo Frames, Albums, Manicure Sets, Boxed Stationery, Chocolates, Cigars and Cigarettes, Pouches, Pipes, etc., etc. Come and look round. Prices are right, as you know, at Lee's Market-street.

WORKERS' UNION. 9th Dec. 1927

At a meeting of the Swavesey Branch of the Workers' Union, held at the White Horse inn on Monday evening, Mr. A. P. Payne presiding, an address was given by Councillor A. E. Stubbs. There was not a large audience.

POULTRY KEEPING. 9th Dec. 1927

Under the auspices of the County Education Committee a lecture on Poultry Keeping was given at the Memorial Hall last Friday evening by Mr. H. Robinson, county poultry instructor. Mr. Robinson will give a further lecture on the same subject in the Hall this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Admission free.

BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD. 9th Dec. 1927

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey United Brotherhood and Sisterhood, held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, Mr. S. F. Mitham, presiding, the address was given by Mr. Randall, of Cambridge, the Scripture was read by Mr. Hepher, and prayer was offered by the Rev. T. B. Field. Two solos were sung by Mr. G. E. Canham.

CONCERT. 9th Dec. 1927

An excellent concert in aid of the National Institute for the Blind were given in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Dr. Fraser occupying the chair. The well-varied programme included violin solos by Mrs. Fraser, songs by Miss Rose Taylor, Mr. M. J. Lewis, and Mr. A. R. Gibbs, a duet by Messrs. Lewis and Gibbs, carols by the choir, selections by the Swavesey Orchestra, conducted by Mr. G. Fenton (conductor of the orchestral class that is being held in the village under the auspices of the County Education Committee), and community singing of "Adeste Fideles" and other Christmas hymns. With the exception of Mrs. Fraser, the soloists came from Cambridge, and all, Mrs. Fraser included, and also the orchestra, had to yield to frequent demands for encores. There was a fairly good attendance, but it probably would have been much larger if the concert had been more widely advertised. As far as can be ascertained at present, the net proceeds amounted to £5 11s. 2d.

SALES OF WORK. 9th Dec. 1927

Swavesey Memorial Hall has rarely looked more attractive than on the occasion of the church sale of work on Dec. 1st. There were many stalls laden with useful and pretty articles, a snowball full of Christmas gifts, and gay decorations of evergreens, flowers and paper streamers. The ladies of the Working Party were responsible for the arrangements, and the sale was opened by Mrs. Woolley, of Longstanton, who was introduced by the Vicar, and made a very happy little speech before declaring the sale open. The following were in charge of the stalls, competitions, etc.: Refreshments, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Daintree, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. W. Thorp, Miss E. Garner and Miss G. Dodson; china, Mrs. Stebbing, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. E. J. Mitham; needlework, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. Levell, Mrs. Pettitt; Christmas presents and cards, Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Paine; baskets, Mrs. Bignell, Mrs. G. Burling; sweets, Mrs. Page, Miss Dodson, Miss Parsons; produce, Mrs. W. Kester, Mrs. Spolton; jumble, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Meads; soap, Mrs. H. Prime, Miss Banks; snowball, Miss Beaumont; competitions: pop in jaw, Misses Daisley and Froment (won by Miss Thompson); doll, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; cake, Mrs. W. J. Hephher (won by Mr. T. C. Heasman); plum pudding, Miss K. Banks (won by Mrs. J. T. Daintree); pochette, Mrs. Scate (won by Mrs. Brown); coat, Mr. and Mrs. Lee (won by Mr. F. Causer). A whist drive, at which 26 tables were in play, brought the day's efforts to a close. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. J. Prior, Miss E. Parish, half-time Mrs. Banks; gentlemen – Mr. Thoday, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, half-time Mr. D. Williams; knock-out Mr. and Mrs. Berryman. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £44 10s.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 16th Dec. 1927

An interesting meeting of the Young People's Society took place on Monday last, when the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave a lecture on "Cotswold Village Saints," which was much appreciated. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

B.W.T.A. 16th Dec. 1927

A public meeting, under the auspices of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association, was held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, Mrs. Corlett, of St. Ives, presiding. Mrs. Pearson, of London, and Rev. T. B. Field gave addresses. Miss Easter was the soloist, and Mrs. Aldred presided at the organ.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 16th Dec. 1927

Twelve tables were occupied at the whist drive in aid of the Swavesey Institute Football Club, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, and the prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. H. Culpin, Mrs. J. Cain; Gentlemen, Mr. W. Savage, jun., Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. A. Ansell. Mr. H. Unwin acted as M.C. After the drive the prize draw took place. At this Miss Banks officiated.

NOXIOUS FUMES IN CHURCH. 16th Dec. 1927

“One who was there” writes: - The urgent need for the installation of a new heating apparatus at the parish church was clearly demonstrated last Sunday when the morning service had to be curtailed owing to noxious fumes from the worn out stoves. When the congregation assembled an odour pungent and unpleasant pervaded the church, and as the service proceeded it got worse and worse. Choir boys, Sunday school children, and younger members of the congregation were specially affected, and some of them had to be assisted and others carried out of church, a bat even fell from the roof. At the third Collect the Vicar closed the service. All the windows and doors were thrown open, and the children’s service in the afternoon was not held, and by the time of the evening service the church was nearly clear from fumes, but it was thought desirable to make that service as brief as possible. I hope the trouble last Sunday will convince people that a new heating apparatus is an urgent necessity. Complaint is often made of the chilliness of the large building, and our experience last Sunday shows that our present stoves, admittedly inadequate, are also a danger to health. The church must be heated; it is therefore our obvious duty to face facts and do all that lies in our power to support the effort that is now being made to provide a new heating apparatus.

SKATING AT SWAVESEY. 19th Dec. 1927

As the ice was not considered to be in fit condition, no skating was allowed on Mere Fen, Swavesey, yesterday (Sunday), but it will be permitted to-day. The whole of Mere Fen has been flooded, and the ice is stated to be good. Many skaters took advantage of a good piece of ice on flooded land on the Swavesey-Fen Drayton road both on Saturday and Sunday.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 23rd Dec. 1927

At the recent examinations of the Associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Olive Wilderspin, daughter of Mr. D. Wilderspin, succeeded in passing Division I., grammar of music. She is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, Silver-street, Willingham.

SHARE-OUT CLUBS. 23rd Dec. 1927

The distribution of surplus funds of the White Horse Share-out Club took place on Friday evening, when each of the 53 members received £1 2s. 0½d. The total receipts amounted to £74 2s. 11d., out of which £14 17s. 4d. was paid in sick benefit during the year. – At the share-out of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club on Wednesday evening every member received £1 1s. 3d. The sum of £17 4s. was paid out in sick benefit during the twelve months.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 23rd Dec. 1927

The audience at Bethel Baptist Church on Monday had an intellectual and elocutionary treat, when the Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, recited the whole of Dicken's "Christmas Carol," "Marley's Ghost," and gave much force to it by assuming the characteristics of Scrooge, which gave point and power to the effort. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Williams, and the hope was expressed that he would soon come again. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

MEMORIAL HALL. 23rd Dec. 1927

Twenty-three tables were in play at the whist drive in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, which was held on Tuesday evening, and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. B. Burton, Mrs. H. J. Culpin, Mrs. Isgrove, booby Miss K. Banks; gentlemen, Mr. H. Burling, Mr. C. Buck, Mr. A. C. Garner, booby, Mr. R. Godfrey. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. The Christmas draw in aid of the Hall Fund took place after the drive.

MOTOR VAN OVERTURNED. 23rd Dec. 1927

Mr. Cyril E. Page, butcher, of Swavesey, and his assistant, Mr. H. Prime, had a narrow escape when the motor van driven by the former skidded and overturned into a ditch, while attempting to ascend Over hill during the silver thaw on Wednesday morning. It appears that the van, which was laden with meat, began to run back, and then skidded, eventually falling over into the ditch at the roadside, near the entrance to Mere Fen. Neither Mr. Page nor Mr. Prime was injured, but the van, in addition to other damage, had two of its wheels smashed.

WEDDING. 23rd Dec. 1927

The marriage took place on Saturday at Thornley parish church, Co. Durham, of Miss Emmie J. Prior, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prior, of Swavesey, and niece of Mr. John Prior, of Thornley, and Mr. George Herbert Hubron, son of Mrs. Hubron and the late Mr. Hubron, of Wingate, Co. Durham. The Vicar of Thornley (Rev. H. Blackwood) officiated. The bride,

who was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Prior, was attired in royal blue georgette, with velour hat to match, grey shoes and stockings, and she carried a sheaf of mauve and white chrysanthemums. Her bridesmaid, Miss Molly Thirlwell, of West Hartlepool, was in navy blue marocain, trimmed red and gold. Mr. John Sword, of Wingate, was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the residence of Mrs. T. H. Holder (sister of the bride). The bridegroom is road foreman for Easington Rural District Council.

SKATING AT SWAVESEY. 23rd Dec. 1927

Duddleston Cup Holder Defeated To-day.

C. W. HORN'S SUCCESS.

Competition for the Duddleston Cup, under the auspices of the Fen Department Committee of the National Skating Association, took place at Mere Fen, Swavesey, on Wednesday last, when there were between 600 and 800 spectators. The ice was fairly good, but soft, and there were one or two bad patches, mostly under water. Rain began to fall towards the finish.

The course is one mile, with three turns. There was a difficulty owing to the non-arrival of competitors at the time fixed for the start, owing to the frozen roads. It was reported on the ice that C.W. Horn had started from Upwell, and the beginning of racing was delayed until about 12.45. It was decided that anyone arriving late should be allowed to compete.

The finals were actually about to be started, when Horn, who had been in a motor accident, arrived on the scene, and he recorded the fastest time (3mins. 22 4/5 secs.) in skating a bye.

In the final Horn opposed F. W. Dix. This was a magnificent struggle under very bad conditions, and there was never more than 20 yards between the men. Dix, who last won the cup in 1908, and has been amateur champion of England since, had to give way to a younger man, and was beaten by Horn in a record time for the race (3mins. 23 3/5 secs.).

There is no doubt that horn is a future champion of England. He is probably better known as a cyclist, and also takes part in boxing, so that not only is he 20 years younger than Dix, but was also in better condition. Dix was the first to congratulate Horn, who he assisted to train in Switzerland last winter.

MORE PASSENGERS. 30th Dec. 1927

During the week ended Saturday, 24th December, 250 more passengers were booked from Swavesey station than in the corresponding week of 1926.

FOR THE BLIND. 30th Dec. 1927

By means of an envelope collection on Friday, the children attending the National School raised 10s. 6d. for the National Institute for the Blind.

WORKMEN'S TICKETS. 30th Dec. 1927

Commencing on Monday next, 2nd January, workmen's tickets will be issued from Swavesey railway station to Histon by the train leaving at 8.23 a.m., the return fare being 7½d.

CAROLS. 30th Dec. 1927

A party of Swavesey and Fen Drayton carol singers perambulated the village on Friday and Saturday evenings, a collection taken en route for Addenbrooke's Hospital by Miss Parsons, Messrs. A. Hawkes and W. Brooks realising £7 3s. 8½d.

COUNTY ROADMAN COMMENDED. 30th Dec. 1927

A correspondent writes: We often complain, sometimes perhaps rather unjustly, of the unsatisfactory condition of the roads. I am writing now, not to complain, but to express keen appreciation not only of myself, but, I believe, of the people of Swavesey generally, of the energetic and capable way in which the local County Council roadman cleared the main road from the New Inn to Over Church early on Monday. By using the snow plough so promptly, sanding the slippery places, and cutting channels to enable the melting snow to run away, he rendered the road perfectly safe both for vehicular traffic and for pedestrians.

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH. 30th Dec. 1927

In accordance with ancient custom the Christmas festival was heralded by a merry peal on the bells of the parish church. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 a.m., and at midday (choral: music by Rev. E. Hall), the communicants numbering over 100. Matins was at 10.30 a.m., and evensong, without sermon, at 6.30 p.m. The music at evensong included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (E. Clare), a creditable rendering of the anthem "Behold, I bring you good tidings" (Goss), and the carols "Christ was born," "See amid the winter snow" and "Good King Wenceslas." The collections throughout the day were, as usual, devoted to the C. of E. Waifs' and Strays' Society. They amounted to £4 1s., one shilling more than last year.

SCHOOL TREAT. 30th Dec. 1927

There was high revelry at the National School last Friday afternoon and evening on the occasion of the breaking up for the Christmas holiday. The

proceedings opened at 3.30 p.m. with a sumptuous tea for those children who were not taken to the Zoological Gardens in the summer, and there was great fun when crackers containing comical caps, etc., were distributed. At five o'clock the Zoological Gardens contingent were admitted, and many parents with children not of school age, old scholars, and friends came in, but strange to say the only school managers who attended were the Vicar and the Parish Council representative (Mr. A. L. Parish), the latter in addition to giving milk, rendering most valuable assistance at the tea and during the evening. The programme included musical chairs for boys and girls, a song by one tiny girl, another by three little girls, and a recitation by yet another little mite, all of which were vociferously applauded. Then the top standard sang – and sang it admirably – the pathetic ballad about Clementine, and the whole school sang chancies and other songs. During the evening a loud knock was heard at the door and Father Christmas (Mr. C. F. Wood) entered, followed by a tub, from which every youngster attending the school received a present. The presents, it may be mentioned, were provided by the headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) and the assistant teachers, Mrs. Wood, Miss Thoday, Miss Scott and Miss Evans. Oranges given by Mr. G. J. Paine and Mr. W. A. Bignell, apples given by Mrs. Aldred, and sweets the gift of Mr. R. Williamson, were also distributed. Towards the close of the happy evening, “While shepherds watched” and “Auld Lang Syne” were sung, after which the Vicar, on behalf of the children, proposed a vote of thanks to the headmaster and the assistant teachers, and to all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. Walter Thorp, in seconding, amused the youngsters by contrasting the gentle methods of imparting knowledge in these days with the more strenuous system adopted when he was a schoolboy. The National Anthem having been sung, children, parents and the rest of the company went home.

BIRD CRASHES THROUGH WINDOW. 6th Jan. 1928

A wild duck crashed through the window of the signal box at Swavesey station on Saturday night, greatly startling the signalman on duty, Mr. W. Kester, who was attending to the telephone at the time, and covering him with fragments of glass. The bird fell inside the box, and was dead when picked up.

A SUCCESSFUL SKATER. 6th Jan. 1928

Although beaten by H. C. Hudson, of Northampton, in the first round for the King's Cup on Lingay Fen on Saturday, Percy Burton, of Swavesey, the holder of the local Chicago Cup, was awarded a gold medal (2nd class) in the

mile time tests held after the championship race. His time for the mile was 3 minutes 39 seconds.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 6th Jan. 1928

A well-attended meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon. Mr. F. Prior presided, and the Rev. T. B. Field opened and closed the meeting with prayer. The Rev. S. Bird, of Over, gave a bright and cheery New Year's address, and Mr. Webster, also of Over, sang the solos "The Lost Chord" and "Nearer my God to Thee." Mrs. Blackaby is expected at the next meeting.

FLOODS. 6th Jan. 1928

The floods at Swavesey are serious, but so far only the inhabitants of the Mow Fen and Hog Pasture railway gate houses have had to find other quarters. During Wednesday night the water rose considerably, and yesterday (Thursday) morning flood water was pouring out of Hog Pasture across the main road into Church Green, and the Over road near the entrance to Mere Fen was also covered. As stated in another column, the L.N.E.R. line between the station and the river viaduct was affected, and certain trains had to be diverted.

SKATING. 6th Jan. 1928

Mere Fen was opened for skating on Friday last, but very few people took advantage of the splendid stretch of ice which was in perfect condition either on that day or on Saturday. On Sunday, however, when half of the takings at the gate were to be handed to Addenbrooke's Hospital there was a large attendance, and the hospital benefitted to the extent of £7 15s., a sum that would have been larger had not a number of people found admission by ways other than the recognised gate. Arrangements had been made for the race for the Chicago (local) Cup to be run on Monday, and for the Williamson Professional Challenge Cup (open to all England) on Tuesday, but owing to the thaw these were abandoned for the second time this season.

THE LATE MR. JOHN HODSON. 6th Jan. 1928

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest and most respected inhabitants by the death at the age of 81 years of Mr. John Metcalfe Hodson which occurred at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linford, junior, on December 28th, after eight days' illness. Born in Swavesey 81 years ago the son of John and Hannah Metcalfe, Mr. Hodson lived in the village all his life. He was an ardent church worker, and an enthusiastic bell-ringer. He

leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on New Year's Eve at the parish church, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating, the service being preceded and followed by dumb peals on the bells in the ringing of which John Hodson had taken so keen an interest. The mourners included Messrs. William, Bert and Harry Hodson (sons), Mrs. A. Butterworth, and Mrs. E. J. Linford (daughters), Mr. E. J. Linford (son-in-law), Mrs. W. Hodson, Mrs. B. Hodson, Mrs. J. T. Daintree (daughters-in-law), master G. Hodson (grandson), Mrs. Pitt, Mr. and Mrs. John Throssell, Mrs. F. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burling (nephews and nieces), Mrs. C. Crisp (sister-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT. 6th Jan. 1928

A concert given by the children of the National School, was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the proceeds being for the Children's Entertainment and Outing Fund. Notwithstanding the numerous absences due to illness and inclement weather conditions there was an excellent attendance on both evenings. (Full programme in newspaper).

RAILWAY LINE BLOCKED NEAR SWAVESEY. 6th Jan. 1928

During some of the early hours of Thursday morning trains on the Cambridge – St. Ives line had to be diverted via Ely on account of the flooding between Swavesey and St. Ives, but at 8.30 a.m. the waters had subsided somewhat and the line was reported fit for traffic.

Since the early part of the week flooding has developed between Swavesey Station and the bridge over the River Ouse, near St. Ives, but it was not until Wednesday night that it appeared likely to affect seriously the railway traffic. During the night it rose some inches, and at six o'clock was eight or nine inches over the metals. Whilst this was not considered very serious (we were informed by a railway official at Cambridge), the flooding was such that it was felt that precautions should be taken, and in consequence early morning through trains were diverted via Ely.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 13th Jan. 1928

At the examination of the London College of Music, held recently at Cambridge, Vera G. Endersby, pupil of Miss G. Lilley (silver medallist), Hemingford Abbots, obtained a first-class certificate in the primary division in theoretical music.

EPIPHANY TEA. 13th Jan. 1928

There was a good attendance at the Epiphany tea – an annual parochial gathering in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions inaugurated many years ago by the Rev. Canon Sharp, when vicar of Swavesey – which took place at the National School on Tuesday evening. After the tea an interesting and most instructive lecture on mission work in China was given by the Rev. F. Jones, of Shantung.

THE GALE. 13th Jan. 1928

No very serious damage was done in Swavesey by last Friday's gale. Parts of wood fences were levelled at the Old House in Black Horse-lane, and at the Priory, slates and tiles were blown off the National School and the new, and not yet occupied, Council houses at Boxworth End, the thatch on several houses and stacks suffered more or less severely, and a passing motorist narrowly escaped a chimney pot which fell from a house in High-street.

MEMORIAL HALL. 20th Jan. 1928

A ratepayer writes: I am given to understand that the water supply has been cut off at the Memorial Hall. May I, on behalf of other ratepayers, ask the reason?

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 20th Jan. 1928

For the sacred concert given by the children under the direction of Miss Gaunt, on the 12th inst., the Friends' Meeting House was crowded. The programme, in addition to choruses, etc., included recitations by Vera and Hilda Walker and Mary Lee, and Scripture reading by Mr. Cook. Addresses were also given by Mr. Harris and Miss Crout. Miss Easter was an efficient accompanist.

A CYCLIST'S COMPLAINT. 20th Jan. 1928

Mr. F. H. R. Aldred, London House, Swavesey, writes: "I would like to draw attention to the increasing habit among pedestrians in Swavesey of walking at night on the middle of the road, instead of the path, in spite of the fact that the latter is in most cases the cleaner. This causes inconvenience to cyclists, and is a source of danger to both. The writer has on more than one occasion narrowly avoided colliding with persons walking on the middle of the road, and with the roads in their present condition it is difficult to turn aside quickly on a bicycle without skidding. The difficulty would, of course, be avoided if the street lamps were lighted, but this convenience will not, apparently, be enjoyed by the present generation. May I suggest that if people must walk in the road at night (possibly to avoid gate posts, petrol pumps, etc.) they should carry a light of some kind to warn an approaching cyclist of their presence.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Jan. 1928

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was attended by Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, it transpired that the Council's request to the District Council to be supplied with a plan indicating the position of each of the fire hydrants in the village had not been complied with, and that there was reason to believe that no such plan was in existence. During discussion it was stated that many of the hydrants had been covered by the County road authorities with gravel and tar, and that there would be considerable difficulty in locating them. On the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by the Chairman, it was agreed that the attention of the County Council should be called to the danger to which the village was exposed in the event of fire by the hydrants being covered up, and that it should be asked that the hydrants should be cleared from gravel and tar without delay, and kept clear in future. It was further agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Cole, Mr. C. H. Parish and the clerk should prepare a plan showing the exact position of each hydrant. The question of appointing a captain of the Fire Engine to act during the illness of the captain, Mr. S. Challis, was next considered, and it was decided to appoint Mr. Ernest Mitham, of Middle Watch, captain pro tem. Mr. Ernest Prior, sub-captain, tendered his resignation, and it was accepted as from 31st March.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 27th Jan. 1928

Mr. C. Songer, secretary of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union, paid a visit on Monday to the Bethel Band of Hope and gave an interesting lantern entertainment, followed by a lecture on "The wonders of water," illustrated by excellent dissolving views. The lantern was manipulated by Messrs. G. Day and K. Williams. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

AN INTERESTING GIFT. 27th Jan. 1927

A water colour painting by the late Mr. William Wickham of the interior of the parish church before the restoration in 1867 has been presented to the church by Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis. The picture, it is understood, will be hung at the western end of the south aisle near the long list of Priors and Vicars of Swavesey. Some of the older inhabitants of the parish may remember that Mr. Wickham at one time resided at the Brewery.

WEDDING. 27th Jan. 1928

The marriage of Mr. Richard Charles Culpin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Millice Charles Culpin, of Swavesey, and Miss Julia Webster, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Webster, of Castle Gate, Nottingham, took place at the Cathedral, Nottingham, on January 19th. The happy couple, who were the recipients of a large number of presents, left Nottingham immediately after the ceremony for their honeymoon, which is being spent in London.

PRESENTATION. 27th Jan. 1928

The girls who have been attending the Cookery Class which has been held at the National School, under the auspices of the County Education Committee, at their concluding meeting on Wednesday evening greatly surprised their instructress, Mrs. C. Wood, by presenting her with an oak, E.P.N.S. mounted, biscuit barrel. Mrs. Wood keenly appreciated the gift, and the kindly feeling that prompted it.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. 27th Jan. 1928

There was a good attendance at the annual Parochial Church Meeting held at the National School on Tuesday evening. The various church accounts, all of which were in a satisfactory state, were presented. Mr. R. Barwell and Mrs. Cooksey were appointed representatives on the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences, the latter in place of Mr. R. Mitham, sen., resigned, and the following were elected members of the Church Council: Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. W. J. Hephher, Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. G. J. Paine, and Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Miss Beaumont did not seek re-election. Before the election of sidesmen the Vicar referred to Mr. John Hodson's death, and all present stood for a minute in silence as an expression of sympathy. Last year's sidesmen were re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. Cain and Mr. W. J. Hephher. – At a meeting of the Church Council which followed the meeting of church electors, the officers for the ensuing year were all re-appointed.

THEATRICALS. 27th Jan. 1928

A highly amusing and successful entertainment was given in aid of the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund on Thursday week in the Memorial Hall, when the A.B.C. Company presented two farces, "He's a Lunatic," by Felix Dale, and "My Lord in Livery," by S. Theyre Smith. The audience enjoyed both these farces, and showed their appreciation in a hearty manner. During the interval between the sketches, two little girls, Joan and Lily Hephher, sang two songs, "The Silver House" and "Golden Slumbers," accompanied on the piano by their mother. Mr. Edward Williams, accompanied on the piano by Mr. James Williams, also played a banjo solo; and Miss Elsie Dodson gave a

monologue "Alice goes below." At the close of the evening the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the A.B.C. Company and to the local artistes. Mr. C. F. Banks (churchwarden) seconded, and the Rev. F. B. B. Whittington replied. The net proceeds amounted to £8 16s.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 3rd Feb. 1928

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's charity was distributed by the churchwardens on Saturday, the anniversary of his birthday, twenty widows receiving three shillings each in lieu of tea, sugar, etc.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 3rd Feb. 1928

An interesting lecture on a personal tour round the Baltic Sea was given by the Rev. A. W. Bonsey, of the Free Church, St. Ives, at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

PICTURES ON HEALTH. 3rd Feb. 1928

Dr. S. J. C. Fraser presided at the free cinema exhibition of pictures on health, which was given under the auspices of the County Council at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, women only being admitted. The films were explained by Dr. F. Robinson, County Medical Officer of Health. Several men, some of them fathers of families varying in size, who were anxious to attend, on presenting themselves at the Hall were told that they could not be admitted. A correspondent suggests that if the exhibition was for the benefit of women only, and that men would be excluded, a more definite notification of that fact should have appeared on the leaflet distributed in the village than the words, "All women are invited to attend."

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE. 3rd Feb. 1928

SWAVESEY v. ST. IVES B.L. (DIVISION II)

Swavesey won three games to St. Ives two.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. 10th Feb. 1928

At the request of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, the Rev. T. B. Field (pastor of Bethel Baptist Church), conducted a memorial service for the late F. M. Earl Haig in the War Memorial Hall on Sunday evening, after the usual service at the Parish Church and other places of worship in the village. The congregation numbered about 150, and included 50 ex-servicemen. During the service the hymns "O God, our help in ages past," and "Fight the good fight" were sung, and the 39th Psalm read, and Mr.

Field gave an address, based on the text, "Know ye not that there is a Prince and a Great Man fallen this day in Israel?" (II Samuel iii., 39), in which he paid a warm tribute to the late Field Marshal. At the close of the address the congregation stood for a few moments in silence, and a prayer was said, after which "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was sung, the short service concluding with the Benediction. Mr. G. E. Canham played the pianoforte accompaniment to the hymns.

INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 10th Feb. 1928

The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, celebrated the 70th anniversary of the birthday on Sunday last.

BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD. 10th Feb. 1928

Mrs. W. Savage presided at the meeting of the Swavesey United Brotherhood and Sisterhood, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Blackaby, of Willingham, was the speaker, Mrs. Smith, also of Willingham, the soloist, and Mr. J. W. Williams the accompanist. There was an unusually large attendance.

B.W.T.A. 10th Feb. 1928

An informal but well attended gathering of members and friends of the B.W.T.A. took place in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Thursday week. Miss Easter, in the absence of the President (Mrs. Aldred), took the chair. During the afternoon readings, recitations and solos were given by various helpers, and Rev. T. B. Field gave a short address upon the need for the work undertaken by the B.W.T.A. An excellent tea was provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE DAY. 10th Feb. 1928

Bethel Baptist Church Schoolroom was crowded on February 1st, on the occasion of the annual prizegiving. Mrs. Aldred made the presentations on behalf of the teachers, sixty-one young folk receiving books as a reward for regular attendance and good behaviour. A heartily carried vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Aldred and Miss Easter for the devoted work in connection with the school on the motion of Mr. J. Day, seconded by Mr. G. E. Canham.

HOCKEY CLUB. 10th Feb. 1928

Nineteen tables were occupied at the whist drive, organised by the Swavesey Hockey Club, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Webb, Mrs. H. G. Key, booby Miss M. A. Parish; gentlemen – Mr. Carter, Mr. A. Holmes, booby Mr. T. A. Thoday;

knock-out, Mr. A. Thoday and Mr. H. Dring. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C.

PARISH COUNCIL. 10th Feb. 1928

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells. The Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) announced that Mr. Ernest Mitham, of Middle Watch, had consented to act as captain of the fire engine, and the committee appointed to make inquiry respecting the fire hydrants in the village reported that all had been located, but that six of them required to be raised to the level of the footpaths. A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the footpaths in which the hydrants were built had from time to time been surface tarred, with the result that the hydrants were now below the general surface. Instructions had been given to uncover them, but as they were low, the Parish Council should arrange to have them raised to prevent possible accidents. Mr. Cole moved that the District Council should once again be written to respecting the condition of the hydrants, for which the Council were responsible, and requested to give the matter immediate attention, especially as regards the six hydrants that urgently need raising. Mr. C. H. Parish seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The following parishioners were nominated as qualified to serve as parish councillors during the ensuing year: - Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, G. Burling and C. Eason. Two other matters were also discussed, viz., the unsatisfactory state of the Recreation Ground, and the delay in repairing the fire engine. As regards the former, it was decided that the holes near the trees at the side of the main street should be filled up with earth.

COUNCIL HOUSES. 17th Feb. 1928

The selected tenants of the new Council houses at Boxworth-end met representatives of the District Council on Tuesday week, and received the keys of their houses.

MEMORIAL HALL. 17th Feb. 1928

The Leap Year carnival dance at the Memorial Hall on St. Valentine's Day (Tuesday) was fairly well attended, considering the unsettled weather. A band was in attendance, and novelties of various kinds were provided, and also excellent light refreshments.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 17th Feb. 1928

The annual congregational tea and meeting, in connection with Bethel Baptist Church, took place on Thursday week, when a large number sat down to a well provided meal. At the crowded meeting that followed, the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address upon the word "Forward." Addresses were also given by Messrs. B. Prior, J. Day, G. Canham and A. Day (deacons), and reports of the various departments were presented by Mrs. Aldred, Miss Easter, Miss B. Savage and Mr. Daisley. The treasurer (Mr. Canham) in his statement, showed that the church, the Sunday School and its teachers had raised £307 during the year, and that all things were in a flourishing condition.

SISTERHOOD. 17th Feb. 1928

A special effort was made on the 9th inst. by the members of the Sisterhood, who meet every fortnight at the Primitive Methodist Chapel to help the funds of that body. After the usual meeting in the afternoon an excellent public tea was provided by the members, which was attended by upwards of seventy persons, and in the evening a most enjoyable concert was given by the St. Ives Sisterhood, under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Leigh, of Fenstanton. The Sisterhood is not connected with the Primitive Methodists, though meeting in their chapel. Its aim is to provide a bright, happy afternoon once a fortnight for women of all denominations.

DEATH OF AN AGED PARISHIONER. 17th Feb. 1928

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Eason, widow of the late Mr. William Eason, whose death at the age of 87 years, after a week's illness, occurred on the 9th inst., took place at Swavesey cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated, and during the service at the graveside the hymn "For ever with the Lord," was sung. The immediate mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. Eason, Mr. and Mrs. C. Eason (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Smith and Miss L. Crouch (nieces). Mrs. Eason leaves two sons and one daughter, who is in Canada. Mr. E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

INTERESTING VISITORS. 17th Feb. 1928

Messrs. Colin Kitching and George Gordon, two members of the large party of Canadian farmers who are touring this country, paid a short visit to Swavesey on Wednesday week in order to spend a few hours at Mill Farm with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, whose eldest son, Mr. Frank Day, has for some years been a near neighbour of theirs at Rockwood, Ontario. They were met in Cambridge

after the luncheon at Caius College by Mr. Alfred Day, jun., and were driven by him in a spring cart – their first experience of such a vehicle – to Swavesey, calling on the way at Messrs. Day and Sons’ farm at Boxworth, where they found some things that interested them, and some that were not quite to their taste. Soon after 4 p.m. they arrived at Mill Farm, Frank’s old home, and received a hearty welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Day and the members of the family who were in Swavesey. Here they remained until 9 p.m., comfortably seated by the fireside, which they absolutely declined to quit for a little local sightseeing, for of sightseeing they had had enough for that day. They talked of the absent son and his family, and of their desire to get English lads and lasses to go to Canada. During the evening the guests and the family had “hot supper” served in Canadian fashion, or as near to it as people who had had no Canadian experience could manage. About nine o’clock the visitors left for Cambridge, and on the following day took part in the inspection of Messrs. Chivers’ farms at Haslingfield and Histon and the Histon factory.

OBITUARY. 24th Feb. 1928

Mrs. Mary Ann Harradine, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Harradine, of Fenstanton, and daughter of the late Mr. Richard Day, of Elsworth, passed away on Tuesday night at the residence of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hephew, High-street, Swavesey. Mrs. Harradine, who was 78 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. She leaves one son and one daughter. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 3 o’clock on Monday afternoon.

“WHO ARE THE BAPTISTS?” 24th Feb. 1928

In a small pamphlet entitle “Who are the Baptists?” which has recently been issued, the Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, gives in the form of a “village conversation” much interesting information respecting the Baptist Church, its origin, history, present activities, etc. Copies of the pamphlet (9d. per dozen, post free) can be obtained from the author at Rutholme, Swavesey.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 24th Feb. 1928

The anniversary tea and meeting of Bethel Band of Hope, which were held on Monday, were well attended. At the public meeting Rev. T. B. Field presided, supported by Messrs. J. Day and W. Daisley. Recitations were given by W. Spearman, G. Payne, B. Pryor, M. Peppercorn, G. and J. Melbourn and G. Norman. Choruses were sung by the juvenile choir, and recitals and a

vigorous address were given by Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, whose visits are greatly enjoyed. Miss Easter presided at the piano.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th Feb. 1928

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club: President, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C., M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Barwell, W. Blinkhorn, G. E. Canham, W. Dodson, Rev. T. B. Fildes, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. P. H. Lee, F. F. Norman, C. H. Parish, Ben Thorp, Whitehead and L. Williams; chairman, Mr. S. Clark; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Aldred, assistant secretary, Mr. A. Hephner; captain 1st eleven, Mr. B. Prime; vice-captain, Mr. F. Burton; committee, Messrs. H. Bishop, L. Brooks, P. Burton, S. Clark, A. Hephner and A. Turner. The captain and vice-captain of the second eleven will be chosen each week by the committee. It was decided to enter the first team for the Cambs. League and Junior Cup, and the second team for the Milton and District League and Cup.

CONCERT. 24th Feb. 1928

There was a fairly good attendance at the concert given in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening by the Swavesey Orchestra and Glee Party, assisted by a soloist from Cambridge. (Full programme in newspaper). Mr. W. G. Fenton, Cambridge, was the conductor. The net proceeds, amounting to £4 3s. 1½d., have been divided between the Memorial Hall Fund and the Orchestra.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 24th Feb. 1928

Upwards of fifty members attended the annual general meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society which was held at the National School on Friday evening. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey was voted to the chair. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. H. R. Lovell, Mr. H. H. Williams, and the late Rev. A. Kirke Smith, and the addition of sixteen, subject to their acceptance of office; chairman of general meeting, Mr. C. W. Hines; chairman of committee, Mr. U. Thixton; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood; sports secretary, Mr. C. Richardson; treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner; Horticultural Committee, re-elected, Mr. H. Smith (Over) taking the place of Mr. H. Mustill, and Mr. Whitehead (Swavesey) and Mr. H. Bell (Boxworth) being added; Sports Committee (to form a separate body), Messrs. C. Savage, P. Burton, H. Culpin, F. Hephner, P. Watts, F. F. Norman, H. H. Berryman, Alf. Ginn, R. Asplin, A. C. Mustill and C. Richardson, with power to add to their number; Finance Committee, Messrs. C. W. Hines, F. W. Pontefract, J. Culpin, P. Watts and F. F. Norman, with the Sports and

Horticultural Secretaries and Treasurers ex-officio. Rule 3 was amended to read as follows: "The subscription shall be 2s. 6d. per annum for all cottager members, who shall be entitled to one free entrance ticket and six entries for the show, and with a further additional subscription of 5s. the member shall be entitled to any number of exhibits." No alteration was, however, made in Rule 4, which provides that subscribers of 5s. and upwards shall be granted two free tickets and six free exhibits. Letters were read from Mr. P. Watts granting the use of Manor Field for the show, and from "The Smallholder" offering prizes for the show. These were accepted, their allocation being left to the committee.

ADVERT. 2nd March 1928

ACCUMULATORS carefully and accurately charged. Remember, we can save half your Tyre Bill. – Barwell's Tyre Renewing Co. 'Phone Swavesey 11.

SISTERHOOD. 2nd March 1928

At a well-attended meeting of the Sisterhood, held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Thursday week, an address on "Happiness" was given by Mrs. Peters, and solos, duets and readings were contributed by members.

A MODERN CROMWELL. 2nd March 1928

At the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, Mr. Horace Brown, of Cambridge, delivered his popular lecture on "A modern Cromwell" (Sylvester Horne) to a large audience. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. A collection was taken for Addenbrooke's Hospital, £1 being realised.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 2nd March 1928

At a special meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. Prime Godfrey was elected general secretary of the Horticultural Committee. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. C. Wood, who had held the office of hon. secretary since the inception of the Society.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL. 2nd March 1928

The football match between teams of boys representing Over Council and Swavesey National Schools respectively, played on Swavesey recreation ground on Friday afternoon resulted in a decisive win for the visitors by 4 goals to nil. Both sides played a clean and strenuous game, but it is only fair to the Swavesey boys to say that while they equalled their opponents in

keenness they were considerably smaller in size. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as referee.

THE LATE MRS. T. HARRADINE. 2nd March 1928

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Harradine, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Harradine, of Fenstanton, whose death at the age of 78 years on Feb. 21st was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish church on Monday afternoon. The mourners included Mr. R. Harradine (son), Mrs. F. Wilson (daughter), Mr. W. Harradine, Mr. G. Wilson (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hephher (brothers-in-law and sisters). Mr. R. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd March 1928

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Hephher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells, with the clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes it was reported (a) that, as usual, no reply had been received from the District Council to the letter sent by the Parish Council respecting the fire hydrants in the village, (b) that a bill for £1 13s. had been received from Mr. B. Hodson for carting earth from roadsides to fill holes in the recreation ground, (c) that the repairs to the fire engine had practically been completed. Discussion followed respecting a letter from the secretary of the Cricket Club asking if the Council would assist in repairing the cricket pitch on the recreation ground. The Chairman was strongly opposed to the application being entertained, as in his opinion the Council had already spent more money on the ground for the benefit of the Cricket Club than the club was fairly entitled to. The Council, he maintained, must consider the claims of the children and others who had equal right to the use of the recreation ground. Mr. Cole proposed that the Cricket Club be informed that the Council would pay half the cost of repairing the pitch, but that the Council's liability must not exceed £2 10s. Mr. F. Hephher seconded. An amendment proposed by the Chairman that instead of contributing to the repair of the pitch the Council should purchase seats with the money standing to the credit of the recreation ground failed to find a seconder. Mr. C.H. Parish, while not opposing the motion, advocated the erection of a rail and post fence, with permanent openings, to separate the recreation ground from the high-road. This, he said, would add to the letting value of the ground. Mr. Cole's motion was carried, every councillor, except the Chairman, voting in favour. Other business included the issue of a precept on the Rating Authority for £15 for expenses of the Council; the consideration of a complaint by a

ratepayer respecting the dumping of derelict tins and other rubbish in a ditch near the cemetery; and the passing of a resolution fixing the parish constable's fee at 28s. It was also decided that the annual parish meeting should be held on Monday, 12th March, after the parish meeting for the election of parish councillors.

BILLIARDS. 9th March 1928

The final of the billiard handicap for the Bignell Cup was played at the Institute on Tuesday evening, between Messrs. T. C. Heasman and T. Johnson, jun., a keenly fought game (200 up) being won by the former. Scores: Heasman 200 (highest break 28), Johnson 167

CRICKET CLUB. 9th March 1928

There was an unfortunate shortage of ladies at the whist drive, in aid of the Cricket Club, which took place at the Memorial Hall on the 1st inst., and none of those who played succeeded in gaining a prize. Fourteen and a half tables were occupied and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. F. Causer (playing as ladies); gentlemen – Mr. H. Carless, Mr. P. Barker; knockout Messrs. G. Hemington and R. Thoday. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £3.

THE MEDIEVAL VILLAGE. 9th March 1928

The first of a course of lectures arranged by Cambs. Rural Community Council, on “The growth of social life in England,” with special reference to the growth of village life from about 1300 A.D. to the present time, was given in the National School on Friday evening, when Mr. W. P. Baker, secretary of the Rural Community Council, gave a most interesting address on “The Medieval Village.” This (Friday) evening Mr. Baker will deal with the attempt of the people to obtain freedom that led to the Peasants’ Revolt in the reign of Richard II. These lectures are not only instructive but most interesting, and the fee for the whole course is only one shilling.

BOYS’ BRIGADE. 9th March 1928

The annual meeting of the Boys’ Brigade, 1st Swavesey Company, was held on Thursday week at Bethel Schoolroom, when a large company assembled and much enjoyed the excellent programme presented. The Captain (Rev. T. B. Field) occupied the chair, being ably assisted by Lieut. S. Wright and Staff-Sergeant G. Day, the latter presiding at the piano. The programme included a song by Private A. Kester, short readings by Lieut. Wright, Sergt. W. Wright, Corpl. L. Wright, L. Corpl. S. Wright, bar-bell and Company drills by the

Company, and an amusing and instructive dialogue, "Willie Coddle," by Misses H. Dodson and B. Savage, Lieut. Wright, Sergt. W. Wright and Private D. Canham. An ambulance display concluded the proceedings. Boys over ten years of age will be welcomed as recruits.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 16th March 1928

There was a very large attendance at the meeting of the Brotherhood in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, when the speaker was Mr. Rendall, of Histon, who based his address on St. Mark ix. Mr. G. E. Canham presided, Mr. F. Aldred read the lesson, and the quartette party rendered a chorus.

PARISH MEETING. 16th March 1928

At the annual parish meeting, which followed the meeting for the election of parish councillors for the ensuing three years, the only business was the presentation of the Parish Council accounts, and the reading of a statement of the accounts of Galon's Charity. The Parish Council accounts showed that the receipts for the year 1927 amounted to £123 2s. 1d., and the expenditure to £95 15s. 10d. Mr. J. Linford, chairman of the outgoing Parish Council, presided.

OBITUARY. 16th March 1928

We have to announce the death of Mr. James Smith, market gardener, of Boxworth End, who passed away on Saturday morning. Mr. Smith, who attained the age of 76 years on Sunday, 4th March, had been in bad health for some time. Although taking no very active part in village affairs, he had rendered useful service to the parish. For many years he was a life feoffee of Galon's Charity, and at one time was a parish councillor and overseer. In addition to his widow he leaves four sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Swavesey parish church.

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 16th March 1928

Eleven candidates were nominated for the nine seats on the Swavesey Parish Council at the Parish Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, and a vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Elected – C. Dean 35, *F. Hephher 35, *P. Burton 32, *C. W. H. Cole 32, *C. H. Parish 32, W. Twist 27, *P. Parish 26, W. Burton 23, P. Prime 18; not elected - *J. Linford 17, A. P. Payne 13.

*Denotes old members.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. S. F. Mitham) and the tellers (Messrs. F. F. Norman and D. Williams). About 50 parochial electors attended.

BRITISH LEGION. 16th March 1928

Eighteen and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive, which was held in the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion on Tuesday evening, and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Mrs. J. Culpin, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. Whitehead, booby Mrs. Sanderson; gentlemen – Mr. P. Watts, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. H. Careless, booby Mr. H. J. Culpin; mystery Mrs. H. Burling; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Culpin (runners-up Messrs. Heasman and Whitehead). The prize for the highest score given by the President, Mr. W. A. Bignell, was won by Mr. R. Asplin. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 23rd March 1928

Messrs. A. Day and R. Norman, of Swavesey, retain their seats on the Rural District Council, no nomination papers having been handed in to the Returning Officer.

LIBERALISM IN THE COUNTY. 23rd March 1928

Mr. J. W. Payne at Swavesey.

On Friday evening a successful meeting was held in the Memorial Hall at Swavesey, where Mr. J. W. Payne gave an address, at the close of which many questions were asked and answered by the prospective candidate. The chair was taken by the Rev. T. B. Field.

Mr. Payne, in the course of a lengthy speech, dealt with what he termed the failure of the Government's financial policy. Trade, he said, had not recovered as it ought to have done, war debt settlements, the premature return to the gold standard and wasteful expenditure having hindered real progress and handicapped prosperity. How could they talk of prosperity while we had still such a volume of unemployed? They could only boast of prosperity when work was available for those who desired it, and wages, the purchasing power of which would enable them to live in common decency. Those conditions did not exist to-day. The mining areas were full of distress, and, therefore, of discontent, and the Government had wasted millions on subsidy to the coal owners without having dealt with the problem which had caused the conditions which existed to-day.

PROSPERITY WHEN LIBERALS IN OFFICE.

Unemployment presented to the country and economic difficulty, but its most serious aspect was the moral effect on the younger men. Methods adopted by the Government had failed to reduce the figures to any appreciable extent, and guardians' relief had increased, thus proving that unemployment had not decreased. Prosperity which had always been in evidence when the Liberals were in office, said the speaker, was due to the sound basis of all their finances. They based every change and every reform on that foundation, and while they initiated social benefits, they reduced national debt. No one should be more grateful to Liberal policy in the past than Mr. Churchill. It was their sound basis in National Health Insurance which had made possible the giving of pensions at 65. It was their foundation for unemployment insurance which had saved the rates the additional burden which would have come with the continued number out of work. The Government's action in lessening their quota towards these funds was wrong, and contributions should not have been forced to make extra contributions while the Government paid less. They had used the results of Liberal legislation to help them out of difficulties. Promises with regard to agriculture had not been fulfilled; benefits supposed to be for agriculture had found their way into the pockets of financiers instead of the farmers. Safeguarding is not for him. Clauses in the beet subsidy provisions might have ensured for the farmer a fairer share of the benefits. The whole trouble was that agricultural constituencies were represented by men who had more interest in other undertakings than in the industry they should represent.

We were being deluded, continued Mr. Payne, by the subtle manoeuvres on the part of the Chancellor, whose methods of getting out of difficulties only put the taxpayer further in them. As an instance, he referred to the collection of three instalments of income tax on schedule A., thus getting one and a half years' revenue from this source in the financial year.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

CHURCH HEATING FUND. 23rd March 1928

At a meeting of members of the congregation of the parish church, held in the National School on Tuesday evening, preliminary arrangements were made for the carnival garden fete, which is to take place in the Vicarage grounds in July in aid of the fund for providing a new heating apparatus for the church.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE. 23rd March 1928

A meeting of delegates of the Swavesey and District Billiards League was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The business concerned the presentation of the Bignell Challenge Cup and medals, won by Huntingdon

Literary Institute in Div. I., and medals presented by the League, won by Willingham II in Div. II. It was decided that the presentation should take place at a dinner and smoking concert to be held in the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on April 2nd, when all supporters of the League will be heartily welcomed.

AEROBATICS. 23rd March 1928

Flying Officer Philip R. Barwell, of No. 19 (Fighter) Squadron, R.A.F. Duxford, eldest son of Mr. R. Barwell, The Old House, Swavesey, took part in the R.A.F. displays before the King and Queen of Afghanistan at Hendon on Saturday. He and Flying Officer P. P. Grey, of the same squadron, gave a typical display of aerobatics on "Grebes," including long spells of upside-down flying, the "bunt" (a kind of inverted loop), steep vertical climbs upwards, and horizontal corkscrews.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 23rd March 1928

At the annual meeting of Bethel Baptist Church Young People's Society, which took place on Monday, the report stated that during the session just ceasing 24 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 35, and the balance sheet read by Miss Freestone showed cash in hand. Thanks were given to Miss Easter and Messrs. Canham and Pontefract for special work during the session. The following officers were elected for the next year: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Miss B. Savage; treasurer, Miss Freestone; secretary, Mr. Ken Williams. The President then gave his lecture on Sir Rowland Hill, the author of penny postage.

BRITISH LEGION. 23rd March 1928

Eighteen and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive, which was held in the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Swavesey District Branch of the British Legion, on the 13th inst., and the following were the prize-winners: - Ladies: Mrs. H. J. Culpin, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. Whitehead, booby Mrs. Sanderson. Gentlemen: Mr. P. Watts, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. H. Careless, booby, Mr. H. J. Culpin; mystery, Mrs. H. Burling; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Culpin (runners-up, Messrs. Heasman and Whitehead). The prize for the highest score, given by the President, Mr. W. A. Bignell, was won by Mr. R. Asplin (149). Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £5 10s.

THE LATE MR. JAMES SMITH. 23rd March 1928

The funeral of the late Mr. James Smith, of Willow House, Swavesey, whose death on March 10th at the age of 76 years, after a long period of ill-health, was briefly announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on March 15th, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Smith (widow), Messrs. Joseph, Edmund, John Robert and Hugh Smith (sons), Mrs. L. Kettle, Miss Hetter Smith, Mrs. J. Spriggs and Miss Helena Smith (daughters), Mr. L. Kettle (son-in-law), Mrs. J. R. Smith (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mitham (Colchester), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shepperson (Cambridge), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shepperson (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). The coffin was covered with a wreath of violets, white heather, lilies, roses and carnations from the family. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. F. Mitham, Swavesey. – Mr. James Smith, who, in addition to his widow, leaves four sons and four daughters, was the youngest son of the late Mr. Joseph Smith, farmer, of Skybrae Farm, Midmar, Aberdeenshire. He went to Swavesey many years ago, and during his long life in the village rendered much useful service in a quiet and unobtrusive way that won for them the respect and confidence of his fellow parishioners. He was a member of the Parish Council in its early days, an overseer, and some thirty years ago was appointed a life feoffee of Galon's Charity.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 30th March 1928

The final meeting for the session of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday took the form of a social. The programme consisted of songs and recitations by Mrs. and Miss Savage and the Misses W. Spearman and G. Payne. Refreshments were served in the interval, the enjoyable evening concluding with games of various kinds, under the direction of Mr. Pontefract. Mrs. Daisley was the accompanist.

CRICKET CLUB. 30th March 1928

Only ten tables were in play at the whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Cricket Club. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. J. Culpin, Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss K. Banks, booby Mrs. Isgrove; Gentlemen – Mr. J. Kester, jun., Mr. W. D. Isgrove, Mr. T. C. Heasman, booby Mr. H. Careless; knock-out Messrs. R. Thoday and C. Hemington. Mr. S. Clark acted as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to just over £1.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th March 1928

In opening the White Elephant Sale, which was held on the 22nd inst., in the schoolroom connected with Bethel Baptist Church, Mrs. Aldred explained that the effort was to meet an unexpected obligation. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor, presided. Business was very brisk in the afternoon, and later the tea tables were well patronised. At the social which followed in the evening there was a crowded attendance. The excellent programme included contributions by Mrs. Williams and Miss Langan, of Willingham, Mr. Webster, of Over, who presided, Mrs. and Miss Savage and Mr. F. Williams, and concluded with the dialogue, "Willie Coddle," in which Miss H. Dodson, Miss B. Savage, Messrs. S. and W. Wright and Master D. Canham took part. Mr. Canham presided at the piano, and Mrs. Canham made a capital secretary for the effort. The Pastor, at the close, thanked all the helpers in the name of the church. Total net proceeds amounted to £13 17s.

BRITISH LEGION. 30th March 1928

The annual dinner of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, under the genial chairmanship of Mr. W. A. Bignell (president), who was supported by Dr. Fraser and Mr. F. F. Norman (vice-presidents), Mr. R. Barwell (chairman), Mr. H. H. Berryman (secretary), and Mr. P. Lee (treasurer). Thirty-five members were present. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, the toast of the King was duly honoured. The captain and vice-captain of the cricket team to be run by the branch during the summer months were then appointed, and it was agreed that a portrait of the late Earl Haig should be purchased, and, subject to the consent of the Hall Management Committee, hung in the Memorial Hall. A capital musical programme was provided for the remainder of the evening, consisting of songs by Messrs. Barwell, Brooks, E. Williams, P. Lee, J. Prior, E. Smith and H. G. Topham, banjo solo by Mr. E. Williams, instrumental items by Messrs. A. C. Garner (clarinet), J. W. Williams (violin) and E. Williams (piano), and war time songs and choruses sung with gusto by the whole company. Mr. J. W. Williams was the accompanist, except for the war songs and choruses, when Mr. Garner presided at the piano. The enjoyable evening concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th March 1928

What in all probability was the final meeting of the Parish Council, whose term of office will expire next month, was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr. J. Linford (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, M. C. Culpin, F. Hepher, R. Norman, sen., C. H.

Parish, P. Parish and H. Wells. The clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) reported that a letter had been received from the clerk of the District Council stating that the Parish Council's resolution relative to the fire hydrants in the village had been referred to a small committee. The clerk also read a letter from the secretary of the cricket club intimating that the cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground had been repaired, and asking the Council for their promised contribution of £2 10s. towards the cost of the work, £5 1s. 9d. The secretary also on behalf of his committee thanked the Council for assisting the club. It was agreed that the money should be paid. Mr. C. H. Parish reported that the Council's representation respecting the dumping of rubbish near the cemetery would be considered at the meeting of the District Council on March 30th, and Mr. Culpin stated that Mr. B. Hodson had done the carting of the soil, etc., on the Recreation Ground satisfactorily. Mr. Hodson's account, and other bills having been passed for payment, the Council decided that the fire engine, which had been repaired by Messrs. Parish Bros. at a cost of £10 11s., should be thoroughly tested, and, if found satisfactory, the bill should be paid. After this the question of the captaincy of the fire engine was discussed, and the clerk received certain instructions. Before the meeting closed, Mr. Cole in graceful terms proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Linford for the able way in which he had conducted the meetings of the Council, and also to the clerk who had performed his duties most satisfactorily.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCIDENT. 6th April 1928

Mr. Harry Wells, churchwarden, met with an accident in the parish church on Saturday afternoon while re-hanging the lamps which had been taken down to be cleaned. He was standing on a plank placed across the backs of the seats when he overbalanced and fell. As fortunately he was not alone at the time, help was quickly forthcoming, and he was taken home in Messrs. Hephher Bros.' motor van. Dr. Fraser, who saw him subsequently, found that in addition to shock he was suffering from a badly bruised thigh.

GROWTH OF SOCIAL LIFE. 6th April 1928

The last of the course of five lectures by Mr. W. P. Baker, secretary of the Cambs. Rural Community Council on "The Growth of Social Life in England from 1300 A.D. to the present time" was given in the School on Thursday week. That the lectures have been of exceptional interest and have been thoroughly appreciated has been shown by the number of questions that have been asked and also by the fact that there has been an average attendance of 20. At the close of Thursday's lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded

Mr. Baker, on the proposition of Mr. Pontefract, and the hope was expressed that he would give another course in the autumn.

MOTOR CYCLE COLLIDES WITH CYCLISTS. 6th April 1928

Mrs. Jacklin, of Swavesey, when cycling home from Cambridge on Saturday evening with her husband, met with a somewhat serious accident on the Huntingdon-road. It was raining heavily, and when near Swavesey Hill Farm cottages a motor cycle ridden by Mr. Bert Garner, of Willingham, proceeding in the same direction, came into collision with them, with the result that Mr. and Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Garner, and the young lady riding pillion, all fell. Only Mrs. Jacklin was injured, and she was taken home in a motor car which came up shortly after the accident. Dr. Fraser, who was called in, found she was suffering from concussion and injuries to her head, shoulder and leg, and on his advice she was taken at once to Addenbrooke's Hospital, but after receiving attention there she was allowed to return home. The back wheel of Mrs. Jacklin's bicycle was buckled, and the motor cycle was slightly damaged.

FUNERAL. 6th April 1928

The funeral of Miss Emma Squires, whose death at the age of 64 years occurred on March 26th, took place at the Cemetery on Friday afternoon. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated, and during the service at the graveside the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was sung. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norman (brother-in-law and sister), Misses E. and A. Norman (nieces). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers. Sympathetic reference was made at the evening service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday to the death of Miss Squires, the pastor stating that she had been a member of the church for the past eleven years.

BILLIARD LEAGUE DINNER. 6th April 1928

The annual dinner of the Swavesey and District Billiards League and presentation of the cup and medals took place at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. The president, Mr. W. A. Bignell, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. G. F. Allan (chairman), the vice-chairman, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Wood), and the captains of the teams that headed the two divisions of the League. Full justice having been done to the excellent repast provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, and the toast of the King having been honoured, the President presented the cup and medals won by the Huntingdon Literary Institute team in Division I and the medals won by the Willingham second team in Division II. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. A. G. Hart, V. Allen, G. F. Allan, Bell and T. C. Heasman, and Mr. Watts, of

Willingham, who was the accompanist, and gave an admirable rendering of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture. The thirty-six members of the League, who were present spent a very pleasant evening.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 13th April 1928

Thirteen children attending Bethel Sunday School sat for the Scripture examination held recently by the Sunday School Union, and all passed, seven taking first class and four second-class certificates. Mrs. W. D. Isgrove was responsible for their training.

EASTER VESTRY. 13th April 1928

At the annual Vestry meeting held under the tower of the Parish Church on Easter Monday, Mr. Harry Wells was unanimously re-elected people's churchwarden, and the Vicar, who presided, again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as his warden. About 25 parishioners were present.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 13th April 1928

There was a large congregation at the special service at Bethel Baptist Church on the evening of Good Friday. The Rev. O. C. Austin of Cottenham, who preached, took "Christ dying, living and coming again" (Revelations I) as the subject of his discourse. The service was preceded by a public tea, attended by over 100 persons.

WHIST DRIVE. 13th April 1928

Thirteen tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund, and the following were the prize-winners: Ladies: Miss Q. Spolton, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. J. Cain; booby, Mrs. Symonds. Gentlemen: Mr. C. Stanley, Mr. P. Watts, Mr. D. Williams; booby, Mr. P. Carter; knock out, Mr. Webb and Mr. T. C. Heasman. The duties of M.C. were efficiently carried out by Mr. Heasman.

HERBAGE OF DROVES AND RECREATION GROUND. 13th April 1928

By direction of the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves and roadsides took place at the White Horse Inn on the 2nd inst. In 1925 the droves, etc., realised £12 2s. 6d., and in 1926, £12 4s. 6d., about half the sum they brought in pre-war days. Last year they realised £17 11s. 6d., and this year £6 16s. 6d., every lot being let. The herbage of the Recreation Ground, offered under instructions from the Parish Council, which realised £3 in 1925, £2 17s. 6d. in 1926, and £2 in 1927, was

again secured by Mr. Bertram Prime, who offered £2 2s. 6d. Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, was the auctioneer.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER. 13th April 1928

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins and Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., addresses on "The words from the Cross" by the Rev. T. C. Spurgin, rector of Girton, 1-3 p.m.; evensong and sermon 6.30 p.m. – The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers for Easter day, when there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. Good congregations attended both on Good Friday and Easter Day and the number of communicants was quite up to the average for the Easter festival.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 20th April 1928

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held at the Cambridge centre, the following pupils of Miss F. E. Allen, of Willingham, were successful: Primary division, pianoforte playing, Grace Evelyn Whybrow and Marguerite Ada Nightingale; Division 1, grammar of music, Joyce Emily Melbourne.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES' SOCIAL. 20th April 1928

A social evening, organised by the Swavesey and Fen Drayton Women's Conservative Association, was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The musical part of the programme consisted of songs by Mrs. Hind (Longstanton) and Mrs. Austin (Cambridge); violin solos by Mrs. Fraser (accompanied by Mrs. Banks), a monologue by Miss E. Dodson and recitations by Mrs. Pashlar and Master John Mitham. Miss Queenie Spolton played for the dances. During the evening Mrs. Wentworth Stanley (chairman of the Cambs. Women's Unionist Association) gave an address dealing chiefly with the policy of the Government and the Women's Franchise Bill, the passing of which latter would result in a majority of two million women voters in the country. Dr. J. W. Ellis proposed, and Mrs. Banks (president of the local association) seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stanley for her address.

MISS GAUNT'S RETIREMENT. 20th April 1928

After nearly 38 years' service Miss Fanny Gaunt, owing to advancing age and failing eyesight, has had to relinquish her work in connection with the Friends' Meeting House in Black Horse-lane, and this week is removing to Frere Cottages, the houses built for old age pensioners with the surplus from the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund. On the 12th inst. closing meetings of the winter

session of the Mothers' Meeting and of the Band of Hope, two organisations for which Miss Gaunt has been the mainstay, were held at the Friends' Meeting House. The members of the former met in the afternoon, under the presidency of Miss Gaunt, and after a hymn and prayer, an address was given by Miss Crow, of St. Ives, and Miss Stuttle and Miss Peggy Lee, also of St. Ives, contributed a solo and a recitation, respectively. During tea that followed, Miss Easter, on behalf of the members and other friends, presented Miss Gaunt with a purse of money as a slight tribute of their appreciation of her devoted work. Miss Gaunt, who was taken entirely by surprise, expressed her thanks in feeling terms. Later Miss Gaunt entertained 45 children of the Band of Hope to an excellent tea, after which several adults joined the party, and Mr. Harris (St. Ives Evangelistic Band) gave an interesting address, the children sang sacred action songs, and Miss Peggy Lee again recited. Miss Easter presided at the organ.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th April 1928

Every member of the newly elected Parish Council attended with commendable punctuality the first meeting which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, namely, Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, B. Prime and W. Twist. The first business was the election of chairman, and for this the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey, presided. For this important post Mr. S. F. Mitham, who is not a member of the Council, Mr. C. H. Parish and Mr. C. W. H. Cole were proposed and seconded, and on a vote being taken Mr. Mitham received two votes, Mr. Parish three and Mr. Cole three. The clerk having declined to give a casting vote, another show of hands was called for, with the result that Mr. Parish received three votes and Mr. Cole four. Mr. Cole then took the chair. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting of the old Council, the clerk reported that the derelict tins and other rubbish had been cleared from the ditch near the cemetery, that Mr. S. Challis had resigned the captaincy of the fire engine, and that the bill for repairs to the engine had been paid, the test to which it had been subjected having shown that they were satisfactory. The accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, were read by the clerk, who also produced vouchers for all payments. They were passed. After this Mr. C. H. Parish was unanimously elected vice-chairman of the Council; Messrs. W. Burton and C. H. Parish were authorised to sign cheques with the Chairman; Messrs. P. Burton, Dean, F. Hepher and P. Parish (representing the Parish Council) and Messrs. H. H. Berryman, F. F. Norman, F. W. Pontefract and W. Spolton were appointed the Committee of Management of the Memorial Hall, and it was agreed that the whole of the Council should form

the Fire Engine Committee. Mr. T. Froment having been chosen vice-captain of the fire engine in place of Mr. E. Prior, resigned, a long discussion ensued respecting accessories needed for the engine, and eventually Messrs. W. Burton, Dean, C. H. Parish and Twist were authorised to inspect the hose, etc., and obtain what was necessary. Before the meeting closed Mr. F. Hephner proposed that arrangements should be made for a parade in the village on Feast Sunday, May 20th, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Although the suggestion met with general approval, it was agreed that the Council could not act in the matter, but several of the Councillors undertook to ascertain the feeling in the village on the subject, and if necessary call a meeting.

ADVERT. 27th April 1928

RE-OPENING of CINEMA to-night, at Memorial Hall, 7.30. Kirby's Kinema presenting Bebe Daniels in a sparkling comedy, "A Kiss in a Taxi," and other attractions. A good evening's entertainment every Friday.

CHURCH HEATING FUND. 27th April 1928

The proceeds from the whist drive on the 10th inst., £4 6s. 2d., and further subscriptions, including donations from the Bishop of Ely, the Hon. Mrs. White-Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, have brought the total amount standing to the credit of the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund up to £196 14s. 10d. At a meeting held last month the Church Council decided to accept a plan of heating, the estimated cost of which, without the builders' work, is £284 7s. 6d., so that a considerable sum remains to be raised. A big effort will be made in July, when a fancy dress carnival is to be held in the Vicarage grounds in aid of the fund, and doubtless before then many more subscriptions will come in. Of the urgent need for a satisfactory and adequate system of heating there can be no doubt, not only for the benefit of the congregation, but also of the fabric of the fine old church, one of the largest in the county.

PROPERTY SALE. 4th May 1928

The two houses at Church End, known as 1 and 2, Mayleigh, which, by direction of Mrs. A. M. Smith, were offered by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts at the White Horse inn on Monday evening, were withdrawn at £370. Messrs. Wootten and Wallis, 10 Petty-cury, Cambridge, were the solicitors concerned.

PARISH CHURCH. 4th May 1928

The sermon at Evensong at the parish church on Sunday was preached by the Rev. Percy J. Beaumont, M.A., eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, for many years the greatly respected headmaster of Swavesey National School.

MISPLACED RUBBISH. 4th May 1928

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council, reference was made to the objectionable practice of dumping rubbish in a ditch near the Cemetery, and on the attention of the local district councillors being called to the matter, the accumulation of old tins, paper, etc., was promptly cleared away. A ratepayer now complains that the dumping of rubbish in the ditch still continues, and he asks that effective steps may be taken to stop it. He suggests that the District Council should replace the notice board warning people not to deposit rubbish in the ditch, which disappeared some time ago, after it had been knocked down, it is believed, by a cow.

PROPOSED HOSPITAL PARADE. 4th May 1928

At a well-attended representative and enthusiastic meeting of parishioners, held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the Rev. T. B. Field occupying the chair, it was unanimously resolved that a parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital should take place in the village on Feast Sunday afternoon, May 20th, and the following officers and committee were appointed to make the necessary arrangements: Hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee (with power to add to their number), Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Dr. Fraser, Miss Banks, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, P. Burton, C. S. Hepher, F. Hepher, A. W. Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, F. F. Norman, F. W. Pontefract and F. Prior. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. B. Field for presiding. The committee met immediately after the public meeting and co-opted the following members of the committee: Mr. R. Barwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham, Rev. T. B. Field, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Miss M. Parsons and Mr. C. Wood. Dr. Fraser presided.

THE LATE MR. PAGE. 4th May 1928

Although some people in the village knew that Mr. William Edwin Cyril Page had been taken ill while on a short visit to Groombridge, Kent, the announcement of his death on April 26th came as a great shock when the sad news was received on Friday morning. Some time ago he had a very serious illness, but he seemed to be recovering his health, and was capable of attending to his business. Mr. Cyril Page, who was 46 years of age, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Page, of Tunbridge Wells. For the last ten years he had carried on a successful butcher's business in Swavesey, and for many

miles around, and wherever he went he was most popular and trusted by his customers. He leaves a widow and one young daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place on Monday at Wimblington parish church, whither the body had been conveyed by motor hearse. The Rev. H. Ratford, rector, officiated, and as the mourners left the church for the grave in the churchyard, Mr. Easson, who presided at the organ, played appropriate music. The immediate mourners were Mrs. Page (widow), Miss Edna Page (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds (mother-in-law and father-in-law), Mrs. M. Turner (sister). Many other friends from Swavesey and Somersham were present. (List in newspaper). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Manktelow, Groombridge, Kent.

BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD. 11th May 1928

Mr. S. F. Mitham presided at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood and Sisterhood, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, the speaker being Mr. C. Joseph, of Cambridge, whose address was based upon Psalm 27. Mr. Harper, of Cambridge, sang two solos, Mr. Canham presiding at the organ. The Rev. T. B. Field opened and closed the meeting with a prayer, and Mr. F. Prior read the Scripture lesson. The attendance was fairly good considering the fine weather.

THE LATE REV. T. G. L. LUSHINGTON. 11th May 1928

The sad news of the death of the Rev. T. G. L. Lushington was received with sincere sorrow and regret by the older parishioners of Swavesey, many of whom have grateful recollections of him as their vicar. Although 34 years have elapsed since Mr. Lushington left Swavesey, his name is still a household word, and that he remembered the village is evident from the many undertakings in connection with the church and parish that he helped financially during that long period. At the request of a number of the older parishioners, the present Vicar has sent on their behalf a letter of condolence to his sister, Miss Lushington, and also arranged for a special celebration of Holy Communion at the parish church this (Friday) morning, the day on which the funeral is to take place.

DEATH OF MISS POOK. 11th May 1928

We have to record the death of Miss Laura Pook, who passed away at the age of 70 years early on Friday morning after a short illness. Her health had, however, been failing for a considerable time, and had been a source of anxiety to her friends. Commencing as a pupil teacher at Oatland Park School, Weybridge, Miss Pook was engaged in scholastic work for 48 years.

She held temporary posts at Brighton and Cheam, Surrey, was headmistress at Bovingdon, Herts., (6½ years), and Handborough, near Oxford (5 years). On 14th February, 1890, she went to Swavesey, where for 15 or 16 years she was headmistress of the Infants' School until it was merged into the mixed school, and she became an assistant teacher, with charge of the infants' department. For fifteen months during the war, in the absence of the headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) on active service, she had charge of the whole school, until the late Mr. George Hicks was appointed temporary headmaster. All the pupil teachers in the old days were taught by her until they went to the "Centre," and for her work in this respect she was commended by H.M. Inspector of Schools. On 2nd June, 1922, she retired under the age limit rule. In various other ways Miss Pook rendered valuable service in Swavesey, notably in connection with the parish church. She was laid to rest beneath the cedar trees in the churchyard on Monday afternoon. All the schoolchildren, with Mr. C. Wood (headmaster) and the assistant teachers attended, and lined each side of the path as the body, preceded by the full choir and the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), who officiated, was borne from the churchyard gates into the church. The mourners were old friends as, sad to say, Miss Pook had outlived all known members of her family. The large congregation included representatives of almost every family in the village (List in newspaper). Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the managers, staff, scholars and ex-scholars of Swavesey National School; friends and fellow workers and others; and after the interment, when the school children passed by the grave each of them dropped flowers on the coffin. Mr. S. F. Mitham was the undertaker.

DRUNKENNESS AND ASSAULT. 11th May 1928

Two Swavesey Men Heavily Fined at Divisional Bench.

Two Swavesey men appeared before the County magistrates last Saturday morning charged with being drunk and disorderly at Swavesey on May 2nd, and also with assaulting P.S. Keep at the same time and place. All four charges were taken together. The defendants were A. W. and J. K., and Mr. A. H. Wild (Messrs. Few and Wild) appeared for the latter. His Honour Judge H. G. Farrant was in the chair.

Both defendants pleaded guilty to the first offence, and not guilty to the second.

P.S. Keep, stationed at Longstanton, stated that at about 10 p.m. on May 2nd he was on duty on the Huntingdon-road, in company with P.C. Brooks, outside the New Inn, at Swavesey. Defendants came out of the house and went and got their bicycles. They tried to mount, but could not do so, and it took them ten minutes to go 50 yards. Witness then said "Pick up that bicycle and go

home quietly,” and W. replied “I shall go home how I ----- well like.” K. later said “If you want trouble you can ----- soon have it.” K. then appeared to go mad, and rushed at witness like a madman, but witness side stepped and K. fell on to W., and they both fell over. Witness then closed with K. and held him, and W. struck witness and tried to get K. away, but P.C. Brooks closed with him. Witness handcuffed K., and they got a van to take them to Cambridge, but K. refused to get up from the grass. They dragged him to the van and had to lift him in. He was kicking out like a madman. He was very violent all the way to Cambridge, and was continually threatening witness, and used the most violent language.

Cross-examined, witness said K. was absolutely drunk; he could stand up, but not for long. Witness admitted that the handcuffs were rather tight and his wrists were bleeding when they were taken off. K. did not want witness to take the handcuffs off, as he said he did not want them put on.

P.C. Brooks, stationed at Swavesey, gave corroborative evidence, and said he handcuffed W., who became very violent in the lorry.

Cross-examined, witness said defendants were helplessly drunk. He knew K. very well, and knew he was very violent when he was in drink. He was a very good workman and also very nice when out of drink. He had nothing to say against him when out of drink, and he was very kindhearted. He would help and advise anybody, and there was not a better family in the village. He came to witness the night after and apologised.

Mr. Wild, addressing the Bench, said K. was a married man, and had been in the Army, and also a regular soldier. Out in France in the trenches during the war, it was an established thing that every soldier should have a ration of rum, and up to going out to France K. had never drunk rum at all. These particular charges showed that instead of sticking to beer he went on to rum. He got very drunk on this occasion, and had had a larger ration of rum than in the Army, and on that account became very violent. He was quite prepared to sign the pledge.

W., on oath, said they went to Cambridge on the day and had several drinks. They called at the New Inn at Swavesey, but what happened after that he could not say.

It was stated that from 1901 to 1927 K. had been before the court on 18 occasions with 24 offences. Two were for causing bodily harm, 13 for assault, four for threats, and two for wilful damage.

W. had six previous offences against him.

After retiring, the Bench fined each defendant 20s. for the first offence, and £5 for the second, and allowed them 21 days to pay. The magistrates hoped that they would not see them there again.

DEATH OF REV. T. G. L. LUSHINGTON. 11th May 1928

Former Vicar of Swavesey Passes Away in Kent.

The Rev. Thomas Godfrey Law Lushington, who from 1885 until 1894 was vicar of Swavesey, died early on Monday morning at his residence, The Park, Sandling, Maidstone. He was the head of an old Kent family, tracing its descent back to the 15th century, members of which have been distinguished in the law and in the Indian services. Born on July 18th, 1851, Mr. Lushington was the eldest son of Mr. J. D. Lushington, of the Madras Civil Service, and grandson of Mr. E. H. Lushington, a Judge in Ceylon and subsequently Chief Commissioner of the Colonial Board of Audit and Master of the Crown Office. Sir Franklin Lushington, formerly chief Metropolitan Police magistrate and Dr. E. L. Lushington, Professor of Greek at Glasgow, who married Cecilia Tennyson, sister of the Poet Laureate, were his uncles.

He was a scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1874. After being curate of Farnham and then of Great Barton, Suffolk, he was appointed rector of Hawstead, Suffolk, in 1882, and was subsequently vicar of Swavesey, rector of Milstead, vicar of Sittingbourne, and, lastly, vicar of Bearsted, retiring in 1914. In 1911 he became Rural Dean of Sutton, an office he held until his death.

Mr. Lushington succeeded his cousin at The Park, Sandling, in 1910, and after his retirement went to live there.

ADVERT. 18th May 1928

DO NOT FORGET YOUR SWAVESEY ROCK this Feast time! See the name in the rock. You can buy it from Lee, the up-to-date trader.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 18th May 1928

The Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association have received a very welcome cheque for £10 12s. 6d., part proceeds of a sale of work held by the Over Women's Institute on Easter Tuesday.

EARLIER BEES. 18th May 1928

A correspondent writes: With reference to the statement in a Bourn village paragraph in last Friday's "Independent Press" that Mr. E. Clark, of Bourn, had taken a swarm of bees on Saturday, May 5th, perhaps it may be of interest to him and others who have faith in ancient proverbs, to know that Mr. Hugh Smith, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, took a swarm at least a week earlier.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 18th May 1928

Many friends from Southill, Beds, Cambridge, St. Ives, Godmanchester, Oakington, Over, Warboys, Woodhurst, Needingworth, and other neighbouring villages, were in the large congregations at the anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when the special preacher was Mr. Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a well-attended public tea, the tables at which were presided over by Mrs. Alfred Day, Miss E. Day, Mrs. R. Sutton, Mrs. Jabez Parish, Mrs. Joseph Parish (Bedford), and Miss M. Parish. Good collections were taken for the chapel funds.

THE FEAST. 18th May 1928

The village feast, a yearly festival no doubt of religious origin dating back centuries, will open on Sunday, and this year will be notable by the introduction of a new feature. In olden times – for instance in the days of Thomas Galon, in whose benefaction Swavesey people still participate – stately processions may have wended their way through the village to or from the then old church. Such processions, if ever there were any, have long since been a thing of the past, and in these days their revival might not meet with universal approval. Next Sunday, however, there is to be a procession – its organisers call it a parade – to which no one can take exception, for it is part of an effort to raise money for Addenbrooke's Hospital, the institution to which so many Swavesey people owe a deep debt of gratitude. The procession, which is timed to start from Boxworth End at 2 p.m., will include the Cottenham Salvation Army Band and the St. Ives Town Band; a meeting will be held on the Recreation Ground at 3.15 p.m., and both bands will play selections; and at 7.15 p.m. the St. Ives Band will give a concert on the Recreation Ground. If the weather is unfavourable the meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL. 18th May 1928

At a special meeting of the Parish Council, held on the 10th inst. at the Memorial Hall, the Chairman (Mr. C. W. H. Cole) and the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) were re-appointed representatives of the Council on the Rating Authority. Two letters from the hon. secretary of the Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee were received; the first invited the councillors to take part in the parade and in the subsequent meeting on the Recreation ground, and the second asked for permission to include the parish fire engine in the procession. Both requests were acceded to. Mr. W. Twist raised the question of repairing, or rather, as he said it was smashed, replacing the swing gate leading from the footbridge near the side entrance to "Brooklands" on to Church Green. The

gate, he said, had been repaired by the Council some years ago. The Clerk, however, stated that when the question of the repair of the gate was referred to the District Council in 1925, the Clerk of the District Council (Mr. G. D. Day) had replied that the owners and occupiers of Church Green were responsible for the gate. The subject then dropped. Mr. Twist also called attention to the rights of way to the river which were now obstructed, and were in danger of being lost to the public. An interesting discussion ensued, in course of which it was mentioned that various rights of way in other parts of the parish were disappearing. The Council also took no action in this matter. The following councillors were present: Mr. C.W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. Dean, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, and W. Twist. – The fire engine, it may be mentioned, was bought from Messrs. Merryweather for use in Swavesey on the 19th September, 1827, and was secondhand when acquired. At the time of the disastrous Swavesey fire in 1913 Mr. J. C. Merryweather stated that the engine was originally built by his firm for the British Fire Office, and that it was extremely probable that the ancient warrior's fire experience in pumping water dated back some 20 or 30 years prior to 1827.

CRICKET CLUB. 25th May 1928

A welcome donation of £1 to the funds of the Cricket Club has been received from Mr. George Carter, of Harpenden, who says he still thinks a good deal about the old village in which he was born and spent his early days.

THE LATE EARL HAIG. 25th May 1928

By permission of the Committee of Management a portrait of the late Earl Haig, enclosed in a massive oak frame, the property of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, has been hung in the Memorial Hall.

MEMORIAL HALL. 25th May 1928

There was a large attendance at the dance at the Memorial Hall on Feast Tuesday evening for which the Longstanton Syncopatonian Dance Band provided the music. The net proceeds, amounting to about £5, will be devoted to the Memorial Hall Fund.

THE FEAST. 25th May 1928

The annual village Feast, which opened on Sunday, has not been one of the most successful on record, and for this the weather, to a large extent, must be held responsible. The service at the parish church on Sunday were of a festal character. The most notable feature of the day was the parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, a full report of which will be found on another page.

On Monday and Tuesday cricket matches were played. In Market-street there has been a fairly extensive array of stalls, shooting galleries, swings, etc., and two roundabouts, the proprietors of which very generously handed over their takings during certain hours on Wednesday to the Parade Committee for the benefit of Addenbrooke's, £1 being received from Mr. C. Manning, and 7s. from Mr. Freeman, whose roundabout was for children only.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS. 25th May 1928

Swavesey Licence Holder Fined at Divisional Bench.

The cases of two Swavesey men, who were fined at the Cambs. Divisional Court on May 5th for being drunk and assault, had an echo at the same Court on Saturday last, when E.O. of the New Inn, Swavesey, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on May 2nd. He was further summoned for selling intoxicating liquor on the same date to the drunken persons, named A.W. and J. K. The latter summonses were subsequently withdrawn, and the Bench inflicted a fine of £2 for the first offence. His Honour Judge H. G. Farrant was in the chair.

Mr. Grafton Pryor appeared for defendant and pleaded not guilty to the first summons.

P.C. Keep stated that he was on duty at the New Inn at 10 p.m. on May 2nd, when he saw J. K. and A. W. come out of the house in a drunken condition. They got their bicycles and tried to mount them, but could not do so, and fell to the ground. They were arrested and were convicted on May 5th for being drunk and disorderly. Next morning, May 3rd, they searched for a quart bottle which W. had had in his pocket, and which was placed in the ditch by P.C. Brooks. The bottle, which contained beer, was found, and produced in court. Cross-examined, witness said a small bottle was found on the men and contained some spirit. He did not say it was impossible, but he did not think they drank anything after they left the New Inn.

P.C. Brooks, stationed at Swavesey, who was in company with the previous witness outside the New Inn on May 2nd, gave corroborative evidence.

Questioned by Mr. Pryor, witness said that he was positive the men did not go into the lavatory at the rear of the house. K. was a most violent man when in drink.

Mr. Pryor: Is it within your knowledge that K. has violently assaulted a licence holder when refused drink? – I do not know, sir.

Mr. Pryor: According to my instructions, K. went into the White Horse, Swavesey, and was refused drink, and violently assaulted the landlord.

Supt. Allen: That was a different case, a shooting case.

Supt. Allen stated that on May 3rd he went to the New Inn with Sergt. Keep at about 10.30 a.m. and saw defendant. He told him that the men had been summoned for being drunk when leaving the New Inn. Witness cautioned him, and asked defendant if he wished to say anything or give any information. Defendant said he wished to make a statement, and stated that at about 9.20 p.m. on May 2nd K. and W. came into the house and shouted "Ted" (meaning defendant). They went into the taproom, which was in darkness, and both asked for a pint and were served. When the beer was served W. was standing beside K., who was sitting. When the beer was put on the table W. said if defendant did not light a lamp they could not pay. The lamp was lit, and it was then seen that the men were the worse for drink. They drank some of the beer and then started singing. The two men then asked for some old beer, some of which they drank, and at 10 p.m. there was beer in four glasses. Defendant suggested that the beer which remained should be put into an empty quart bottle, and the men agreed. They then left the house. Defendant was afraid if he did not serve them there would be trouble, and there was nobody to send for assistance.

Mr. Pryor: He intimated to you in that statement that he was in fear of these men? – Yes.

Defendant, on oath, said he had been at the New Inn since Michaelmas, 1913, and had never been convicted for any offence. The statement was correct, and he agreed with the police description that K. was a most violent man.

Mr. Pryor: How came you to serve these men with beer? – Well, if I had not done so I could see trouble.

What sort of trouble? – I might have been in Cambridge Hospital, or in bed at home.

Cross-examined, defendant said there was nobody in the house who could get assistance. He was alone.

This concluded the first case, and the Bench decided to hear the other two before making a decision. At the request of Supt. Allen, the other cases were withdrawn. Defendant was fined 40s.

SWAVESEY'S HOSPITAL PARADE. 25th May 1928

Successful First Effort for Addenbrooke's.

Swavesey's first parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital on Sunday was an undoubted success. Though threatening clouds hovered overhead, there was but little fault to find with the weather until the early evening, and so both the procession and the subsequent meeting on the Recreation Ground took place under favourable conditions. It had, however, been arranged for the St. Ives Town Band to give a concert in the evening on the Recreation Ground, but

owing to a heavy thunderstorm this had to be transferred to the Memorial Hall, and not doubt the funds suffered in consequence.

THE PROCESSION.

The procession, admirably marshalled by Mr. R. Barwell, and Mr. C. Wood, started promptly to time from Boxworth End. At the head were the Secretary of the Organising Committee (Mr. H. W. Whitehead) and P.C. Brooks. P.S. Keep was also in attendance. Then followed the Cottenham Salvation Army Band (Bandmaster Leslie Norman), members of the committee, Messrs. Cole, P. Burton, W. Burton, C. Dean and P. Parish (Parish Councillors), with their Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey), and Mr. R. Mailer (County Councillor). They were succeeded by V.A.D's accompanying a hospital tableau on a waggon, Nurse Cottrell and Miss Beaumont being the nurses, and Stanley Wood the heavily bandaged patient, whose rosy cheeks betokened a high temperature. Then in succession came the Boy's Brigade, under Lieut. S. Wright, with banner, the Swavesey Brotherhood (with banner), B.W.T.A. (with banner). The St. Ives Town Band (Bandmaster F. Searle), preceded the members of the Swavesey district branch of the British Legion (under Lieut. E. Williams), who paraded with standard, representatives of the Horticultural Society, Ladies' Hockey Club in pretty blue and yellow outfit, and the National Deposit Friendly Society (with banner), and lastly, Sunday School children in waggons. The procession made its way, with short halts at Longstanton-road turning and the Memorial Hall, to the Swan Pond at Church End, and thence back to the Recreation Ground, pausing at Market-street. Collectors, carrying boxes supplied officially, spared no efforts en route to rake in coins, and, it is understood, an occasional Treasury note, for the good cause.

ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

A large crowd assembled for the meeting on the Recreation Ground, at which the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presided, being supported on the platform by the Rev. T. B. Field (pastor of Bethel Baptist Church), Mr. R. Mailer and Mr. G. Hart (County Councillors), Mr. A. T. Potter (Chairman of the Workers' Hospital Fund), who deputised for Mr. W. H. Head, secretary-superintendent of Addenbrooke's, Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman, Swavesey R.D.C.), Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman Parish Council), Mr. P. Godfrey (clerk, Parish Council), Mr. Harry Smith (Willingham), and Dr. Fraser (chairman of the Organising Committee). A letter regretting his inability to attend owing to his absence from home, was received from the Rev. R. T. Collett (Primitive Methodist Circuit minister).

The Vicar, in his opening remarks, said he was proud to be in the chair at the first hospital parade ever held in Swavesey. During the six years he had been in the parish he had very frequently visited the hospital to see Swavesey

people, and therefore had had ample opportunity to realise the splendid work that was being done, and that every patient received the best possible attention. Mr. Potter expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering, and said he much regretted that Mr. W. H. Head, secretary-superintendent of Addenbrooke's, could not be present. He was, however, speaking at a parade at Stretham. After briefly referring to the wonders of medical science in these days, and to the beneficent work of voluntary hospitals, and the self-sacrificing efforts of doctors and nurses, Mr. Potter mentioned that Mr. Arthur Cooke, one of the eminent surgeons at Addenbrooke's had, in connection with the Cambridge Y.M.C.A., organised a band of men who were willing at a moment's notice to give their blood for transfusion, and that one of the staff of his own firm had on more than one occasion been called upon to make the sacrifice. He also quoted what Viscount Knutsford, whose great work for the London Hospital in Whitechapel was so well-known, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, and Mr. Lloyd George had said about voluntary hospitals. The last named, he said, had solemnly warned the people of Manchester that if the voluntary system broke down, rates would go up, and the burden of taxation would increase.

After giving details of work done by Addenbrooke's, Mr. Potter said that last year £25,000 was raised, but the ordinary expenditure amounted to £27,000, and if a large sum had not been received in legacies they would have been faced with a big deficiency. During the past two years there had been 41 in-patients from Swavesey at a cost of over £7 each, equal to about £300, and there had been a still larger number of out-patients who had also been an expense to the hospital. Continuing, Mr. Potter spoke of what had been done in other places, instancing Chatteris, Mepal, Haddenham and Willingham. He also made reference to the new building scheme, and the long list of sick people waiting for admission, for whom there was no accommodation.

The Rev. T. B. Field, in a short, but effective, speech, said he had been a great supporter of hospitals ever since he was a small boy, when he had spent some time in Guy's Hospital as a result of an accident, and by means of an amusing anecdote he pointed out the wisdom of not delaying to support the cause they were advocating that day.

SWAVESEY WAKING UP.

Mr. George Hart said he was glad to see Swavesey people were waking up at last to a sense of their responsibilities, for what was being done that day ought to have been done long ago. He appealed to them to raise at least £40, adding that he should be greatly disappointed if they did not do so.

Mr. F. Kirby, in supporting the appeal, said that already this year there had been 17 in-patients from Swavesey at Addenbrooke's. He hoped the day's

effort would result in Over's contribution of £53 from a similar parade last year being exceeded.

Dr. Fraser said credit must be given to the Parish Council, who had originated the idea of a parade, and had been at the back of it. The Council had certainly given expression to the wishes of the parishioners generally. He had occasion during the short time he had been in Swavesey to send several urgent cases to Addenbrooke's, and he had been greatly impressed by the prompt and admirable way in which those patients had been treated. Hospitals in these days were far more popular than they were when he was young – in fact, now people were far more willing to have their tummies opened than their windows. "If you don't raise £40," said the doctor in conclusion, "I shall be sick."

THE EXTRACTOR OF "BRADBURY'S."

Mr. Harry Smith, the famous Willingham extractor of "Bradburys," was the last speaker. "We don't want all your money," said he; "we don't want to rob you. We must leave you some money for your kiddies to spend at the feast. But at the same time I want your money. How many of you are prepared to give a £1 note? I will give one to begin with." Loud applause greeted this declaration, and then the handing up of notes began. When Mr. Smith announced that the sum he had captured by similar means at Over last year had been beaten the crowd cheered heartily and at the close he had the satisfaction of handing £17 to the Chairman. Coins of various denominations were also collected on the big drum of the Cottenham band.

Between the speeches the bands played selections.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Potter and the other speakers for so kindly assisting Swavesey in their effort, the meeting concluded with the National Anthem, played by the Cottenham Band.

THE EVENING'S PROCEEDINGS.

In the evening, notwithstanding the downpour of rain, there was a good attendance at the Memorial Hall, where the programme included various items by the St. Ives Town Band, and community singing. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, and at the close hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Chairman of the Organising Committee (Dr. Fraser) and the energetic Hon. Secretary (Mr. W.H. Whitehead).

THE COLLECTION.

The amount collected during the day amounted approximately to £70, and after expenses have been paid it is estimated that at least £66 will be available for the hospital. The total weight of the coins collected was 87 lbs.

STRANGE NESTING PLACE. 1st June 1928

A blue tie has nested below the bucket in the old pump on the side of the main road at Boxworth End, and it is hoped she will be allowed to bring up her family without interference.

MEMORIAL HALL. 1st June 1928

Owing no doubt to the many other attractions in the district the attendance at the dance promoted by the Memorial Hall Committee of Management on Whit-Monday evening was not as good as usual. The Cottenham Syncopators provided the music.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 1st June 1928

At a meeting of the Hospital Parade Committee held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Dr. Fraser presiding, it was announced that the net proceeds from the parade on Feast Sunday amounted to £68, and that this sum had been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Whitehead), to the "Independent Press and News," and to all others who in any way had contributed to the undoubted success of the effort. The committee will remain in office until a general meeting next spring.

CRICKET MATCH. 1st June 1928

The cricket match for the benefit of the Swavesey and Fenstanton Institutes, which was played at Fenstanton on Whit Monday between F. S. Salters XI and Gordon Pratt's XI, resulted in a win for the former team. The proceeds, amounting to £2 12s., have been divided between the two institutes.

A REMARKABLE DRAIN. 1st June 1928

Villagers are commenting on a remarkable piece of drainage work which is being carried out at Boxworth End, where about fifty 18 inch tile pipes are being used to connect a drain of ordinary field tiles with the 9 inch drain which carried the surplus water from a pond under the main road, and thence into the open parish drain that runs at the back of the new Council houses. No exception is taken to the object of the new length of drain which is to divert drainage from neighbouring premises from the pond, but the ratepayers are anxious to know why expensive 18 inch pipes are being used while smaller ones costing probably a quarter the price would be more effective.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st June 1928

The Feast week was appropriately closed by the celebration of the 88th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, the large congregations, including friends from Girton, Lolworth, Knapwell,

Somersham, Bluntisham, Colne, Woodhurst, Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Fen Drayton, Oakington and Cambridge. The speaker was Dr. John Wilson, M.B.E., who for 50 years has been pastor of the Woolwich Tabernacle, his subject in the afternoon being "The vital necessity of prayer" and in the evening "Home influence." Tea was provided between the services, during the progress of which brief speeches were given by Revs. Gordon Jones (Bluntisham), E. P. Blackaby (Willingham), G. Bird (Over) and Dr. Wilson. The choir gave an admirable rendering of an anthem at the evening service. Messrs. Canham and J. W. Williams presided at the organ. The financial proceeds reached £15.

OBITUARY. 1st June 1928

We have to record the death at the age of 83 years of Mr. Andrew Pilgrim, which occurred at his residence of Albion House, Swavesey, on the evening of Thursday, 24th May. Although he had been more or less crippled with rheumatism for many years he used to declare that he had never been in the hands of a doctor. On the Saturday evening previous to his death, however, he was suddenly taken very seriously ill, and Dr. Fraser had to be called in. He never rallied and passed away as stated. The funeral took place at the parish church on Whit-Monday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners included Mrs. Pilgrim (widow) and Mr. Percy Pilgrim (son). Mr. Ernest Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

RURAL DEANERY OF NORTH STOWE. 1st June 1928

Festival of Choirs at Swavesey Parish Church.

A festival of choirs in the Rural Deanery of North Stowe was held at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Diocesan Council of Church Music. Choirs from Cottenham, Impington, Over and Swavesey attended, and the following clergy were present: Rev. Lawrence Fisher (vicar of Swaffham Prior and Secretary of the Diocesan Council of Church Music), Rev. V. H. E. Ritson (vicar of Stuntney and chaplain to the Bishop of Ely), Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over), and Rev. C. F. Stebbing (vicar of Swavesey). The Rev. H. G. Hooton (vicar of Impington) was in the congregation. Mr. G. W. Thoday (organist of Over parish church) conducted, and Mr. G. H. Skeeles (the Swavesey organist) was at the organ.

The congregation was comparatively small, as only four of the 15 choirs in the Rural Deanery were represented, the question whether these festivals are organised on the right lines would seem worthy of the consideration of the Diocesan Council.

The service was taken by the Rev. L. Fisher, the first lesson being read by the Vicar of Swavesey, and the second by the Vicar of Over. The sermon was preached by the Rev. V. H. E. Ritson.

The music was that given in the Order of Service for Festivals of Parish Choirs in the Diocese of Ely, 1928, and included Psalm lxxii. to a chant by Sir George Elvey, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (A. W. Wilson), the anthems "How lovely are the messengers," from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," and "Then round about the Starry Throne," from Handel's "Samson," and the hymns "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word," "Love Divine, all loves excelling" (melody by R. H. Pritchard), "Lord of the Harvest, it is right and meet" (P. C. Buck), and "Trumpet of God, sound high" (C. Wood). The first and last hymns were sung in procession.

Although the singing of the choirs was not entirely faultless, it was evident that great pains had been bestowed on their training. The altos in "How lovely are the messengers" were admirable. Mr. Thoday conducted with considerable energy, and Mr. Skeeles' organ accompaniment was marked by most commendable restraint.

The collection, which amounted to £3, was divided between Church Missions and the Diocesan Council for Music.

ADVERT. 8th June 1928

BARKER'S 'BUS SERVICE (Fridays only) – Dep. Over, 10.45, 4.45; dep. Swavesey, 10.55, 4.55, for Cambridge. Cambridge, dep. 10.0, 4.0. Fares 2s. return.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 8th June 1928

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood and Sisterhood, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, with Mr. Jabez Day in the chair. The speaker was the President of the Cambridge Men's Brotherhood (Rev. J. McCleery, pastor of Zion Baptist Church), who gave a most interesting address on the life of George Muller, the founder of a home for destitute children. Mr. McCleery explained how by his wonderful faith, earnest prayers, and untiring efforts Muller had raised money to feed, clothe and train these little ones, and how since his death the work was still being carried on. We needed more faith, said the speaker in conclusion, and it was only by prayer and by leading a life such as that George Muller had led that we could get that faith. Two solos were well rendered by Mr. Dickerson, of Cambridge, to whom, and to Mr. McCleery, the Chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation of all present.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL. 8th June 1928

Rating Officer and Expenditure Not Provided for.

An enlightening, but far from reassuring report respecting the financial position of the Swavesey rural district, and the parish of Swavesey in particular, was given by the Rating Officer (Mr. B. Mason) at the meeting of the District Council. Ald. J. Frohock, the co-opted chairman, presided, and the following councillors were present: Mr. R. Mailer (Boxworth), Mr. F. Johnson (Fen Drayton), Mr. F. Stanton (Lolworth), Messrs. W. I. Hemington and F. Kirby (Over), and Messrs. A. Day, sen., and R. Norman, sen. (Swavesey).

Mr. Mason stated that the Treasurer's balance was £230, and that cheques drawn that day totalled £257. After all accounts had been paid there should have been a balance in the bank of at least £90. The present position was due to the ever increasing expenditure for which no provision had been made. For sewerage at Swavesey £80 was required, £40 in the last half-year's special rate, leaving £40 to be included in the special rate for the current half-year. Since then a further expenditure of £57 had been incurred, and in addition he had received an account for £10 in connection with Swavesey by-ways. Mr. Mason said he realised that there was urgency so far as sewerage was concerned, but there were many other instances where provision could, and should, have been made before the work was proceeded with – on the by-ways, for instance. He understood that further sewerage work was in hand at Swavesey, at an estimated cost of £50, but he did not know where they were going to get the money.

Mr. Kirby (vice-chairman) remarked that while expenditure on byways might be foreseen, it was not possible to make provision beforehand for urgent sanitary matters.

Mr. Mason suggested that some of the expenditure could not have been said to have been thrust upon the Council.

Mr. Day explained that the sewerage work was urgent. As regards the byways, they used to employ a man to attend to them and pay him £20 a year.

Mr. Mason: You have washed out the man with £20.

Mr. Day: We spend the money now on material instead of on labour. There were, continued Mr. Day, 15 or 20 bridges, and if one of them fell in an extra expenditure of from £20 to £40 would probably have to be incurred. He would, however, see that in future provision was made for all money required.

Mr. Kirby said the Council had always exercised great care when levying a special rate on Swavesey, knowing as they did the difficulties that faced the ratepayers of that very hard-hit parish. He was sorry for Swavesey, but there were matters that had to be attended to. There was a 5s. rate, an 8d. rate, and a 2d. rate. What, he asked, was the 2d. rate for?

Mr. Mason replied that one penny was for the Parish Council, and a penny for superannuation.

Mr. Day, bringing the discussion to a close, expressed the hope that they would have no more of these matters, and that they would live a quiet life for many years to come.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 15th June 1928

By the sale of photographs of the hospital parade on Feast Sunday, taken by her, a Swavesey lady has been able to send 15s. to Addenbrooke's, for which she has received a letter of grateful thanks from the Secretary-Superintendent.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 15th June 1928

Ernest Mitham, a pupil at Swavesey National School, has been awarded a free place at the Perse School as a result of his success in the County Minor Scholarship Examination, held recently. He is the younger son of Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church-end, Swavesey.

INTER-SCHOOL CRICKET. 15th June 1928

In their return match against the Over Council School, played at Over on Friday, a team of Swavesey National School boys were successful by 32 runs to 13. The Swavesey National School girls' team, playing against Over Council school team, at Swavesey, on the same day, also won their game by 38 runs against Over's 21.

DEATH OF A LATE INHABITANT. 15th June 1928

Many of our readers in the Swavesey district will learn with regret that Mrs. Eliza G. Chamberlain, wife of Mr. William H. Chamberlain, of 58, Pool-lane, Yardley, Birmingham, and some years ago licensee of the Rising Sun Inn, Swavesey, passed away on the 5th inst., after four months' illness, followed by a painful operation.

SWAVESEY FETE. 15th June 1928

Annual Function in Aid of District Nursing Association.

The bad weather marred what promised to be a most enjoyable fete, but notwithstanding, quite a large number of people spent a happy time in the beautiful grounds of Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, on Thursday. The fete, which was in aid of the District Nursing Association (Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton), was opened by the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over). Dr. Fraser also said a few words.

The Rev. F. G. Weston said one must express ones sympathy with Mrs. Cooksey and others who organised that gathering, because it was not a very exhilarating afternoon. Continuing, he said that the object of the fete was a worthy one, for no one after the parson and the doctor could be more essential in any village than the nurse. They were gathered together on that very important occasion to help to maintain the nurse of that district, and they all felt she discharged her duties with commendable skill. If every householder contributed towards the funds what might be reasonably expected of them, then these extra efforts would not be needed. He hoped the people would rally to the committee and make these occasions less needed, because the work of these affairs fell on the shoulders of a few people. He hoped they would raise a sufficient sum, and he had much pleasure in declaring the sale open.

Dr. Fraser, in speaking of the work of the district nurse, said he remembered a year ago a good deal of perturbation was expressed by the people in Swavesey and district because they were losing a good nurse and they were wondering if they would get another one as good. They had had the nurse a year, and they must appreciate her work. He thought she had worked loyally and well for the community. This was summer time, and they were apt to forget under what conditions she worked in the winter. In all weathers, gale or rain, and at all hours of the day and night, they found the nurse discharging her duties with skill and despatch. Their previous nurse had taken six years to settle down among them, but during the year, their present nurse had done remarkably good work and was gaining the confidence of every household. He hoped that the response to the appeal would be satisfactory.

Owing to the rain, the stalls were taken under shelter, and although rather cramped for room, did a good trade. Later in the afternoon a baby show was held, Dr. Frank Robinson (County Medical Officer of Health) being the judge, assisted by Miss Bills (L.S.N.A.), and under the management of Nurse Cottrell. There was a fair number of entries. Miss Banks arranged the children's fancy dress parade, in which several children in picturesque costumes took part. After tea, the Over Girl Guides (under Miss G. Thoday) entertained with dancing, and the Over Boy Scouts (under Mr. R. Thoday) followed with an exhibition of drill. Miss Cole and Miss E. Dodson also entertained during the afternoon. There were numerous competitions, which included guessing the towns, candle lighting, chocolates and doll.

The stallholders were as follows: Workstall, Miss Norman and Mrs. C. Dean; pound and produce, Mrs. Barling and Mrs. W. Thorp; jumbles, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mead; soap, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Chew; sweets, the Misses Dodson and Miss Muriel Parsons; ice cream, Mrs. W. Kester and Mrs. N. Spolton; refreshments, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Dean and many helpers. Competitions: Cake,

Mrs. Banks; doll, Miss Freestone; chocolates, Miss Godfrey; guessing the towns, Mrs. Cardnell and Miss Spolton; candle-lighting, Miss Parish; cake, Miss Crouch; buried treasure, Mr. W. Thorp; bran tub, Miss P. Parish. Mr. Pontefract and Mr. C. Dean were at the gate.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 22nd June 1928

A successful sale of needlework made by the members of Mrs. R. Asplin's Girls' Guild at Over was held at Swavesey Primitive Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Easter performing the opening ceremony. The sale was followed in the evening by a concert, at which Mr. Jabez Day presided, and the Rev. R. T. Collett (circuit minister) gave an address. An excellent programme was provided by the Guild girls and friends from Bethel Baptist Church.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 22nd June 1928

Services in connection with the anniversary of Bethel Baptist Sunday School were held on Sunday, the Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, preaching excellent sermons in the morning and evening, and giving an address at the flower service in the afternoon, at which some of the scholars recited portions of Scripture. Special hymns were sung throughout the day. The collections, which were very satisfactory, were for the school funds. The flowers were sent to St. Ives Infirmary.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 22nd June 1928

In spite of the most unfavourable weather the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association benefited to the extent of £42 6s. 7½d. by the annual garden fete in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, a report of which appeared in last Friday's "Press and News." The prizewinners in the Baby Show and children's fancy dress parade were: Baby show, class I (1 to 6 months) – 1 Norman L. Hemington, 2 Peter J. Leggatt, certificate Sylvia F. Kester; class II (6 to 10 months) – 1 Ronald J. Saxby, 2 Reginald C. Cook, certificate, Raymond P. Cook; class III (from 10 months) – 1 Ella M. Asplin, 2 Audrey M. Bird, 3 Arthur L. Dodson, certificate Dennis F. Prior. Button holes were presented to the Rev. F. G. Weston, who opened the fete, and Dr. Fraser by little Audrey M. Bird. Fancy dress parade: Over 10 years – 1 Florence Warboys (Bryant and May's matches), 2 Vera Endersby (gipsy), 3 Elsie Godfrey (Japanese lady), 4 Hilda Hephher (Victorian lady), 5 Joyce Lee (newsboy); under 10 – 1 Jimmy Close (Dick Whittington), 2 Lily Hephher (powder puff), 3 Elsie Dodson and Ronnie Spearman (Darby and Joan), 4

Marjorie Culpin (daisy), 5 Gladys Melbourne (Red Cross Nurse), 6 Norman and Alan Lee ("Good Night").

An admirable performance of a sketch, entitled "Allotments," by Miss Cole and Miss E. Dodson, was greatly appreciated, as also was the entertainment given by the Over Girl Guides, under Miss Gertrude Thoday, whose programme included dancing, Morse signalling and the sketch, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Mrs. Lee supervised the gramophone, and Mrs. Aldred was at the work stall and not in charge of refreshments as previously stated.

BIG FIRE AT SWAVESEY. 22nd June 1928

Barn, Sheds & Furniture Among Destroyed Property.

£800 ESTIMATED DAMAGE.

Considerable damage, estimated at about £800, was caused by a fire which broke out at Boxworth End, Swavesey, last Friday evening.

Shortly after 7 o' clock smoke and flames were seen coming from the premises of Mr. James Prior, furniture dealer and remover, etc. Neighbours and men working in the fields near by hastened to the scene, and did what they could with pails and water, but the fire had got firm hold of the wooden buildings and their inflammable contents. Mr. E. Mitham, the recently appointed Captain of the Swavesey fire engine, received a call at 7.15 p.m., and, with Mr. E. Prior, late Vice-Captain, was soon on the spot with hose and standpipe which were connected with a hydrant in the road. This had some effect in checking the flames spreading to other buildings which surrounded the yard.

The Cambridge Fire Brigade was sent for, and arrived in very quick time. The Dennis pump was taken to a pond in an adjoining field belonging to Mr. W. Daisley, and promptly getting to work, the fire was extinguished in about 1½ hours, the firemen being assisted towards the end by a heavy fall of rain.

A large barn, van shed, store shed, workshop and tool shed were completely destroyed, with a Morris Commercial van, a four-wheeled removal van, a lot of furniture, fruit baskets, carpenter's bench and tools, paint, etc. The flames were so fierce and spread so rapidly that, although strenuous efforts were made, it was impossible to remove anything from the burning buildings. Panes of glass in the windows of Mr. Prior's house were cracked by the heat and the paint blistered.

Thatched cottages near by were in great danger of getting alight, owing to the heat and sparks, but they were carefully watched and the thatch and walls kept wet with water.

The fire is believed to have been caused by two little children, who had been playing with matches. Mr. Prior was attending to a customer in his store at the front of his house when the outbreak occurred, and another customer, Mr. Cecil Arnold, who was waiting to see him, was the first to give the alarm. The whole of the destroyed property is covered by insurance with the Norwich Union Fire Office.

SUNDAY MUSIC. 29th June 1928

The St. Ives Town Band visited Swavesey on Sunday, and played an excellent selection of music in Market-street, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Villagers attended in good numbers.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE. 29th June 1928

A correspondent writes: From time to time lately, according to the reports in the "Press and News," the Swavesey Parish Council have had under consideration the question of the protection of the village from fire. The venerable fire engine has been repaired, the hydrants in the streets have been cleared from the tar and gravel with which they had been covered, and the District Council have been asked to provide plates to indicate the exact position of each hydrant – a request, by the way, that so far has not been complied with. At the recent fire at Boxworth End, the engine was not brought out, but very useful service in checking the spread of the fire was done by the hose attached to the hydrant near the burning buildings prior to the arrival of the Dennis pump from Cambridge. The method of dealing with the fire by means of standpipe and hose would have been more effective if the pressure of water had been stronger. I am given to understand that a telephone message was sent to Bourn, but that owing to the water-works not being on the 'phone some delay inevitably occurred before it could be delivered, and extra pressure put on. May I suggest that the Parish Council, at their meeting in July, should consider (1) whether the attention of the Water Supply Company should be called to the risk of serious damage to property by fire owing to the absence of direct telephonic communication with the pumping station, not only from Swavesey, but other places served by the Company; and (2) whether standpipes, keys, hose, etc., should be kept in one or two places in the village, as well as at the engine house? Further, I would venture to suggest that, if the R.D.C. cannot, or will not, provide plates to indicate the positions of the hydrants, the Parish Council should obtain them, and, if our Parish Fathers do not feel justified in spending public funds for the purpose, they should raise the money by means of a whist drive, dance, or garden fete.

THE LATE MRS. W. MUSTILL. 6th July 1928

The funeral of Mrs. Emily Mustill, wife of Mr. William Mustill, who passed away on the 28th ulto., after a long and painful illness, aged 55 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiated. The mourners included: Mr. W. Mustill (husband), Misses May and Annetta Mustill (daughters), Mr. Edward Allen (brother), Miss Lucy Allen (sister), Mrs. Allen Thoday (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Symonds (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Upwards of 20 beautiful wreaths were sent by relatives and friends.

SWAVESEY IN TROUBLE. 6th July 1928

District Council Complain of Anonymous Communications.

At the last monthly meeting of the Swavesey District Council an interesting and, at times, almost pathetic discussion, took place on the financial position of the Council, and the Council's ineffectual efforts to keep down the rates, especially so far as the parish of Swavesey was concerned, and also respecting an anonymous letter received by the Clerk and other anonymous communications which were alleged to have appeared in the Press.

Mr. Jacob Frohock (chairman) presided, and the councillors present were Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), A. Day, W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and F. Stanton. The representatives of the parishes of Boxworth, Conington and Fen Drayton did not attend.

The Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day) opened the ball by reporting that the treasurer's balance was down to £83 15s, 9d., and that the balance on the general account had only been maintained by holding back two cheques drawn two months previously – one for granite £76, and the other for £18 due to the housing account.

Mr. Kirby remarked that the rates would soon be coming in, and the Clerk agreed.

The Chairman said the Council had always endeavoured to put the ratepayers to as little expense as possible, but apparently their efforts in that direction had not given general satisfaction, according to what he saw in the newspapers. A rather silly letter, he added, had appeared in one paper. If ratepayers wanted to pay more rates, it would make no difference to him.

Mr. Stanton thought that some of the writers of the anonymous letters should be on the Council.

The Clerk then read an anonymous letter, which apparently had been sent to him, and not to a newspaper. In this the writer stated that after reading the account of the Swavesey Rural District Council meeting in the Press, he was surprised to learn the expense of the parish, as Swavesey was more highly

rated than any of the other parishes in the rural district, and he would like to know (through the paper) why that was. He suggested that it would be better to have a man on the Swavesey by-roads at £20 per year than spend money on gravel to be kicked to the side of the roads and be ploughed up. . .

Whether the Vice-Chairman's interjection, "If anonymous writers will put their names to their letters, we will try and accede to their requests," put an end to the reading of the remainder of the communication we have been unable to ascertain.

Later in the meeting the Chairman observed that if every little thing was going to be reported in the papers they had better say nothing. Swavesey, he said, is a very expensive parish. If the ratepayers were not satisfied with the efforts of the Council to keep the place in a sanitary condition, they would have to get a qualified man, who was able to drain the fens, and who would be an expense to the Council. The Council tried to do the best they could in the circumstances.

Before the discussion concluded the Chairman said the Council ought to take no notice of what they saw in the papers. The statements were misleading. He thought the people who complained were not very large ratepayers, for if they paid more of the rates they would be more careful in criticising the Council. These things, said Mr. Frohock, got on an old man's nerves.

The Vice-Chairman remarked that when the collector sat at Swavesey the previous week he only obtained 2s.

TRAIN ALTERATION. 6th July 1928

The passenger train to Cambridge, which was due to leave Swavesey station on week-days at 3.59 p.m., since Monday last has been timed to depart at 3.48 p.m.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 6th July 1928

The children attending Bethel Sunday School had their annual summer treat on Thursday week, the proceedings beginning with a tea at 4.30 p.m., at which about 60 youngsters sat down, which was followed by a tea for the parents and friends, and afterwards a happy evening was spent in Mr. A. Day's field with sports and the usual school games. Mr. Canham kindly provided sweets and Mrs. Isgrove ice-cream, both of which were fully appreciated.

SWAVESEY CARNIVAL. 13th July 1928

Pleasant Function for Church Heating Apparatus Fund.

Swavesey had a real carnival day on Thursday, when a carnival fete was held in the Vicarage grounds. The function was in aid of the church heating

apparatus fund, and proved to be a most delightful affair. The scene of the jollifications presented a glorious sight, for there was a perfect blaze of magnificent colour, bathed in the warm sunshine.

A fancy dress procession, commencing from the school, opened the proceedings. There was a particularly brilliant display of costumes, and upwards to 50 contested for the prizes for the best dresses. Many of the ladies favoured the Eastern mode of dress, while others resorted to the fashions of the Middle Ages. The procession was headed by the St. Ives Town Band. At the Vicarage grounds the fete was officially opened by the Master of Jesus College (Mr. Arthur Gray).

The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who presided, remarked that if the Master of Jesus College had been there six or seven months ago he would have found the lawn and the fields surrounding under water. Although it did not seem so at the minute, they needed better heating. That would cost over £285, and of that £213 had already been raised. He welcomed the Master of Jesus, and said that the College took a great interest in the living.

The Master, opening the fete, said he well remembered coming and opening it in former years, and it was a great pleasure to come back. It appeared to him that they had done wonders in Swavesey for the restoration of the nave and now for the aisle and for the new heating apparatus. He wished them most hearty good fortune, and hoped that proceeds would go a long way to provide the necessary funds. Some cold day he might be able to attend Swavesey church and feel the warmth. It was a very great work they were doing for the beautification of the church.

The stalls and competitions immediately commenced to do good business, and the costumes and decorations made a carnival effect. There were numerous competitions, many of which were of the usual type. There were also refreshments, jumble and work stalls, together with such stalls as china, soap, ices, strawberries, and others. A 40-piece tea service was the attractive prize offered for the lucky number ticket.

A one-act play, entitled "The Rest Cure," was performed twice, much to the enjoyment of the audiences. The roles were all capably filled by Dr. Fraser, Mrs. Proctor, Miss Banks, Miss Barwell and Mr. R. Barwell.

The St. Ives Town Band were present throughout, and provided an excellent programme of music, which was greatly appreciated. The band also played for the dancing, which concluded a most pleasant event. (List of stallholders in newspaper)

AN UNFORTUNATE CAPTURE. 20th July 1928

One evening last week a Swavesey resident set a trap to catch a rat. Next morning he found to his dismay that instead of the destructive rodent he had trapped one of his own fowls.

LOCAL BAKER'S SUCCESS. 20th July 1928

At the Little Thetford, Ely, Show last week, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded the first prize (gold medal) and Mr. A. J. Freestone, baker (Boxworth End, Swavesey, the third prize (bronze medal), in the competition for the best tin loaf of bread.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 20th July 1928

In the absence, on a short holiday, of the pastor, the Rev. T. B. Field, the services at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday were conducted by the Rev. A. G. Mill, a missionary from the Congo. Mr. Mill was accompanied by his wife, who was no stranger to Swavesey, as prior to her marriage she lived for some years in the village with her brother, Mr. Herbert Starte, who relinquished his successful business in order to take up missionary work on the Congo.

A NOVEL TRACTOR. 20th July 1926

A correspondent writes: Dwellers in High-street are getting accustomed to what we believe to be the quite unnecessary speed and noise of motor cycles which career up and down the narrow and much used thoroughfare at all hours of the day and night, and it therefore needs a shindy of exceptional variety and violence to bring people to their doors and windows. This happened last Friday morning, when a young farmer noted for his unconventional methods came along the street riding his motor combination at a fairly good speed with a horse rake in tow. Most of us laughed and enjoyed the novel sight, but the village blacksmith, who ran out of his forge on hearing the commotion, did not smile. On the contrary, having a professional interest in agricultural implements and machines he urgently besought the farmer as he rattled past him to have some mercy on his rake, and not shake it to pieces.

LAST WEEK'S CARNIVAL. 20th July 1928

The following were the prizewinners at the carnival which was held in the grounds of the Vicarage on the 12th inst., in aid of the Church Heating Apparatus Fund: Fancy dress, 1 Miss May Furniss (Boat Race), 2 Mr. Philip Banks (Charlie Chaplin), 3 Miss Banks (Turkish Lady), Miss E. Heasman (Poppy Day), Miss L. Key (Felix), who received the same number of votes; tea service, Mr. Arnold; small tea service, Mrs. Wagstaffe (Northampton); rug, Mrs. Carrier; umbrella, Mrs. R. Mitham; bean bags, Mr. H. J. Culpin; mystery

parcel, Mrs. H. J. Culpin; chocolate box, Mr. Walter Thorp; doll, Mrs. Harry Wells; tangled flowers, Mrs. G. Froment; weight of cake, Mr. F. Joyce; clock golf, Mr. A. East; quoits, Mr. A. E. Thixton; hidden treasure, 1 Mr. Bullen, 2 Mr. C. Jellings, 3 Mrs. Banks, 4 Master C. Wagstaff. The carnival resulted in the satisfactory sum of £90 being raised for the Heating Apparatus Fund.

“SPECIAL” BREAD. 27th July 1928

Swavesey Baker Fined by County Magistrates.

H.K., a baker, of Swavesey, appeared at the Cambs. Divisional Police Court last Saturday morning to answer three summonses appertaining to the sale of bread. The summonses were for selling a 2lb. loaf of less weight than was purported to be sold, contrary to Sec. 1 of the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures) Act, 1926; (2) selling a loaf of bread otherwise than by net weight, contrary to Sec. 6 (1) of the above mentioned Act; (3) having in his possession for sale a loaf of bread of which the net weight was not 1lb. or an integral number of lbs., contrary to Sec. 6 (2) of the above mentioned Act.

Mr. M. Horgan (Inspector of Weights and Measures for Cambridgeshire) prosecuted. Mr. W. C. Henderson appeared for defendant, and pleaded guilty in each of the three cases, which were taken together.

His Honour Judge H. G. Farrant was in the chair, supported by Mr. J. H. S. McArthur and Mrs. Ellis.

Matthew Horgan, Inspector of Weights and Measures in the County, said that on July 7th, in the afternoon, he entered defendant's bake-house shop at Swavesey and put a loaf of bread on defendant's scale. He saw it was right, so he put it on his own scales and found it was 1¾oz. short of 2lbs. Defendant's wife claimed that this was special fancy bread, made for special people. Witness then weighed other loaves, and found that a 2lb. 10oz. loaf, made from stone flour, was two grams overweight, the next was 16 grams over, the next 10 grams over, and the next was 10 grams short. Four other loaves were short in weight, and defendant's wife said they were special fancy bread.

The Chairman, in referring to the Act, said that fancy bread must be distinctly different from the usual bread, so that people not conversant with the intricacies of the trade might not confuse it with ordinary loaves.

Witness said he bought a loaf which was stated to be fancy bread, and which he produced in Court. Continuing, witness said that later in the afternoon he met the roundsman, and three loaves were short weight, while five were overweight.

Cross-examined by Mr. Henderson, witness admitted that bread evaporated in hot weather, sometimes to the extent of six grams.

Edward Williams, of Market-street, Swavesey, said he was the roundsman, and also worked in the bakery. In the hot weather a loaf might be affected to as much as 1½ozs. Four people had special loaves each day, but there were no special ingredients.

Mr. Henderson said that his clients made the loaves for particular people, and he submitted that they were not, in that case, compelled to keep within the strict letter of the law.

The Bench decided to convict in each case, and imposed a fine of £1 in the third case. In the other two cases defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH. 27th July 1928

In the will of the late Miss Laura Pook, for many years mistress of the infants' department of Swavesey National School, and a devoted church worker, the first bequest was of the sum of £50 to the Church of St. Andrew, Swavesey. The sum is therefore at the disposal of the Parochial Church Council to use as they think best, but a strong feeling has been expressed by the executors and others that it should not be used to augment any existing fund, but rather as a beginning for some future scheme for the beautifying, lighting, or other improvement to the building.

A PLUCKY RESCUE. 27th July 1928

A plucky rescue of a lad from drowning is recorded in a British Columbia journal, and as the rescuer, Stanley Hepher, although not a native of Swavesey, has close family connections with the parish, a brief account of his exploit may be of interest to our Swavesey readers. The incident took place at Boswell, on Lake Kootenay, on June 13th, a few days after young Hepher had arrived home from Moscow University, Idaho, U.S.A., and his plucky act was all the more praiseworthy as he had been in hospital suffering from rheumatism. It appears that while Stanley Hepher was talking to two friends at the end of a wharf he saw that a lad who had been playing on some logs had fallen into the water. Throwing off his coat, Hepher promptly dived in, and grasping the lad, was just able, being hampered with his clothing and heavy boots, to bring him to the side of a log. The two friends took the boy out of the water, and then helped out Hepher, who collapsed on reaching his home. Stanley Hepher is the only child of Mr. Albert Hepher, a son of the late Mr. Jesse Hepher, for many years registrar of births and deaths for the Swavesey district, and a brother of Mrs. Aldred, of London House, Swavesey. His mother is the only daughter of Mr. William Twist, of Church End, Swavesey, who happily is still alive and able to take an active interest in parish affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hephher migrated from Datchett, near Windsor, to British Columbia about eight years ago.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th July 1928

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was called for 7.30 on Monday, but at that time only the Chairman (Mr. C. W. H. Cole) and three councillors, with the clerk, were present. As the standing orders required a quorum of five, the quartet decided to possess their souls in patience for a time in the hope that at least one other councillor would put in an appearance. At ten minutes past eight the chairman thought they had waited long enough, and it was agreed that the clerk should summon another meeting for 8 p.m. on Monday next. At that moment the fifth councillor appeared, stripped to his shirt and showing signs of having hastened from his work.

ANOTHER SWAVESEY FIRE. 3rd Aug. 1928

Haystack Alight in Dangerous Surroundings.

SEVERAL ACCIDENTS.

There was much excitement in Swavesey on Tuesday, when an alarm was given that a fire had broken out in Mr. Bert Hodson's farmyard in Market-street. Shortly before noon Mrs. Wagstaffe, who lives in an adjoining cottage, noticed that a new haystack was on fire, and she at once called to Mr. Hodson, who was working on the roof of the house he is erecting near the entrance to the yard.

Few men were about at the time, but women ran from neighbouring houses with pails of water and did what they could pending the arrival of the parish fire engine and its captain, Mr. E. Mitham. The engine, which was towed to the scene of action by Mr. F. Godfrey's traction engine, was soon at work in Market-street, and water was also poured on the stack from a hydrant in Wallman's lane. Supt Allen, of the County Constabulary, who was in the village, and P.C. Brooks, the local constable, were promptly on the spot, and men hastened up from all quarters, for the outbreak caused great anxiety, as in addition to sheds and sacks in the year, there were thatched houses and other inflammable buildings in close proximity, but fortunately the hay stack never burst into flames.

The centre of the stack had to be entirely cut out before the seat of the fire could be really tackled, and when after about two hours' strenuous work the bottom was reached, it was found that a large log and bushes that had been used for a base were well alight.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENTS.

Several untoward accidents happened. A 15-year-old London schoolboy on holiday in the village, while doing useful work on the top of the stack, was struck on the head by the handle of a pitch fork, and had to be brought down by P.C. Brooks, unconscious. The constable rendered first aid, but some time elapsed before the lad came round, and then only partially. Dr. Fraser, who attended the lad later, found he was suffering from concussion. Mr. A. L. Parish, the well known dairyman, while getting over a fence fell and broke two bones in his hand; Mr. Wagstaff, when carting hay from the stack into Market-street, fell from the top of the load, but escaped with a shaking; a young married woman, who was accidentally knocked off her bicycle by a man carrying a pole, sustained bruises and abrasions, and lastly, a horse drawing a cart laden with hay bolted from the yard, and was not stopped until it had run some distance along Cow Fen-road.

LOCAL BAKER'S SUCCESS. 3rd Aug. 1928

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded second prize for round fruit cakes at the Watford and Home Counties' Horticultural Society's Show on July 25th.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 3rd Aug. 1928

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held at the Cambridge Centre, the following pupils of Miss F. E. Allen, Silver-street, Willingham, were successful: Pianoforte playing, lower division, Olive Wilderspin; primary division, Joyce Maud Lee; grammar of music, division II, Doris Ethel Williamson; division I, Irene Edwina Holmes.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 3rd Aug. 1928

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Institute Football Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, Mr. G. E. Canham in the chair, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season, subject to their acceptance: President, Dr. S. J. Fraser; vice-presidents, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Rev. T. B. Field, Messrs. G. E. Canham, L. Brooks, F. W. Pontefract, W. Crouch, H. Blinkham, C. F. Banks, A. Beaumont, R. Barwell, P. H. Lee, B. Thorp, R. Williamson, J. Parish, W. Spolton, F. F. Norman, M. G. Proctor, C. Wood, W. D. Isgrove and F. Stanton; captain, T. Savage; vice-captain, G. Oakman; hon. secretary, R. Seekings; assistant secretary, H. A. Holmes. It was decided to enter the Cambs. League, Division III, and Cambs. Minor Cup competitions. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. A. J. Hephew on his retiring from

the office of hon. secretary, and to Mr. Canham, who had been captain since the club was reformed after the war.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 10th Aug. 1928

At the recent theory examination of the London College of Music (Cambridge Centre), Frederick Endersby passed in the primary division, and Vera Endersby gained a first class certificate in the elementary division. Both are pupils of Miss G. E. Lilley, A.L.C.M., organist of Hemingford Grey Church.

DR. FRASER'S MISHAP. 10th Aug. 1928

When motor cycling between Over and Willingham on Wednesday, Dr. Fraser and a motor combination came into collision, with the result that the doctor was thrown off his machine. He sustained injury to his left arm, and was severely shaken, but he managed to complete his round of visits, although in considerable pain.

OPEN-AIR WHIST DRIVE. 10th Aug. 1928

The weather being all that could be desired, the flag whist drive in aid of the parish church heating apparatus fund, which was held on Dr. Fraser's lawn on Tuesday afternoon, was a great success. The prizewinners were: 1 Mr. M. G. Proctor, 2 Miss L. Key, 3 Mrs. J. Hawkes, 4 Miss K. Banks, 5 Mrs. Banks, 6 Mr. A. M. Saunders. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 10th Aug. 1928

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Institute F.C., it was reported that the receipts for the past season amounted to £13 13s. 4½d., and the expenditure to £13 18s. 11d. The deficit of 5s. 7½d. was, however, wiped off before the meeting concluded by donations from Mr. H. W. Whitehead and Mr. T. Savage. Mr. Whitehead's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of vice-president's which was supplied to us last week.

LORRY AND CAR IN COLLISION. 10th Aug. 1928

Mr. W. J. Hephher, when motoring from Bedford to Swavesey on Monday evening, came into collision with a Ford ton lorry, driven by Mr. A. G. Baker, of Sandy, at the cross-roads at Great Barford. The lorry caught the car broadside on, with the result that the car was considerably damaged, the front axle, radiator and dumb irons being buckled in. We understand that the car had four passengers, all of whom were luckily uninjured.

HOLIDAY PARTY IN TROUBLE. 10th Aug. 1928

A family party of ten, including two children, who had been paying a visit to relatives in Swavesey, when returning in their motor car to London on Sunday night, met with an accident near Bishop's Stortford. Their driver had pulled up to examine a signpost, and had just started again when another car, driven, it is said, at a furious rate, hit them head on. Fortunately none of the party from Swavesey was seriously injured, though all sustained cuts and bruises. Their car, however, was badly damaged, and had to be left at Bishop's Stortford, the journey to London being continued in another vehicle.

SWIMMING CLUB. 10th Aug. 1928

At a meeting held in the Memorial Hall on the 1st inst., it was decided to form a swimming club in the village, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Rev. Field, Dr. Fraser, Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P., Messrs. W. J. Hephher, Smith (Over), E. H. Thornhill, F. W. Pontefract, H. W. Whitehead, R. Cole, A. R. Norman, R. Barwell, W. Blinkhorn, F. Stanton, A. Beales, Len Parish, Austin Coe and R. Mailer; chairman, Mr. F. F. Norman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Aldred; committee, Messrs. J. Prewer, A. Hephher, H. Bishop, E. Parish, H. Bridgeford and K. Williams. The objects of the club are to provide a bathing shed and a new spring diving board, and also to teach and practice the various methods of life saving and swimming. It is hoped subsequently to hold an examination under the auspices of the Royal Life Saving Society, who offer certificates for various standards of merit.

A FORMER VICAR'S WILL. 10th Aug. 1928

The Rev. T. G. L. Lushington, of the Park, Sandling, Kent, formerly of Swavesey, who died on the 7th May, aged 76 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £18,119 13s., with net personalty £16,739 3s. 2d. The testator bequeathed the silver candelabra presented to Stephen Rumbold Lushington by the Freeman of the City of Canterbury in recognition of his services as Member of Parliament, to devolve as heirloom with the settled estates; his wearing apparel, guns, articles of sport, etc., to his brothers, requesting them to give such of the wearing apparel as they may not require to the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation; £100 each to the S.P.G., S.P.C.K., the Additional Curates' Society, and the National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church; £100 between the widow and daughter of his faithful servant George Draikes; an annuity of £40 to his faithful servant Caroline Plummer, if still in his employ; £2 for each year of service to his other servants; £1,000 each to his brothers; £1,000 to his nephew.

SWAVESEY'S SIXTH. 10th Aug. 1928

Annual Show and Sports on Thursday.

Large numbers from Swavesey, the surrounding villages and from Cambridge attended the sixth annual Swavesey and district show and sports, which were held in the Manor Field (by kind permission of Mr. Alfred Watts), on Thursday. The event was bigger than ever, the show entries being well up to standard, while the numbers in the sports section were about 50 per cent. larger than in previous years. The judges for the show were Mr. A. T. Paskett, and Mr. G. Hart (Willingham). Taking into consideration the very dry season and the drought, the fruit and vegetables were exceptionally good. The fruit classes attracted larger entries and were better in quality than last year. Onions, runner and dwarf beans and lettuce were outstanding in the vegetable classes. Cut flowers were a great improvement upon last year, roses and gladioli primulinus being better than any previous show at Swavesey. Table decorations by ladies received more entries than previously, and the arrangement was considerably better. The first three were particularly tasteful. Honey, in sections and jars, was good. In the dessert classes, Beauty of Bath apples were very nicely shown, and there were good dishes of Lane's Prince Albert and Bramley's Seedling. In the pear classes several competitors were disqualified for not keeping to the schedule, which stated that the varieties were to be named. This is a rule which might be made with advantage in all horticultural shows. There was a big entry of shallots, and the agricultural classes were another section that beat any seen at this show.

Interesting demonstrations of beekeeping were given by Mr. H. Seamark, of Willingham. The Cambridge Town Silver Prize Band, conducted by Mr. R. E. Austin, played throughout the proceedings, and also supplied music for dancing in the evening. Another dance was held in the Memorial Hall, at which Owen Adams' band played.

(Full list of committee in newspaper).

The refreshments were under the management of Mrs. Godfrey, sen., and Mrs. Walter Thorp, assisted by a number of ladies. Ice cream was in the care of Mrs. W. D. Isgrove; sweets, Miss Parsons, and Miss Dodson; toys, Miss Doris Godfrey; minerals, Mrs. J. Coulson.

Show results in newspaper.

MEMORIAL HALL. 17th Aug. 1928

The first dance of the season, organised by Mr. F. E. Taylor, and H., of Cottenham, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening was a

great success. An excellent programme of dance music was provided by the Light Blue Orchestra.

ACCIDENT TO VICAR. 17th Aug. 1928

Through a slip while inspecting the roof of the Vicarage on Friday morning, accompanied by a workman, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) dislocated his shoulder and had to remain on the roof of a lower part of the house until the dislocation was reduced by Dr. Brown (Dr. Fraser's locum tenens). Mr. Stebbing is progressing satisfactorily.

BEE-KEEPING DEMONSTRATION. 17th Aug. 1928

Interesting features at last week's horticultural show, to which, owing to lack of space only a brief reference could be made in our report, were the demonstrations and lectures on bee-keeping by Mr. H. Seamark, the well-known expert, of Willingham. At first there was much nervousness on the part of the spectators, but before Mr. Seamark had finished his manipulations, they gained confidence, and some of them even entered the demonstration tent and handled the combs of bees. One unusual incident caused some amusement. The Queen was lost, and for a time could not be found, and when at last she was discovered on a spectator's trouser leg, there was not unnaturally some consternation. Mr. Seamark retrieved her majesty, and, after placing her between his lips to dampen her wings so she could not again take wing, she was safely returned to the hive. A large observatory hive exhibited by Mr. Seamark also attracted some hundreds of visitors during the day.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW. 17th Aug. 1928

The prizes won at the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's Show last week were distributed at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The Dodson Challenge Cup for the best collection of vegetables in the members' classes was handed to Mr. George Wayman, of Over, and the special prizes given by "The Smallholder" to the following: 1 Mr. G. Wayman, 2 P.C. L. Brooks (Swavesey), 3 Mr. W. Symonds (Swavesey), and Certificate of Merit, P.C. Bell (Boxworth). Mr. Wayman took the greatest number of prizes in the show. The successful competitors in the sports received their prizes at the hands of Mrs. Fraser before the dancing commenced on the evening of the show. In introducing Mrs. Fraser, the President of the Society (Mr. Roger C. Cole) availed himself of the opportunity of bearing testimony to the admirable work of the officials and committees responsible for the arrangements of both the show and the sports. He thanked them most cordially, and congratulated them on the great success of their efforts.

THE NORTH KENSINGTON FIRE. 17th Aug. 1928

A report will be found on another page of the disastrous fire at the Golden Cross Hotel, Portobello-road, North Kensington, in which Mrs. Rosa Thorpe, daughter of Mr. George Mitham, of Swavesey, two of her sons and a son's fiancée lost their lives, and another son was terribly injured. The funeral of the four victims took place on Wednesday at Kensal Green Cemetery, the principal mourner being Elsie Thorpe, the 13-year-old daughter, who, with her brother, aged 10, was away from home when the fire occurred. When the procession, escorted by policemen, left the Golden Cross, a crowd of about 5,000 persons had assembled, and the entire route to the cemetery was lined with people, the majority being women. The floral tributes were over 150 in number. Mrs. Thorpe was buried in the same grave as her husband, who died in Swavesey in August, 1925, while the others were interred in another grave, Walter Thorpe and Betty Falkner, his fiancée, being laid side by side. The greatest sympathy is expressed in Swavesey with Mr. G. Mitham and the family in their terrible bereavement.

HOTEL FIRE TRAGEDY. 17th Aug. 1928

Licensee a Daughter of Swavesey Carpenter.

The four people who lost their lives in the fire at the Golden Cross Hotel, Kensington, W., early on Friday morning are more closely connected with Swavesey than Chatteris.

Mrs. Rose Thorpe, the licensee of the hotel, was a native of Swavesey, and was the daughter of Mr. George Mitham, a carpenter, of Middle Watch, Swavesey. Her husband, Walter Thorpe, died in August 1925, while on a visit to his father-in-law in Swavesey. He was taken ill in a Swavesey shop and died within a few hours. Two of the other victims, Walter Thorpe, a son, and Betty Faulkner left Swavesey only last Saturday after a fortnight's holiday with his relatives.

Mr. G. Mitham on Friday received a telegram informing him of the tragedy, and asking him to come at once, and Ernest Mitham, his brother, left by the next train to London.

INJURED YOUTH STILL VERY ILL.

Ernest Thorpe, who was severely burned on Friday in the fire at the Golden Cross public-house, Kensington, was reported to be a little better this morning. He passed a fairly good night but is still dangerously ill.

PISCATORIAL. 24th Aug. 1928

Mr. J. Clarke, of Willesden, who has been spending a fortnight's holiday in Swavesey, has had good sport with roach (1½lb.), chub (3lb.), rudd (1½lb.)

HOSPITAL COLLECTION. 24th Aug. 1928

The house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital which has recently taken place in the village resulted in £17 14s. 2d. being raised. The collectors were: Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, Miss F. Gaunt, Mrs. F. Hemington, and Mrs. Walter Thorp.

SCHOOL TREAT. 24th Aug. 1928

The children attending the parish church Sunday School spent a happy time in the Vicarage grounds and an adjoining field on Thursday week on the occasion of their annual summer treat. After an excellent tea on the lawn, parents and friends joined the youngsters, and there were sports, cricket and other games.

BILLIARD LEAGUE. 24th Aug. 1928

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Billiards League was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, delegates attending from Fenstanton, Huntingdon, St. Ives (Liberal, Literary and British Legion), Willingham and Swavesey. Godmanchester sent a letter of apology for their absence, but intimated their desire to join the league for the coming season. As St. Ives Conservative Club have resigned their membership of the league, having lost their clubhouse, the Literary Institute (St. Ives) were unanimously elected to fill their place. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; chairman, Mr. G. F. Allan (St. Ives); vice-chairman, Mr. L. Brooks; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. J. Culpin. The following were elected vice-presidents, subject to their acceptance of office: Messrs. G. Fuller, G. F. Allan, E. Kiddle, F. M. Warren (St. Ives), F. Jeeps, A. Rogers, E. R. Lewis (Willingham), C. F. Banks (Swavesey), F. Salter (Fenstanton). Sir Arthur G. Dilley (Huntingdon). The rules as passed for last session were discussed, and with a few minor alterations, were agreed upon for the coming season. It was agreed, however, that first division teams should play 120 instead of 100 up, the second division to remain as before. The secretary was instructed to write to a few clubs in the surrounding neighbourhood, and invite them to join the league, as it was felt two or three more entrants would add to the interest and pleasure of all. New entrants must, however, communicate with the secretary before Sept. 8th, as fixtures will be arranged very shortly after that date.

THE HARVEST IN CAMBS. 24th Aug. 1928

Independent Press Special Reports.

CROPS WELL UP TO AVERAGE.

For many years it has been the practice of the "Independent Press" to publish reports concerning the harvest from prominent agriculturalists in the Cambridgeshire district. Reports of this year's harvest are appended, and from them it will be seen that while the writers differ somewhat as regards particular crops, the general consensus of opinion would appear to be that, given favourable weather to enable the crops to be "safely gathered in," they will be quite up to, and in some instances better than, the average of recent years.

Some of the writers speak of the low prices obtained by farmers for their produce, as compared with the wages they have to pay the workers, and a complaint comes from Soham of the reduction in the price given for sugar beet, which, the writer thinks, may result in less being grown in future. Another farmer urges that breweries now paying large dividends should treat the farmers fairly, and not, as he understands some have already done, fill the maltings with foreign barley.

SWAVESEY.

There is not now a large quantity of arable land used for corn growing in the parish of Swavesey, so much of it having been laid down to grass and a lot now used for fruit growing, etc. Wheat this year is not a heavy crop. Some of the land where sown with wheat was injured by flood, and last winter being very wet, it had to be sown with other corn, or the crop mended. Wheat might yield on average 7 or 8 sacks per acre, barley 8 to 10 sacks per acre, oats sown in the spring 12 to 14 sacks per acre. Beans and peas are fairly good, although the former have suffered a little from the fly. Hay was a good crop, and nearly all secured in excellent condition. Fruit, that is plums and strawberries, in most of the orchards a good crop, and those sent to the markets early in the season realised good prices. Roots in general came up a good plant, and with a continuation of fine weather, will be quite up to an average crop. – Robinson Mitham.

WEDDING. 24th Aug. 1928

Linford – Brooks.

A pretty wedding of considerable local interest took place on Monday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the bride being Miss Edna Helen Brooks, only daughter of P.C. Brooks (late of Ickleton) and Mrs. Brooks, and the bridegroom Mr. Joseph Linford, younger surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, of Swavesey.

The Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp (rector of Rattlesden, Suffolk, and formerly vicar of Swavesey), assisted by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Vicar of Swavesey) officiated. The service was choral, the hymns sung being "Love Divine" and "O Father, all creating," and Mr. A. M. Hoppitt, organist at All Saints' Church, Cambridge, who was at the organ, played suitable voluntaries, while the large congregation was assembling, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party left the church.

The bride, accompanied by her father, who gave her away, was met at the church door by the clergy and choir. Her charming dress was of white crepe de chine, with georgette sleeves, the skirt being caught at the side with a paste buckle. She wore a veil and orange blossom (lent by a friend) and silver brocade shoes. Her bouquet was of pale pink carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss Vera Button (friend of the bride), and Miss Agnes Linford (sister of the bridegroom) were attired in pretty beige crepe suede dresses, caught up at the side with paste buckles, and hats to match trimmed red. They carried bouquets of red roses. Mr. Edward Williams was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where between 40 and 50 relatives and guests were entertained, and later the happy couple left for Sutton, Isle of Ely, where they are making their home.

EXCURSION TO SKEGNESS. 31st Aug. 1928

Fifty-three passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the special half-day excursion to Skegness last Sunday.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 31st Aug. 1928

The Swavesey Institute Football Club will open their season on Saturday, Sept. 29th, with a friendly game at home with Richford United. They will play their first League match with Coton Reserves (away) on October 6th, and will entertain Milton in the first round of the Minor Cup competition on October 20th. The club has only three vacant dates up to April 13 and home and away fixtures have to be made with Ely St. Mary's, who were not represented at the fixture meeting.

THE COLLECTION FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 31st Aug. 1928

A correspondent writes: This year's house-to-house collection in Swavesey, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, announced in the "Independent Press" last week, works out at about 5d. per head of the population of the parish (1921 Census). Swavesey's contribution by means of this collection, I believe, compares fairly favourably with the house-to-house collections under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund in other Cambridgeshire villages,

but can it be regarded as adequate when the number of Swavesey people who have received, and are still receiving, benefit from the hospital is taken into consideration? If half the population contributed one penny a week regularly about £27 a year could be raised, while 2½d a week would bring in £68, the amount realised by the parade on Feast Sunday last May.

SUCCESSFUL BAKERS. 7th Sept. 1928

Two Swavesey bakers were among the successful exhibitors at Sandy Show on Thursday week, Mr. A. J. Freestone, of Middle Watch, being awarded third prize for commercial cottage bread, and Mr. W. D. Isgrove, of High-street, second prize for round fruit cake, and third prize for slab fruit cake.

GERANIUM DAY. 7th Sept. 1928

The sum of £3 16s. was collected in Swavesey on Geranium Day for the National Institute for the Blind. The collectors were Misses Netta Mustill, Ivy Hodson, Grace Thorp, Yvonne and Joyce Lee, Hilda Hephher, Kathleen Carrier, Hilda Culpin and Elsie Godfrey.

ADVERT. 14th Sept. 1928

THE CINEMA will re-open at the Memorial Hall on Friday, September 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Betty Compson in "Love me and the World is Mine."

SUCCESS AT BAKER'S EXHIBITION. 14th Sept. 1928

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, whose successes at Sandy Show were recorded in our last issue, gained still further honours at the Bakers' Exhibition, held this week at the Agricultural Hall, London, where he was awarded first prize for Dundee cake, was highly commended for Genoa slab cake and mixed fruit cake, and was commended for round fruit cake.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th Sept. 1928

In the Parish Magazine for September it is reported that the Parish Church Heating Apparatus Fund has been closed until it is seen whether any more money is needed, as an application has been made for a grant, which should bring the fund up to the required total. The report continues: "A word or two in advance about this heating apparatus for next winter. We must not expect that the church will be as warm as our dwellinghouses, for this result we should have needed the disfigurement of overhead pipes and a much larger outlay. On the other hand some seats in the church may be unpleasantly warm. If this is the case, application must be made to the churchwardens, who

will be able to make rearrangements of sittings in due course. One other little matter. There are three or four small air pipes in different parts of the church. These are to allow the escape of air. There is quite a lot of air in cold water which comes off as the water is warmed, and sometimes pushes a little water out of the air pipes. So that if at any time there is a little splash, there is no occasion for alarm. It is not steam, the water is not boiling and there is no danger. In fact, it happened the other day when there was no fire in the boiler."

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 14th Sept. 1928

House-to-House Collections in Swavesey District.

The total amount realised this year for Addenbrooke's Hospital by the house-to-house collections, under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, in the villages in the Swavesey division, of which Mrs. J. F. Cooksey, Swavesey Manor, is the vice-president, was £86 5s. 10d., against £84 4s. 2d. collected last year. Swavesey collected £17 14s. 2d.

FOR SWAVESEY SHIVERERS. 21st Sept. 1928

I wonder who wrote the notes in the Parish Magazine about the Swavesey Parish Church heating apparatus? They are wonderfully descriptive and so full of promise that I am moved to comment upon the writer's comments – in the same spirit, be it said. "Some seats in the church may be unpleasantly warm. . . . " Well, a few thermometers hung up here and there, and once can suit one's comfort to a "degree." Then again, if it turns chilly about mid-day, a move can be made to a warmer quarter. The report goes on: "There are three or four small air pipes in different parts of the church. These are to allow the escape of air. There is quite a lot of air in cold water which comes off as the water is warmed, and sometimes pushes a little water out of the air pipes. So that if at any time there is a little splash, there is no occasion for alarm. It is not steam, the water is not boiling, and there is no danger. In fact it happened the other day when there was no fire in the boiler."

Apparently all sorts of thrilling things are likely to happen, for I don't suppose the apparatus has been in use long enough to play all its tricks. For instance, no mention is made of a throbbing noise like forty thousand bees working overtime. This, of course, is air in the pipe, and may even happen (in summer time) if there is no pipe.

Then as to that fire in the boiler. No wonder the works are a bit skittish; anyone ought to know the boiler is the place for the water, not the coal. The writer does not say what would happen if the whole lot blows up – I suppose it will be quite all right if there is no water in the pipe!

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 21st Sept. 1928

The National School was re-opened on Monday after the harvest holidays.

THE LATE MISS POOK. 21st Sept. 1928

A massive cross of white marble standing on three steps has been placed on the grave of the late Miss Pook in Swavesey churchyard. On the steps in the inscription: "Laura Pook, born 3rd June, 1857; died 4th May, 1928. Infants' Schoolmistress at Swavesey 1890 – 1922. Jesu Mercy."

OBITUARY. 21st Sept. 1928

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Garner, widow of Mr. David Garner, and daughter of the late Mr. Edward Bull, of Swavesey and previously of Fen Drayton, whose death at the age of 62 years occurred early on Sunday morning, took place at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday.

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS. 21st Sept. 1928

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, the special preacher in the afternoon and evening being Mr. Wise, of Chatteris. There was a well-attended public tea between the services. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the chapel funds.

SMELLS O' SWAVESEY. 21st Sept. 1928

A correspondent writes: This village is getting a reputation for 'spicy breezes,' but not from Ceylon's Isle. One day last week a passer-by counted seven distinct perfumes, such as Rimmel or Pears could not produce, making one think of "Sabeian odours from the spicy shore of Araby the blest." Spurgeon once said he had heard it stated that a good stink is counted healthy. If this is so, then our locality must be blessed indeed, and this must account for our immunity from epidemic. – N.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Sept. 1928

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following councillors attending: Mr. C. H. Parish (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. P. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, P. Parish and W. Twist. The business included the issue of a precept on the Rating Authority for £18 for the expenses of the Council during the six months ending 31st March next, and the consideration of an application from the captain of the fire engine for his salary to be increased from 30s. to £3 per annum. The Council, on the proposition of Mr. Twist, seconded by Mr. P.

Parish, unanimously decided that the application should be granted, and that the increased salary should date from 1st October. After bills amounting to £4 17s. 10d. had been passed for payment, some conversation ensued respecting the delay in payment by an insurance company of men employed at the fire in Market-street on July 31st.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 21st Sept. 1928

The annual choir services took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, preached to good congregations. The music at the morning service included solos by Miss D. Godfrey and Mr. Canham, sacred songs by Misses Rose Taylor and Constance Tomlin and Mr. F. Warren, and the Te Deum by the united choir. At a special sacred concert in the afternoon the Pastor, who presided, in the name of the congregation thanked the friends from Histon and Cambridge who had so readily given their valuable services. The following well filled the programme: Misses C. Tomlin, R. Taylor, Doris Aldred, Messrs. T. White and F. Warren. The choir also sang an anthem. It was regretted that the choir secretary, Mr. F. Aldred, was absent owing to illness. Judging by the attendance it was evident that Swavesey people look forward with great interest to this annual festival of song at Bethel.

ADVERT. 28th Sept. 1928

KOL-Y-ENTE is Best Tea. Buy 1lb at Canham's Stores, and you will want more.

DEATH OF MR. S. CHALLIS. 28th Sept. 1928

Swavesey has lost a well-known and highly respected parishioner by the death, about noon on Wednesday, of Mr. Stephen Challis, carpenter, etc., of Wallman's-lane, after a long and painful illness, borne with great fortitude. Mr. Challis, who had reached the age of 70, was for many years captain of the Swavesey fire engine, retiring only a few months ago. He leaves a widow, but no children.

HOCKEY CLUB. 28th Sept. 1928

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Hockey Club, held at the Memorial Hall on Monday, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing season: Captain, Miss D. Banks; vice-captain, Miss E. Parish; hon. sec., Miss K. Banks; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson. Subject to their acceptance of office, Mr. F. Stanton was elected president and Dr. Fraser, Messrs. F. Kirby, H. Blinkhorn, R. Mailer, F. W. Pontefract and R. Williamson vice-presidents.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 28th Sept. 1928

The whist drive organised by the Swavesey Institute Football Club, which had been postponed from the previous week, took place on Sept. 20th at the Memorial Hall. Nine tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. W. D. Isgrove; gentlemen – Mr. H. P. Burton, Mr. A. Kester, Mr. J. Kester. The knock-out competition was won by Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean. The gross proceeds amounted to £2 15s. 10d.

SING A SONG O' SWAVESEY. 28th Sept. 1928

Now about the "Smells o' Swavesey." A correspondent wrote last week about them, but my dear sir, you missed a glorious opportunity! I mean, you (that is, the correspondent) evidently want everyone to know about the Seven Stinks o' Swavesey, but it is not a bit of use writing to the papers about it. No, sir. The only way is to make a song about it and get someone like Van der Dam or Stchinkowsky to set a fox-trot tune to it. I had had to cut out the music, as it takes up such a lot of room, but I suggest some word like the following might catch on, especially with a nice Oriental title like "Gee Sum Pong." Try it over on your mouth organ, sir, and see if you do not agree with me – or if it fails to agree with you:

If you get a smell of tannery
Mixed with your strawberry jammery –
You're in Swavesey.

If the niff, it knocks you over,
And you reel like La Pavlova –
You're in Swavesey

If you go to pick a rose
With a peg upon your nose
And a gas mask slung at "ready" round your neck;

If the smell stops your hiatus;
Chokes your breathing apparatus –

You're in Swavesey, dear old Swavesey, yes by heck!

I should try singing this in the street until it becomes well known or is sung on the wireless, or you may get run in for disorderly conduct or using unseen language!

ADVERT. 5th Oct. 1928

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th Oct. 1928

On Sunday last the Rev. T. B. Field completed his third year as Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Field only agreed to undertake the office for that period, but in November last the church, by a large and unanimous vote, resolved to ask him to remain without time limit.

LICENCE TRANSFERRED. 5th Oct. 1928

At the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday, before his Honour Judge Farrant (in the chair) and other magistrates, the licence of the New Inn, Swavesey, was transferred from Edward Oakman to Richard Aves Cannell, gamekeeper, of Lode. Mr. Green (of Messrs. Greene, King and Sons) supported the application.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 5th Oct. 1928

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, the Rev. R. T. Corlett, circuit minister, being the preacher. On Monday a public tea was followed by a service of song, entitled "A merry evening with Joe Wentworth," given by members of the St. Ives Sisterhood reading the narrative. Mr. Hindes presided at the organ. The collections and proceeds from the tea and sale of the contributions of fruit and vegetables were devoted to the chapel funds.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 5th Oct. 1928

A well-attended meeting took place in the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the inaugural gathering for the season of the Swavesey Brotherhood and Sisterhood. The President, Rev. T. B. Field, occupied the chair, and Brethren S. Mitham, Garner, Godfrey, Beaumont and Canham took part in the proceedings. Capt. Staley, M.C., of Royston (Federation secretary) gave a very practical address on "The man gets what he is out for." Mrs. E. Baker, of Royston, sang two solos, which were much appreciated, and Mr. L.I. Nicholson contributed a finely-rendered violin solo. The next meeting is fixed for November 4th, when a lady speaker is expected.

TRIP TO THE ZOO. 5th Oct. 1928

Forty-three children attending the National School, with five of their teachers, spent a happy and instructive day at the Zoological Gardens, London, on Saturday. Leaving Swavesey in a Lord Astor charabanc at 8.30, the party reached Regents Park about 10.30, and at once began their tour of inspection, and before they left on the homeward journey had paid a visit to every part of

the gardens, including the wonderful new aquarium, and had had the pleasure of meeting two or three Swavesey people now resident in London. The cost of the outing was met by the proceeds from an entertainment given by the schoolchildren in the spring, and by subscriptions from the teachers.

LATE MR. S. CHALLIS. 5th Oct. 1928

The funeral of Mr. Stephen Challis, carpenter, etc., Wallman's-lane, whose death, at the age of 70 years, after a long and painful illness, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiating. The mourners included Mrs. Challis (widow), Mr. Arthur Gilby (step son), Mr. and Mrs. William Payne, Whittlesea (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Hitch (sister), Mrs. J. Gilby (sister-in-law), Mrs. E. Dean, Hartford, Mrs. W. Mountford, Cambridge (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams, Over (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. John Thoday (cousins). There were no flowers, by request. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE INSTITUTE. 5th Oct. 1928

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, was fairly well attended. The secretary read the report of the year's working, and presented the balance sheet for the year 1927-1928, which showed a balance in hand of £7 9s. 2d. The Rev. T. B. Field, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet thanked the secretary and caretaker for the way in which their duties had been carried out, and Mr. L. Brooks, who seconded, impressed upon the members the vital importance of playing the game in a sportsmanlike manner with the officials and each other if the Institute was to be a success. The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; vice-presidents, Rev. T. B. Field, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Dr. S. Fraser, Mr. Proctor and Mr. Blinkhorn; chairman, Mr. S. Clark; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Wood. The committee of last year were re-elected en bloc.

ADVERT. 12th Oct. 1928

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GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 12th Oct. 1928

A company of the Girls' Life Brigade was formed in Swavesey on Tuesday, Mrs. Isgrove being appointed captain, Rev. T. B. Field chaplain, and Misses

H. Dodson, W. Godfrey and V. Parrish assistant officers. All girls over ten years of age may join.

RESTRICTED WATER SUPPLY. 12th Oct. 1928

Owing, it is understood, to a burst in the main at, or near, the Pumping Station at Bourn, the public water supply in Swavesey was more or less restricted during last week-end. It was fortunate that the accident did not happen on the occasion of a fire in the village, for if that had been the case the consequences might have been very serious, as in two, at least, of the large ponds there is very little water, but plenty of mud.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BULLOCKS. 12th Oct. 1928

On Monday, as the 8.23 a.m. up passenger train was running into Swavesey Station, two bullocks, which were being driven into the yard for despatch to market, bolted across the platform and down the slope on to the line in front of the engine. Fortunately, the engine driver, who apparently saw the animals, still further reduced his speed, and the Stationmaster (Mr. Whitehead) succeeded in diverting them on to the down line, but as it was one beast missed the engine buffers by about an inch.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 12th Oct. 1928

On Monday evening the Young People's Society connected with the Bethel Baptist Church commenced its new session with a well-attended social. The President (Rev. T. B. Field) occupied the chair, and the following contributed to the programme: Pianoforte duet, Misses Coulson and V. Parrish; readings, President and Mr. K. Williams; solos, Mrs. Canham, Miss Godfrey and Miss Coulson; recitations, Mrs. and Miss Savage, and Miss G. Dodson; dialogue, Misses L. Spearman, Savage and G. Dodson. An interesting list of lectures has been arranged, and the Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, is expected on Monday next.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th Oct. 1928

Harvest thanksgiving services combined with the pastor's 3rd anniversary took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday, October 4th. The Rev. G. Jones, of Bluntisham, preached in the afternoon an eloquent sermon from the words "The Lord of Harvest," after which nearly 100 friends sat down to a well-provided tea at which the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an address. The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Kirby, and addresses were given by the Revs. H. G. Baker (Cambridge), G. Jones, G. Bird (Over), and the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field. Mrs. Canham and Miss Godfrey

beautifully rendered solos and the choir contributed an anthem. The church was effectively decorated by loving hands and the generous gifts of vegetables and fruit have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

PUTTING THE CLOCKS BACK. 12th Oct. 1928

The change from summer to winter time on Sunday led to some amusing happenings in and around Swavesey. In one house the alteration of the time had apparently been overlooked, for the family left home at 9.20 a.m. on their five minutes' walk to the Parish Church for the 10.30 a.m. service. But the most remarkable happenings occurred in connection with the Swavesey milk depot, where some of the milk from neighbouring villages arrived long before the appointed time, one dairy farmer having forgotten to put his clock back, while another advanced his an hour, and it is reported that a third, owing to a serious misapprehension of what was required, had put his time-keeper on two hours. He, however, thought that something was amiss, for he is said to have remarked to a companion when milking that it was an uncommonly dark morning.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 12th Oct. 1928

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening to receive from the treasurers the financial report of the annual show and sports on August 9th. Mr. C. W. Hines presided. From the report it appeared that including a balance of £68 6s. 11d. brought from last year, the receipts amounted to £227 17s., and the expenditure to £138 15s. 11d., leaving an increased balance to the credit of the society of £89 1s. 1d. It was mentioned that £57 1s. 5d. represented gate money, and that the net profit on the show was £20 14s. 2d. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the joint treasurers, the ladies who assisted at the show, and to Mr. Alfred Watts for kindly placing Manor Field at the disposal of the society. There was only a very small attendance of members.

WHY THE BELLS WERE SILENT. 12th Oct. 1928

Mr. Edward Williams, sexton and clerk at the parish church, writes: "The absence of sound from the belfry after the harvest thanksgiving service last Thursday evening was the cause of several people asking 'Where are the ringers?' As one who is fully aware of the facts I should be glad to be allowed to explain why a peal was not rung as usual on the night of the festival. The bearings and frame are in such a very bad state that it is foolish and dangerous to ring the bells except when absolutely necessary. In the first place a ringer might be injured through over-straining, and secondly one or more of the six

bells might fall and get cracked and thus spoil one of the finest toned peals of bells for many miles round. If the bells were put in order I am confident the ringers would be as eager to ring them as in days gone by when Swavesey ringers set an example to the district, but to what is necessary would cost money, and unfortunately the money that has been raised for our fine old church during recent years, and is still being raised, has been, and, for some time to come, will be used for purposes that are considered of more urgent importance than the bells.”

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 12th Oct. 1928

The Parish Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, etc., for the Harvest Festival on October 4th. The services included a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., and Evensong at 7 p.m., when the congregation was exceptionally large, even for a harvest festival. The service, at which the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiated, was bright and hearty, and the music, in addition to well-known harvest hymns, included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and the anthem, “Ye shall dwell in the land.” The Rev. C. G. Poynder, Rector of Boxworth, preached an excellent sermon. The festival was continued on Sunday, and at evensong, when the Rev. E. C. Baldwin, Hon. Canon of Ely, was the special preacher, and Thursday’s music was repeated, there was again a large congregation. At the children’s service in the afternoon gifts of flowers, fruit, eggs, jam, etc., were brought by the young people. The collections throughout the festival were, as usual, for the benefit of Addenbrooke’s Hospital, except on Sunday evening, when the offertory was devoted to the Church Expenses Fund. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., used in the decorations have been forwarded to Addenbrooke’s, and the children’s offerings to St. Ives Infirmary.

WEDDING. 12th Oct. 1928

Cloughton – Whybrow.

The marriage took place at Swavesey Parish Church on the 1st inst., the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating, of Miss Eva Gladys Peace Whybrow, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whybrow, of Hog Pasture Gate House, Swavesey, and Mr. Sidney Percy Cloughton, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cloughton, Banister Green, Felsted, Essex.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a pretty dress of white georgette with veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and fern and wore a necklace of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her sisters, Misses Irene and Frances Whybrow, who were attired in mauve silk rayon, trimmed with gold lace, and

mob caps to match. They carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums and mauve statice, and wore pearl necklaces, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. George Cloughton, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Gate House, where about 70 guests were entertained, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon at St. Leonards-on-Sea. The presents included a cheque from the bridegroom's employer, an eight-day oak striking clock from the staff at Messrs. Hicks Bros.' garage, Braintree, a case of stainless knives and forks and a cheque from the staff at Felsted School, where the bride had been employed for 11 years, a case of silver tea spoons from the school, and a cruet from the bride's eldest brother in Canada.

ADVERT. 19th Oct. 1928

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CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 19th Oct. 1928

Nine tables were in play at the whist drive in connection with the County Conservative tournament which took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following being the prize-winners: Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. W. D. Isgrove, Mrs. H. H. Berryman; gentlemen, Mr. A. Dazley, Mr. G. Brooks, Mr. J. Culpin. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th Oct. 1928

The only item on the agenda of the quarterly meeting of the Parish council, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was a letter from Ald. J. W. Ellis relating to the necessity for cleaning out the school and chapel ponds, both of which, he complained, were choked with mud and vegetation. After some discussion it was decided that both ponds should be raked out as far as practicable, and Messrs. F. Hepher and P. Parish were appointed a committee to arrange for the work being done with as little expense to the parish as possible. The following Councillors were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, F. Hepher, P. Parish and W. Twist.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th Oct. 1928

A branch of the National Federation of Women's Institutes was formed in Swavesey at a meeting attended by about 50 ladies, which was held in the school on Friday. Mrs. Gray (president of the County Federation) and Mrs. Pemberton (president of the Trumpington W.A.) gave addresses on the aims of

Women's Institutes, and suggested various ways of running them. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fraser; vice-president, Mrs. Aldred; secretary, Mrs. Proctor; treasurer, Miss Cole. A committee of 14 was also appointed. It was decided that the monthly meetings should be held on the second Tuesday in each month, the first to take place on November 13th. Anyone not able to be present at last Friday's meeting will be able to join the Institute at the next meeting, after having been proposed and seconded.

B.W.T.A. 19th Oct. 1928

The annual meetings of the Swavesey Branch of the B.W.T.A. were held at Bethel Baptist Church on the 11th inst. There was a good attendance at the business meeting in the afternoon, at which all last year's officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months, with the exception that Miss Hilda Dodson was elected hon. secretary in place of Mrs. J. Day, resigned, and Mrs. J. Norman was appointed a vice-president. At the tea that followed upwards of 30 were present. A public meeting was held in the evening, under the presidency of Mrs. Blackaby, of Willingham, at which a stirring address on "Our ideals and how to reach them" was given by Miss Porritt (National L.W.R. supt.), and the solos, "Rest and Peace" and "The Lost Chord," were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Smith and Miss Langan, of Willingham, respectively. A collection was taken at the close of the meeting.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 19th Oct. 1928

A fairly well attended meeting was held in the school on Friday evening to consider the question of the formation of an Agricultural Discussion Society for Swavesey and the surrounding district. Mr. Leslie, county agricultural organiser, who was in the chair, having explained the objects in view, it was decided that a society should be formed, and the following officials were elected: President, Mr. R. Mailer (Boxworth); vice-presidents, Mr. F. Kirby (Over), Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Rev. T. B. Field, Alderman J. W. Ellis (Swavesey), Mr. F. Stanton (Lolworth), hon. secretary, Mr. C. Wood; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Day, jun.; committee, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole (Swavesey), D. W. Parish (Fen Drayton), E. Webb, P. Watts (Over), J. Scambler (Conington), J. Mitham (Lolworth), B. Brooke (Childerley). It was agreed that the annual subscription should be one shilling, farmworkers and holders than less than three acres being admitted as free members. Meetings will take place on alternate Fridays in Swavesey School at 7 p.m. The first lecture, however, will be given on Saturday, 27th October, by Mr. Boutflour on "The Feeding and Management of Dairy Cows," when it is hoped as many as possible who are interested will be present.

DON'TS FOR DARK NIGHTS. 19th Oct. 1928

Mr. A. E. Welch, of Boxworth End, has compiled a list of "Don'ts" for dark nights, but unfortunately it is too lengthy for publication in extensor in these columns. One of the "Don'ts," which are written in a vein of satire, is addressed to pedestrians who prefer to walk in the middle of the road instead of on the footpath, and by so doing annoy motorists and cyclists. (Mr. Welch rides an ordinary bicycle). Another "Don't" has reference to an undesirable practice that is on the increase in Market-street. For the information of those of our readers who are not acquainted with Swavesey, it may be mentioned that with the exception of one lamp at Church End, maintained by a public-spirited parishioner, there are now no street lamps in the village, and that Market-street is a wide and dark thoroughfare running from the narrow main street. It is the site of the annual "Feast," and possibly of the old-time market for which a charter was granted by Henry III, to the Zouch family in 1243. This "Don't" reads as follows: "If you imagine yourself an A1 cyclist, don't hide your light under a bushel, but collect your friends and take them into Market-street, and there demonstrate your skill. Ride slowly under the shadow of the walls, then dart out suddenly into the middle of the road and circle slowly. An oil lamp of inferior quality is best suited for the demonstration. Pedestrians and other cyclists using the road will admire your skill."

BILLIARDS. 26th Oct. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I

SWAVESEY v. RAMSEY.

At Swavesey.

Swavesey.	Ramsey.
L. Brooks 120,	C. Spooner, 118.
H. J. Hall 73,	V. Moore 120.
S. Clarke 116,	- 120.
T. Johnson 120,	Wilburn 118.
J. Kester 120,	J. Smith 85.

SWAVESEY v. GODMANCHESTER.

At Swavesey.

Swavesey.	Godmanchester.
L. Brooks 120,	G. Rutlege 73.
H. J. Hall 108,	W. James 120.

S. Clarke 120	P. Thompson 86.
H. A. Holmes 117,	A. Slack 120.
T. Johnson 120,	E. Seaman 84.

Division II

SWAVESEY II. v. WILLINGHAM II.

At Swavesey.

A. Kester 74,	S. Childs 100.
J. Kester 100,	E. Norman 88.
A. E. W. Melbourne 100,	S. Jeeps 65.
W. Brooks 100,	J. Collett 64.
A. Hawkes 100 ,	W. Wayman 97 .

HUNTINGDON II. v. SWAVESEY II.

At Swavesey, on Wednesday.

Huntingdon.	Swavesey.
F. Figg 100,	A. Kester 98.
J. Gill 58,	J. Kester 100.
E. Afford 100,	A. E. Melbourne 68.
J. Casey 100,	W. Brooks 75.
G. Ashpole 100,	A. Hawkes 50.

ADVERT. 26th Oct. 1928

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BROTHERHOOD. 26th Oct. 1928

Mr. Horace Brown, President of the County Federation, gave an address at a meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood in Bethel Schoolroom (lent for the occasion) on Wednesday week, taking as his subject "The woman bowed down," the leading lesson being that none but Jesus could do helpless sinners good. Mrs. Kerry, of Cambridge, will be the speaker at the meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4th.

PROPERTY SALE. 26th Oct. 1928

The accommodation close of pasture land in Middle Fen Drove, Swavesey, containing 10s. 2r. 3p., which was offered for sale by auction at the White Horse Inn on Tuesday evening by Messrs. Dille, Theakston and Read, by direction of the executor of the late Rev. G. T. Johnston, was purchased by

Mr. Ezra Day, of Swavesey, for £185. Messrs. Langham, Douglas, Langham and Owen, of Hastings, were the solicitors concerned.

AN ELUSIVE PIG. 26th Oct. 1928

Some excitement was caused in Swavesey last week when a pig, after its companions had succumbed to the slaughterer's knife, eluded its would-be executioners and bolted, seeking refuge in a cycle shop, and on being pursued, it sought further protection in the cycle dealer's house. After dodging chairs and other furniture, it was finally driven out through the front door and back to its doom.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 26th Oct. 1928

At the meeting of the Bethel Baptist Church Young People's Society on Monday, the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an interesting lecture on the life, writings and faith of R. L. Stevenson, with copious extracts from his well-known works. Rev. T. B. Field presided. A very interesting series of lectures, mainly upon literary subjects, has been arranged by the society for the winter season. The lectures are open to all who care to attend.

BILLIARDS. 2nd Nov. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

SWAVESEY v. ST. IVES LIBERALS.

Played at Swavesey on Monday.

Swavesey.	St. Ives Liberals.
L. Brooks 120,	G. Hobbs 105.
H. J. Hall 101,	F. Harding 120
S. Clarke 120,	E. Chambers 114.
T. Johnson 120,	G. Harrison 112.
H. A. Holmes 97,	J. Foster 120.

Division II.

FENSTANTON v. SWAVESEY.

Played on Monday.

Fenstanton.	Swavesey.
C. Mole 100,	J. Kester 75.
E. Cannon 63,	A. E. Melbourne 100.
S. Crouch 100,	W. Brooks 48.
W. Crouch 79,	T. S. Johnson 100.
T. Lewin 100,	S. Culpin 91.

Division I.

SWAVESEY v. HUNTINGDON.

Played on Wednesday.

Swavesey.	Huntingdon.
L. Brooks 69,	R. Seabrook 120.
L. Clarke 93,	H. Kidd 120.
T. Johnson 99,	P. A. Charles 120.
H. A. Holmes 62,	P. Hamshaw 120.
H. J. Hall 99,	L. Coxon 120.

ADVERT. 2nd Nov. 1928

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd Nov. 1928

Judging by the large and increasing attendance at the Young People's lectures, Monday evening is likely to be a popular night in Swavesey. On Monday last the lecturer was the Rev. O. C. Austin, of Cottenham, who delighted his audience with a racy address upon "Curiosities of the Pulpit," instancing such names as Berridge, Sutton, C. Hill, Spurgeon, Billy Bray, Peter Mackenzie, Gipsy Smith, Lorenzo Dow and others. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, on the motion of Mr. J. Day, seconded by Mr. W. Daisley. The Rev. H. A. Batstone, of Histon, is expected next Monday.

LABOUR PARTY MEETING. 2nd Nov. 1928

That Swavesey people take a considerable interest in politics was shown by the attendance at the Labour Party's public meeting, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. Mr. A. P. Payne presided. Mr. G. T. Garratt, in course of an address on the party's policy, stated that now was the time to consider thoroughly the merits and demerits of the various policies, and the results of four years of Conservative government. It was, he said, far better to judge a party on its record, and as politics affected every village and every home, there was no need for persons to say that they were not concerned. Mr. Garratt also dealt with questions of housing, roads, education, and land drainage. Mr. S. Dye also spoke.

BRITISH LEGION. 2nd Nov. 1928

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on October 24th, was well attended. The balance sheet, submitted by the treasurer, which showed a substantial sum in hand, and the secretary's report, which stated that the branch had made good progress, and that there had been a steady increase in membership during the year, were adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; vice-presidents, Dr. Fraser, Mr. J. H. Elliott (Boxworth) and F. F. Norman; chairman Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Prior; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; hon. sec. Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. J. Hall, F. Hepher, F. F. Norman, E. Prior, T. Savage, G. Topham and S. Bath (Boxworth); auditors, Messrs. P. Burton and H. Turner; relief committee, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. S. Bath, F. Hepher, T. Savage, H. Turner, L. Brooks, A. W. Melbourne; delegate on county committee, Mr. A. W. Melbourne. In an interesting statement respecting the new scheme of the British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Committee, the secretary explained how cases of distress had been helped in this district. It was agreed that members of the branch should attend services of remembrance on Sunday, November 11th, at the Memorial Hall (undenominational) at 2.30 p.m., and at the Parish Church at 6.30 p.m. Votes of thanks to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for their services conclude the meeting.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 2nd Nov. 1928

The first of the lectures arranged by the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was given in the School on Saturday evening by Mr. R. Bontflour, of the Harper Adams' Agricultural College at Newport, Salop, who dealt with the feeding and management of dairy cows. Mr. Bontflour, who is the great authority on this subject, had an audience of between 40 and 50 persons from Swavesey and the surrounding district, all of whom were keenly interested in the subject. The lecture was very interesting and most instructive to all, whether engaged in dairy farming or otherwise. Mr. Bontflour began by stating that he intended to give the audience a few shocks, and undoubtedly he succeeded when he made the assertion that they did not know what a cow was, and then proceeded to enlighten them on the subject. A discussion followed the lecture, and many and various questions were rained on the lecturer, to all of which he returned suitable replies or explanations. He impressed on his hearers the necessity for consulting Mr. Leslie and Mr. Sayce, the two county agricultural experts, in all their difficulties with stock or manuring, as both these gentlemen were extremely able and competent guides, and he hoped his lecture would have the effect of stimulating the interest of his audience, and

result in their obtaining a great increase in the milk yield from their herd of cows. At the next meeting of the society, which will be held in the School on Friday, November 9th, a "Grass Land" film will be shown by Mr. J. Dunlop, British Basic Slag, Ltd., London.

WHIST DRIVE. 2nd Nov. 1928

Sixteen tables were in play at the Flag whist drive, which was held at the Memorial Hall on October 25th, in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund. At the winning table were Mrs. J. Prior, Miss Stebbing and the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who had 38 flags to their credit, Messrs. J. Hall, Careless and A. Kester coming second with 29 flags. The booby prizes fell to Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. H. G. Key and Miss Barwell (score minus five flags). The Vicar officiated as M.C.

FUNERAL. 2nd Nov. 1928

MR. JAMES S. GOAD.

The funeral of Mr. James Stuart Goad, who passed away at Grove House, Stretham, early on Tuesday morning, took place at Stretham yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the cortege left the house for the cemetery, the widow and members of the family being conveyed in cars.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. J. Chamberlain, of Ely, in the presence of a large assembly of friends.

The mourners included: Mrs. J. S. Goad (widow), Messrs. T. and G. Goad (sons), Mrs. W. J. Hephner, Miss N. Goad, and Miss C. Goad (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ashby and Mr. and Mrs. B. Peacock (daughters and sons-in-law), Masters J. and O. Goad (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. R. Jacobs (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. G. Wright (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tabraham (nephew and niece), Miss. L. Jacobs (niece).

Mr. Goad, who was 69 years of age, had been in failing health for a considerable time. On Saturday night, when he was retiring to rest, he had a sudden seizure and soon became unconscious, in which state he remained to the end. The greater part of his life was spent at Swavesey, where for some years he was an active member of the Parish Council, Parish Council representative on the Boards of Galon's Charity and the Fire Relief Fund Charity (Frere Cottages), and a keen worker in connection with the village War Memorial Fund. He also served on numerous public committees, and several times was an Overseer of the Poor. He left Swavesey for Stretham about four years ago. In addition to his widow, he leaves three sons and five daughters.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. A. Routledge, of Stretham.

BILLIARDS. 9th Nov. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division II.

SWAVESEY v. GODMANCHESTER.

Played at Godmanchester on Wednesday.

Swavesey. Godmanchester.

J. Kester 62, Abbott 100.

A.E.W. Melbourne 59, J. Brudenell 100.

W. Brooks 41, W. Arnell 100.

S. Culpin 85, O. Shanks 100

A. Hawkes 85, J. Ashley 100.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 9th Nov. 1928

The Memorial Hall was filled on Sunday afternoon with an enthusiastic audience at the meeting of the United Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Mrs. Kerry, of Cambridge, was the speaker and soloist, and Mr. T. Prime took the chair.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 9th Nov. 1928

Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather there was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening, at which the Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon, was announced to give a lecture, but, unfortunately, owing probably to the fog, he failed to put in an appearance. The Rev. T. B. Field therefore filled his place with an address on Christmas Evans.

ALLEGED HORSE STEALING. 16th Nov. 1928

Arrest Follows Investigation by County Police.

Combined investigation by the Cambs. and Herts. Police led to the appearance at an Occasional Court held at the County Police Station on Tuesday afternoon, before Mr. H. F. Cook, of Walter Smith, 22, of no fixed abode, who was charged with feloniously stealing a horse of the value of £30, the property of Edward Oakman, at Swavesey, during November 11th and 12th.

Supt. Allen stated that on Monday morning he received certain information respecting the loss of a horse belonging to Mr. Oakman. In consequence, inquiries were made, and it was ascertained that the prisoner had been in the district and his movements were traced towards London. P.S. Smith and P.C. Hart, of the Cambs. Police Force, and P.S. Marton and P.C. Milton, of the

Herts. Force, together made inquiries in Cambs. and Herts., and at about 10.25 on Monday night at Colney Heath, near Hatfield, prisoner was seen in a field. P.S. Smith charged him with stealing a horse, and he was taken into custody. Later a search was made, and two horses were found in the field, one of which answered to the description of the animal stolen. P.S. Smith and P.C. Hart escorted the man to the County Police headquarters, and Mr. Oakman identified his horse.

Supt. Allen asked for a remand until Saturday's Petty Sessions, and this was granted.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 16th Nov. 1928

An able address on "The application of Christian truth to social problems" was given by Mr. Leigh, of Fenstanton, at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening. A discussion followed, in which Mrs. Field, Messrs. Daisley and Carter and the Chairman (Rev. T. B. Field) took part. The meeting was very well attended.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 16th Nov. 1928

The second lecture of the series organised by the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was given in the schools on Friday evening, when 40 persons were present. The lecturer, Mr. Dunlop, of Basic Slag, Ltd., dealt with the manufacture and uses of basic slag, illustrating his remarks with film pictures showing the manufacture of slag from the crude ore to its being placed in trucks ready for dispersal. Only iron ore containing fossilised shells could be used, he said, as this ore contained phosphate of lime, and illustrated the difference in pastures treated with different strengths of slag and the improvement which resulted, both in quality of grass and in the flesh of cattle fed on the pasture. A long discussion followed, and the lecturer answered many questions.

THE LATE MR. JAMES TAYLOR. 16th Nov. 1928

The funeral of Mr. James Taylor, whose death after a week's illness, occurred on the 8th inst. at 29, Union-road, Cambridge, the residence of his youngest son, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Monday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiating. The immediate mourners included Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Taylor (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Aves, Misses Mabel, Annie and Mary Taylor (granddaughters) and Master C. Taylor (grandson). Mr. Barber, Coronation-street, Cambridge, was the undertaker. The late Mr. Taylor, who would have attained the great age of 91, had he lived until next month, is

survived by three sons and a daughter, who is in Canada. For nearly 40 years he was verger at Swavesey Parish Church, and on his retirement in October, 1921, he was presented with a testimonial from members of the congregation.

BILLIARDS. 16th Nov. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

ST. IVES BRITISH LEGION v. SWAVESEY.

Played on November 8th.

St. Ives.	Swavesey.
H. Hammond 120,	L. Brooks 37.
A. Collinson 120,	H. J. Hall 70.
A Allen 120,	G. Clark 74.
B. Whiteman 120,	H. Holmes 60.
F. Filby 74,	T. Johnson 120.

ARMISTICE DAY. 16th Nov. 1928

The Two Minutes' Silence was observed during the morning services at the Parish Church and at Bethel Baptist Church. At the former the Third Collect had just been said when the solemn moment arrived, and after the silence the tenor bell was tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who fell in the war, and the Roll of Honour was read. The service then proceeded as usual. Beautiful floral tributes were placed around the Memorial Cross in the churchyard, including a large wreath of poppies and laurel from the local branch of the British Legion and another in memory of Joseph Barker Parish, who, desperately wounded a few days previously, died in France on the day the Armistice was signed.

Notwithstanding the rain, there was a large attendance at the undenominational service arranged by the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall in the afternoon. For this the ex-Service men assembled on the Recreation Ground, under the command of Capt. R. Barwell, and marched thence to the hall, headed by the recently acquired standard of the branch, carried by Mr. T. Savage. During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, the hymns "God of our fathers (Kipling), "O, valiant hearts, who to your glory came" (J. S. Arkwright), and "Fight the good fight" were sung, Mr. J. W. Williams playing the piano accompaniment. After the names of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who had fallen during the war had been recited by Mr. H. H. Berryman, there was silence, and then the "Last Post" was sounded by Capt. Barwell. A short address by Mr.

Field and the singing of "God bless our native land" concluded the service. A collection was taken in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, £2 1s. 8d. being realised. Before the commemoration service at the Parish Church in the evening, the bells were rung half-muffled. The ex-Service men met at the churchyard gates, and led by the standard-bearer, marched into the church, where seats had been reserved for them near the pulpit. There was an excellent congregation, in spite of the wet night. The ordinary form of evensong was used, with special psalms and lessons. After the Third Collect the Vicar, who officiated, read the long list of Swavesey men who served in the war. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who took his text from II Timothy ii, 3. During the service, which concluded with the National Anthem and the "Last Post," the latter sounded by Capt. Barwell, the following hymns were sung: "O God, our help in ages past" (processional), "Fight the good fight," "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," "All people that on earth do dwell," and "Onward, Christian soldiers" (processional). The offertory, which amounted to £2 14s., was devoted to Earl Haig's Fund. Thirty-six ex-Service men attended in the afternoon and 28 in the evening. By the sale of poppies in the village on Saturday £9 5s. 10½d. was realised, a slight increase on last year, and during the afternoon 3s. 1½d. was collected at a football match. These sums, with the collections at the two services on Sunday, brought Swavesey's contribution to Earl Haig's Fund up to £14 4s. 8d.

BILLIARDS. 23rd Nov. 1928 SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.
SWAVESEY v. ST. IVES LITERARY.

Played at Swavesey on Monday.
Swavesey. St. Ives.
L. Brooks 114, H. E. Smith 120.
H. J. Hall 120, L. Anderson 75.
S. Clarke 60, F. Favell 120.
H. Holmes 120, A. Watts 113.
T. Johnson, jun. 79, R. Churchard 120.

Division II.
SWAVESEY II. v. ST. IVES BRITISH LEGION II.

Played at St. Ives on Monday.
Swavesey. Legion.
J. Kester 100, G. Storey 55.

A.E.W. Melbourne 100,
S. Culpin 49,
W. Brooks 100,
A. Hawkes 97,

J. Butcher 90.
A. Gowler 100.
E. Murkett 91.
T. Durrant 100.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 23rd Nov. 1928

The trustees of the Over Town Lands have again sent to the treasurer of Swavesey District Nursing Association the welcome donation of £5 5s.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 23rd Nov. 1928

Miss Aldred, of Over, read an interesting paper on Pandita Ramabai, a celebrated native Indian missionary, at the weekly meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 23rd Nov. 1928

The missionary anniversary was observed at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, when the Rev. H. Thomas, of India, preached in the morning, and addressed a meeting of young people in the afternoon. The pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, took the evening service. The collections amounted to £2 7s.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 23rd Nov. 1928

By collections at services on Armistice Day and the sale of poppies £21 1s. 5½d. was raised for Earl Haig's Fund in the villages covered by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, viz., Swavesey, poppies, £9 5s. 10½d., collections – parish church £2 14s., Memorial Hall £2 1s. 8d., football match 3s. 1½d.; total £14 4s. 8d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 23rd Nov. 1928

The first monthly meeting of the recently formed Women's Institute was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week, Mrs. Fraser (chairman) presiding. After 54 members had been enrolled, Miss Warrington and Mrs. Wilson, who kindly came over from Cambridge, gave addresses, in which they explained the lines on which the Institute should be run, and then there was a mystery parcel competition, the winner of which was Mrs. H. G. Key. Community singing brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. J. Norman, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. H. J. Culpin and Miss Banks were the hostesses.

FOUND ON COLNEY HEATH. 23rd Nov. 1928

Man Pleads Guilty to Stealing Horse at Swavesey.

SMART WORK BY THE POLICE.

After hearing the evidence for the prosecution at the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday on a charge of stealing a horse at Swavesey, between November 10th and 13th, the property of Edward Oakman, a plea of guilty was entered by Walter Smith, of no fixed abode. After the plea he emphasised his desire that the case should be settled then, but this was not possible, and he was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. He also stated that he did not want any of the witnesses to attend the trial. Judge H. G. Farrant was in the chair.

Albert Heath, of Swavesey, a labourer, employed by Mr. Edward Oakman, of Swavesey, said that he fed Mr. Oakman's horses at about 3 p.m. on November 11th. There were two horses, both chestnut, and they were in a field beside the Cambridge-to-Huntingdon main road. After he had fed the horses he locked the gate by means of a padlock and key, hiding the key in a small hole at the bottom of the gate. He next went to the field at 7.15 a.m. on November 12th and found only one horse. He found the key where he left it, and the gate was locked. When he went to open it, he found that the gate had been taken off its hinges, and was still off the bottom hinge. He searched for the horse, but failed to find it, and later told Mr. Oakman. He did not know prisoner. On November 13th he went to Colney Heath, Herts., with Mr. Oakman and P.C. Brooks, and saw the missing horse in a barn. He brought the horse to Cambridge.

Edward Oakman, of Swavesey, a farmer, stated that he received a communication from Albert Heath at about 8.30 a.m. on November 12th, and in consequence went to his field at Swavesey. There were two horses put in the field on November 10th, but only one was there then. They searched for one of the horses and later gave information to P.C. Brooks. He went to Colney Heath on November 13th, and was shown his horse, which was valued at £30. He did not know prisoner, and had not given anybody permission to take a horse out of the field, except Albert Heath.

P.S. Smith, stationed at Melbourn, said he received information at 11.15 a.m. on November 12th, in consequence of which he made inquiries in the Melbourn area, and later that day went with P.C. Hart to Baldock, where they were joined by Sergt. Manton, of the Herts. Police. All three eventually went to Stevenage, Welwyn and Hatfield, where they were joined by P.C. Milton, of the Herts. Police. They then went to a gipsy encampment at Colney Heath and searched the camp. From there they went to another part of the heath, and there saw a tent and a cart about 70 yards from the road. There was a woman and a little baby in the tent and one set of harness under the cart. Witness left the tent with Sergt. Manton and later received a signal from P.C.'s Hart and Milton, and returned to the tent. He saw the prisoner and spoke to him. He

said "We are police officers. We are making inquiries respecting a chestnut mare being stolen from a field by the side of the Cambridge and Huntingdon road, in the county of Cambridge." Prisoner said, "I have been here for nearly a fortnight; I have no horses of my own. My father drove me here from Cheshunt." Witness then left prisoner in charge of Sergt. Manton and P.C. Hart. With P.C. Milton he went in search of two horses, and found them grazing amongst some bushes on the heath, about 150 yards from the tent. Witness identified one of the horses as a chestnut mare, such as had been stolen, and they went back to the tent. Prisoner said, "They are not my horses." Witness said he would detain him on suspicion of stealing the chestnut mare and would have the mare identified. Prisoner was taken to Hatfield Police Station, and the Herts. Police took charge of the mare. There was no one else in the field where prisoner was found, nor any other tents. There was a fire about two feet from the tent, and the ashes were all fresh. The grass round the tent was not trampled down.

Prisoner said there was hardly any grass around the tent, and as the wind changed, so he changed the fire.

P.C. Hart, stationed at Arrington, gave corroborative evidence, and mentioned that near the tent he saw a two-wheeled springed cart. He asked prisoner if it was his, and he said "Yes." Witness then said, "Has the cart been here a fortnight?" to which prisoner replied "Yes." Witness said that if the cart had been there a fortnight the grass underneath the wheels and points of the shafts would be discoloured. He moved the cart and found that the grass under both wheels and shafts was quite fresh. Witness searched the cart and found a jam jar with a piece of candle inside (produced). The tent appeared to have been erected recently, as the grass round the tent was quite fresh. He noticed the inside of the saddle of the set of harness was wet with perspiration and there was also a number of fresh horse hairs on the lining.

PRISONER IDENTIFIED.

P.C. Bullen, stationed at Willingham, said that at 10.15 a.m. on November 17th he attended an identification parade at the County Police Station. The parade consisted of ten men and the prisoner. He picked out the prisoner, whom he had seen at Shelford's-drove, Willingham, about 3 p.m. on November 9th. A woman and a small child were with him, also a horse and a two-wheeled spring cart. He spoke to prisoner and warned him to leave the drove.

P.C. Douglas, of the Hunts. Police Force, spoke to identifying prisoner as a man he had seen at the Cross, St. Ives, on November 11th between 3 and 4 p.m., and P.C. Unwin, stationed at Melbourn, said he had seen him at 10.25 p.m. on November 11th at High-street, Melbourn. Prisoner was leading a

horse, which was drawing a cart. The cart had no lights attached, and there was another horse tied to the rear with a piece of rope. Witness spoke to him and asked him why he had no lights, and prisoner said, "I had a candle in a jar, but it burnt out." Witness said that was not sufficient, and prisoner said, "The police would not let me stop along the road; we have got to get somewhere; I am wet through now." Witness asked him where the jar was fixed concerning the candle, and prisoner said his wife held it. The woman in the cart then produced a 2lb. glass jam jar with a piece of candle in it, similar to the one produced in Court. He advised prisoner to go to the grass verge outside the village, where it was dark, otherwise he might cause an accident. On November 17th he saw a chestnut mare at the County Police Station and it was similar to the one in the shafts.

ADMITS STEALING THE HORSE.

Prisoner, addressing the Bench, said he pleaded guilty to stealing the horse. He added, "I have a wife and a little baby to keep. I have nobody to keep them. I desire you to settle my case to-day."

Judge Farrant said they were unable to settle the case then, and prisoner must take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

Prisoner said he did not want any of the witnesses to attend the trial.

BILLIARDS. 30th Nov. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

SWAVESEY v. WILLINGHAM.

Played on Monday.

Swavesey.	Willingham.
L. Brooks 107,	C. H. Jeeps 120.
S. Clark 56,	W. S. Cole 120.
H. J. Hall 120,	A. Garner 61.
H. A. Holmes 49,	C. Thorpe 120.
T. Johnson 75,	C. Camps 120.

FUNERAL. 30th Nov. 1928

MRS. JAMES S. GOAD.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Goad, widow of the late Mr. James Stuart Goad, of Grove House, Stretham, and previously of Swavesey, whose death after a fortnight's illness occurred at the Evelyn Nursing Home, Cambridge, on November 25th, took place at Stretham on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. G. J. Chamberlain, of Ely, officiated, and during the service the hymns, "Rock of

Ages” and “Abide with Me” were sung, Mrs. P. Bradshaw presiding at the organ.

The mourners included Mrs. W. J. Hepher, Misses N. and C. Goad, Mrs. H. R. Ashby and Mrs. B. Peacock (daughters), Messrs. T. and G. Goad (sons), Mrs. Bennet, Mrs. G. Wright (sisters), Messrs. R. and T. Jacobs (brothers), Mesdames T. and G. Goad (daughters-in-law), Mesdames R. and T. Jacobs (sisters-in-law), Masters J. and O. Goad (grandsons), Messrs. W. J. Hepher, H. R. Ashby and B. Peacock (sons-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tabraham, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bennett, Mrs. Elton, Misses C. and I. Jacobs (nephews and nieces).

The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass fittings. Mr. A. Routledge, Stretham, was the undertaker.

The late Mrs. Goad, who was 66 years of age, leaves five daughters and three sons, the youngest of whom is in the United States of America. The sorrow of the family, with whom much sympathy is expressed, is intensified by the fact that their father died on October 30th, after only a few days’ illness.

ADVERTS. 30th Nov. 1928

YOU NEED Not be content with a factory-made Cake this Christmas. The best costs no more. Order yours early from W. D. Isgrove, Gold Medallist, Swavesey.

HOUSEWIVES PLEASE NOTE! Three Wringers, in good condition, at £3 each. – Prior’s Stores, Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 30th Nov. 1928

Sermons on behalf of the National Society were preached at the morning and evening services at the Parish Church on Sunday by the Rev. W. H. C. Malton, central organising secretary. The collections throughout the day were devoted to the society.

SWAVESEY MAN’S SUCCESS IN INDIA. 30th Nov. 1928

A collection of Oriental flowers exhibited by Mr. W. Welch, younger son of Mr. Arthur E. Welch, of Swavesey, was one of the chief attractions at a flower show organised recently by the Ambala, Punjab, Horticultural Society. The show was a great success.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S SOCIETY. 30th Nov. 1928

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, when the Rev. G. E. J. Bird, of Over, gave an interesting lecture on "Road Making." Mrs. Field presided.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th Nov. 1928

Pastor C. Philo, of Claremont Mission, London, N.W., conducted the services at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday in the absence from Swavesey of the Rev. T. B. Field. His visit was greatly enjoyed.

SWAVESEY BAKER'S SUCCESS. 30th Nov. 1928

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, was awarded a silver medal for currant cake and a silver medal for rock cakes in the Central Currant Office competitions at the Cookery and Food Exhibition which has been held at Olympia this week.

P.M. SISTERHOOD. 30th Nov. 1928

The anniversary of the Sisterhood, connected with the Swavesey Primitive Methodist Chapel, was celebrated on Thursday week with a service in the chapel, at which a large party of the St. Ives Sisterhood and other friends assisted in the singing of choruses, solos, etc. Mr. Crewe, of Hemingford Grey, occupied the chair, and Miss Jude, of St. Ives, was the organist. The service was followed by a box supper. On Sunday there were musical services in the afternoon, when Mrs. W. Savage presided, and in the evening, when the chair was taken by Mr. R. T. Corlett. Miss Carrier was the organist. All services were well attended. The collections were divided between the Church and Sisterhood Funds.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 30th Nov. 1928

At the third meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Agricultural Organiser) gave an address on "The Use of Home-Grown Foods." In purchasing the concentrated foods, he said that farmers paid too much attention to the percentage of oil which the cake contained instead of the percentage of protein, which was the more important constituent. Oil was far too expensive for feeding purposes, and its place could be taken just as efficiently, and more cheaply, by cereals. Where a farmer grew beans or peas in addition to the ordinary crops, he could be independent of any cake merchant and could make up mixtures for all classes of stock from the foods already on the farm. Referring to sugar beet pulp, Mr. Leslie said that it had been conclusively proved that for fattening cattle, sugar beet pulp could be used as a concentrated food instead of being merely used as

a substitute for roots. The next meeting of the society will be held on Friday, Dec. 7th, when an address will be given by Mr. W. P. Crosland on "Breeding."

GALON'S CHARITY. 7th Dec. 1928

Mr. Ernest J. Mitham has been appointed a feoffee of Galon's Charity, in succession to the late Mr. James Smith.

PARISH CHURCH. 7th Dec. 1928

St. Andrew's Day was duly observed at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, the services including a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., and choral evensong at 7 p.m., with a sermon by Archdeacon De la Pryme, late of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, to which the offertory, amounting to £1 was devoted. The evening service on Advent Sunday was conducted by the Rev. L. B. S. Abbott, rector of Conington, who exchanged pulpits with the Vicar of Swavesey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 7th Dec. 1928

An instructive lecture on Athens, illustrated by excellent lantern slides, was given at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday by Mr. H. Piper, A.R.I.B.A. The lantern was manipulated by Mr. K. Williams. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 7th Dec. 1928

The 1st Swavesey Company of the Girls' Life Brigade on Tuesday evening gave their first demonstration, under the able direction of Mrs. Isgrove, who had carefully trained the girls, assisted by Lieuts. Hilda Dodson and Winifred Godfrey and Sergt. Vida Parish. Miss W. Godfrey presided, and Mrs. Isgrove and the Rev. T. B. Field (chaplain) gave brief addresses on the aims of the movement. An excellent programme was provided, consisting of action songs, duets, pianoforte duets and sketches. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening, and all girls over ten years of age are eligible for membership.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 7th Dec. 1928

The balance sheet of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association for the year ended October 31st shows that the income amounted to £177 6s. 7d., and subscriptions, donations and fees £111 9s. 8d.; Over Women's Institute sale of work £10 12s. 6d., St. Ives Union grant £5, Cambridge for maternity services £5, Great Gransden Charity Cup £2, garden fete at Swavesey Manor £42 6s. 7d., collection after health lecture 17s. 10d.; total £177 6s. 7d. Expenditure: Nurse's salary £172 10s., holiday nurse £14

15s. 4d., smaller items £8 16s. 7½d.; total £196 1s. 11½d. The donation of £5 5s., a gift from Over Trustees, came too late to be included in the year's accounts.

BILLIARDS. 7th Dec. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division I.

FENSTANTON v. SWAVESEY.

Played on Wednesday.

Swavesey.	Fenstanton.
L. Brooks 120,	F. S. Salter 102.
H. J. Hall 120,	C. Bedford 107.
S. Clark 108,	W. Cannon 120.
H. A. Holmes 120,	C. Mole 98.
T. Johnson, jun. 111,	G. H. Green 120.

Division II.

SWAVESEY v. ST. IVES LITERARY.

Played at Swavesey on Monday.

Swavesey.	St. Ives.
J. Kester 100,	F. Adams 85.
A.E.W. Melbourne 100,	E. Mansfield 90.
A. Hawkes 79,	C. Harrison 100.
S. Culpin 100,	W. Richards 69.
W. Brooks 100,	J. Harrison 66.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 14th Dec. 1928

An instructive lecture on Breeding Cattle was given by Mr. W. P. Crossland, livestock adviser, Cambridge, at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society on Friday evening.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th Dec. 1928

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Miss Elsworth gave an interesting lecture on a visit to Canada. Mrs. Kester won the prize in the competition for the best six mince pies. A riddle roll call and musical games brought a pleasant evening to a close.

BETHEL Y.P.S. 14th Dec. 1928

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, when the newly appointed Congregational minister at

Fenstanton, Rev. F. W. Whitbourne, gave an interesting lecture on "Lessons from a dry ditch." The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was seconded by Mr. W. Daisley, and heartily carried.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 14th Dec. 1928

The first sentence of the paragraph under the above heading in last week's "Press and News" should have read: The balance sheet of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton nursing Association for the year ended October 31st shows that the income amounted to £177 6s. 7d., viz.: subscriptions, donations and fees, £111 9s. 8d.; Over Women's Institute sale of work, £10 12s. 6d.; St. Ives Union grant, £5; Cambridge for maternity services, £5; Great Gransden Charity Cup, £2; garden fete at Swavesey Manor, £42 6s. 7d.; collection after health lecture, 17s. 10d.; total, £177 6s. 7d. The donation of £5 5s., which was received too late for inclusion in the year's accounts, was from the Trustees of the Over Town Lands.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 14th Dec. 1928

The Christmas sale of work in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund which was held on Dec. 6th in the Memorial Hall, was opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. W. A. Bignell, of Cambridge, who made a charming little speech, and was greeted with loud applause. There were many stalls and competitions. (List of stallholders and competition winners in newspaper). There was a good attendance at the sale, and trade was brisk. The room was nicely decorated and well warmed, thanks to the kindness of Mr. W. Spolton, who again supplied the coal. The hall was crowded in the evening, when a capital dramatic entertainment was given, the programme including four sketches. List of players in newspaper. All performed their parts most excellently, and from the hearty applause and laughter it was evident that their efforts gave great satisfaction of the audience. The net proceeds from the day's efforts amounted to £46 10s.

FIVE MONTHS FOR HORSE STEALING. 14th Dec. 1928

Walter Smith (22) a hawker, pleaded guilty to stealing a horse belonging to Edward Oakman, from a field at Swavesey, between November 10th and November 13th.

Mr. Gerald Howard (instructed by Messrs. S. J. and S. T. Miller), who appeared for the prosecution, said that prisoner was of the gipsy class and went travelling around the country. On November 11th there were two horses in a field, belonging to Mr. Oakman. The next morning the horsekeeper discovered that one was missing, and in the evening the missing horse was

discovered in the prisoner's charge at Colney Heath, in Hertfordshire. It did seem an extremely smart and efficient piece of work on the part of the police officers in recovering the horse in an adjacent county at 10 o'clock on the evening of the same day in which it was found to have disappeared.

Supt. Allen said that prisoner was a married man, with one child. He had been fined 40s. at Wood Green Petty Sessions for damaging saplings with intent to steal.

Prisoner submitted a statement to the Bench, which the Clerk read. In it prisoner said he was sorry for his act, and had taken the horse out of thoughtlessness.

The Chairman, after the Bench had returned from considering the case, said that the offence was a serious one. Prisoner led a travelling life and it did seem very satisfactory that the horse should have been found in such a short time. Smith would go to prison for five months.

BILLIARDS. 21st Dec. 1928

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Division II.

SWAVESEY II v. FENSTANTON II.

Played at Swavesey on Monday.

Swavesey.	Fenstanton.
D. Williams 99,	P. Burgess 100.
A.E.W. Melbourne 100,	T. Lewin 96.
S. Culpin 100,	S. Crouch 47.
A. Hawkes 58,	E. Cannon 100.
W. Brooks 100,	A. Crouch 81.

LOCAL SUCCESS. 21st Dec. 1928

Mr. J. Prior, Stanton Vue Farm, was awarded 1st prize for the best pen of store pigs (under 16 weeks) at the Christmas Fat Stock Show, Cambridge, on Monday.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 21st Dec. 1928

Voluntary retiring gifts, which were taken on Sunday at the close of the services at Bethel Baptist Church for the Miners' Distress Fund amounted to £4 5s. 6d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 21st Dec. 1928

At a well-attended meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, Mr. J. Day gave an instructive address on "Samson's broken vow." The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

RISING SUN SHARE-OUT CLUB. 21st Dec. 1928

The distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club took place yesterday (Thursday) evening, every member receiving £1 0s. 8d. During the year £17 4s. 4d. was paid out in sick benefit. The club will re-open on Saturday, Jan 5th.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 21st Dec. 1928

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held at the Cambridge Centre, Irene Edwina Holmes was successful in passing the primary division in pianoforte playing, and Olive Wilderspin was successful in passing Div. 2, grammar of music, and Joyce Maud Lee, Div. 1, grammar of music. They are all pupils of Miss F. E. Allen, Silver-street, Willingham.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 21st Dec. 1928

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive organised for the benefit of the Swavesey Institute Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 13th inst. For the three ladies' prizes Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. Key tied with a score of 171, and after cutting, Mrs. Berryman secured first prize, Mrs. Crouch the second, and Mrs. Dean the third. The gentlemen's prizes were won by Mr. H. Careless, Mr. H. P. Burton and Mr. J. Kester. The net proceeds from the drive amounted to £1 19s. 4d. During the interval for refreshments the winning tickets for the club's Christmas prize distribution were drawn by Mrs. Fraser.

A SCHOLAR OF TRINITY. 21st Dec. 1928

Mr. Frederick Charles Wood, eldest son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School, has this week achieved the great honour of winning an open entrance scholarship of the value of £100 per annum at Trinity College, Cambridge. His subjects were chemistry, zoology and botany, in each of which he gained first class marks. For some years Mr. F. C. Wood has held a county scholarship at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys, prior to which he was at Swavesey National School. His success has given the greatest satisfaction to the village, and both he and his parents have been heartily congratulated.

FEEDING OF PIGS. 21st Dec. 1928

Some 50 members attended the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, which was held at the National School on Wednesday evening, when Dr. C. Crowther, Principal of the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Newport, Salop, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the "Feeding of pigs." Two requirements, he said, were essential to success: (1) a good feeding strain of pig, and (2) experience in practical management. After dealing with the feeding characteristics of the pig, and giving a rough classification of foods, Dr. Crowther proceeded to speak of various foods and methods of feeding. As regards fattening, there was no advantage in forcing consumption, and his own practice, he said, was to feed to limits of appetite at fixed meal times, twice, or at most thrice, daily. No "meal" between meals secured ample periods of rest. A pig, Dr. Crowther added, well repaid attention to cleanliness, careful handling and regularity of management routine. Mr. R. Mailer, of Boxworth, president of the society, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Agricultural Organiser).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 4th Jan. 1929

The members of the Bethel Young People's Society had a most enjoyable social gathering on New Year's Eve. Many and various games were played, and excellent refreshments were provided. There was a large attendance.

CAROLS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 4th Jan. 1929

The total amount collected at Christmas by the Swavesey carol party in Fen Drayton and Swavesey was £10 5s. This sum has been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and a letter of grateful acknowledgement has been received, together with 38 letters of recommendation, nine of which have been allotted to Fen Drayton.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 4th Jan. 1929

At the recent examinations of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, held at Bedford, Joan Williams, daughter of Mr. H. H. Williams, Swavesey, was successful in passing Grade IV., pianoforte playing, with honours. This is the fourth examination passed with honours by Joan Williams, who is a pupil of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over.

MEMORIAL HALL. 4th Jan. 1929

Owing probably to numerous other attractions in the district, there was not a large attendance at the dance arranged by the Memorial Hall Committee on

New Year's Eve, but all who were present spent a pleasant time. The Cottenham Light Blur Orchestra provided an excellent programme of music.

ADVERT. 11th Jan. 1929

FOR SALE at Prior's General Stores, Large Quantity of Fruit Trees, including Bramley's, Black and Red Currants and Gooseberries. Quick cash sale for bargains.

BARNARDO DAY. 11th Jan. 1929

The sum of £2 17s. 6d. has been forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Homes as a result of a Barnardo Day collection made in the village by Misses Vida Parish, Gwen Payne, Thora Jacklin and Mabel Godfrey.

LECTURES. 11th Jan. 1929

A series of lectures on the History of Cambridgeshire will be given in the School by Mr. W. P. Baker, secretary of the Rural Community Council, commencing on Friday, January 18th, when he will deal with Cambridgeshire in the Middle Ages.

HELP FOR THE MINERS. 11th Jan. 1929

A good number of useful garments has been received at Swavesey Manor from members of the congregation of the Parish Church, and has been sent to the Red Cross Depot in Cambridgeshire, for transmission to the distressed mining areas.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 11th Jan. 1929

The address at the meeting of the Young People's Society on Monday was given by Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, and solos were sung by Mr. Dockett. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. On Tuesday the Girls' Life Brigade celebrated Christmas. After enjoying a well provided tea, games were indulged in, under the leadership of Mrs. Isgrove (captain). As every member invited a guest, there was quite a large party.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Jan. 1929

For the January meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, every member was allowed to bring a friend. Leading features of the evening were an interesting lantern lecture on Lincolnshire, given by Mr. R. Barwell, assisted by his son, Mr. John Barwell, the slides being lent by the L.N.E.R., and country dancing, in which the Misses Elliott kindly came from Boxworth to give instruction and advice.

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS. 11th Jan. 1929

Services in connection with the recognition of the pastorate of Mr. Camp were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday in last week, when a sermon was preached in the afternoon by Mr. H. Janes, of Dunstable, and a special meeting attended by a large congregation was held in the evening, at which addresses were given by the Pastor, Mr. Janes and Mr. Wise, of Chatteris. Tea was provided between the services, when 150 sat down, friends coming from Letchworth, Winchmore hill, Stotfold, Southill, Haynes, Clifton, Biggleswade, Hitchin, Bedford, St. Ives, Oakington, Cambridge, Fenstanton, Chatteris and Over.

WEDDING. 18th Jan. 1929

The marriage of Miss Harriet Norman, elder daughter of Mrs. Harriet Norman, of School-lane, Swavesey, and the late Mr. James Norman, and Mr. B. Bunnett, of 24, Abbey-road, Cambridge, son of the late Mr. Jacob Bunnett, took place very quietly at Zion Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, on 10th January. The Rev. McCleery, pastor, officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur J. Norman, and Mr. White, of Hitchin, acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was held at 24, Abbey-road.

CHEAPER FARES. 18th Jan. 1929

The London and North Eastern Railway are issuing still cheaper tickets to Cambridge on Saturdays, the 19th and 26th January, by trains leaving Swavesey station at 3.48 p.m. and 6.23 p.m., at the reduced fare of 1s. 3d. return. This further concession will no doubt be much appreciated by those wishing to take advantage of the attractions at Cambridge, there being late trains on both days. Passengers may return by any train the same day, including that leaving Cambridge at 11.15 p.m.

FARM ORCHARDS. 18th Jan. 1929

The first lecture since Christmas arranged by the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was given in the schools on Friday by Mr. A. T. Paskett (County Horticultural Adviser). The chair was taken by Councillor R. Mailer. The subject of the lecture was the management of farm orchards. The lecturer stated that he knew the district fairly well, and that a large amount of fruit was grown in the locality, most of it in fruit plantations. The true definition of an orchard was where trees were planted in grass, but in the Swavesey district they were mostly on cultivated land. A good discussion followed on the cultivation of strawberries and raspberries, the pruning of fruit

trees, and top grafting. At the close Ald. J. W. Ellis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

SUDDEN DEATH. 18th Jan. 1929

Passing of Aged St. Ives Resident.

Charles Thomas Froment (75), of Wellington-lane, St. Ives, a widower, died suddenly at his home on Thursday morning.

He had been under medical care for some time, and consequently an inquest was not deemed necessary.

A native of Swavesey, Mr. Froment had lived in St. Ives for a number of years.

SKATING RACES. 25th Jan. 1929

Owing to the thaw, the races on Mere Fen for the Chicago Cup and the Williamson professional challenge cup on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, could not take place.

Y.P. SOCIETY. 25th Jan. 1929

An interesting address on "Germany after the War" was given by the Rev. W. Bonsey, of St. Ives, at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

B.W.T.A. 25th Jan. 1929

A bright and happy evening was spent at the Friends' Meeting House, Black Horse-lane, on Thursday week on the occasion of the New Year's social of the Swavesey Branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. The interesting programme of solos and recitations was greatly enjoyed, as also were the excellent refreshments which were provided. Miss Smith occupied the chair. There was a good attendance.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 25th Jan. 1929

After an illness of over six years' duration, borne with great patience, Mr. William Howlett, of Turn Bridge Cottages, son of the late Mr. Henry Howlett, of Borough Green, and later of Swavesey, passed away on Tuesday evening, aged 66 years. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

EPIPHANY TEA. 25th Jan. 1929

There was a better attendance than for some years past at the Epiphany tea – an annual parochial gathering in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, inaugurated about half a century ago by the Rev. Canon Henry Isaac Sharp,

when vicar of Swavesey – which took place at the National School on Thursday week. After the tea an interesting lecture on missionary work in Burma and the customs and religion of the natives was given by the Rev. W. R. Garrad, of Rangoon. The proceeds of the tea and a collection, amounting in all to £3 1s. 6d., were devoted to the S.P.G.

LATE MR. SWANNELL PARISH. 25th Jan. 1929

We have to record the death of Mr. Richard Swannell Parish, who was taken ill on Christmas Eve and passed away somewhat suddenly from heart failure on January 9th, aged 74 years. The son of the late Mr. Isaac Parish, of Swavesey, and brother of the late Mr. Ebenezer Parish, J.P., and Mr. Zachariah Parish, Mr. Swannell Parish left his native village when a young man, and about fifty years ago established a successful boot and shoe business in the neighbourhood of Manchester, where he was highly respected. The funeral took place on January 14th at St. John's Churchyard, Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester, the mourners including the two sons, five daughters and two surviving brothers of the deceased, and a large and representative gathering of friends and neighbours.

BRITISH LEGION. 25th Jan. 1929

Sixteen tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held on the 17th inst. at the Memorial Hall, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Swavesey District branch of the British Legion. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies – Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. W. Thorp, Miss Fenson, Miss J. Stebbing, booby Mrs. H. J. Culpin. Gentlemen – Mr. F. Causer, Mr. C. Burton, Mr. Ellwood, Mr. H. E. Smith, booby, Mr. J. Hall; knock-out Miss Robinson and Mr. D. Williams. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £4 16s. 4d.

VILLAGES IN THE MIDDLE AGES. 25th Jan. 1929

In the first of the series of lectures which he is giving in the National School on the history of Cambridgeshire, Mr. W. P. Baker, secretary of the Rural Community Council, last Friday spoke of the villages of Cambridgeshire in the Middle Ages, and dealt with his subject in a way that entirely captivated his audience. He devoted special attention to Melbourn and Swavesey giving much interesting information about both, and, incidentally, he gave a list of some 20 well-known Cambridgeshire surnames of the present day which are to be found in the records of the 13th century.

CHURCH MEETING. 25th Jan. 1929

The annual Parochial Church meeting was held at the School, on Tuesday, the Vicar presiding over a good attendance of Parochial Church electors. All the usual accounts had been presented and passed, those relating to the church showing a much more satisfactory balance than last year. The Chairman took the opportunity of handing to Miss Dodson and Miss Elsie Dodson handsome prayer books and hymn books which had been subscribed for by members of the congregation as a memento of their valuable work in connection with the Sunday School for many years. The Misses Dodson suitably responded. All the retiring members of the Church Council were re-elected, and Mrs. Banks was appointed representative on the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences in place of Mr. Barwell, resigned. The election of sidesmen also took place.

FUNERAL. 25th Jan. 1929

The funeral of Mr. Charles Thomas Froment, whose sudden death on January 17th at his son-in-law's residence in St. Ives was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The mourners included: Mrs. J. Whittaker (daughter), M. L. Clark and Miss F. Clark (grandchildren), Mrs. W. Moody, Miss D. Moody, Mrs. J. Froment, Mrs. A. Netherwood (cousins), Mr. W. H. Key (representing the Wheatsheaf Lodge, L.O.A.S., of which deceased had been a member for about 50 years). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers. Born in Swavesey 75 years ago, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Froment, Mr. Charles Froment lived in the village all his life until August, 1922, when he went to reside with his son-in-law, Mr. A. Clark. He leaves two daughters and a son.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Jan. 1929

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hepher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish and W. Twist, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Hepher reported that the partial clearing of the School and Chapel ponds had been done satisfactorily, and the bill for the work, amounting to £4 14s., was passed for payment. It was agreed that Mr. Watson should be asked to undertake the office of village crier in place of Mr. George Clarke resigned, and that an application by Mr. G. E. Canham for the use of a parish lamp with bracket should be granted, Mr. Canham undertaking to place the lamp on his premises in High-street, and to keep it alight during the winter months. Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (present constable), B. Hodson, G. Burling and C. Eason were nominated as fit persons to hold the office of parish constable during the

ensuing twelve months. The clerk reported that he had received from the committee of management £35 6s. 9d., the instalment due on the loan on the Memorial Hall on Jan. 15th, and that a cheque for that sum had been sent to the Public Works Loan Board. Attention having been called to the fact that Mr. B. Prime had not attended a meeting of the Council for six months, and, moreover had left the parish, it was decided to declare the seat vacant, and to proceed with the election of a new councillor at the next meeting of the Council.

SKATING. 1st Feb. 1929

Reports of the races on Mere Fen, for the Chicago Cup and Williamson Professional Challenge Cup on Saturday, and for the King's Cup for the British Amateur Championship on Monday will be found on another page. On Sunday crowds of skaters visited Mere Fen.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 1st Feb. 1929

The meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood and Sisterhood at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon was of a specially interesting character, as the speaker was Mr. Horace Brown, of Cambridge, the president of the Eastern Counties Federation of Brotherhoods. Mr. Brown gave an earnest address on the urgent need in these days for a passionate belief in a living God, and at the close of the meeting was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. G. E. Canham, who occupied the chair.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 1st Feb. 1929

The whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on January 24th, resulted in the welcome addition of £4 5s. to the funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. Ten tables were in play, and the prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss Beaumont, Miss D. Banks, Mrs. Brown, booby Mrs. Banks; gentlemen – Mr. Webb, Mr. W. Spolton, Mr. J. Kester, booby Mr. D. Williams; knock-out, Mrs. H. G. Key and Mr. Webb. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENTS. 1st Feb. 1929

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day have just received the news that their youngest son, Mr. Christopher Day, who for some time has been engaged in missionary work in Portuguese West Africa, was married on Dec. 13th to Miss Kate Amy Townsend, at Luma-Cassai, Angola. Mr. Christopher Day hopes to bring his bride home before very long, perhaps during 1930. It may also be of interest to our Swavesey readers, to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Day's eldest son, Mr.

Frank Day, who has been farming in Canada for a number of years, has recently been appointed postmaster at Rockwood, Ontario, and local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., whose office and exchange, with over 300 telephones, is in the same building. He has in consequence disposed of his farm.

THE LATE MR. W. HOWLETT. 1st Feb. 1929

The funeral of Mr. William Howlett, whose death at the age of 66 years, was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners included: Mrs. Howlett (widow), Mr. and Mrs. P. Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howlett (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. T. Howlett (son), Miss Howlett and Mrs. Parker (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Day (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brasher (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 1st Feb. 1929

Between 40 and 50 members were present at the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, with Mr. C. W. Hines in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. E. Page, Rev. L. B. S. Abbott, Rev. C. G. Poynder, Rev. E. J. I. Dredge, Rev. G. E. J. Bird, Mr. G. T. Garratt, Mr. J. W. Payne, Messrs. Camps, Ezra Day and W. G. Procter; chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; general secretary, Mr. P. Godfrey (Swavesey); sports secretary, Mr. F. C. L. Richardson (Over); treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephew; auditor, Rev. G. E. J. Bird. The committees were re-elected en bloc, Mr. C. Walker being added to the Horticultural Committee, and Messrs. A. W. Ginn and F. Symonds to the Sports Committee. A small committee was appointed to revise the rules, and it was decided that the show this year should be held on August 8th.

SKATING AT SWAVESEY. 1st Feb. 1929

C. W. Horn Retains British Amateur Championship.

SATURDAY'S CUP RACES.

With several spells of sharp frost at the latter end of last week and the early part of this week, three cup races, including the British Amateur Championship, were decided at Mere Fen, Swavesey.

SATURDAY'S RACES.

There was a fair crowd on Saturday for the Chicago Cup and Williamson Cup competitions. Though skating had been carried on during practically the whole of the week, the ice was in good condition and some excellent skating was seen. P. Burton, the holder of the Chicago Cup, for local competition, was defeated by L. Carter, who completed the course of just over a mile in 3mins. 44 2/5 secs. Burton had already won the cup twice, and had he been successful on this occasion would have won the cup outright.

WILLIAMSON CUP.

The result of the race for the Williamson Cup is as follows: 1 G. Scott, Welney (3min. 59 4/5 secs); 2 E. James, Welney; 3 T. Ward, Gorfield.

It was a hard race for half the distance, and then the winner gradually drew away.

BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

A crowd numbering approximately three thousand gathered on Monday to watch the British Amateur Championship contested. Twenty-two entries were received, including the holder, C. W. Horn, who succeeded in retaining his title and the King's Cup.

The ice was rough and numerous spectators received minor "duckings" and cuts from the ice, but nothing of a very serious nature. The ice at the edge got very thin and towards the end sagged, being covered with a layer of water. Among the unfortunate was the Secretary of the National Skating Association (Mr. F. N. Drake Digby), whose misfortune came just as he was leaving the racing. He received a wetting up to his knees. Among the interested spectators was Mr. A. E. Tebbit, who has been amateur champion on four occasions.

The ice at the starting post was bad, and the competitors had difficulty in turning. The condition of the ice also was inclined to make the times slow, particularly towards the end. The course was one and a half miles in length, and included three bends. The competitors first raced off in pairs, and the six fastest went on to the final. Horn again skated in excellent style, but the most exciting races were the last two. J. W. Beba (Spalding) only beat F. Bott (Leicester) by only one second. The runner-up was G. W. Martin (Nordelph), who met Horn. The fastest time of the day was 5 mins. 32 secs., returned by Horn in his heat.

(Full results in newspaper).

The King's Cup was presented to Horn by Mrs. Morley, wife of the Chairman of the Fen Department Committee.

Mr. Digby said that within the last 13 months Horn had won the Duddleston Cup twice and the King's Cup twice, and that, he thought, was a record.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL. 8th Feb. 1929

The monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday, the members being present Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), E. Kirby (vice-chairman), A. Day, W. I. Hemington, F. Stanton and R. Norman.

RATES ON COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Rating Officer (Mr. B. Mason) wrote that the committee had passed a resolution that owners of the Council houses, and not the tenants, should be rated, an allowance of 10 per cent. being granted, subject to the Council agreeing to pass on that percentage to the tenants. It was pointed out that the Council were the owners.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) said the arrangement would benefit the tenants.

On the motion of Mr. Kirby, seconded by Mr. A. Day, the Council approved the proposal.

The Cambs. County Council wrote asking for payment of the precept due December 1st last, and the Clerk said that a cheque would be forwarded, adding that a further instalment was now due.

Mr. Kirby said that in his village (Over) there was a notice that those who had not paid their rates by February 15th would be summoned.

BAD CONDITION OF ROADS.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Transport regarding the amount of granite laid on the roads without the aid of a steam roller, and asking that the matter should receive the consideration of the Council.

It was stated that 788 tons had been used for the repair of the scheduled roads.

The Vice-Chairman said there were serious complaints about the roads. One young fellow, who cycled to Willingham, told him that he wore out a new set of tyres in a fortnight.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Ministry that it was too late to do anything this season, but that the Council hoped to make the necessary arrangements next year.

HOCKEY CLUB. 8th Feb. 1929

Twelve tables were in play at the whist drive which was held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Hockey Club. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. P. Burton, half time Miss P. Williams, booby Miss Coote; gentlemen – Mr. F. W. Pontefract, Mr. D. Williams, half time Mr. C. Frohock, booby Mr. J. Kester, lucky prize Miss Ivy Parish; knock-out Miss D. Banks and Mr. P. Watts. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C.

CRICKET CLUB. 15th Feb. 1929

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Cricket Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Capt. R. C. Briscoe, M.C., M.P.; vice-presidents, Dr. Fraser, Mr. G. H. Carter, Rev. T. B. Field, Messrs. Canham, Payne, Blinkhorne, C. Dean, B. Thorp, R. Barwell, P. Lee, A. J. Willson, G. T. Garratt, and J. W. Payne; hon. secretary, Mr. S. A. Clark; assistant secretary, Mr. D. Williams; captain 1st XI., Mr. T. Savage; vice-captain, Mr. P. Burton; captain 2nd XI., Mr. T. Froment; vice-captain, Mr. D. Williams; committee, Messrs. A. P. Payne and F. Causer, with the captains, vice-captains and the secretary.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 8th Feb. 1929

The schoolroom was completely filled on Thursday in last week for the annual church and congregational meeting, which took place after a well-provided and well-attended tea. The Pastor (Rev. T. B. Field) was in the chair, supported by Messrs. B. Prior, J. Day, G. E. Canham and A. Day. The treasurer's statement, submitted by Mr. Canham, which showed a balance in hand, was approved.

ADVERT. 22nd Feb. 1929

WILFRED J. NICHOLS, late of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Repairs Department, Automobile Engineer, Swavesey. Complete Engine and Chassis Overhauls, Brake and Bearing Specialist. 20 years' practical experience on all makes of cars.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 22nd Feb. 1929

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Women's Institute held at the Memorial Hall on the 12th inst., an interesting talk on Women's Institutes by Mrs. Pemberton was the leading feature. The programme also included an exhibition of "old things" and an advertisement guessing the competition, the latter won by Mrs. C. S. Hepher.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 22nd Feb. 1929

Owing to a great extent to the inclement weather, the whist drive under the auspices of the Swavesey Institute Football Club on Thursday week was not a success as far as attendance was concerned, only seven tables being occupied. The prizewinners were: ladies, Miss D. Hepher, Mrs. P. Burton; gentlemen, Mr. P. Watts, Mr. H. J. Hall; knock-out Messrs. H. A. Holmes and J. L. Kester.

SKATING RESUMED. 1st March 1929

D. Pearson Wins Again at Swavesey.

SNOWDRIFTS IN THE COUNTY.

Wintry conditions have returned in Cambs., although with less severity, but sufficient to cause a resumption of skating, and Cottenham point-to-point races, arranged for yesterday (Thursday), had to be abandoned.

The ice at Swavesey on Wednesday was hard and in fine trim, except for a few places where it was rough. The snow had, for the most part, drifted to one side of the ice, while clear runs had been made with a snow plough. There was a biting wind, which at times blew with blizzard force, scattering the snow in all directions.

One race was down for decision, this being a professional 1½ mile race for a purse of £10, arranged by the Swavesey and Over Skating Association. There was not a very large crowd of onlookers. Six entries were received, including D. Pearson, the professional champion, and F. Pearson, his younger brother. The champion proved the winner, and skated exceptionally well despite the wind. After the three heats the four fastest competitors qualified for the finals, which happened to be a repetition of the first two heats.

(Results in newspaper).

LITTLE PIGS AND THE FROST. 1st March 1929

Numerous little pigs have succumbed during the severe frost, Messrs. E. Williams, H. G. Topham, Frank Hepher, S. F. Mitham and Percy Watts among others have lost litters.

CONFIRMATION. 1st March 1929

Twelve candidates (six males and six females), all from Swavesey, were presented by the Vicar for confirmation by the Right Rev. Bishop Price at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, other candidates who should have attended from Oakington, being kept away by illness. After the service the candidates and their sponsors met the Bishop at tea at the Vicarage, his lordship leaving at 5 o'clock for another Confirmation at Brampton, Hunts.

BAND OF HOPE. 1st March 1929

For the anniversary of the Bethel Band of Hope, which took place on Monday evening, the Schoolroom was well filled. The President, Rev. T. B. Field, occupied the chair, and was supported by Miss Easter and Mr. W. Daisley (secretaries). Rev. J. K. Thorpe, of Willingham, gave an interesting address, and recitations were also contributed by N. Peppercorn, R. Bath, N. Canham, Miss B. Savage and Olive Walker; pianoforte solos by Miss J. Williams, a

vocal solo by Miss M. Coulson, a violin solo by Master S. Laverack, and a duet by Vera Walker and Florrie Kester.

P.M. SISTERHOOD. 1st March 1929

The variety entertainment under the auspices of the Swavesey Primitive Methodist Sisterhood which was given in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week by the St. Ives Sisterhood concert party was a great success. The ever-popular Mr. H. S. Turner, who was in the chair, not only gave an address and a recitation, but also sang "The Village Pump." The programme included songs by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Jacobs, duets by Mrs. Corlett and Mr. Haslop, Mrs. Cornall and Miss Perkins, a pianoforte solo by Miss R. Jacobs, choruses and other concerted items by the party, a sash drill and a mannequin parade. Miss Jude was the accompanist. Excellent refreshments were provided during the evening under the supervision of Mesdames T. and G. Froment, Marriott and Peters. Mr. Samuel Wright, Mrs. G. Asplin and Master L. Peters were the door-keepers. The proceeds, which amounted to a very gratifying sum, have been devoted to the fund for providing new lamps, etc., for the P.M. Chapel, Swavesey.

BRITISH LEGION. 1st March 1929

The annual dinner of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, 38 members being present. Many others, including the hon. secretary, H. H. Berryman, unfortunately were unable to attend owing to illness. Mr. R. Barwell presided in the greatly regretted absence of the President, Mr. W. A. Bignell. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast supplied by Mr. T. C. Heasman, a capital programme was provided for the remainder of the evening, consisting of songs by Messrs. H. G. Topham, P. Lee, James Prior, L. Brooks, E. Seaby (Boxworth), R. Barwell and Heasman, recitations by Messrs. W. J. Nichols and A. C. Garner, yarns by Dr. Fraser, and war-time songs and community singing by the company. Messrs. A. C. Garner, B. and J. Sutton, J. W. Williams and E. Williams were the accompanists. The Chairman expresses his sympathy with those who, through illness, had been unable to attend, and thanked all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. The piano was kindly lent by Mr. J. Prior.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st March 1929

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (Vice-Chairman), who presided, Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, P. Parish

and W. Twist with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk announced that Mr. Watson had agreed to act as village crier in the place of Mr. George Clarke, resigned. On the proposition of Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. P. Parish, Mr. Jethro Linford was elected to fill the seat on the Council rendered vacant by Mr. B. Prime's departure from the district, and a precept on the Rating Authority was issued for £18 for the expenses of the Council for the six months ending 30th September next. After this a communication from the Cambs. Rural Community Council respecting the dumping of unburnable rubbish led to a prolonged discussion. Eventually it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Mr. W. Burton, seconded by Mr. Twist, to ask the District Council to defray the cost of the collection of unburnable rubbish twice a year on the understanding that the Parish Council would undertake the duty of collection, and Messrs. W. Burton and Dean were appointed a committee to make enquiries respecting a suitable dumping ground. The question of providing a public convenience on the Recreation Ground was raised by Mr. F. Hepher, who was authorised, in conjunction with Mr. Burton to ascertain the probable cost and to report to the Council at the next meeting.

CRICKET ON THE ICE. 8th March 1929

Interesting Inter-Village Match at Swavesey.

For the first time for 50 years a cricket match took place on the ice at Mere Fen, Swavesey, on Saturday. The match, which was organised by the Hon. Secretary of the Over and Swavesey Skating Association (Mr. P.J. Watts) and Mr. H. P. Burton, of Swavesey, was between representatives of Over and a combined team from Swavesey and Fen Drayton. Mr. Burton captained the Swavesey team and Mr. A. Ginn the Over team. Mr. Ginn won the toss and decided to bat first.

Almost everyone on the ice gathered round the field of play, but they were very soon cleared back to give the fielders room. There were no boundaries, and all hits were run out, which made the play all the more interesting, several eights and nines being hit. The highest scores were L. B. Carter (Over), the Chicago Cup holder, 65, W. M. Ingle (Over) 56 retired, F. Johnson (Fen Drayton) 51, and E. J. Warboys 35.

All the Overites were bowled, and F. Aldred (Swavesey) took two wickets by bowling overarm, quite a difficult performance on skates. The ball was bowled from both ends, the bowler who was not trundling acting as wicket-keeper. No bowling analyses were kept. Over completed their innings with the good total of 211, after batting 2¼ hours.

Swavesey batted very cautiously at first, and scored 60 before the first wicket fell. After this wickets fell more cheaply, and when Smart was caught by Mustill – the first catch of the match – there was loud applause.

Many were the falls, and during one attempt to run F. John's skate came off, and he just managed to reach his ground by crawling in, leaving bat and skate some distance up the pitch. Several short runs were signalled by the umpires (also on skates) at the commencement, but this was avoided as the play proceeded by the batsman skating round the stumps.

Mr. W. Twist, a Swavesey resident, recalls a similar match at Mere Fen 50 years ago.

(The scores are appended). The result was a win by Over with 211 runs to Swavesey and Fen Drayton's 179.

DISTRICT COUNCIL. 8th March 1929

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives on Friday, an application by Mr. D. Wilderspin, of Swavesey, for permission to put up a commercial petrol pump was considered, and it was decided that the matter should be left to the County Council. Mr. J. Frohock was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. W. L. Hemington, F. Johnson and R. Mailer.

OBITUARY. 8th March 1929

Mrs. Mary Lucy Philo, widow of the late Mr. F. Philo, of Brondesbury Park, London, passed away at "Rutholme," the residence of her son-in-law and youngest daughter (Rev. T. B. and Mrs. Field). The deceased, who was in her 90th year, for many years had been a great invalid. In earlier days she was connected with All Saints' Church, Langham-place, W., and later with Kensal Rise Tabernacle. She leaves four sons and three daughters.

BIBLE SOCIETY. 8th March 1929

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held (by kind permission of the deacons) in Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday week, when the Rev. H. J. Cossar, District Secretary, gave a most interesting lecture on "Distant Scenes where the Bible Circulates." The lecture was illustrated with a large number of beautiful lantern slides, ably manipulated by Mr. G. Day. Miss Coulson presided at the piano, and the Rev. T. B. Field took the chair. A small but effective committee has been appointed to awaken interest in this valuable society.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 8th March 1929

At the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, with Mr. R. Mailer (President) in the chair, a series of films of great interest to agriculturalists were shown by Mr. G. A. Cowie, of the United Potash Co., Ltd., London. Mr. Cowie, in his explanatory remarks, dealt at some length with the manuring of grass and arable lands, paying special attention to the cultivation of potatoes and roots. The meeting, which was exceptionally well-attended, brought the programme of lectures and discussions arranged for the winter session to a close.

HISTORY LECTURES. 8th March 1929

The last of the series of lectures on "Cambridgeshire Village Life in the Middle Ages," by Mr. W. P. Baker, Secretary of the Rural Community Council, was given on Friday, March 1st, in the School. The six lectures have been very well attended, while the facts and figures given by the lecturer have been most interesting. As far as possible Mr. Baker dealt with the village of Swavesey during the period under review, and a great deal of what was new in the history of the village had been collected by him. The Priory was given a special lecture and "The Enclosures and Drainage of the Fens," the last lecture of the series, aroused a good deal of discussion amongst those present. Mr. Baker was thanked for his instructive lectures, and the trouble to which he had gone to obtain the information, and the desire was expressed that he might give a further series next winter.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 15th March 1929

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, when the Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon, gave an interesting lecture on Francis of Assisi. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

CRICKET ON ICE. 15th March 1929

Mr. E. J. Warboys, of Fen Drayton, informs us that the statement in our report last week of the cricket match between Swavesey and Fen Drayton and Over on the 2nd inst., was the first game that had been played on the ice on Mere Fen for 50 years, was not correct, as he was a member of a Swavesey team that played an Elsworth eleven on Mere Fen about 35 years ago.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th March 1929

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, there was no celebration of Holy Communion at the parish church last Sunday, and the mid-day and evening services were conducted by laymen, Mr. A. D. Pledger, of Ely, a Diocesan

Licensed Reader, officiating at matins, and two students from Westcott House, Cambridge, at evensong, one of whom, Mr. Temple Lang, gave an address.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th March 1929

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 42 members being present. After routine business, Misses Johnson and Doggett, from Cambridge, gave an excellent demonstration on simple first-aid for the home. The competition, "something new from something old," was won by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Misses Johnson and Doggett being the judges. Community singing and games brought the evening to a close.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. 15th March 1929

A well attended meeting of the Swavesey Liberal Association was held on Thursday week in the Memorial Hall, the Rev. T. B. Field (president) in the chair. Vigorous and interesting addresses were given by Messrs. Rhys Lloyd, of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and Mr. Knightley, of Histon, who dealt with the leading points of the Liberal programme. An instructive discussion followed, which was participated in by Messrs. W. Daisley, Laverack, Day and others.

THE LATE MRS. PHILO. 15th March 1929

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Lucy Philo, widow of the late Mr. F. Philo, of Brondesbury Park, London, whose death, at the age of 89 years, on the 4th inst was announced last week, took place at Over cemetery on Thursday, 7th March, the Rev. G. E. Bird, of Over, officiating. The mourners included Messrs. C. and E. Philo (sons), Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Field (daughters), Rev. T. B. Field (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Day and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham (officials of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th March 1929

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (Chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, W. Twist with Mr. J. Linford, who was co-opted a member of the Council at the last meeting and who signed the declaration of acceptance of office. The Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) read a letter from the District Council stating that the Council had agreed to defray the cost of the collection of unburnable rubbish in the parish, and asking to be informed of the sum that would be needed each half year. On

the proposition of Mr. Twist, seconded by Mr. P. Parish, it was decided to inform the District Council that it was estimated that £5 would be required to meet the cost of the first collection. The Special Committee reported that Mr. A. J. Parish would provide dumping accommodation for the rubbish for the next four or five years. The Council decided that collections should be made at the end of April and October in each year, that tenders should be invited for the first collection, and that notices should be exhibited in the village stating the date and conditions of collection. A tender by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons for the erection of a public convenience on the Recreation Ground was considered, but as the Councillors were of opinion that the estimated cost was more than they were justified in accepting, Mr. P. Burton and Mr. Hepher were authorised to ascertain whether any reduction could be arranged.

GREAT SKATING CARNIVAL. 15th March? 1929

Thousands Have Merry Week-End on the Ice.

RACES AT LINGAY AND SWAVESEY.

Not for a generation has such a festival of skating been enjoyed as during the past week, for from Thursday last until yesterday many competitions which had not been decided since 1895 were run off.

During the week-end it was especially cold. Until Tuesday the temperature rarely rose above freezing point, and at the Botanic Gardens degrees of frost were recorded as follows: Friday 22, Saturday 21, Sunday 21, Monday 18, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 10, Thursday 13. After Tuesday the maximum temperature rose gradually and with the thermometer going as high as 43, there was a rapid thaw on Wednesday.

An excellent variety of events and plenty of thrills were provided for enthusiasts who visited Mere Fen, Swavesey, on Saturday. Although there was only a moderate attendance in the morning, it increased towards the afternoon, and 3,000 saw the Cameron Cup.

The ice was in excellent condition, and although there was a little light snow, with roughness in places, several courses had been cleared and skaters were making the most of some fine stretches.

There was keen racing in the competitions, which, with the exception of the Cameron Cup, were on an oval course. The quarter-mile handicap for boys was won by F. Pearson (Mepal), brother of the professional champion.

The Cameron Cup for a quarter-mile straight course attracted some good skaters, the entrants including the 53-year-old holder, A. E. Tebbit, C. W. Horn (Amateur Champion), the brothers Martin, and L. Carter (Chicago Cup winner). Horn equalled the time of the previous win in 1897, the holder being 10 seconds behind.

The results are appended.

PARISH CHURCH. 22nd March 1929

The only service at the parish church on Sunday which the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), who has been laid up, was able to take was the celebration of Holy Communion at mid-day, Mr. Arthur Beaumont, M.A., of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, officiating at matins, the children's service in the afternoon, and at evensong, when he also preached an excellent sermon.

SACRED CONCERT. 22nd March 1929

There was a fairly good attendance at the sacred concert which was given at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week in aid of the Choir Fund. The programme included choruses and anthems by the choir, recitations by Mrs. Laverack, violin solos by Master G. Laverack, soprano solos by Miss M. Coulson and Miss D. Aldred, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Canham, and two quartettes. Mr. J. W. Williams (choirmaster) presided at the piano. The proceeds amounted to £1.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 22nd March 1929

At a largely attended meeting, held at the Memorial Hall, under the presidency of the Rev. T. B. Field on Monday evening, it was unanimously resolved that the parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital should again take place this year, but there was a difference of opinion as to whether it should be on Feast Sunday or on a week day. Mr. J. Day, who strongly protested against its being held on a Sunday, suggested Feast Tuesday as a suitable day, and moved a resolution accordingly. Mr. U. Thixton seconded. An amendment, proposed by Mr. Frank Prior, and seconded by Mr. P. Banks, that the parade should take place on Feast Sunday (May 12th), as was the case last year, was, however, carried unanimously. The following officials were appointed: Hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Messrs. P. Banks, U. Thixton and A. J. Willson. It was agreed that the Rev. T. B. Field should take the chair at the meeting on the Recreation Ground in the afternoon, and also at the meeting in the Memorial Hall in the evening, and, further, that the St. Ives Town Band and the Cottenham Salvation Army Band should be asked to attend, the former for the afternoon and evening, and the latter for the parade only. In reply to a question Mr. Whitehead announced that Mr. W.H. Head, secretary-superintendent of Addenbrooke's, had promised to attend.

ADVERT. 29th March 1929

PHOTOGRAPHY. – Films received one evening, prints returned next. All branches of Photographic business. – E. Melbourne, 8 School-lane, Swavesey. Local Agent for Turner and Sons, Trinity-street, Cambridge.

PERSONAL. 29th March 1929

Miss Margaret Wells, second daughter of Mr. Horace F. Wells, has passed her final State examination, and is now a State registered sick children's nurse. She has been at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey, for the past three years.

BETHEL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 29th March 1929

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Society on Monday evening, when Mr. Horace Brown gave his popular lecture on Oliver Cromwell, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Laverack, and seconded by Mr. J. Day, and supported by Mr. W. Daisley. The Rev. T. B. Field occupied the chair. This meeting concluded the winter session of the Society.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 29th March 1929

At a special general meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the question of affiliating the sports at this year's show was discussed at considerable length. Mr. C. S. Hephner proposed, and Mr. C. Walker seconded, a resolution that the sports be carried on as in previous years, and Mr. P. Watts moved, and Mr. A. Mustill seconded, an amendment in favour of affiliation. On being put to the meeting the amendment was defeated by 18 votes to 8. During the proceedings the secretary (Mr. P. Godfrey) announced that Mr. Roger Cole had again accepted the presidency of the society.

NEWS FROM CANADA. 29th March 1929

Many of our Swavesey readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Jack Wilderspin, son of the late Mr. John Wilderspin, who migrated to Canada some years ago, has recently been promoted to the responsible position of line foreman on the Central Construction staff of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. Enlisting in August, 1914, Mr. Wilderspin served with the Canadian Infantry in France throughout the war, and for gallantry on 27th September, 1918, when he led a party to silence a machine gun which was holding up an advance on Cambrai and causing many casualties, was awarded the Military Medal.

HERBAGE OF DROVES AND RECREATION GROUND. 29th March 1929
By direction of the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves and roadsides took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening. In 1926 the droves, etc., realised £12 4s. 6d., about half the sum they brought in in pre-war days, in 1927 £7 11s. 6d., last year £6 16s. 6d. and on Monday only £5 8s. The herbage of the Recreation Ground, offered under instructions from the Parish Council, was secured by Mr. C. H. Parish for £2 10s., an increase of 7s. 6d. on last year. Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, who was the auctioneer, also disposed of the mow or feed of several fields at from 35s. to £2 per acre.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 29th March 1929

Meetings of considerable interest took place at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday. In the afternoon, when Mr. Samuel Wright presided, and Mrs. G. Asplin, of Over, was the speaker, quartettes were rendered by Mesdames Northill, Peters, Kester and Bird, a duet by Mesdames J. J. Marriott and S. Froment, a solo by Mrs. Foster (St. Ives), a recitation by Mrs. J. Prime, violin solos by Master G. Laverack, and a chorus by members of the Sisterhood. Mrs. Corlett was the accompanist. At the evening meeting Mrs. Corlett gave an address and choruses were sung by members of the St. Ives and Swavesey Sisterhoods. Miss M. Coulson presided at the organ, Master Laverack also accompanying the hymns on his violin. Both meetings were well attended.

CANADIAN APPRECIATION. 29th March 1929

Mr. Frank Day, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, of Swavesey, writing from Rockwood, Ontario, Canada, on March 11th, says: "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the weekly budget of Swavesey news I have enjoyed since coming to Canada 22 years ago. I still look for Swavesey news first thing on opening the "Press and News" every week, and having served on several local bodies here, I particularly appreciate and enjoy the periodical tickling, and spicy, yet friendly criticism of various Swavesey people and organisations." It may be remembered that some weeks ago it was announced in these columns that Mr. F. Day had relinquished farming in which, except during the war, when he was serving with the Canadian forces in France, he had been engaged since he went to Canada, and had been appointed Postmaster of Rockwood and local manager of the Bell Telephone Company.

EASTER VESTRY. 5th April 1929

At the annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday Mr. Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden, and the Vicar, who presided, again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as his warden. Only eight parishioners attended the meeting.

B.W.T.A. 5th April 1929

The annual meetings of the Swavesey Branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U., which were held at the Bethel Baptist Church, were well attended. The business meeting in the afternoon was followed by a tea, and in the evening there was a public meeting, with Mrs. G. Asplin, of Over, in the chair, at which the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, was the speaker, and Mrs. Savage presented an excellent report of the meetings in Cambridge. Miss D. Godfrey also sang a solo.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 5th April 1929

Preceded by a public tea, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Easter Monday. Mrs. G. Dear, of St. Ives, presided. The programme included recitations by Mrs. Corlett and Mrs. Laverack, solos by Mrs. Asplin, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Carrier and Mrs. Corlett, violin solo by Master G. Laverack, duet by Miss Perkins and Mrs. Dunstan, and choruses by the St. Ives and Swavesey Sisterhoods. Miss K. Carrier (organ) and Master Laverack (violin) were the accompanists.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 5th April 1929

The flag whist drive which took place at the Priory on Tuesday afternoon resulted in over £4 being added to the Parish Church Repair Fund. Eleven tables were in play. The prizewinners were: Miss Cole, Miss King and Mrs. Brown (1st prizes); Mr. J. Stebbing, Mr. A. Beaumont and Mrs. Fraser (2nd prizes); knock-out, Miss Ruth Symonds and Mrs. Cecil Symonds. At the close the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), who acted as M.C., expressed the hearty thanks of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Banks for so kindly providing such an enjoyable afternoon.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th April 1929

The annual Lenten tea meeting took place on Friday, when a company of about 100, including visitors from Over, Knapwell, Lolworth, Cottenham, and other villages, sat down to a well appointed meal. The church was well-filled in the evening, when Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, was the preacher. On Easter Sunday morning there was a Boys' Brigade parade service, which was attended by a company camping at Lolworth, under Capt. C. Stanton, as well as by the 1st Swavesey Company. Capt. Rev. T. B. Field conducted the

service, Capt. Stanton giving an address. In the afternoon both companies attended the Gospel Mission at the Institute, Lolworth, where Capt. Stanton conducted the service.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 5th April 1929

After a long period of failing health, Mr. Frederick Hindes passed away on Monday, 25th March, aged 87. Deceased, who was a son of the late Mr. J. Hindes, of Comberton, had resided with Mr. and Mrs. Smart, of High-street, Swavesey. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Mr. E. G. Rowell, of Huntingdon, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Robert Hindes, of London (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Alfred Day, Mrs. Rowell and Miss Bessie Day. Messrs. C. Throssell and Sons, Elsworth, were the undertakers.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER. 5th April 1929

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins and ante-communion 10.30 a.m., addresses on "The Words from the Cross" by the Rev. L. B. S. Abbott, rector of Conington, 1 – 3, evensong and sermon 6.30. – The church was beautifully decorated for Easter Day, especially considering the shortage of spring flowers. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. Good congregations attended both on Good Friday and Easter Day, and the number of communicants, 131, was quite up to the average for the Easter festival, notwithstanding the many cases of illness in the village. Peals were rung on the bells between 5 and 6 a.m., and again before Mattins and Evensong.

WEDDING. 5th April 1929

The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor, officiated at the marriage of Miss Ida Spearman, daughter of Mr. George Spearman, Highfields Farm, Swavesey, and Mr. E. Lambert, son of Mr. S. Lambert, of Fen Drayton, which was solemnised at Bethel Baptist Church on March 27th. During the service the hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden²" and "O love divine and golden" were sung, and at the close Mr. G. E. Canham, who presided at the organ, played the Wedding March. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in powder blue crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of Easter lilies and white carnations. She was attended by her sisters, Misses Leah and Lily Spearman, in peach coloured artificial silk, with black hats. They wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of rose tulips and maiden hair fern. Mr. A. Lambert, brother of the

bridegroom, was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home, and later in the day the happy couple left for St. Neots, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride wearing a navy costume, with fox fur, the gift of the bridegroom. The presents were numerous and useful, the bride's gift to her husband being a pair of cuff links.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 12th April 1929

At the recent examination of the Associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Grace Evelyn Whybrow was successful in passing the Elementary Division in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss F. E. Allen, Silver-street, Willingham.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 12th April 1929

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Brotherhood was held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon, the President, Rev. T. B. Field, occupying the chair. The speaker was the Rev. F. Whitborne, of Fenstanton, whose address on "Faith, Hope, Love" was listened to with great attention. The Lesson was read by Mr. Househam, of Fen Drayton. The Secretary, Mr. Canham, announced that the last meeting for the session would be held on May 5th, when a lady speaker is expected.

PARISH MEETING. 19th April 1929

Only the Chairman of the Parish Council, one Parish Councillor and one parochial elector, with the Clerk of the Parish Council, were present at the Annual Parish Meeting which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. The business consisted solely of the reading of the audited parochial accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1928, and of the accounts of Galon's Charity.

THE SUMMER FETE. 19th April 1929

A well attended meeting was held at the school on Monday evening to make arrangements for the proposed fete in aid of the Church Roof Repair Fund in July, which, as usual, is to be a fancy dress affair, with a procession from the school, the costumes this year representing advertisements. A large number of new attractions have been arranged, as well as the usual features, which include theatricals and dancing. Tickets will be sold beforehand, with a lucky number carrying a handsome prize.

FLAG DAY. 19th April 1929

The flag day in aid of the Railway Benevolent Institution, which was held in Swavesey and Over on Saturday, resulted in £2 11s. being collected. Mr. H. W. Whitehead, stationmaster, was the local organiser, and Misses K. Carrier and F. Whybrow, both railwaymen's daughters, the collectors.

DEATH OF MR. C. BURTON. 19th April 1929

We have to record the death, at the age of 78, of Mr. Charles Burton, who passed away at the Priory Nursing Home, Cambridge, on Monday evening. Mr. Burton was a native of Over, but for some time had resided with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Burton, at Swavesey. For several years he had been suffering from a very painful ailment.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th April 1929

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, C. H. Parish, P. Parish and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Mr. Cole having been re-elected Chairman and Mr. C. H. Parish Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, Mr. F. Hephher reported that Messrs. Mitham and Sons, whom he had interviewed by direction of the Council with the view of obtaining a reduction in their estimate for erecting a convenience on the Recreation Ground, would do the work for £4 4s. provided they were allowed to use deal posts instead of oak. Since the last meeting of the Council another tender had been received from Messrs. George Mitham and Sons, who would construct the convenience with five sheets of corrugated iron and oak posts at a cost of £2 7s. 6d. It was decided to accept Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons' tender, and Messrs. P. Burton and F. Hephher were appointed to superintend the carrying out of the work. Only one tender was received for the first collection of unburnable rubbish in the village, viz. From Mr. P. Godfrey for £4. The tender was unanimously accepted. A letter was read from Mr. C. S. Hephher complaining of the condition of the pond in Market-street opposite his house, and suggesting that it should be filled in as it was dangerous to health. Councillors pointed out that the authority of a Parish Meeting would have to be obtained before the pond could be filled in, and further that one or more drains emptied into the pond. The question of cleaning out the pond was discussed, but it was generally admitted that this would not effectively abate the nuisance. It was eventually agreed that a Parish Meeting should be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 24th April, at 7.30 p.m., to decide what steps should be taken in the matter. A letter was also received from the Hospital Parade Committee inviting the Council to take part in the parade and meeting on Feast Sunday,

and the Clerk was instructed to reply as many of the Councillors as possible would attend.

A KITCHENER SCHOLAR. 26th April 1929

In the list of scholarship awards made by the Council of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund, which was issued on Tuesday, the name of Mr. F. C. Wood (Cambridge and County High School for Boys) appears. Mr. F. C. Wood, who is the eldest son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey School, also recently won a scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge.

IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING. 26th April 1929

Between 40 and 50 parochial electors attended the parish meeting on Wednesday evening, which had been called to decide what steps should be taken with regard to the pond in Market-street, respecting which the Parish Council had received a letter of complaint. In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, Mr. C. H. Parish was elected chairman of the meeting, on the proposition of Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis, seconded by Mr. J. Linford. The clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) read the letter from Mr. C. S. Hephher, who complained that the pond, which was close to his house, in its present condition, was a serious menace to health, and suggested that it should be filled up. This the Parish Council could not do without the authority of a parish meeting. In course of the discussion that followed, Mr. J. T. Daintree said he passed by the pond several times a day, but had never noticed any objectionable odours. Mr. C. Wood raised the question whether any sanitary drain emptied into the pond, and Mr. C. S. Hephher said he found he was mistaken in suggesting that any did. Dr. Ellis thought that before anything was done it should be ascertained whether any sewage entered the pond. The nuisance, he thought, was mainly caused by cows entering the pond and stirring up the mud. The local representative on the District Council, however, did not look after the interests of the parish, and it was undoubtedly true that cases of fever had been due to smells arising from ponds and drains. Dr. Ellis concluded by stating that the District Council had given much trouble to the County Council in regard to sanitary matters. Mr. Wood agreed that the sanitary authority had not done their duty, instancing the neglect of the sewer running from High-street to the Church Bridge. The Chairman remarked that the sewer had not a proper outfall. Mr. D. Williams was of opinion that if the pond was filled up, water would accumulate elsewhere in Market-street, and would cause a still greater nuisance. Mr. C. S. Hephher suggested that it would cost more to put the pond in order than to fill it up, and he handed the Chairman a petition from residents of Market-street asking that the pond should be done away with. The

discussion was continued by Mr. J. T. Daintree, Mr. J. Linford, Mr. J. Trundley and Mr. J. Kester, and eventually Mr. C. Wood, after observing that the parish sooner or later would be faced with a very expensive scheme of drainage, but that the evil day might be postponed for some years if the local sanitary authority only did their duty, moved the following resolution: "That the Sanitary Authority for the district be written to from the Parish Meeting and asked to thoroughly examine the Market-street drain and the other drains under their charge, and put them in order, so that the Parish Meeting might be in a position to consider and decide what steps should be taken with regard to the Market-street pond." Dr. Ellis seconded. The resolution was carried unanimously. It was noticed that neither of the local District Councillors attended the meeting.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 3rd May 1929

Estimates for Next Six Months Approved.

WASTAGE OF WATER.

Mr. J. Frohock presided at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives Workhouse on Friday, the other members present being Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), A. Day, R. Norman, W. I. Hemington, R. Mailer, J. Scambler and F. Stanton.

It was agreed that the whole Council should act as the Finance Committee, and also, with the exception of the Chairman and Mr. Mailer, as the Rating Committee.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which showed that the estimated expenditure for the half year ending September 30th next was as follows: Wages, £468; materials and carting £767; steam rolling, £40; salaries, £130; establishment and other charges, £65; housing (assisted scheme), £30; housing (other schemes), £28; valuation expenses, £10; compensation, £10. To allow for Treasurer's balance £300, total estimated expenditure, £1,986. Estimated balance at March 31st last, £450; to be received from Ministry of Transport, £200; Agricultural Rates grant £106; amount required, £1,230. Agricultural Rates additional grant, £280. Amount required from rates £950, which is slightly more than a rate of 2s. 3d. in the £.

The report was approved.

WATER WASTAGE.

A wastage of water being reported at Swavesey, the matter was referred to a committee consisting of the Swavesey representatives (Messrs. Day and Norman), the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Stanton.

DAMAGE BY STEAM ROLLER.

Mr. Day said that in consequence of a drain in Swavesey High-street having been broken by a County Council steam roller, a cellar had been flooded, and he asked if it was possible to get any redress from the County Council? He added that they had diphtheria rather seriously in the village, and that Dr. Robinson, County Medical Officer, had paid them a visit.

It was decided to request the Cambs. County Council to make a good surface road.

ILLNESS IN SWAVESEY.

Mr. Day asked whether there were any fresh cases of diphtheria at Swavesey.

Mr. Reynolds (Sanitary Inspector): I am afraid it is a big job. We had three fresh cases last week.

The Vice-Chairman: They are all of a mild type, are they not?

Mr. Reynolds: Yes, but I don't know what one case will be.

SWAVESEY DRAINS.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Swavesey Parish Council enclosing a copy of a resolution passed unanimously at a specially called parish meeting held on April 24th, in which the District Council were asked to thoroughly examine the drains in Market-street, Swavesey, and other drains in the parish and have them put in order.

The matter was left in the hands of the Swavesey representatives and the Sanitary Inspector to inspect and report.

FUNERAL. 3rd May 1929

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Willson, wife of Mr. Charles Willson, jun., of Orton Longueville, Hunts., and second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Garner, Swavesey, who died after a short illness on April 22nd, aged 56 years, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Thursday afternoon in last week. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Vicar, officiated. The mourners included: Mr. C. Willson (husband), Miss F. Garner (sister), Mrs. Ringrow (sister-in-law), Mrs. W. J. Hepher and Miss Ethel Garner (cousins).

PARISH CHURCH. 10th May 1929

In the absence of the Vicar, who was taking duty at Knapwell, the Rev. R. P. Moline, rector of Cottenham, officiated at Evensong at the parish church on Sunday, and also preached. Next Sunday (Feast Sunday) the special preacher will be the Rev. F. H. C. Poffley, S.P.G. secretary for East Anglia, and the collections, in accordance with custom, will be devoted to the National School.

LABOUR MEETING. 10th May 1929

The first of the meetings in Swavesey in connection with the forthcoming General Election was that held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening in support of Mr. G. T. Garratt, the Labour candidate for the county. Mr. A. P. Payne presided, and in addition to Mr. Garratt, who had to leave early in order to attend a meeting at Willingham, the speakers included Mrs. Pease, Mr. Barber and Mr. S. Dye.

THE FEAST. 10th May 1929

That hardy annual, the village feast, will be held next week. On Sunday afternoon the parade and meeting in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which, successfully instituted last year, is likely to become an annual event, will take place. The procession, accompanied by the Cottenham Salvation Army and St. Ives Town Prize Band, will leave Boxworth End at 2 p.m., and after perambulating the village, is timed to reach the Recreation Ground at 3 p.m. Here the meeting will be held, at which Mr. W.H. Head (Secretary-Superintendent) will explain the advantages and needs of the Hospital. Other speakers will give addresses, and the bands will play selections at intervals. At 7.45 p.m. the St. Ives Town Band will give a concert. In the event of inclement weather, the proceedings will take place in the Memorial Hall. Other feast attractions include three cricket matches, viz., with Over tomorrow (Saturday), Lolworth on Monday (both Milton League fixtures), and a friendly game with Boxworth on Tuesday. A dance in the Memorial Hall is announced for Tuesday evening, and a whist drive, the proceeds from which will be devoted to Addenbrooke's, on Thursday.

PARISH CHURCH. 17th May 1929

The Rev. F. C. H. Poffley, S.P.G. Secretary for East Anglia, was the special preacher at morning and evening services at the parish church on Sunday, when, as has been the custom on Feast Sunday for many years, the collections, which amounted to £4, were in aid of Swavesey National School. The music at evensong included: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and anthem, "The Lord is exalted" (John E. West).

THE FEAST. 17th May 1929

This year's feast cannot be described as having been an outstanding success, as the attendances of both visitors and feast folk has been considerably below the average, but for this the unsettled weather was probably to a great extent responsible. Three of the four cricket matches that have been played have been won by the Swavesey teams. The dance in the Memorial Hall on

Tuesday evening, for which the St. Ives Aladdin Band provided the music, attracted a large company.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 17th May 1929

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society was held on Friday evening, the President (Councillor R. Mailer) occupying the chair, supported by Mr. A. Day, jun. (treasurer), Mr. C. Wood (hon. secretary), Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis (vice-president), Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Agricultural Organiser) and Mr. R. Sayce (County Agricultural Adviser). The accounts for the 1928-29 session, which showed a balance in hand of 13s., having been passed, it was agreed that the summer outing, in conjunction with the Fulbourn Society, should take place on June 20th, or July 2nd, when farms in the Spalding district would be visited.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 17th May 1929

Notwithstanding the rainy day, Swavesey's second annual parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital took place on Sunday as arranged, but the meeting in the afternoon and the concert in the evening were held in the Memorial Hall instead of on the Recreation Ground. The procession, admirably marshalled by Mr. R. Barwell, started from Boxworth End. At the head were the Secretary of the Organising Committee (Mr. W. H. Whitehead) and P.C. Brooks. Then followed the Cottenham Salvation Army Band, members of the committee, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), C. Dean, W. Twist and P. Godfrey (clerk) (representing the Parish Council); Mr. R. Mailer (County and Rural District Councillor), who were succeeded by V.A.D's, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, and a hospital tableau waggon with nurses and a patient. Then in succession came members of the Swavesey Brotherhood and Sisterhood (with banner), B.W.T.A. (with banner), and Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund banner. The St. Ives Town Band (Bandmaster F. Searle) preceded a detachment of the local branch of the British legion, representatives of the Women's Institute, Horticultural Society, Hockey and Football Clubs. The banner of the National Deposit Friendly Society and a waggon load of Sunday-School children brought up the rear. The procession made its way with two or three short halts to the Swan pond at Church End, and thence back to the Memorial Hall, collectors being busily engaged en route. The Memorial Hall was packed for the meeting, at which the Rev. T. B. Field presided. The proceedings opened with the recitation by the audience of the Lord's Prayer, after which the St. Ives Band played a selection. The Chairman then called upon Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent of Addenbrooke's) who, in an address on the work and needs of the hospital

stated that during 1928 3,836 in-patients and 11,806 out-patients had been admitted, against 3,102 in-patients and 10,979 out-patients in 1927, the previous highest record; that the ordinary income of the hospital, including legacies, last year amounted to £28, 359 and the ordinary expenditure to £29,016, leaving a deficiency of £657; and that the cost of each in-patient was £6 12s 1½d., as compared with £7 14s. 0¼d. in 1927. He added that the cost per week of each in-patient had been £3 12s. 5d., and of each out-patient 6s. 5¼d., against £2 16s. 3½d. and 6s. 5¾d. respectively in the previous year, and that the total number of out-patient attendances had been 55,618 as compared with 50,220 in 1927, the cost per attendance having been 1s. 1½d. against 1s. 5d. During the twelve months ended 31st Dec. last, 33 in-patients and 46 out-patients from Swavesey had been treated at a cost of £269 1s. 3½d. The other speakers included Mr. H. Smith (Willingham), Mr. Gifford (Cottenham), Mr. George Hart (Willingham), the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) and Dr. Fraser. Mr. Smith made his customary appeal for £1 and 10s. notes, and managed to rake in £15, which Mr. Gifford succeeded in increasing to £25 4s. 6d. by means of an urgent appeal for shillings, or, if desired, larger silver coins. A box collection was also taken in the Hall. After the speeches the Cottenham Band played a selection, and the Chairman thanked Mr. Head and the other speakers for their addresses and support, the proceedings concluding with the National Anthem. The Hall was again crowded to its fullest capacity for the concert after the church and chapel services in the evening.

LIBERAL MEETING. 24th May 1929

Mr. J. W. Payne, Liberal candidate for the county, addressed a meeting of electors, held in the National School on Thursday evening in last week. Mr. Jabez Day, who occupied the chair, and Mr. J. H. Knightley, of Histon, also spoke.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 24th May 1929

A donation of ten shillings from the proceeds of a collection in aid of local charities made at a cricket match played at Fenstanton on Whitsun Monday, between Mr. Sidney Pratt's XI and Mr. F. S. Salter's local XI, has been forwarded to the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 24th May 1929

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, Miss Barwell gave an account of the Federation meeting in London, which she attended as the Swavesey delegate. After this instruction in community singing was given by Mr. C. Milner, of Cottenham. A hat

trimming was won by Mrs. Carrier, and a musical parcel by Miss Doris Hephher.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 24th May 1929

The excellent congregations which attended the anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Tuesday included visitors from Cambridge, St. Ives, Godmanchester, Dunstable, Blunham and Southill (Beds.) as well as from Over, Longstanton, Oakington and other neighbouring villages. The special preacher in the afternoon and evening was Mr. Seth Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a well-attended tea. The collections, which were devoted to the Chapel funds, were very satisfactory.

HOSPITAL PARADE: RESULT. 24th May 1929

Including the proceeds from the Cinema entertainment generously given by Mr. Cecil Symonds, of Over, at the Memorial on Friday (£6), and from the whist drive and prize draw, which took place the previous evening, the total sum raised for Addenbrooke's Hospital by the Sunday Parade Committee this year amounts to £113, £45 more than in May, 1928. The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive: Ladies – Mrs. J. Culpin (Fen Drayton), Mrs. Whybrow (Willingham), Miss D. Richardson (Elsworth), booby Mrs. Wayman (Elsworth); gentlemen – Mr. E. J. Warboys (Fen Drayton), Mr. A. J. Thoday, Mr. E. Burton (Over), booby Mr. C. S. Hephher. Twenty-six tables were in play. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

PERSONAL. 31st May 1929

Mr. Arthur Beaumont, M.A., youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who for over 40 years was the greatly respected headmaster of Swavesey National School, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Blackburn at Blackburn parish church on Trinity Sunday, and also licensed to the curacy of St. Silas', Blackburn. He was educated at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 31st May 1929

At the final meeting of the Hospital Parade Committee, held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, votes of thanks were passed to the Memorial Hall Committee for granting the free use of the hall for meetings, etc.; to the Cottenham Salvation Army and St. Ives Town Prize Bands for their services; to Messrs. H. Smith (Willingham), Gifford (Cottenham), and G. Hart (Willingham), for their valuable and greatly appreciated assistance; and to the Rev. T. B. Field for presiding at the meetings on the day of the parade.

POLITICAL MEETINGS. 31st May 1929

Capt. Briscoe, Conservative candidate, addressed a meeting of electors at the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening in last week, and Mr. G. T. Garratt, Labour candidate, on Tuesday evening. Both meetings were well-attended, and the candidates were called to reply to numerous questions, some of which might not inaptly be described as quaint.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 31st May 1929

Mr. J. Frohock presided at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives on Friday. The other members present were: Messrs. A. Day, R. Mailer, R. Norman, J. Scambler, W. I. Hemington, and F. Johnson. A letter was received from the Cambs. County Council stating that they would waive the usual charge for opening the drain in High-street, Swavesey, and would make the final reinstatement.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 7th June 1929

The name of Mr. Cecil Symonds, of Over, should have been included in the list of persons to whom votes of thanks were accorded at the final meeting of the Hospital Parade Committee. The cinema entertainment he so generously gave at the Memorial Hall resulted in the welcome addition to the funds of £6.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A DOG. 7th June 1929

When returning home from school on Friday afternoon, Beryl Clarke, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. A. E. Clarke, chief clerk at Swavesey railway station, was met by her mother with whom was an Airedale dog, which playfully jumped up at the child and knocked her over. She fell on the side of her head, and when picked up was found to be unconscious. She was taken home, and Dr. Fraser, who was called in, advised her immediate removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where she was detained. On the following day the child had recovered sufficiently to allow of her return home, and it is understood she is progressing satisfactorily.

SWIMMING CLUB. 7th June 1929

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Institute Swimming Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, it was reported by the secretary that a large and serviceable shed had been erected near the diving board, for the use of ladies when bathing, at a cost approximately of £4, by Messrs. K. Williams, H. Bridgeford and F. F. Norman in their spare time, and it was hoped that more ladies would join the club to show their appreciation of this convenience.

Officers for 1929 were elected as follows: President, Rev. C. F. Stebbing; vice-presidents, Capt. Briscoe, M.P., Dr. Fraser, Rev. T. B. Field, Mrs. J. Norman, Messrs. F. Stanton, C. S. Hephner, R. Mailer, A. R. Norman (Carshalton), A. Beales, H. Whitehead, R. Williamson, Ben Thorp, A. L. Parish, J. Mustill and M. Proctor; chairman, Mr. F. F. Norman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Aldred; committee, Misses M. Mustill, S. Daintree and P. Willson, Messrs. H. Bridgeford, L. Day, K. Williams, J. Prewer, E. Parish and J. Sutton. It was decided to affiliate the club with the Royal Life Saving Society. A new spring diving board will, it is hoped, be erected in the near future.

MYSTERIOUS LADY VOTERS. 7th June 1929

On Thursday evening last week, when electors, who had not recorded their votes earlier in the day, were hurrying to the polling station, two mysterious ladies appeared in the streets of the village. People wondered who they were and what might be their business. They were seen to enter the school where voting was taking place, and after an interval to come out, and then they vanished as mysteriously as they had appeared. Some people said they were gypsies, but all agreed that they could not be flappers, for their skirts reached to their ankles, which the frocks of flappers do not, and if they wore silk stockings they were not visible to the naked eye, an essential in the year A.D. 1929. Moreover, their boots were of the substantial order, and in marked contrast to the dainty high-heeled shoes ladies wear to-day. In short, their dress, hats included (marvellous "confections"), was that in vogue in the early years of the present century. It subsequently transpired that the mysterious females were two young ladies of the village masquerading as Suffragettes, but whether they contemplated a demonstration in favour of the abolition of any age-limit for voters, or had merely perambulated the streets with the laudable desire of relieving the deadly tedium of the long-drawn-out polling day, is not known. If the former, their hearts probably failed them at the crucial moment.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th June 1929

Good congregations, including visitors from Chatteris, St. Ives, Over, Willingham, Girton, Longstanton, Fen Drayton, Needingworth and other neighbouring villages, attended the services in connection with the 89th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church on June 6th, when the special preacher was the Rev. W. K. Bryce, R.L.S., of St. Albans.

WHIST DRIVE. 14th June 1929

Owing to the wet evening the whist drive in aid of the funds of the Swavesey Orchestral Society on Wednesday was held in the Vicarage instead of in the garden, as arranged. Six and a half tables were in play, and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. C. Dean, Miss C. Thorp; gentlemen – the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Mr. W. D. Isgrove; consolation, Mrs. E. J. Mitham. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th June 1929

There was a large attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Routine business having been disposed of, a demonstration of shell work was given, after which refreshments were served. A move was then made to Mr. Barwell's garden at the Old House, where folk dancing took place on the lawn with Mrs. J. Coulson acting as M.C., and Mr. Kester, of Boxworth, and his accordion providing the music. A wild flower competition was won by Miss K. Banks.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS. 21st June 1929

Phyllis Ivett, of Fen Drayton, and Hilda Marion Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Parish, of Swavesey, pupils at Swavesey National School, have been awarded County Minor Scholarships tenable at the Cambridge and County School for Girls.

DEATH OF MR. J. MOYNE. 21st June 1929

Many of our readers, not only in the immediate neighbourhood of Swavesey, but also in Cambridge, will regret to learn that Mr. James Moyne, of the White Horse Inn, passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital between 10 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday, aged 71 years. He had been suffering for some months from a very painful ailment, borne with great courage and patience, but it had only been found necessary to remove him to Addenbrooke's on June 11th, a week previous to his death. Mr. Moyne, who is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, resided in Cambridge for twenty years prior to his going to Swavesey at Christmas 1925.

S.S. ANNIVERSARY. 21st June 1929

Bethel Sunday School anniversary was held on Sunday last, the Rev. Whitbourn, of Fenstanton, conducting the morning service, the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, officiating in the evening. Special hymns were sung by the scholars, who had been trained by Mr. J. W. Williams and Mr. Canham. George Laverack accompanied the singing with his violin. Mr. Whitbourn also gave an address in the afternoon, when some of the children gave recitations and

sang a chorus. The certificates awarded by the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union were distributed to successful candidates in the Scripture examination, who also received prizes kindly given by Mr. G. Carter, and certificates were presented to scholars who had collected money for the Native Preachers of the B.M.S. The collections throughout the day, which amounted to £5 8s. 2½d., were for the School Funds.

THE LATE MR. E. J. LINFORD. 21st June 1929

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death on June 13th at the age of 74 of Mr. Edward Joseph Linford. He had been ill for eight years, bedridden for 18 months, and blind for the last five years. He was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Linford, of Lolworth, where his younger days were spent, but he had lived in Swavesey for many years. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the parish church, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linford (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Laura Linford (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. William Linford (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peppercorn, Mr. and Mrs. William Peppercorn (nephews and nieces). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

THE VERSATILES. 21st June 1929

The Memorial Hall was filled with a thoroughly appreciative audience on Thursday evening in last week, when "The Versatiles," the well-known Cambridge entertainers, paid their first visit to Swavesey, and gave their excellent performance of "Song, laughter and dance," in aid of the local branch of the British Legion. The programme, which went with a swing from start to finish, every item being heartily applauded, included an opening chorus, concerted pieces and an entertainment at the piano by the ever-popular Miss Mabs Brinkley, who was not a stranger to a Swavesey audience. There were also recitations and a marionette entertainment. In conclusion the party sang "Keep on Smiling," an injunction the audience obeyed, for they went home happy having greatly enjoyed the evening's entertainment. The organisers were also smiling, as the visit of The Versatiles had been an undoubted financial success. (Full programme in newspaper).

GARDEN FETE AT SWAVESEY. 21st June 1929

Annual Effort for Nursing Association.

The annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which was held on the 13th inst. in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, resulted, with donations,

in a net profit to the Association of £40 7s. 10d. Although this sum is rather smaller than that obtained in some previous years, it must be regarded as satisfactory, considering the number of other fetes, entertainments, etc., which just now are making big demands on the loose coin in people's pockets.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. Ellis Long, of Linton, and late of Lolworth, who in a short, but graceful, speech, spoke of the pleasure it gave her to meet once again so many of those with whom she had been associated when Commandant of the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital during the war. Mrs. Long, at the close of her speech, was presented by Joan Wilderspin with a bouquet given by Mrs. C. S. Hepher.

(List of stalls and competitions in newspaper).

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Special features of the fete were an entertainment by the children, and a baby show, an annual event. Unfortunately that part of the former which should have been provided by Swavesey children could not be given owing to the small girl who was taking the leading part being indisposed, but the children from Over Church School, who had been most admirably trained by Miss Hurrell, gave a capital display of country dances, followed by an excellent performance of a fairy scene from "Midsummer Night's Dream."

THE BABY SHOW.

The baby show, limited to infants born in the parishes of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton, was under the management of Nurse Cottrell. Dr. F. Robinson, county medical officer, and Miss Richards, of Cambridge, were the judges, and their awards were as follows:

Class 1 (1 to 12 months) – 1. Michael Saxby, Fen Drayton; 2 Eric Spence, Over; 3 Harold J. Prime, Swavesey

Class 2 (over 12 months) - 1 Ernest V. E. Smart, Swavesey; 2 Lilian N. Hemington, Over; 3 Reginald Cook, Over; 4 James Peter Leggatt, Over. Certificates were also awarded to the prizewinners and to Jean D. Hepher, Swavesey; John Whybrow, Over; Letitia Thomas, Swavesey; and Raymond Cook, Over.

(Winners of other competitions in newspaper).

AN AIRMAN IN EMBRYO. 28th June 1929

Stanley Wood, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood, School House, Swavesey, a pupil at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys, has received official notification that he was placed 92nd in the list of 152 candidates, who succeeded in passing the recent open examination for aircraft apprentices. Two hundred and seventy-four candidates sat for the examination.

THE LATE MR. J. MOYNE. 28th June 1929

The funeral of Mr. James Moyne, of the White Horse Inn, whose death, at the age of 71 years on the 18th inst. was reported last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth Moyne (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moyne (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. H. H. Moyne (son), Mrs. J. Westwood (sister-in-law). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 28th June 1929

Delegation of Road Powers Not Required.

The monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives Poor Law Institution on Friday, when there were present: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, R. Mailer, F. Stanton, and R. Norman.

The Cambridge Corporation wrote stating that they were unable to decrease the cost of the maintenance of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

It was decided that no application should be made for the delegation to the Council of road powers, it being agreed that it was desirable the County Council should take over the roads.

HOUSING SUBSIDIES.

Mr. C. Cole applied for a subsidy in respect of two cottages to be erected at Swavesey.

The Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day) reported that the work had been commenced before the plans were submitted, and the Council agreed that unless plans were submitted in such cases before building operations were begun, application for subsidies would be turned down.

PLUNDERING CROWS. 5th July 1929

Serious damage is being done by crows to the peas, broad beans, and even potatoes, in the Swavesey allotments.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 5th July 1929

About a dozen members of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, with their president (Councillor R. Mailer) and Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis (vice-president) paid a visit on Tuesday, in conjunction with the Fulbourn Agricultural Discussion Society, to farms in the Spalding and Boston districts of Lincolnshire. The party, which numbered about 50 in all, was accompanied

by Mr. J. C. Leslie (County Agricultural Organiser) and Mr. R. Sayce (County Agricultural Adviser). A very pleasant and profitable day was spent.

OBITUARY. 12th July 1929

MISS E. WILLSON, OF SWAVESEY.

The news that Miss Edith Willson, younger daughter of Mr. Charles Willson, of Swavesey and the late Mrs. Willson, had passed away at a nursing home in Cambridge early on Friday morning came as a great shock to the people of the village. Her health had been failing for some time, but it was only recently that she was confined to bed, and here condition gave cause for serious anxiety. On Saturday, June 29th, she was removed to the nursing home and after a few days the end came. She was 47 years of age.

Miss Willson, with her father and mother, went to Swavesey from Hilton Hunts, about 30 years ago, and ever since devoted her life to the care of her father. Although she never took an active part in the parochial and social happenings of the village, her quiet, retiring and unselfish disposition and her kindly smile endeared her to a host of friends, as was evidenced by the large attendance at the funeral which took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Monday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, the latter saying the prayers of committal at the grave in the churchyard.

The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. J. Ringrow, Broughton, Hunts. (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. C. Willson, jun., Peterborough (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Flitton, Cambridge (cousins).

There were several beautiful wreaths.

Mr. H. Lambert, Newnham, Cambridge, carried out the funeral arrangements.

SWAVESEY CHURCH FETE. 12th July 1929

Successful Effort to Aid Church Repair Fund.

In beautiful summer weather, and in the beautiful gardens of Swavesey Vicarage, the annual fete in aid of the church funds, which was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon and evening, was a great success. The sum of £1,530 is needed to repair the church, and £1,000 has already been raised. This fete, which attracted a large crowd, should help very materially to provide the remainder.

The Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), in a few remarks, referred to the willing help which had been forthcoming from the number of workers, not only that day, but in the days of preparation. He thanked them very much, and said that he recognised all their efforts and enthusiasms. Mr. Marks, of Leicester, who was to open the fete, was very well known in Swavesey and the surrounding

villages as a fruit merchant. They were very grateful to him for coming, because he had given up a lot of his valuable time to come and give them some encouragement.

Mr. A. Marks spoke of the pleasure it gave his wife and himself to be present. Continuing, he said that he had just looked over the church. Although he had been there many years before he had never had the opportunity of seeing it before. He noticed that the roof was in a very bad state of repair, and the vicar had told him that they needed something like £1,530 to repair the roof and the bells. He also knew that they had something like £1,000 towards that sum. He could speak with knowledge when he said that the fruit season had been a bad one up to the present, but he trusted that everyone would spend as much as they could at this fete. He had already promised £10 10s. towards the effort, and he did not need any thanks, because he knew that these churches needed a lot of keeping up.

Their best thanks were due to the church workers, who all the year round got funds together for the church functions.

In declaring the fete open, he wished it every success.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Marks, and Mr. Marks briefly returned thanks on her behalf.

A fancy dress procession of costumes, representing advertisement, was held, and a large number, including many original dresses, entered. Besides the usual stalls and side-shows, which claimed a lot of attention, there was a performance of "The Crimson Cocoanut." (List of those taking part in newspaper). Later in the evening there was dancing, the music being supplied by the St. Ives Band, who also rendered selections during the afternoon.

(List of stallholders, stalls and competitions in newspaper).

Results of fancy dress:

Infants – J. Mitham (Oxo), 2 J. Hemington (Lyons Custard), 3 Joan Hephher (Kiaora Lemonade), 4 Lily Hephher (Wincarnis).

Adults – Miss Daintree and Miss Williamson (Bob and Nippy), 2 Miss K. Banks (Lyons Cocoa), 3 Miss Mustill (Ceylinde Tea).

BOYS' BRIGADE 12th July 1929

The 1st Swavesey Boys' Brigade on Friday evening were inspected and addressed by Capt. Baker, inspecting officer of the Boys' Brigade East Anglian Council, who complimented the company upon its efficiency and smartness. Capt. T. B. Field moved, and Lieut. S. Wright seconded, a vote of thanks and appreciation, which all present heartily supported.

REV. T. B. FIELD'S JUBILEE. 12th July 1929

On Sunday, June 30th, the Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., who has been pastor of Bethel Baptist Church for nearly four years, completed 50 years of ministerial work, having commenced at Askwater, Devon, on July 1st, 1879, and since has laboured in Devon, Somerset, Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire and London. Mr. Field was educated at Bloomsbury High School and Spurgeon's College, and some years since was elected a member of the Royal Society of Literature. Among denomination's leaders who have sent congratulations are Doctors Fullerton, Carey, Bonner, Revs. R. C. Griffin (area superintendent) and S. W. Hughes, D.D. The public celebration is fixed for Sept. 26th, at Bethel Baptist Church.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES. 12th July 1929

The special collects of thanksgiving for the King's recovery were said at all the services at the parish church on Sunday, and in the evening the Vicar preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. At matins the Old Hundredth was sung, and at evensong the music included festal responses, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bunnett), the hymns "Praise, my soul," "Before Jehovah's awful throne," "Glorious things of thee are spoken" and "Now thank we all our God" (recessional), and the National Anthem sung after the Blessing. The bells were rung before the mid-day and evening services – At Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday morning, in common with all Christian churches, thanks to God were given for the King's recovery. The two hymns selected by his Majesty were sung, and the Pastor made feeling reference to both the King and Queen, and in the name of the congregation hoped they would be spared many years to adorn the high positions they hold.

CONDITION OF MARKET STREET. 12th July 1929

A correspondent writes: At a specially summoned parish meeting on 24th April, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the Sanitary Authority for the district be written to from the Parish Meeting, and asked to thoroughly examine the Market-street drain and the other drains under their charge, and put them in order, so that the Parish Meeting might be in a position to consider and decide what steps should be taken with regard to the Market-street pond." That resolution was brought before the District Council at their meeting on April 26th, and according to the report of the proceedings, which appeared in the "Press and News" on May 3rd, "the matter was left in the hands of the Swavesey representatives and the Sanitary Inspector to inspect and report." Parishioners are anxious to know whether the inspection has been made, whether the District Council have received a report, and what

steps the Council are taking, or propose to take, in the matter. If, however, no report has yet been made, we should like to know the reason for the delay.

SWAVESEY MAN IN U.S.A. 19th July 1929

An interesting letter from a Swavesey man in the United States of America will be found on page 4, under the heading "Mystery Photograph."

NATIONAL SCHOOL. 19th July 1929

John Mitham, elder son of Mr. E. J. Mitham, a pupil at Swavesey National School, has been awarded a County Scholarship tenable at the School of Arts and Crafts, Cambridge.

AN ECCENTRIC HEN. 19th July 1929

While a cart laden with "dragging" was being taken along High-street on Tuesday, it was noticed that a hen was perched on the top of the load. It was subsequently discovered that the hen had laid an egg during the journey.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th July 1929

One of the attractions at the social gathering, which was held on Tuesday afternoon and evening on Dr. Fraser's lawn, in aid of the funds of the local Women's Institute, was a whist drive, the prizes being won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. G. E. Canham, booby, Miss D. Godfrey; gentlemen – Mr. S. Clark, Mrs. Gamble, booby Mrs. Murray. Mr. E. Williams acted as M.C.

ACCIDENT TO LITTLE CHILD. 19th July 1929

Johnnie Wilderspin, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilderspin, who with other children was running out of Mrs. Nicholson's yard at the junction of Taylors'-lane and the main street, was knocked over by a passing motor car on Monday afternoon. Fortunately the car was going slowly at the time, and the driver was able to pull up immediately. On the child being taken to his home close by, it was found that no bones had been broken, but that he had been badly bruised.

FETE FOR THE CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 19th July 1929

The following were the prizewinners of competitions, etc., at the fete held in the Vicarage grounds in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund a report of which appeared in our last issue: Clock golf, Dr. Fraser, Mr. Nightingale; treasure hunt, Mr. Barwell, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Ladd and Mr. P. Banks; mystery parcel, Mr. C. S. Hepher; length of cucumber, Mr. Alfred Hawkes;

pins on pincushion, Mrs. Nightingale; number of biscuits in tin, Mrs. Asplin; post office, Miss M. Munro, Mrs. S. Carrier, Mrs. A. Hall, Mrs. A. Daintree; "Lobby Lud," P.C. Brooks; date of coin in cake, Miss M. Fraser; lucky entrance ticket (dinner service), Miss L. Coates; lucky number (tea service), Mrs. E. J. Mitham. The gross takings of the day's effort amounted to £100, and the net profit to the Repair Fund to £91 19s.

WORKERS' HOSPITAL FUND. 19th July 1929

Following their very successful parade on Feast Sunday, the Swavesey Hospital Parade Committee have under consideration the formation of a village centre of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund. The committee trust that with the help of the Hospital enthusiasts of the district this will materialise, and so give a lead which many other villages will follow. At the last monthly meeting of the general committee of the fund, the Hon. Treasurer presented a healthy financial statement, and said that eight new centres had been established since the meeting, viz.: Isle of Ely Constabulary; Ivett and Read, Newmarket-road; Morley and Duke, 46, King-street; A. R. Nichols and Son, Petty-cury; Stevens Brother, Cherryhinton; Tomas and Edge, Totalisator Buildings, Newmarket; S. H. Wakefield, Sawston; Woolworth and Co., Ltd., Newmarket. Sixteen subscribers or their dependents had been sent to Convalescent Homes and thirteen financial grants made towards surgical appliances, etc.

CAMBRIDGE AUCTIONEER'S CLAIM. 19th July 1929

"Settlement in Full" Plea Fails.

REFUSAL TO "PAY AGAIN."

An order for payment in 14 days was made by his Honour Judge Farrant at Cambridge County Court on Wednesday, after a defendant, whose plea of "settlement in full" had failed, had refused to "pay again," and declared that he would rather go to prison.

The plaintiffs were Messrs. A. T. Grain and Son, auctioneers and valuers, Rose-crescent, Cambridge, who claimed £15 3s. for professional services and travelling expenses from D. W., of Swavesey.

Mr. Grafton Pryor, instructed by Mr. S. J. Peters, appeared for the plaintiff, and stated that the claim was for professional services rendered by Messrs. Grain for inspecting certain fields of pasture and arable land at Swavesey in May, 1923, and for other professional services in connection with a case at Suffolk Assizes. Defendant, Mr. Pryor explained, was involved in a civil action at Suffolk Assizes in 1923, and through his solicitors, Messrs. W. J. and J. G. Taylor, he employed the plaintiffs, and the present claim was for fees

arising out of that action. In October, 1923, Messrs. Taylor rendered defendant an account of £103 4s. 4d., but that did not include plaintiff's fees. He understood that Messrs. Taylor reduced their claim and accepted £85 in full settlement of their account without prejudice to the plaintiff's claim.

Mr. John Goodchild Taylor, partner of the firm of W. J. and J. G. Taylor, of Cambridge and Newmarket, said plaintiffs' claim was quite in order, and was not included in Messrs. Taylor's account.

Defendant said he did not employ Messrs. Grain at all – he employed Messrs. Taylor.

Mr. Allan Bailey Mills, accountant in the employ of Messrs. Grain, said the amount of £15 3s. 2d. was due from the defendant, and the account had been sent to defendant on numerous occasions, and defendant had never disputed it until proceedings were commenced. Plaintiffs' instructions were originally received from Messrs. Taylor, but W. himself conducted Mr. Grain over the fields.

Defendant said that when he paid Messrs. Taylor's account he asked if everything connected with the case was on the bill, and Mr. Taylor replied "Yes." Witness said he wanted to settle everything, and would give them a cheque for £80 in full settlement. Mr. Taylor refused this, but eventually agreed to accept a cheque for £85 in full settlement of everything.

His Honour looked at the receipted bill, and pointed out that the receipt was in respect of the "above bill of costs." It referred specifically to the bill of costs.

Defendant said that should include everything connected with the case. He asked Mr. Taylor, "Does that settle everything?" and he replied "Yes."

Witness did not employ Messrs. Grain. He repeatedly asked Mr. Taylor if the bill settle everything, and he said "Yes."

Defendant called a witness named Eastman, who said he was present with defendant in Messrs. Taylor's office when defendant said he would pay £85 in settlement of the whole case, and that "would finish the whole matter."

Afterwards, as they were going downstairs at Messrs. Taylor's office, defendant said to witness, "Thank God, that's all done with."

His Honour found that Messrs. Taylor's account did not include plaintiff's claim, and gave judgement for the plaintiffs for the amount claimed, with costs.

Defendant said he had a wife and eight children and could not afford to pay. He had paid once and was not going to pay again. He would go to prison rather.

His Honour said there would be an order for payment in 14 days.

FOXES. 26th July 1929

Foxes have been raiding the poultry runs in Swavesey lately. Among others, Mr. Hugh Smith, Mrs. Page, Mr. Ben Thorp, and Mr. T. C. Heasman have sustained serious losses.

ACCIDENT AT BATHING PLACE. 26th July 1929

William George Holmes, 17, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes, of Market-street, who had been bathing in the river on Wednesday evening in last week, while “larking” with other lads fell and fractured his leg. He was conveyed home and was attended by Dr. Fraser, and on the following day was taken to Addenbrooke’s Hospital, where he received further attention, but could not be detained owing to lack of accommodation.

OBITUARY. 26th July 1929

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mr. Edward Bridgeford, who passed away at Frere Cottages at 3 a.m. on Wednesday, aged 87 years. He was the last of a long-lived family, his brother, Mr. John, being over 90, his brother James an octogenarian, and his sister, Mrs. Betsey Holmes, 89 at the time of their respective deaths. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church, where Mr. E. Bridgeford had been a sidesman for about 30 years, at 3 p.m. to-day (Friday).

LITTLE WHITE RIBBONERS. 26th July 1929

A happy party of little White Ribboners assembled in the beautiful grounds of the Manor, by the kind invitation of Mrs. J. Norman, on Thursday week, and after an enjoyable tea played games on the lawn, and revelled in the swings provided for their benefit, while their mothers and friends sat beneath the shady trees and enjoyed a chat. Later some of the little ones entertained the company by singing and reciting, and then came the crowning event of the evening – the bran tub. At the close, Mrs. Aldred proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Norman for her greatly appreciated hospitality.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th July 1929

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following Councillors being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, J. Linford and W. Twist. The clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey) reported that he had heard nothing from the District Council respecting the resolution passed by the Parish Meeting on April 24th, in which the District Council were requested to examine the Market-street drain and other drains under their charge, and put them in order so that the Parish Meeting might be in a position to decide what steps should

be taken in regard to the Market-street pond. In reply to questions the Clerk said his letter forwarding the resolution had not even been acknowledged, and as far as he was aware nothing had been done in the matter. Mr. Linford remarked that he had been informed that the matter had been left to Mr. A. Day, sen., but it was pointed out that according to the report of the District Council meeting on April 26th, which appeared in the local papers, the matter had been referred to the Swavesey representatives, of whom Mr. Day was one, and the Sanitary Inspector to inspect and report. After some discussion it was decided that Messrs. Dean and Linford should interview the Swavesey District Councillors and ascertain what had been done. The audited accounts of the Council for the year ended March last were presented by the Clerk, who also read a letter from the St. Ives Fire Brigade Committee, stating that the Town Council had purchased a Dennis fire engine and equipment, and had re-organised the Fire Brigade, and that the committee were prepared to render any assistance in the district should help be needed. The Clerk also read a circular from the Ministry of Health showing how the Local Government Act, 1929, affected Parish Councils. Mr. Twist enquired who was responsible for the repair of the wall at the corner of Hog Pasture, and, after various opinions had been expressed, the Clerk said he would look up the point and report at the next meeting. During a discussion respecting the dangerous condition of the footbridge leading to Church Green, it transpired that the gate way had been obstructed with willow poles. It was agreed that Messrs. W. Burton and Twist should inspect the bridge and report to the Council.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. 2nd Aug. 1929

A very happy time was spent in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday week by the children attending the parish church Sunday School, on the occasion of their annual summer treat.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. 2nd Aug. 1929

Some years ago it was recorded that a field gate had been inadvertently "painted" with treacle instead of creosote, and now the story is current in the village that a man when instructed by a prominent tradesman last week to tar his yard, inadvertently used creosote, and did not discover his mistake until he had emptied the barrel. He appears to have noticed that the "tar" seemed to flow rather more freely than usual, but attributed this to the very hot weather.

THE LATE MR. E. BRIDGEFORD. 2nd Aug. 1929

There was a large attendance of friends and villagers at the parish church on Friday afternoon for the funeral of Mr. Edward Bridgeford, whose death at the

age of 87 years was announced last week. The body was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar, who officiated, and, preceded by Messrs. C. F. Banks and Harry Wells (churchwardens) and Messrs. J. Cain, C. Dean and W. H. Key (sidesmen), was borne into the church by four other sidesmen, Messrs. A. C. Garner, F. Hemington, W. Kester and E. J. Linford. The principal mourners were Mrs. Bridgeford (widow), Mrs. T. Howlett (only child), Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne (nephew and niece), Mr. Peacock, Earith, Mrs. Charles Bridgeford, March (nieces). The late Mr. Bridgeford, as stated last week, had been a sidesman at Swavesey Church for about 30 years, and among the beautiful floral tributes was a wreath from the Vicar, churchwardens and sidesmen. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

VISIT OF LONDON SCOUTS. 9th Aug. 1929

A section of the 15th Willesden Scouts, who are camping by the river on Mr. A. Day's land, under the command of Scoutmaster Boshier, M.B.E., and A.S.M. Mitchell, on Sunday evening, attended church parade at Bethel Baptist Church, and were joined by the 1st Swavesey Boys' Brigade, under the command of Lieut. Wright. The church was crowded, and the very bright service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field, who gave an address upon "Consecration." The two Scoutmasters assisted by reading the lessons. Previous to the service Mrs. Field entertained the Scouts to tea at Rutholme.

THE CHURCH CLOCK. 9th Aug. 1929

A correspondent writes: May I, through the medium of the "Press and News," call the attention of the authority responsible for its upkeep to the fact that the clock in the tower of the parish church has been out of action for at least a fortnight. It may not be realised how much the villagers depend on that clock, as it is the only reliable public clock in the parish. Many are the complaints of people on their way to the railway station, that when they look up at the tower they find the hands of the clock day after day pointing at 12.20. It is to be hoped the necessary repairs will be effected without further delay.

BAND OF HOPE CONFERENCE. 9th Aug. 1929

A divisional conference of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union was held on Thursday week by kind permission of Mrs. J. Norman, on the lawn at the Manor House, representatives from the various local Bands of Hope, to the number of 30, being present. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. T. B. Field. Dr. Wood, President of the Union, gave an interesting address upon the need of temperance teaching at Sunday Schools, Girls' and Boys' Brigades, etc. Rev. G. Bird, Mr. D. Moore (secretary), Mrs. Moore and Mr. Starke also

spoke. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. Norman, who generously provided tea for the company, and who gracefully replied.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th Aug. 1929

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephew, J. Linford, C. H. Parish and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Mr. Dean reported that he and Mr. Linford had interviewed Mr. A. Day, sen., one of the Swavesey representatives on the District Council, in order to ascertain whether the drain in Market-street and other drains in the parish had been examined in compliance with the resolution passed by the Parish Meeting on April 24th, and that Mr. Day had told them he did not think he ought to give them any information, as he had not yet sent his report to the District Council, but that Mr. Day had eventually informed them that he and his colleague, or colleagues, had inspected Market-street drain, and were satisfied that there was no leakage. During the discussion that ensued the Chairman said he thought that the result of the inspection should be officially communicated to the Parish Council by the R.D.C., but it was generally felt that there ought to be no further delay in deciding what should be done in regard to Market-street pond, and on the motion of Mr. Linford, seconded by Mr. Twist, it was unanimously agreed that the pond should be cleaned out as soon as possible, the question of providing a new fence for financial reasons being left in abeyance for the present. The Council decided that the Church Green footbridge should be brought into a proper state of repair, and Messrs. W. Burton and Twist were delegated to see the work carried out as reasonably as possible. Some conversation ensued as to who was responsible for the upkeep of the gate, or stile, leading from the bridge to Church Green, but no decision was arrived at.

SWAVESEY SUCCESS. 9th Aug. 1929

Record Breaking Show and Sports.

Although the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's annual show and sports is only a seven-year-old institution, it has gone from strength to strength, and it can now claim to be one of the best events of its kind in the district.

This year's venture, held in the Manor Field, Swavesey, through the kindness of Mr. A. Watts, was an unqualified success, and all records were broken. Not only was there a larger crowd, but the entries, both in the show itself and in the

sports, were “up” on previous years, and delightfully fine weather capped the happy situation.

There was a large increase in the entries in the vegetable section, particularly in the potato classes, and the judges (Messrs. W. J. Unwin, Histon, and George Hart, Willingham) declared that the general quality of the exhibits compared most favourably with the larger shows in the county. The fruit was not as good as it might have been, on account of the dry season, and the flowers were rather disappointing, but the vegetables were excellent. The cup given by Mr. Walter Dodson for the best varied collection of vegetables went to Mr. C. W. Elliott.

The sports, which grow every year in popularity, attracted an unprecedented number of entries, and some keen racing was seen. Contestants came from all over the district, and even as far away as King’s Lynn, while one competitor hailed from the United States! It was unfortunate that C. Careless, of Over, was unable to compete for the Coe silver challenge cup, as, had he won it, he would have claimed its ownership, having secured it both in 1927 and 1928. He was not eligible to compete, however, having moved out of the district. The cup was won by H. P. Burton, a Swavesey man and an amateur rider who has won many trophies. Another competitor was S. G. Scott, the well-known skater.

Musical selections were rendered during the afternoon and evening by the Cambridge Town Silver Prize Band, under the conductorship of Mr. R. E. Austin, the band playing for the open-air dancing, which was enjoyed up till 9 o’clock. An adjournment was then made to the Memorial Hall, where dancing was kept up until midnight.

The officials this year took their luncheon in a marquee on the ground, the practice in other years having been to adjourn elsewhere. The President, Mr. R. C. Cole, was in the chair, and he took the opportunity of thanking the judges, who were among the guests, and all officials concerned. The hon. general secretary (Mr. P. Godfrey) and his indefatigable helpers are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

List of show officials in the newspaper.

The 15th Willesden Scouts, who are camping at Swavesey, rendered first aid to S. Wright (Swavesey), who collapsed in a walking event, and J. Coe (Reach) who fell in the cycling handicap final.

Among the competitors in the veterans’ race was Mr. T. Osborne, of Girton, who is 81. The prizes were distributed by the President.

Appended is the prize list.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE. 23rd Aug. 1929

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week, Miss Elsdon gave a demonstration of rug making, which was much appreciated. A jelly competition, won by Mrs. Marriott, and community singing concluded the meeting.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 23rd Aug. 1929

The annual house-to-house collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently been made in the village under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, amounted to £16 11s. 6d. Mesdames Aldred, Beaumont, Cooksey, J. Dean, F. Hemington, W. Thorp and Miss F. Gaunt were the collectors.

RURAL COUNCIL MEETING. 23rd Aug. 1929

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. F. Kirby) presided at the monthly meeting of the Rural District Council held at St. Ives Workhouse on Friday. The other members present were: Messrs. W. I. Hemington and J. Scambler. A letter was received from the Cambs. County Council forwarding a copy of the scheme proposed to be made for discharging the functions transferred under Part I of the Local Government Act. Over Parish Council wrote forwarding a copy of a resolution that had been passed to them requesting the Council to provide an adequate water supply in the village. The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) was directed to reply stating that the East Hunts. Water Co. held a monopoly for the district, and that they were taking steps to provide a more adequate supply. When that was forthcoming the Rural Council hoped to be able to make satisfactory arrangements. Mr. E. Williams wrote complaining that the clock at Swavesey had stopped, and the matter was referred to Mr. C. H. Ingram, of St. Ives. The Chairman produced the District Auditor's report, in which he stated that the accounts had been found satisfactory.

ACCIDENT. 30th Aug. 1929

Mr. George William Laverack, of Church-end, while gathering fruit in Mr. William Burton's orchard on Monday evening, fell from a plum tree and was somewhat seriously injured. After being seen by Dr. Fraser, he was taken by car to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where it was ascertained that he had sustained a fractured arm, and he was detained.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE MITHAM. 30th Aug. 1929

We have to announce the death of Mr. George Mitham, carpenter and wheelwright, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia and pleurisy on Sunday afternoon, after three or four days' illness.

Mr. Mitham, who was 83 years of age, leaves two sons. His wife died about four years ago. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Swavesey parish church.

BOY SCOUTS. 30th Aug. 1929

Between 30 and 40 lads attended a meeting in the National School on Tuesday evening, called to consider whether a troop of Boy Scouts should be formed in the village. The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing), who presided, supported by Dr. Fraser, in a brief introductory address emphasised that the proposed troop would be entirely undenominational, and as such, under the rules, there would be no church parades. Mr. C. Wood (headmaster of the school) and Mr. P. Banks (an old scout) also spoke. The lads unanimously decided that a troop should be formed, and a committee, consisting of the Vicar, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. Wood, Banks and C. R. Vincent, was appointed to carry out the necessary preliminary arrangements.

A RELIC FROM FLANDERS. 30th Aug. 1929

Mr. H. G. Key, while on the recent British Legion pilgrimage to the battlefields in Flanders, visited Doight, and in a small, and beautifully kept, burial ground there discovered the grave of a Swavesey man, Pioneer Walter Coulson, of 315 Construction Company, R.E., who died of wounds on 2nd October, 1918. The caretaker of the burial ground gave Mr. Key a rough peg-shaped piece of wood with metal name plate attached, which originally marked the grave, and which has been replaced by a head-stone. The following inscription is cut on the plate: "W. R. 22,909. Pioneer W. Coulson, No. 1 Platoon, 315 R.C. Coy., Royal Engineers. From his comrades." On it there is also a roughly cut heart transfixing with an arrow. The relic has been handed to Pioneer Coulson's widow.

TRIP TO YARMOUTH. 6th Sept. 1929

Fifty-nine adult passengers and nine children were booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special day excursion to Yarmouth last Sunday.

BRIDGE REPAIRED. 6th Sept. 1929

The footbridge leading to Church Green near "The Brooklands," respecting which there has been considerable discussion at meetings of the Parish Council, has now been repaired.

PLAGUE OF FLIES. 6th Sept. 1929

Dense clouds of green flies descended on Swavesey last Friday morning and drove along the streets, to the great discomfort of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. About mid-day the troublesome insects moved off, apparently making their way towards Over.

FOXES v. PARTRIDGES. 6th Sept. 1929

A Swavesey sportsman, writing last Saturday, says: "We have been talking for weeks past about shooting prospects in September, where the coveys of partridges lay, and so forth, but my dreams of good sport have been dispelled, as last night, after I had retired to my bedroom in the middle of the village, I heard the well-known bark of a fox. Men working in the fields report that this district is overrun with foxes, which are becoming quite bold. Poultry runs have been raided with disastrous results, and partridges are said to have practically disappeared. Yet the Cambridgeshire Hunt never, or hardly ever, pays Swavesey a visit."

ACCIDENT TO CHILDREN. 6th Sept. 1929

Three small boys, two of them sons of Mrs. Budge, of the Council Houses, Boxworth End, and the other a visitor named Kester, had a very narrow escape from serious injury, if not death, on Thursday afternoon in last week, when, mounted on bicycles, they rode out of Mr. Cole's rick yard and ran into a passing motor lorry laden with granite. The driver, Mr. Harold Allgood, of Elsworth, was fortunately proceeding very steadily at the time, and jamming on his brakes, swerved to the right, narrowly escaping contact with two cottages. Both of the Budges were knocked over and their cycles smashed, and one of the boys was unconscious when picked up. It was at first thought he had been seriously injured, but no bones were broken, and in a few days he had recovered from the shock and slight concussion. Young Kester and his cycle escaped injury.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE MITHAM. 6th Sept. 1929

The funeral of Mr. George Mitham, wheelwright and carpenter, whose death on August 25th, at the age of 83 years, has already been announced, took place on Thursday week at Swavesey Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners included Messrs. Harry and Ernest Mitham (sons), Misses A. and F. Abrams and Mrs. A. Webb (step-daughters), Mr. E. Thorpe (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. G. Nicholson (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Morris, Miss A. Mitham (sisters), Mr. A. Webb (son-in-law), Mrs. E. Mitham (daughter-in-law), Misses Maud and May Mitham (nieces).

THE HARVEST. 6th Sept. 1929

Very small acreage of arable land in the village. Estimated yields: Wheat, 4½qrs. per acre, very fair crop; barley, good, 5 qrs.; hay, practically none worth cutting; seeds, lucerne, very light, about 15 cwt. per acre; peas, good crop, about 4 qrs. per acre; beans (winter), very thin owing to frost; potatoes (early), very fair yields; main crops, doubtless, will be small. Roots are exceptionally good; have grown well considering the drought. The prospects for cereals are better than last year. – C. W. H. Cole.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Sept. 1929

The pulpit at the Parish Church last Sunday evening was occupied by the Rev. Percy J. Beaumont, assistant master at Stamford School.

ONE WAY TO HELP ADDENBROOKE'S 13th Sept. 1929

Under the auspices of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund, a public meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall next Thursday at 8 p.m., with the object of extending the operation of the fund to the Swavesey district (Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Over and Swavesey). Upwards of £5,000 was raised by the fund during the year 1927-8, a fine example of the workers' enthusiasm for their hospital. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend the meeting to hear the many benefits explained by the Chairman (Mr. A. T. Potter) and Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Papworth). The local arrangements are in the hands of Mr. H. Whitehead.

LOCAL BAKER'S SUCCESS. 13th Sept. 1929

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded first prize (gold medal) for Dundee cake for the second year in succession at the Bakers' Exhibition which is being held at the Agricultural Hall, London, this week.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 13th Sept. 1929

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday week, the special preacher both in the afternoon and evening being Mr. Janes, of Dunstable. The congregations included friends from Cambridge, Chatteris, Huntingdon, Oakington and St. Ives. Between the services there was, as usual, a public tea. The collections were devoted to the Chapel Funds.

FUNERAL OF AN AGED INHABITANT. 13th Sept. 1929

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Wright, of Gibraltar-lane, widow of the late Mr. James Wright, who passed away on September 8th, after a long and painful

illness, borne with great patience, took place at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. The officiating minister was the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, of which deceased had for many years been a member. The immediate mourners were: Mr. George Wright, Ilkley (son), Mrs. Roe, Ilkley, Miss E. Wright, Ilkley (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright, Over (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. Bert Randall, Over (grand-daughter), Mrs. Spearman, Mrs. Samuel Wright (nieces), Mr. Ernest Dodson (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. William Savage (cousins). The late Mrs. Wright left two sons and two daughters, another son, James William Wright, who served during the war with the West Riding Regiment, having been killed in action on 1st November, 1918.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Sept. 1929

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday, the following members attending: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Mr. C. H. Parish (vice-chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hepher, J. Linford, P. Parish and W. Twist, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Mr. Twist reported that the large accumulation of mud had been satisfactorily cleared from the Market-street pond at a total cost of £10 10s., viz., contract for clearing out the mud £7, and £3 10s. for carting most of it away. Mr. Twist further reported that the Church Green footbridge had been repaired at a cost of £3 5s. The councillors generally expressed satisfaction that both these matters had been attended to so promptly, and the Chairman thanked the committees charged with the supervision of the work. On the motion of Mr. C. H. Parish, seconded by Mr. Linford, it was unanimously agreed that a precept of £35 should be issued on the rating authority for the expenses.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 20th Sept. 1929

Swavesey Water Charges.

Mr. J. Frohock (chairman) presided at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives, on Friday. There were also present Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. F. Hemington and R. Norman.

The Accounting Officer produced a letter from the East Hunts. Water Company stating that they were prepared to provide half-inch meters, inspect and keep them in repair, read them each quarter, and supply the Council with the readings, at a rental of 5s. per quarter for each meter, subject to six or more meters being hired, and also to fix and make the necessary connections, including the provision of a small underground brickpit with iron cover, and an extra stopcock at a cost of 30s. to 35s. each, provided two or three are put in at the same time. The committee recommended that the company's offer be

accepted, and that water be supplied to the following by meter: A. Day, Mill Farm; W. J. Hephher, High-street; A. L. Parish, Middle Watch; R. Williamson, High-street; A. J. Freestone, Boxworth End; A. and J. Parish, High-street; Mrs. Page, Taylor's-lane. The committee directed that further information be obtained as to the number of separate services used by Mr. Hephher and Mr. Williamson. The revision of charges for the supply of water to farms had also been considered, but no decision had been arrived at.

The Vice-Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report, said the committee had been compelled to adjourn, because they could not deal with the supplies for the cottages and the farms.

The report was adopted.

SANITARY INSPECTOR RESIGNS.

Mr. F. G. Reynolds wrote resigning his post as Sanitary Inspector.

DRINK AFTER HOURS. 27th Sept. 1929

Swavesey Licensee Fined by County Magistrates.

CAMBRIDGE MEN SUPPLIED.

The licensee of the New Inn, Swavesey, R. A. C., who has been at the New Inn only a short time, was fined £2 by the County Magistrates last Saturday, for supplying four persons with intoxicating liquor at 11.10 p.m. on Saturday September 12th. – He pleaded guilty.

His Honour Judge H. G. Farrant was in the chair.

P.C. Bell, of Boxworth, said that at 11 p.m. on September 12th he was on duty in the Huntingdon-road, when he saw a motor car with lights on standing outside the New Inn, Swavesey. A few minutes later another car came towards the Swavesey-road. The car pulled up outside the New Inn. A man got out and walked to the door of the inn, returned to the car, and then he and three others went into the inn. Witness went up to the inn, and through the window saw three men and a woman sitting in the taproom in the dark. The licensee came into the room with four glasses – three glasses of beer and one of stout. Witness went in and asked the landlord what he meant by having these people here, and defendant replied, "I am sorry. They just called for a drink. I ought not to have done it."

In a statement to the magistrates, defendant said that he was very sorry that it had happened. It took him on the spur of the moment, and as he had only been in the house for a short time, he hoped the Bench would deal leniently with him.

A fine of £2 was imposed, and the Bench hoped that he would be more careful in the future.

CAMBRIDGE MEN FINED.

A. C., of 87, King-street, Cambridge, and C. H., J. R. H. and L. H., all of 81, King-street, were summoned for consuming intoxicating liquor at the same place and date. – All defendants pleaded guilty.

P.C. Bell repeated the evidence of the previous case, and a fine of 12s. 6d. was imposed in each case.

CHURCH CAUSEWAY. 27th Sept. 1929

The coping of the wall of the causeway between Hog Pasture and Church Bridge, which had been damaged, it is believed, by mischievous boys, has been satisfactorily repaired by order of the District Council.

FOR THE BLIND. 27th Sept. 1929

The Geranium Day collection on behalf of the National Institute for the Blind, which took place on Saturday, produced the satisfactory sum of £3 3s. 6d. Mrs. Gamble, Miss K. Banks, Miss E. Page and Miss J. Willson were the collectors.

WORKERS' HOSPITAL FUND. 27th Sept. 1929

A meeting called to consider the question of forming a local branch of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening in last week. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, and with him on the platform were Messrs. A. T. Potter, G. W. Chapman, E. J. Papworth (chairman, vice-chairman and hon. secretary respectively of the fund), and Mr. H. Whitehead (stationmaster at Swavesey). A letter was read from the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing), regretting that owing to a previous engagement he could not be present, and expressing his cordial sympathy with the object of the meeting. After addresses by Messrs. Potter, Papworth and Chapman, a resolution, proposed by Mr. C. Savage, and seconded by Mr. W. Symonds, was carried unanimously that a branch of the fund should be established to comprise the six parishes in the Swavesey rural district, and that a committee, consisting of representatives from each of the villages, with power to add to their number, be appointed, but when the meeting proceeded to elect the committee a member of the audience inquired whether representatives of all the villages were present. It was then ascertained that only Boxworth and Swavesey were represented, and as regards the former, Mr. R. Mailer suggested, as a preliminary step, that a meeting should be held in that village. Eventually, on the proposition of the Chairman, the following were appointed a committee to obtain the co-operation of the other parishes and to report to another meeting to be held as soon as possible: Mrs. Field, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, Mr. W.

Pontefract, Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. C. Savage and Mr. P. Banks, with the Rev. T. B. Field as chairman and Mr. Whitehead as hon. secretary. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Messrs. Potter, Chapman and Papworth.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 4th Oct. 1929

The house-to-house collections for Addenbrooke's which have recently been made in the Swavesey district, under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, amounted to £89 5s. 7d., an increase on last year. The villages in the district are Willingham, Longstanton, Over, Swavesey, Fen Drayton, Dry Drayton, Childerley, Conington and Knapwell.

AN INTERESTING RECORD. 4th Oct. 1929

A correspondent writes: "It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that at the present time there are at least 82 persons (35 men and 47 women) residing in the parish of Swavesey who are 70 years of age and upwards, 16 of whom are over 80. Many of them are still working, Mr. Chas. Burling, an octogenarian blacksmith, for instance, shoeing horses every day. As the population of the parish was returned at 830 at the 1921 census, this means that 10 per cent. of the inhabitants have attained the venerable age of 70 years or more."

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 4th Oct. 1929

The harvest festival was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. J. Harrison, of St. Ives (circuit minister), with Miss Prime presiding at the organ. On Monday the St. Ives P.M. choir gave a much-appreciated rendering of the service of song "Harvest Time," Mr. J. Hindes reading the narrative. Miss Jude was the organist, and the Rev. J. J. Harrison presided. At the close the gifts of vegetables and fruit were sold, the proceeds, with the collections, being devoted to the Trust funds. The meetings of the Sisterhood connected with the chapel will commence on Thursday, Oct. 17th.

ACCIDENT. 4th Oct. 1929

Montagu Coulson (18), a milkman employed by Messrs. A. Day and Sons met with a serious accident last Friday afternoon, which may result in the total loss of his sight. He was driving cows for milking in Mow Fen when his stick broke and part of it struck his right eye. Not only did he suffer intense pain, but was rendered sightless as he had lost the other eye when a little child. The lad lay helpless and unattended for some time, but eventually was taken home,

where he was seen by Dr. Fraser, who ordered his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is still detained.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 4th Oct. 1929

At a well-attended meeting of the General Committee of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the balance sheet for the present year was presented by Mr. C. S. Hephner (joint treasurer). This showed that the income, including subscriptions (£48 3s. 2d.) and gate money at the show in August (£60 6s. 9d.), amounted to £144 7s. and the expenditure to £137 8s. 10d., the profit for the year being £6 12s. 2d. The principal expenses were: Horticultural prizes £41 4s. 6d., and sports prizes £21 16s. 10d. Including £74 6s. 1d. on deposit at the bank, interest, petty cash, etc., the total sum standing to the credit of the Society was £88 19s. 8d. The balance sheet was adopted. The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the President (Mr. R. C. Cole), the joint treasurers and the general and sports secretaries.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 4th Oct. 1929

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society, held in the schools on Monday evening, representatives from Over, Swavesey and Boxworth being present, it was unanimously agreed to continue the discussions during the coming winter. Last year's officers were re-elected en bloc, Messrs. Joseph Barker (Over) and T. S. Johnson (Fen Drayton) being added provisionally to the committee, the latter taking the place of Mr. D. W. Parish (Fen Drayton), who was unable to continue in office. Mr. R. Mailer was appointed chairman of the meetings which are to be held fortnightly, and a provisional series of lectures was approved as follows: Nov. 1st. Wheat growing; Nov. 15th, Mr. Boutflour on cattle feeding; Nov. 29th, calf rearing and feeding stuffs; Dec. 13th, winter layers in poultry; Jan 3rd, Young Farmers' Club; Jan. 17th, farm workers on the land; Jan. 31st, pig feeding; Feb. 14th, laying land to grass for short or permanent periods; Feb. 28th, fruit; March, meeting for discussion of annual outing, etc. It was agreed that the subscription should be 1s., as hitherto, and that the lectures should commence punctually at 7 p.m.

SWAVESEY CHILD'S DEATH. 4th Oct. 1929

Sad Story of Collapse after Operation.

THE INQUEST.

The sad circumstances of the death of a young Swavesey Girl, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital after an operation for appendicitis on Sunday, were

related to the Borough Coroner (Mr. G. A. Wootten), at an inquest held in the Hospital on Wednesday. The girl's name was Shirley Heather Timbrell, of 7, School-lane, Swavesey. She was four years of age, and was an only child. A verdict of "Death from misadventure" was returned by the Coroner, who referred to the case as a very sad one.

John Reginald Timbrell, father of the deceased, of 7, School-lane, Swavesey, said that previous to last Saturday his daughter had excellent health, and they had never had a doctor for her. At about 11 p.m. on Saturday the child complained of pains, but she went off to sleep at about 3 a.m. on Sunday, and slept peacefully until about 9 a.m. Witness's wife and hour later, ascertained that the child's temperature was 103. In consequence of that witness sent for Dr. Fraser at about 12 o'clock, and he diagnosed the trouble as appendicitis. Dr. Bowen was sent for, and took the child to Addenbrooke's Hospital at about 7.30 p.m.

ACUTE APPENDICITIS.

Dr. William Edward Masheter, house surgeon at the Hospital, said that deceased was examined at about 8 p.m. on Sunday, and found to be suffering from acute appendicitis. Dr. Fraser would not have been able to see whether it was acute or not.

The Coroner: Perhaps it would have been better if the child had been removed to hospital earlier?

Witness: This child came within 24 hours, and the majority of the cases were 48 hours or over.

Continuing, witness said that the operation was made the same day by Dr. Bowen. Witness was very surprised at the death. There was a general enlargement of the glands all over the body. Death was due to status lymphaticus, which caused the child not to respond in the way witness expected her to.

The Coroner returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure," the cause of death being a collapse from the anaesthetic.

He added that the operation was performed by a very eminent surgeon in Dr. Bowen, and everything was done to save the child. It was a very sad case, particularly as she was an only child, and he desired to express his sincere sympathy with the parents.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, SWAVESEY. 4th Oct. 1929

Pastor's Ministerial Jubilee and Harvest Thanksgiving.

The harvest thanksgiving services, combined with the celebration of the ministerial jubilee of the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, drew very large congregations to Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, on Thursday in last week,

including representatives of Mr. Field's former churches in London, Crewe, Ashwater and Cheddar.

The Rev. C. T. Allen, of Cottenham, preached in the afternoon, after which tea was served to nearly 150 people. Immediately following the tea a meeting was presided over by the Pastor, addresses being given by Revs. A. Hawkins (Great Yarmouth) G. E. Bird (Over), F. Whitbourn (Fenstanton) and J. K. Thorpe (Cottenham). Mr. Bray contributed a concertina solo.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS.

At the evening gathering the church was crowded to capacity. The Rev. H. G. Baker, ex-President of the Cambs. Baptist Association, who presided, brought the good wishes of that body through a telegram from Dr. Spear, the secretary, and Mr. J. Day reported that letters and telegrams of congratulation had been received from Sir. W. Hodgson, M.D., Dr. and Mrs. Field, of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, of Crewe, Revs. Dr. Hughes, W. Fullerton, Carey Bonner, R. L. Child, G. Jones, H. W. Batstone, E. A. Carter, A. C. Miller, R. S. Latimer, the Cambs. Band of Hope Union, Spurgeon's College, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miles, Mr. W. and Miss Scipeo, Messrs. C. Philo and W. E. Ford. Letters were read from Rev. E. F. Allworthy (vicar of Histon), and from the following churches where Mr. Field had ministered: Ashwater and Appledore, Devon, Bacup (Lancs.), Crewe, Shepherd's Bush and Kensal Rise (London), and Clayton (Yorks), Mr. A. Townsend (Ealing), Revs. R. C. Griffin (area superintendent), and C. A. Linnington (Hornsey Rise).

Addresses were given by Mr. F. C. Bray (Ashwater), Mr. S. Allen (Cheddar), Mr. E. C. Walker (Crewe), Mr. R. Eatwell (London), Mr. J. W. Payne, Revs. E. P. Blackaby, W. Mildred and J. Williams.

The Pastor, in replying to the many expressions of goodwill, said he closed 50 years' pastoral life on June 30th last, and during the long period he had enjoyed the happiest relations with all his churches, and hoped, if it was God's will, to work on, as he had no thoughts of any immediate retirement.

During the meeting Mr. Bray contributed another solo, and the choir, assisted by several Cambridge friends, gave an admirable rendering of an anthem, Messrs. G. E. Canham and J. W. Williams acted as organists. Among others present were the Rev. O. C. Austin, who, owing to another engagement, could not stay to speak, Messrs. F. Kirby and J. M. Taylor.

The church was beautifully decorated, and the tea sumptuously provided by ladies of the church.

The harvest thanksgiving services were continued on Sunday by the Pastor, the gifts in kind being subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

A substantial gift was made to Mr. Field as a token of esteem.

BOY SCOUTS. 11th Oct. 1929

The Swavesey Troop of Boy Scouts, which has now been registered by the County Headquarters, will be known as the Cambridge (Swavesey) 37th Troop. The appointment of Mr. C. Wood and Mr. P. Banks as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster, respectively, has also been confirmed. A meeting of intending members will be held at the School this evening at 7.30.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Oct. 1929

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, when, in spite of a very wet night, there was a good muster of members and two visitors. Mrs. Fraser (president) was in the chair. After the usual business, Mrs. Harold Gray (County President) gave an interesting talk on her travels in Egypt, illustrating her remarks by a collection of beautiful lantern slides. A competition for the best plate of six plain buns, kindly judged by Mrs. Gray, was won by Miss Doris Hepher. Potatoes grown from Institute seed were brought in, Mrs. J. Marriott and Mrs. G. Howlett tying for first place. Refreshments were then served, and the rest of the evening spent in community singing.

BETHEL Y.P.S. 11th Oct. 1929

The winter session of the Bethel Young People's Society was inaugurated on Monday by a well-attended social gathering, when Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Prime, Miss M. Coulson, Miss D. Godfrey, Miss G. Dodson, and Master G. Laverack contributed to the programme. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, also gave two readings. This society has the promise of able lecturers, and the meetings, which are open to all, are held every Monday at 7 p.m.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 11th Oct. 1929

Many sympathising villagers attended the funeral at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday of Shirley Heather Timbrell, the four-year-old daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Timbrell, of 7, School-lane, a report of whose death at Addenbrooke's Hospital appeared in our last issue. The body was taken to the church early on Friday morning, and at 8 a.m. there was a celebration of Holy Communion, the funeral service following at 11 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing officiated, and the immediate mourners included Mr. and Mrs. Timbrell (parents), Mrs. Phillips (grandmother), and Mrs. Phillips (aunt).

THE INSTITUTE. 11th Oct. 1929

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Institute was held at the Memorial Hall, about 20 members being present. The report of the Secretary for the year was

read, and the accounts, which showed a balance in hand, were passed. All the officers were re-appointed, and the following were elected to form the committee: Messrs. L. Brooks, H. J. Culpin, W. Thorpe, F. Aldred, and H. Holmes. The subscription was changed from 4s. to 3s. per annum, and for those from 16 to 18 years of age 2s. 6d. Mr. S. Clark was appointed captain of the billiards team and secretary of the committee, and Mr. A. E. Melbourne captain of the second team. Mr. P. H. Lee proposed that during the winter months there should be a class for instruction in boxing. This was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Kester, and agreed to, Mr. Lee undertaking to be responsible for the conduct of the class, and to provide all accessories. It was hoped that there would be an increase in membership this year now the subscription has been lowered.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Oct. 1929

The harvest festival at the Parish Church on Thursday, 3rd October, opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. There was a large congregation at evensong, when the special preacher was the Rev. Lawrence Browne, of Cambridge, and the music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and Barnby's anthem "O Lord, how manifold." The church was effectively decorated, the flowers being exceptionally beautiful, but the fruit and vegetables, though excellent in quality, were far from being up to the average in regard to quantity, owing, no doubt, to the drought. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, there was a children's flower service in the afternoon, the young people's gifts of fruit, flowers, eggs, etc. being afterwards sent to St. Ives Infirmary. Notwithstanding the wet evening, a large congregation was present at evensong, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. A. W. Sale, rector of Cogenhoe, Northants. The collections throughout the festival, except that on Sunday evening, were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and amounted to £8 4s., 10s. more than last year. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., have also been forwarded to Addenbrooke's.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 18th Oct. 1929

Estimated Expenditure for Coming Half Year.

Mr. J. Frohock presided at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives, on Friday, the other members present being Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, A. Day, R. Mailer, F. Stanton, and R. Norman.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

The estimated expenditure for the half-year ending March 31st next was stated to be £1,744. After deducting sums expected to be received, the amount required for rate was £856, which was slightly more than a rate of 2s. in the £. The report was adopted, on the motion of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Norman.

SWAVESEY WATER SUPPLY.

A committee of the Council reported having reconsidered their previous recommendation that the supply of water at Swavesey be by meter, they now recommended (a) that the supply be charged for at the farm rate, provided that no water from the Council's mains was used for milk refrigeration; and (b) that the supply of water to farms be increased by 25 per cent.

In regard to reports concerning the payment of charges for laying from the mains and repairing service pipes and apparatus, it was agreed that in future the users of the water should pay those charges, but in cases where more than one tap, or service was in use, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Swavesey Parish Council were asked to go into the matter with the Clerk.

LOCAL BAKER'S SUCCESS. 18th Oct. 1929

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded 1st prize (silver cup) for mixed fruit cakes, and 3rd prize (silver cup) for currant cakes, at the Central Currant Office competition, held at Plymouth on Wednesday.

BETHEL YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th Oct. 1929

The members of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship at their meeting on Monday were favoured with a visit from Rev. J. Williams, of Cottenham, who gave an able lecture upon Lowell, one of the American poets, with illustrative readings and recitals from his works. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. J. Day, and heartily carried by the large company present.

NEWS NIBBLES. 18th Oct. 1929

The following appeared in a notice posted in a mission hall in the county respecting gifts in kind for the harvest festival: - "Please don't leave things on the window ledge. They get limp." (The Friends' Meeting House, Swavesey).

RUBBISH COLLECTION. 25th Oct. 1929

The autumn collection of unburnable rubbish will be made in the village next Friday, Nov. 1st.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 25th Oct. 1929

The Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society re-opens its winter session on Friday, 1st November, when Mr. R. Boutflour, Director of Dairy Husbandry, Harper Adams Agricultural College, whose name is a house-hold word in the dairying world, is to open a discussion on the "Feeding and management of dairy cows." Cowkeepers will, no doubt, be interested to hear how Mr. Boutflour proposes to feed cows this winter without either roots or chaff, and with hay at £7 per ton.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Oct. 1929

The only business before the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was to deal with tenders for the half-yearly collection of unburnable rubbish. The Chairman reported that the only tender received was from Mr. P. Godfrey, who undertook to do the work for £4, the same price he was paid for the previous collection. The Council unanimously decided to accept the tender. The following councillors were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, F. Hephher, J. Linford, C. H. Parish and P. Parish, with the Clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey.

IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW. 1st Nov. 1929

Twenty passengers were booked from Swavesey Station yesterday morning by the L.N.E.R. restaurant car excursion to Birmingham for the Imperial Fruit Show that is being held this week at Bingley Hall.

PERSONAL. 1st Nov. 1929

Mr. Joseph Smith, of 4, Market-place, Wisbech, son of Mrs. Smith, of Willow House, Boxworth End, Swavesey, and the late Mr. James Smith, has been elected, unopposed, a member of Wisbech Town Council. Mr. Smith, who stood as a representative of the Conservative Party, was narrowly defeated at the previous municipal election.

HOCKEY CLUB. 1st Nov. 1929

Notwithstanding the very wet evening, ten tables were occupied at the Ladies' Hockey Club whist drive held at the Memorial Hall on October 24th, and the net proceeds amounted to £2 16s. 10d. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss E. Dodson, Mrs. H. G. Key, booby Miss E. Carrier. Gentlemen – Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. D. Parish, booby Mr. P. Watts, knock-out Mrs. Whitehead and Mr. C. S. Hephher. Mr. Heasman officiated as M.C.

BRITISH LEGION. 8th Nov. 1929

Lieut.-Col. F. J. M. Stratton, Chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Committee, will visit Swavesey next Thursday to present the Lord Lieutenant's Challenge Cup to the Swavesey and District Branch's cricket team.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 8th Nov. 1929

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the Rev. T. B. Field gave a lecture on "David Livingstone, Missionary Pioneer to Africa." Miss B. Savage occupied the chair.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 8th Nov. 1929

Excellent congregations attended the services at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, when sermons on behalf of Foreign Missions were preached by the Rev. T. B. Field and Mrs. Garnier, of China. It was reported that the church had raised for this purpose nearly £20 during the year.

RUBBISH COLLECTION. 8th Nov. 1929

The second collection of rubbish was successfully carried out in the village last Friday by Mr. P. Godfrey, haulage contractor. There was no diminution in the quantity of unburnable refuse to be disposed of, four large lorry loads being collected and dumped into one of Mr. A. L. Parish's ponds. These half-yearly collections are arranged by the Parish Council.

CATTLE FEEDING. 8th Nov. 1929

Mr. Boutflour's Instructive Lecture at Swavesey.

At the first meeting for the winter season of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society on Friday, when "Cattle Feeding" was discussed after a most instructive lecture by Mr. R. Boutflour, several points were made clear by the lecturer, including the following:

A full-sized dairy cow of the large breeds can very rarely deal with more than 33lbs. of dry matter daily. The dry matter referred to includes not only the dry meal and cake fed to the animal, but also the dry matter contained in all her food, including roots, hay, straw, etc. No cow can deal with 33lbs. of indigestible dry matter daily, such as shredded leather. The dry matter that she should be asked to deal with must be digestible, or nearly so.

Roots are quite unnecessary unless indigestible foods be fed, such as straw, bad hay, late made hay, and inferior cakes and meals. It would pay dairy farmers to grow sugar beet instead of roots. Dairy cows must have an almost unlimited supply of good water.

MILKING OF COWS.

If it is not possible to milk heavy yielding cows three times daily, they should be milked at hours as far apart as possible, and not more than a yield of 30lbs. of milk at any one milking should be aimed at and fed for accordingly.

All cows should be fed a balanced ration of $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of digestible cake and meal per gallon of milk, in addition to a suitable ration of hay. About 20lbs. of good hay per day is as much as is necessary for any cow at any time. As the ration of cake and meal increases according to the yield of the cow, so the ration of hay should be cut down until a very heavy yielding cow is only receiving 3lbs. of hay per day. All allowances of food should be fed three times daily, and the very heavy yielding cow should have the allowance of hay in a small handful of 1lb. three times daily. All cows will eat more than necessary, and must be prevented from doing so if a heavy yield of milk is desired.

When cows are tied up for the winter, short straw should be kept behind them and no straw allowed in front. Sawdust and peat moss litter is very useful in place of straw.

When being exercised in winter cows should be kept on the move and not allowed to consume any straw to be picked up in the yards.

When a cow is fed more food than she is capable of digesting she actually digests less than the amount she is capable of digesting, and down comes her yield of milk. In the spring few cows eat more than 130 to 150 lbs. of young grass in a day, which amount contains sufficient dry matter for a cow yielding three or four gallons of milk. Beyond that yield she should be fed a correct ration of cake and meals and her hours of grazing should be limited.

IMPORTANCE OF MILK RECORDING.

All dairy farmers should join their local milk recording society and feed their cows according to the recorded yield, discarding the cows which do not respond to the feeding.

Without careful milk recording, good management can hardly exist, and no one should complain of financial loss through dairying who takes no trouble and does not encourage his stockmen to be accurate and careful in the management of his cattle, food and dairy.

Mr. Boutflour advised the dairy farmers present that through the milk recorders employed by the Cambs. Milk Recording Society the county agricultural organisers, Messrs. J. C. Leslie and R. Sayce, would always be pleased to advise members and instruct their cowmen as to the most economical feeding of the cows according to the foodstuffs available on the farm, and the current market price of the foods necessary to complete the balanced ration.

In addition, it was pointed out that the Cambs. Society had arranged the charges for the current year so that practically all milk producers in the district could afford to become members and take advantage of the services provided by the society, the charges being, for the current year, almost without exception the lowest made by any county milk recording society in England operating officially under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The meeting was exceptionally well attended. Mr. Mailer, C.C. (Boxworth) presided, supported by Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, Mr. B. Pearson, C.C. (Milton), Mr. Fred Kirby (Over), Mr. C. W. H. Cole (Swavesey) and others.

A FREAK OF NATURE. 15th Nov. 1929

A cow belonging to Mr. R. Norman, jun., of Trinity College Farm, gave birth last Friday to a calf which had no tail.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 15th Nov. 1929

Notwithstanding the stormy weather there was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship to hear a lecture from the Rev. A. H. Batstone, of Histon, on the lessons to be learned from Mount Everest. Thanks were accorded Mr. Batstone, on the motion of Mr. K. Williams, seconded by Miss B. Savage. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 15th Nov. 1929

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Hospital Sunday Parade Committee for the benefit of Addenbrooke's. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Mrs. E. Day, Mrs. H. G. Key, booby Miss Carrier. Gentlemen – Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. T. C. Heasman, booby Mr. Northrop; knockout Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 15th Nov. 1929

By collections at services and the sale of poppies in the villages covered by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, £10 has been raised this year for Earl Haig's Fund, £1 1s. 5d. less than in November, 1928. Viz.: - Swavesey: Poppies £8 4s. 6d. (£1 1s. 4d. less than last year); collections – Parish Church £3 5s., Memorial Hall £1 15s. 8d., total £13 5s. 2d. The church collection at Swavesey shows an increase of 11s. on last year, and the collection at the Memorial Hall a decrease of 6s.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. 15th Nov. 1929

Ex-Service men, about 30 in number, assembled at the school at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday, under the command of Mr. R. Barwell, and headed by the standard of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, borne by Mr. T. Savage, marched to the Memorial, where a service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The service included a lesson (Revelations vii, beginning at verse 9) read by Dr. Fraser, the recital of the names of the men of the district who fell in the war by Mr. H. H. Berryman (hon. secretary, British Legion), after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Mr. Barwell and two minutes' silence was observed. An address was given by Mr. Field on gratitude, remembrance and sacrifice. The hymns "O God our help in ages past," "The supreme sacrifice," "When I survey the wond'rous Cross" and "Fight the good fight" were sung during the service which concluded with the National Anthem. A collection in aid of Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £1 15s. 8d.

A half muffled peal was rung on the bells of the parish church before the evening service, which, notwithstanding the rough weather, was attended by a good congregation. Thirty-six ex-Service men met at the churchyard gate, and led by Mr. Charles Savage, carrying the British Legion standard, marched into the church, where seats had been reserved for them. The service opened with the hymn "O God our help" sung in procession, and after the third Collect and the singing of Arkwright's "O valiant hearts," the Vicar, who officiated, read the long roll of the men of Swavesey who served in the war. In his sermon the Vicar, who took "God save the King" as his text, made a special reference to the appeal for Earl Haig's Fund. After the Blessing the National Anthem was sung and the "Last Post" sounded the service concluding with "Onward Christian soldiers" sung as a recessional. The collection, which amounted to £3 5s., was devoted to Earl Haig's Fund.

On Armistice Day there was a celebration of Holy Communion at the parish church at 7.30 a.m., and immediately preceding the two minutes' silence the tenor bell was tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who made the supreme sacrifice. Mattins followed the silence. On and around the Memorial Cross in the churchyard were many beautiful wreaths, chiefly of white flowers, including a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the Swavesey members of the British Legion.

FATAL CRASH. 22nd Nov. 1929

Swavesey Man's Death.

Arthur Kester. Aged 21, School-lane, Swavesey, who was injured in a collision near Ely on Monday, died in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

He was returning from his work at the Beet Sugar Factory shortly after 8 a.m. on his motor cycle and was carrying a pillion rider, when he was involved in a collision in the Prickwillow-road.

There was a thick fog at the time of the accident and it would seem that deceased ran into the back of a lorry driven by Harold Herbert Peters, of Cambridge-road, Ely. Deceased was thrown off his machine, sustaining severe head injuries.

N.B.W.T.A.U. 22nd Nov. 1929

A public meeting under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union was held at the Friends' Meeting House on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Smith presided, and an interesting address on the work of the Society was given by Mrs. Field. Solos, a duet and a recitation were also contributed by members, and at the close of the meeting tea and biscuits were served.

THE BROTHERHOOD. 22nd Nov. 1929

At a meeting of the committee of the Swavesey Brotherhood held on Tuesday it was decided that owing to the difficulty of obtaining helpers, and the multiplicity of engagements devolving upon the leaders of the work, all meetings should be suspended for this season. The existing committee will retain office, in the hope that the work may be taken up again next autumn. A balance of 40s. in hand was distributed, 20s. to the local nursing association, and 20s. to Addenbrooke's Hospital extension scheme.

BRITISH LEGION. 22nd Nov. 1929

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held at the Memorial Hall on the 14th instant, and during the proceedings the presentation of the Lord Lieutenant's Challenge Cup to the cricket team took place. Mr. R. Barwell presided. After letters regretting their inability to be present owing to business engagements had been read from the President of the branch (Mr. W. A. Bignell) and Mr. F. S. Salter, the Chairman introduced Col. F. M. Stratton (chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Committee), who before presenting the cup and medals, gave an instructive address on the work of the Legion and the need for every ex-Service man to join. He also explained why it was necessary that the seven years' time limit for ex-Service men should be abolished. Col. Stratton then handed the cup to the captain of the team, Mr. T. Savage, who, in returning thanks, spoke of the admirable way in which the team had hung together, and said they would do their best to retain the cup next year. Medals were presented to the following

who formed the team: Messrs. T. Savage, C. Wood, R. Barwell, H. G. Topham, L. Brooks, F. S. Salter, F. Causer, H. J. Culpin, P. Burton, F. Hephher, E. Smith, and the reserves, Messrs. J. Hall and S. Clark. Mr. J. F. Eke (hon. sec. of the Cottenham branch) and Mr. Diver (hon. sec. of the County Committee) having spoken, the hon. secretary of the Swavesey branch (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report, from which it appeared that during the year eight new members had been enrolled, bringing the number of members up to 64, and that relief had been given in eight cases of sickness and distress. Col. Stratton congratulated the branch on the progress that was being made, and expressed the hope that it would be maintained. A vote of thanks to the Colonel, proposed by Dr. Fraser, and seconded by Mr. P. Lee, was carried unanimously, and three hearty cheers were given on the call of the Chairman. At the business meeting that followed, the year's accounts, which showed a balance in hand, were presented by the treasurer (Mr. Lee), and were passed, the secretary's report, which had already been read, was adopted, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing twelve months: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; vice-presidents, Dr. Fraser, Mr. J. Elliott and Mr. F. S. Salter; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Dr. Fraser; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; hon. secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Messrs. T. Savage, F. Prior, F. Hephher, C. Hephher, E. Prior, S. Bath, E. Smith, L. Brooks, F. Turner; auditors, Messrs. P. Burton and H. Culpin; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; Relief Committee, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. Melbourne, T. Savage, S. Bath; delegate to the County Committee, Mr. Melbourne.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 29th Nov. 1929

The Treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received £1 from the Swavesey Brotherhood, for which gift the committee are very grateful.

A LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT. 29th Nov. 1929

Members of the Bethel Band of Hope and Young People's Fellowship assembled in large numbers on Monday evening for a lantern entertainment in course of which excellent pictures of the Heroes of Peace, Boys' Brigade, and the Jackdaw of Rheims were shown. The Rev. T. B. Field gave interesting descriptions of the pictures, and Mrs. Field recited the Jackdaw of Rheims. Miss Coulson presided at the piano, and Messrs. F. W. Pontefract and K. Williams manipulated the lantern.

OBITUARY. 29th Nov. 1929

We have to record the death of Mrs. George Ordish, who will be remembered by many as Mary Maria Prior, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Prior, of

Swavesey. The deceased, who spent the whole of her married life in Luton, reached the great age of 85, and leaves a family of three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Ordish cherished memories of very many happy days in her native village, and was always pleased to visit it and renew the old associations.

CONCERT FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 29th Nov. 1929

The Memorial Hall was packed on Thursday week with an enthusiastic audience for a concert organised by the Feast Sunday Parade Committee, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The well-varied programme included pianoforte solos by Mr. A. S. Herington, songs by Miss Doris Aldred, Miss Ena Rendall, Mrs. Veasey Smith, duets by Misses Aldred and Rendall, and Mr. and Mrs. Veasey Smith, humorous items, which specially delighted the audience, by Mr. J. S. King, and a capital performance of the sketch, "Apartments to Let," by Miss E. Dodson, Miss Cole, Miss Banks, Miss K. Banks, and Miss Paine. Every item was most heartily applauded, and the demands for encores were frequent. The whole of the proceeds amounting to £12 13s. will be devoted to the Hospital.

FUNERAL OF MR. ARTHUR KESTER. 29th Nov. 1929

Between 300 and 400 people attended the funeral on Sunday afternoon of Mr. Arthur Kester, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kester, junior, of the Council houses, School-lane, a report of whose tragic death will be found in another column. The first part of the service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. J. Harrison, Primitive Methodist minister, St. Ives, while at the grave in the cemetery the Rev. T. B. Field (pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey) read the lesson and gave an address, and the hymns "Abide with me" and "Shall we all meet at home in the morning?" were sung. Mr. Harrison said the concluding prayers. The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester (father and mother), Miss Margery Millard (fiancée), Messrs. William James and Alex Kester (brothers), Misses Florrie and May Kester (sisters), Mrs. Waling, Mrs. Coulson (aunts), Mr. C. Kester, Mr. J. Payne, Mr. J. Smith (uncles), Miss Marjorie Waling, Mr. Fred Coulson (cousins). There were very many beautiful floral tributes.

COLLISION IN FOG. 29th Nov. 1929

Fatal Accident After Night Work.

SWAVESEY LAD'S DEATH.

The story of how a motor cyclist with a pillion rider, crashed into the rear of a steam lorry shortly after 8 a.m. on November 18th during a fog, was told at an

inquest at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday. The deceased was Arthur Kester (21), of Swavesey, a checker-in at Ely beet sugar factory, who was driving the motor cycle, and he died on Wednesday. The inquest was held by the Borough Coroner (Mr. G. A. Wootten), who sat with a jury, Mr. P. W. Fyson being the foreman. A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

"A GOOD DRIVER."

James Kester, a smallholder, Council Houses, Swavesey, identified deceased as his son. His hearing, eyesight and general health were good and he was a teetotaler. He had served about two years in the Royal Air Force, in the mechanical stores department, and while there purchased a motor cycle. He had had it about 18 months, and was a very good driver. Deceased commenced work at the beet sugar factory at Ely towards the end of September, and had to go to and fro on the motor cycle.

"I TRIED TO MISS IT."

Witness saw him last Sunday evening at about 7 o'clock, when he was going to work, as he was on night duty. Next morning, at about 10.30 witness received information about the accident, and went to Addenbrooke's Hospital. His son was just conscious. He saw him again the following day, when his son told him that he was riding on the near side, following the roadside, and all at once he saw a lorry. There was, he said, a thick bank of fog. "I tried to miss it, dad, but I could not do it," he added. He also told witness that he left hold of his handlebars as quickly as he could and tried to throw himself off the machine, but could not.

In reply to a jurymen, witness said deceased did not mention whether there was a light on the back of the lorry.

PILLION RIDER'S STORY.

Frank Richard Allen (24). Lodging at 46, Lynn-road, Ely, a sample clerk at the beet factory, said he was leaving the factory at about 8 a.m., as he had been on the night shift and was riding pillion with deceased. Kester was going to drop him at Ely and go on to Swavesey. The road was very slippery and frosty in places, and previous to the collision they had skidded as they passed out from the factory gate. Although they had fallen off neither were hurt. They went along the Prickwillow road, and were going at about 20 miles per hour when the accident happened.

The Coroner: Rather fast in a fog, was it not?

Witness: The fog was not as thick all along.

How far could you see in front of you? – Fifty or sixty yards.

How far could you see just when the accident happened? – You could not see anything just then.

Do you think deceased was going too fast? – No.

Witness said they ran into a thick bank of fog and immediately saw a lorry just in front, and the next he knew was that he was on the road. He did not think he was unconscious. They did not see the lorry before because of the fog and the steam from the lorry, and in his opinion that was the cause of the collision. He did not notice a light on the rear of the lorry.

“NOT TOO FOGGY.”

Herbert Andrew Joselyn, Lynn-road, Ely, steam lorry steersman, said he, and the driver of the lorry, had been to the beet sugar factory with a load, and were returning empty.

The Coroner: Was it foggy at the time?

Witness: Not so foggy as it was at the first part of the morning.

How far could you see in front of you? – I should say 100 yards with lights on.

Could you swear there was a light on the back? – When we left the factory.

This steam lorry, does it throw out much smoke? – At times it does.

Would that make much of a smoke screen? – No.

Witness added that they were travelling at about four or five miles per hour, and the smoke would go behind. They were on the near side of the road, about a foot from the pathway.

A SLIGHT KNOCK.

They felt a slight knock at the back of the waggon, continued witness, and they decided to stop. They went to the back of the lorry, but could not see anything. They then saw a motor cycle, deceased and the pillion rider on the road. Deceased was on the path, and the pillion rider sitting on the edge of the path.

The impact caused the number plate of the lorry to be bent upwards. Witness agreed that the smoke from the lorry could be mistaken for fog at the back. When the Coroner asked witness if something could not be done to make the lorries consume their own smoke, witness did not reply. He could not suggest anything that would stop the smoke dropping down on the road and obscuring the lorry.

The Coroner: You do say there was a considerable amount of black smoke at the back?

Witness: Yes, sir.

And you do say that if that had not been anyone could have seen 50 yards? – Yes, sir.

In reply to a question by a juryman, witness said he thought the impact put the rear lamp out. It was warm when they stopped.

P.C. Bolton, stationed at Ely, said that at about 8.30 a.m., he received information about an accident and went to the spot. He saw deceased on the path being attended to by Dr. Davies, and the pillion rider was sitting on the

edge of the path with an injury to the forehead. The motor cycle was on the near side and had a smashed head lamp, and bent number plate, front mudguard and forks. The steam wagon was standing on the side of the road about 25 yards ahead. On the roadway there was a skid mark resembling a scratch, which was seven feet long. He conveyed deceased to hospital in the Ely ambulance. If they were going 20 miles per hour in the fog he would consider it rather fast.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Dr. Isaacs, of Addenbrooke's Hospital, said deceased was admitted at about 10.35 a.m., and was semi-conscious. He had a broken neck and broken skull. It was quite obvious that a considerable amount of force would have been needed to have caused the two injuries. Hyper pyrexia or abnormally high temperature was primarily the cause of death, followed by a broken neck.

"ACCIDENTAL DEATH."

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and exonerated the driver of the waggon from blame. They expressed sympathy with the relatives, as also did the Coroner.

LUGGAGE OF LIFE. 6th Dec. 1929

At the meeting on Monday evening of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church, the Rev. J. K. Thorp, of Willingham, gave an interesting lecture on the "Luggage of Life." The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

AN EARLY PASSENGER. 6th Dec. 1929

A Swavesey girl, who travels regularly five days a week to school in Cambridge by the first up train leaving Swavesey at 8.23 a.m., surprised railway officials yesterday morning by arriving at the station shortly after 7 o'clock. When told the time, she remarked: "Our clock must be fast. I thought it was rather darker than usual this morning." She then returned home.

VICAR'S BEREAVEMENT. 6th Dec. 1929

The Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, was suddenly called away to Norfolk on Sunday morning in consequence of the death of his father, but before he left he conducted the usual mid-day service. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by Mr. Edward Williams, and two students from Westcott House, Cambridge, officiated at Evensong, one of whom, Mr. Temple Lang, preached the sermon.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 6th Dec. 1929

The audited accounts of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association for the year ended 31st October, 1929, show that the receipts amounted to £184 2s. 2½d., viz., subscriptions and donations £97 7s. 6d., from other sources £86 14s. 8½d., and the expenditure to £205 10s. 0½d. The committee, while thanking all who have helped so liberally in the past, trust that the Association will be still better supported in the coming year. The nurse, it may be mentioned, paid 3,131 visits during the year.

CONCERT AT BETHEL. 6th Dec. 1929

A correspondent writes: "Those who might have come to Bethel Chapel on Thursday evening in last week, but did not, are to be pitied. They missed a musical treat. Before a small, but appreciative audience the choir of St. Andrew's-street Baptist Church, Cambridge, gave a fine rendering of Maunder's "Bethlehem." (Soloists in newspaper). The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, expressed regret at the smallness of the audience. He thought this might have been due to the fact that our Parish Council have not yet seen their way to enable others to see their way about the village at night – by providing street lights. Perhaps, before we pass into another century, this amenity will be forthcoming.

BAND OF HOPE. 13th Dec. 1929

At a well-attended meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, Mr. C. Day gave an address. Readings were also given by Miss Easter and Mrs. Field, and several recitations by the members. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Dec. 1929

The members of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday enjoyed a special literary treat when the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave a lecture upon Tennyson's "In Memoriam," deducing from it many useful lessons. Hearty thanks were accorded to the lecturer. The Rev. T. B. Field occupied the chair.

WIND AND WATER. 13th Dec. 1929

No very serious damage has been done by the gales in Swavesey. A number of slates have been ripped off a house near Turn Bridge, and the roofs of other houses and buildings have suffered. During the violent squall about 2.30 p.m. on Sunday the down signal post at the railway station collapsed, and in various parts of the village wireless masts were wrecked, and tiles, slates and

corrugated roofing blown off. All land near the river is flooded, and there is a considerable amount of water in Cow Fen, adjoining the L.N.E.R. line.

WORKERS' HOSPITAL FUND. 13th Dec. 1929

The formation of a branch of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund to cover the Swavesey Rural District Area, was carried a step further at a meeting held at Swavesey Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Rev. T. B. Field, when the following were elected to form the committee: Boxworth, Messrs. T. Day and J. Mailer; Conington, Mr. R. Scambler; Fen Drayton, Messrs. E. Smart and E. J. Warboys; Lolworth, Mr. J. Bentley; Over, Messrs. A. Allen and Herbert Mustill; Swavesey, Messrs. T. Savage and H. Unwin. Mr. H. Whitehead, of Swavesey, is the hon. secretary of the branch.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Dec. 1929

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, was well attended. The President and Secretary presented their reports and the Treasurer her accounts for the year, which showed a balance of just over £4. The election of the committee which followed, resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Fraser; Vice-president, Mrs. Aldred; secretary, Miss Banks; treasurer, Miss Cole; committee, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. F. Hemington, Mrs. W. Keston, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. F. Martin, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss D. Hephher and Miss D. Godfrey. While the voting was proceeding, singing and games were enjoyed, and Mrs. Tansley, a V.C.O., gave an enlightening talk on the origin and work of Women's Institutes, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. W. Thorp and Mr. Pontefract, who acted as tellers, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 13th Dec. 1929

The interior of the Memorial Hall presented a festive appearance on Thursday afternoon in last week, when the annual sale in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund was opened by Mrs. Parker, of St. Ives. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey, who briefly introduced Mrs. Parker, expressed the sympathy of those present with the Vicar, who was absent owing to the death of his father. The stalls and competitions did a brisk trade during the afternoon, and the Christmas tree was a great attraction to the children. In the evening the hall was again filled for an entertainment, which included a play, entitled "The Crimson Cocoonut," in which the performers were Dr. Reid, Miss M. Barwell, Dr. Fraser, Messrs. R. Barwell, S. Mitham, and H. Topham. Mr. Sydney Pratt, of Cambridge, also

mystified the audience with his wonderful conjuring tricks, and Mr. J. S. King was loudly encored for his amusing songs. The concluding item was a duologue by Misses Cole and E. Dodson, entitled "A strange relation." Winners of the competitions were announced during the interval, and included: Plum pudding, Mrs. Scate; Christmas cake, Mrs. W. Hepher, Mrs. Prime, Mrs. C. Dean; box of chocolates, Mrs. H. Key; afternoon tea cloth, Miss Daisley; smelling bottles, Miss K. Banks; handbag, Mrs. Scate; pincushions, Master R. Mitham. The total amount taken was £49 1s. 0½d.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 13th Dec. 1929

Swavesey Water.

Mr. J. Frohock presided at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives on Friday. There were also present: Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), Messrs. W. I. Hemington, A. Day, F. Stanton and R. Norman.

Firstly the Over drainage scheme had a prolonged discussion.

A letter was received from Swavesey Parish Council enclosing the report of the committee appointed by the District Council to revise the water rate books, etc.

Mr. A. Day: They are very careful men at Swavesey – sometimes a little too careful. What they do say is, don't take 25 per cent. if you can help it.

Mr. H. Meeks (assistant clerk): The only question referred to the committee was the consideration of charges for more than one service. The committee was asked to report to the Council where it existed in the parish. The report does not cover that; it covers everything bar that.

Mr. Day said that several who ought to be on the rate book were not on.

Mr. Meeks said one case was reported where two families lived in one house. In that case the water charges should be doubled.

The Clerk: That cannot be helped. It may often happen that a tiny cottage paying a few shillings a week may consume more than a mansion. It is not a question of how much he uses the water, but what is the size of the premises. If there are two families it makes no difference.

The Vice-Chairman: Supposing there is a tap for one cottage, and he permits two or three neighbours to go to the tap?

The Clerk: That always wants watching. They are subject to penalties if they do that – stealing water. The essential thing was to point out to the collector that everyone who used water was to be charged.

It was decided that the present charges should stand, and that bath and car charges should be 10s. per annum. The arrangements recommended by the committee were adopted.

A SWAVESEY DRAIN.

The acting sanitary inspector, Mr. G. G. Yeandle, gave the approximate cost of laying a surface drain at Black Horse-lane, Swavesey, and the Swavesey representative was given power to act.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 20th Dec. 1929

The annual distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick Benefit and Share-out Club took place yesterday evening, when every member received 19s. 4d. The total receipts for the year from all sources amounted to £72 1s. 6d., and the sum paid in sick benefit to £20 18s. 8d.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 20th Dec. 1929

A largely attended meeting was held on Monday evening at Bethel Baptist Church, when Miss Monica Farrell, of the Irish Church Mission, gave a lengthy and interesting address on "Why I left the Church of Rome." The story of her conversion was most thrilling, as she detailed the steps by which she was led to see the truth. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. J. Day, supported by Mr. W. Daisley, and heartily carried.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 20th Dec. 1929

A correspondent writes: - It is understood that a movement is on foot to get the grand peal of bells re-hung at the Swavesey parish church. After several years of practically no ringing of one of the best peals of six in the county this is good news to campanologists, if it should be true. In the annals of change ringing Swavesey has figured prominently, as recorded by Peals Boards of long ago, which are in the belfry. In their present state it is impossible to ring the bells properly or without the possibility of serious damage being done. There is a good team of ringers at present in the village who would be glad to give their services on Sundays and on other occasions.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 20th Dec. 1929

As the result of the whist drive in the Memorial Hall on the 12th inst. and of the Christmas prize distribution, which took place the same evening, the finances of the Swavesey Football Club have been put on a satisfactory footing, as the net proceeds from the prize distribution amounted to £13 5s. 6d., and from the drive £2 7s. 6d., making a total addition to the club funds of £15 13s. Fifteen tables were in play for the whist, the following being the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. F. Burton, Mrs. E. Oakman, Mrs. G. Oakman; gentlemen, Mr. A. Ansell, Mr. H. Bentley, Mr. F. Causer.

SCHOOL CONCERT. 20th Dec. 1929

The school concert, which was held in the school on Tuesday evening, was a great success. The school was filled with what must have been nearly, if not quite, a record crowd, and financially the venture gave one of the best results obtained, so the juvenile actors are assured of a good Christmas party. To add to the gaiety of the occasion, Mr. Sidney Pratt, the Cambridge conjuror, came over specially to exhibit his well-known skill. The young people did so excellently that it would be very hard to choose one item before another. If any deserved special mention, the two infant fairy plays were excellent, both in regard to dress and acting. The various talks, introduced by Eric Williamson, was another well done item. The songs of the upper school girls earned deserved applause; in fact all must be heartily congratulated on the good work done. The dressing, which was undertaken by Miss Scott and Mrs. Wood, was excellent. The entertainment concluded with the laughable farce, "The Haunted House," performed by Messrs. F. C. and L. Wood and Misses W. and J. Wood. This brought down the house, all the parts being very effectively played by their several actors. The annual Christmas party will be held this afternoon at 3.30 p.m., when the juvenile actors and actresses will reap the benefit of their exertions.

MEMORIAL HALL. 27th Dec. 1929

Nineteen tables were in play at the whist drive organised by the Memorial Hall Committee of Management on the 19th inst., and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. Rose, Miss A. Smith, booby Mrs. E. J. Warboys. Gentlemen – Mr. P. Parish, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, Mr. A. Burton, booby Mr. C. Dean. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. The net proceeds from the drive and from the annual prize draw that took place the same evening amounted to approximately £26.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 27th Dec. 1929

The services at the Parish Church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion, 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m., and mid-day (choral, E. V. Hall's service); Matins 10.30 a.m., and Evensong, without sermon, 3 p.m. The music at Evensong included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Smart in D), the anthem "Behold I bring you good tidings" (Goss), and carols. The collections throughout the day, which as usual were for the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, amounted to £4 8s. Good congregations attended all services, the communicants numbering 130, a record for Christmas Day. The bells rang merry peals before the 6 a.m. celebration and Evensong.

AN ANCIENT CLUB. 27th Dec. 1929

A correspondent writes: "Few people in Swavesey, I venture to think, realise that one of their village clubs has had a continuous existence of something like 250 years. I refer to the Stock Club, which was established during the latter half of the 17th century. Owing to the unfortunate destruction of the earliest records the precise date of the formation of the club is not known, but it is known that it was established at the White Horse Inn, and that its meetings have been held without a break at that ancient hostelry ever since. The 'Rules, Orders and Regulations' now operating were revised on July 4th, 1836, and were reprinted with certain amendments in November, 1905."

SWAVESEY WOMAN'S DEATH IN U.S.A. 27th Dec. 1929

Many of our older readers in Swavesey and district will regret to learn that Mrs. Elizabeth Gifford, widow of the late Mr. George Gifford, has died at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., U.S.A. Three weeks before her death she fell while in Calvary Episcopal Church, where for 25 years she had been "choir mother" and a devoted worker, and this fall appears to have brought about paralysis from which she succumbed. "Mother" Gifford, as she was affectionately called by hundreds of people in Memphis, was a daughter of the late John and Caroline Covell, of Swavesey, and she was born in the village 69 years ago. Her husband, a native of the Hemingfords, worked for several years for Mr. W. H. Key, the well-known Swavesey baker, who, happily, is still alive and fairly active, notwithstanding the burden of 80 odd years. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford left Swavesey for the United States in 1882, and four years later went to reside at Memphis. Mrs. Gifford, whose husband died in 1910, is survived by her only son, Mr. Frank C. Gifford, of 1600, Harbert-avenue, with whom of late years she had lived, and by three brothers, Messrs. Charles and William Covell, both of Memphis, and Mr. Joshua Covell, of London. She revisited her native village a few years ago.

NEW YEAR'S EVE. 3rd Jan. 1930

The Parish Church bellringers, in accordance with custom, tolled the old year out and welcomed the New Year with a merry peal.

BUDDING MUSICIANS. 3rd Jan. 1930

At the recent examination held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, the following Swavesey pupils of Miss F. E. Allen, of Willingham, were successful: Division III. (grammar of music), Olive Wilderspin; Division II., Grace Whybrow.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd Jan. 1930

Before commencing his sermon at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evening the Pastor moved a resolution of sympathy with the sister church at Bluntisham upon the recent death of its genial pastor, the late Rev. Gordon Jones, which the large congregation present endorsed by rising from their seats and remaining standing whilst prayer was offered for the widowed mother and church.

CAROLLERS HELP HOSPITAL. 3rd Jan. 1930

A party of Swavesey and Fen Drayton songsters sang carols in the streets of Swavesey last week, half of the village being visited on Monday evening and the remainder on Christmas Eve. A collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, made at the time by Messrs. A. C. Hephher and A. Hawkes, resulted in £7 15s. 7½d. being raised, and this sum, added to the amount collected by the party when Fen Drayton was visited on December 21st (£3 5s. 4½d), made a total contribution to the Hospital maintenance fund of £11 1s.

DOVER TO DAMASCUS. 3rd Jan. 1930

There was a full attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, gave his popular lecture on a voyage from "Dover to Damascus," which he illustrated with a number of beautiful photographic slides taken by himself. Messrs. Pontefract and K. Williams manipulated the lantern. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer for his interesting lecture. Rev. T. B. Field presided. Uncle David and Aunt Flossie are expected on Monday next.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 10th Jan. 1930

At the recent school examinations held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Lily Hephher passed the primary grade in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over.

WORKERS' HOSPITAL FUND. 10th Jan. 1930

The Swavesey branch of the Cambs. and District Workers' Hospital Fund having now been formed, the Secretary (Mr. H. Whitehead) will be glad to receive the names of those willing to join. The rate of contribution is 2d. per week.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 10th Jan. 1930

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mrs. Alice Sutton, who passed away on Sunday, aged 86 years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Neal, of Longstanton, and widow of Mr. David Sutton, of Swavesey, and she is survived by a son and daughter. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 10th Jan. 1930

There were exceptionally good congregations at the New Year's services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Jan. 2nd, when the special preacher in the afternoon and evening was Mr. Gosden, of Maidstone. There was also an excellent attendance at the tea between the services, friends being present from Cambridge, St. Ives, Chatteris, Godmanchester, Oakington, Over, Stapleford, and from Blunham and Southill, Bedfordshire.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. 10th Jan. 1930

By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, a whist drive, in aid of the parish church repair fund, was held at the Priory on Wednesday afternoon. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Banks, Mrs. W. Thorp, consolation Mrs. J. Cain; gentlemen – Mr. T. Metcalfe, Mrs. J. Prior (playing as gentleman), consolation Mr. E. J. R. Fraser; knock-out Rev. C. F. Stebbing and Miss M. Stebbing. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 10th Jan. 1930

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore (“Uncle David” and “Aunt Flossie”) gave a variety entertainment in aid of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union Forward Movement at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mrs. Field presided. – On Tuesday a pleasant evening in connection with the Boys' Brigade took place under the presidency of the Rev. T. B. Field, the following kindly contributing to the programme, all the items of which were appreciatively received: Mrs. Canham, Miss Thompson (Cambridge), Miss D. Godfrey (solos), Mrs. Field, Mrs. Laverack, W. Hannaford and D. and N. Canham (recitations), G. Laverack (violin solos), G. Day (pianoforte solos). A dialogue by the G. L. B. party (Mrs. Isgrove, G. Payne and H. Savage) was also included in the programme. Both meetings were well attended.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 17th Jan. 1930

The contributions from Bethel Church to the Baptist Union Superannuation Fund have been completed. They amount to £30 11s. 6d., a very creditable figure for a village.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 17th Jan. 1930

The Trustees of the Over Town Lands have sent to the treasurer of the District Nursing Association a donation of £5 5s. The committee are most grateful for their generosity, which is most acceptable.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 17th Jan. 1930

The second half of the session of the Young People's Fellowship, connected with Bethel Baptist Church, was opened on Monday with a well attended social. Recitations were given by Mrs. Field, Miss B. Savage and Miss G. Dodson, and a solo by Miss D. Godfrey. Miss Coulson presided at the piano, and under the direction of Mr. K. Williams, time-honoured Christmas games were indulged in. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

A NEW YEAR'S PARTY. 17th Jan. 1930

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening Mrs. Rackham gave an interesting talk on women as citizens, which was very much appreciated. Mrs. C. S. Hepher was appointed delegate for the ensuing year. A New Year's party followed the business meeting. At this the programme included games, singing, dancing, solos by Mrs. Harold Asplin, an amusing monologue by Miss Dodson, and duets by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Thompson. Excellent refreshments were given and served by the committee. The music for singing and dancing was produced by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Mrs. Banks, and Mr. C. S. Hepher was a capable M.C.

THE LATE MRS. D. SUTTON. 17th Jan. 1930

The funeral of Mrs. Alice Sutton, widow of the late Mr. David Sutton, whose death at the age of 86 years was announced last week, took place on the 9th inst., Mr. Camps, pastor of the Particular Baptist Chapel, conducting the service at the house and also officiating at the interment in the cemetery. The immediate mourners were: Mr. D. Sutton (son), Miss K. Sutton (daughter), Mrs. B. Sutton, Mrs. D. Sutton (daughters-in-law), Mr. F. W. Pontefract (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Parish (nephew and niece), Miss Conny Parish (niece). There were no flowers by special request. Messrs. George Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE GALE. 17th Jan. 1930

No very serious damage was caused in the village by Sunday night's gale. At the railway station a number of slates were ripped off the stationmaster's house, and a section of the surrounding wooden fence was carried into the roadway leading to the yard. The Vicarage narrowly escaped serious damage

by a large elm tree that was uprooted in the garden, and at the Priory a big branch torn from a tree fell on the house. On Monday morning a shed on a smallholding at Boxworth end was found more or less wrecked several yards from its original position, with the tools, table, etc., that had been in it scattered in various directions. The asbestos roofing of the Memorial Hall rattled ominously, but it is believed that no slates were actually dislodged. The fact that one slab near the ridge at the High-street end of the building fell a short time ago – it has not been replaced – taken in conjunction with the rattling on Sunday night and during previous gales, would appear to indicate that an overhauling of the roof is needed.

TREATMENT OF FRUIT TREES. 17th Jan. 1930

Lecture on Spraying & Pruning at Swavesey.

The first lecture of the second series arranged by the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was given in the Schools on Friday evening by Mr. A. T. Paskett, to a large attendance from Swavesey and neighbouring villages. Council R. Mailer presided.

The subject of the lecture was of great interest to the district, viz., “Spraying and Pruning of Fruit Trees.”

Mr. Paskett first impressed on the audience that to make fruit growing pay the fruit must be clean, that is, free of scab and marks from pests and diseases, and they must be of first-class quality, as second and third-rate fruit would not pay for carriage. Science, he said, had done a great deal during the last few years in preparing washes that would destroy the eggs of most pests, but there was no wash that was a cure-all.

Tar distillate washes were now being largely used to keep trees clean, but some growers had complained that a lot of the apples fell last year with maggots in. This was caused by the apple saw fly, that laid its eggs late in the spring, which tar washes could not control, nor would they control the caterpillar from the tortrix moth or the codling moth, or mildew and scab, the black marks that are found on many apples. For this fungoid disease lime-sulphur washes must be used just before flowering time.

PRUNING OF TREES.

With regard to pruning, young trees only required pruning to make a shape or frame of the tree. Strong growing varieties like Bramleys and Newtons required very little pruning; in fact, a large number of trees in the county of this type would have carried more fruit years ago if they had not been pruned at all.

Where trees will not grow, Mr. Paskett said, they wanted to be pruned severely, and where they were growing very fast and making big growth, little

or no pruning, but an occasional thinning out should be done. It should always be remembered that wood buds are formed in one year, but for fruit buds it takes two years' growth, and if most of this surplus wood is removed annually there are only wood buds left.

SUGGESTION FROM OVER.

Mr. Ingle, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, said they had learnt a great deal that night about fruit growing, and he would like to ask if a similar lecture could be given to the fruitgrowers at Over. If Mr. Paskett could come he could guarantee a good attendance of fruitgrowers in the district.

BAND OF HOPE. 24th Jan. 1930

At the meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday an interesting address was given by Mr. Cyril Day, and W. Hannaford and R. Nichol recited. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BARNARDO'S DAY. 24th Jan. 1930

The sum of £1 14s. has been forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Homes as a result of a house-to-house collection carried out in the village by Nora Peppercorn, Florence Kester, Mary Shepperson, and Doris Cole.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 24th Jan. 1930

Joan Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams, High-street, succeeded in passing in the rudiments of music at the recent examination held at the local centre by the R.A.M. and R.C.M. She is a pupil of Miss E. M. Naylor, Over.

BOYS' BRIGADE. 24th Jan. 1930

The 1st Swavesey Co. of the Boys' Brigade commenced the fifth year of its nativity last Friday. Special attention is given to first aid, Swedish drill, semaphore signalling and other useful arts. Recruits over seven years of age can be enrolled any Friday evening.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 24th Jan. 1930

Mr. Coles, of Cottenham, at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, gave an interesting lecture on "The Planetary System," for which he was cordially thanked on the motion of the Chairman, Rev. T. B. Field, seconded by Mr. U. Thixton.

EPIPHANY TEA. 24th Jan. 1930

There was a good attendance at the annual Epiphany tea, which took place in the Schoolroom on January 16th, and also at the meeting following, when a most interesting lecture on Korea was given by the Rev. A. C. Cooper. Some beautiful lantern slides were shown, the lantern being manipulated by Messrs. R. and J. Barwell. A collection in aid of the S.P.G. amounted to £4.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 24th Jan. 1930

A preliminary whist drive in connection with the Conservative County Tournament took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Fifteen tables were occupied, and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. Isgrove, Miss D. Banks, consolation, Mrs. Stockbridge; gentlemen, Mr. H. Cole, Mr. P. Banks, consolation, Mr. H. Peppercorn. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C.

CHURCH MEETING. 24th Jan. 1930

The annual parochial church meeting, held in the Schoolroom on Friday, was fairly well attended. The principal business was the presenting of the various church accounts, which were duly passed. The Vicar, who presided, announced that the Council had accepted a tender for the repair of the roof of the south aisle of the church, and that it was hoped the work would be commenced in April. The funds for this object had, he said, been satisfactorily increased during 1929, but there was still need for more help. The following were elected members of Church Council for the ensuing year: Mr. C. Banks (treasurer), Mrs. Banks (secretary), Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Banks (representatives to Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conferences); members of Church Council: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Messrs. Barwell (vice-chairman), F. Hemington, B. Hodson, S. F. Mitham, and W. J. Hephher (co-opted). The retirement of Mr. W. H. Key and Mr. G. J. Paine, who have been useful members of the Council for many years was much regretted. The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc, Mr. T. Froment taking the place of the late Mr. E. Bridgeford.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Jan. 1930

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, Jethro Linford, C. H. Parish, and P. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). There was very little business. Certain bills were passed for payment, and Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, G. Burling, and C. Eason were nominated as persons qualified to serve as parish constables for the ensuing year. The Clerk

reported that he had received from the Hall Management Committee £34 0s. 7d., the half-year's instalment due in repayment of the loan on the building, with interest, and that he had remitted this sum to the Public Works Loan Board. In reply to a question the Clerk stated that the debt on the hall had been reduced by regular payments to about £250. The Chairman said he had received a complaint respecting the dangerous condition of the gate, fence, and footpath at the entrance to Church Green from the main road. After some discussion, in the course of which it was stated that the gate and a portion of the fence had been thrown into the big drain, it was unanimously agreed that the District Council should be asked to have the gate, fence, and path repaired as soon as possible.

AIRSHIP OVER SWAVESEY. 24th Jan. 1930

Fascinating Object in the Fog.

The R100, which on Thursday made a long flight from Cardington, during which she encountered much fog, was seen as a fleeting but fascinating object over the Swavesey district. Apparently, the airship did not pass directly over Cambridge, unless she was screened by a high bank of fog.

Emerging from the mist like a spectre of the sky, the giant vessel attracted admiring attention from those villagers who saw her as the sun glinted on her silvery nose, which, approaching head-on, was turned into the semblance of a full moon. She circled round the locality before disappearing in the fog in the direction of St. Ives.

Among the most enthusiastic of the spectators were a crowd of school children who counted themselves lucky to be at play at the time. They shouted with delight at the sight of the airship.

It was during to-day's flight that the R100 attained a speed of 81½ miles an hour – a world's record for airships.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 31st Jan. 1930

At a well-attended meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening the Rev. T. B. Field gave a lecture on "William Knibb, of Anti-Slavery Fame," illustrated by a large number of beautiful lantern slides, ably manipulated by Mrs. Field.

LABOUR PARTY. 31st Jan. 1930

Although some of the artistes were not able to appear at the concert arranged by the Swavesey Labour Party held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, a most enjoyable programme was carried through. The "Troubadours" gave a number of popular items, and Mr. P. Edis of Foxton, Miss Elsie Collett, and

Mr. R. Smith, of Willingham, also sang some much-appreciated songs. During the interval Mr. Sidney Dye gave an address on the work of the Labour Government.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 31st Jan. 1930

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding, and about 50 members being present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; vice-presidents, re-elected with the addition of Dr. Rose and Mr. Wood Horn (St. Ives), Messrs. W. Burton, W. F. Gleaves and A. L. Parish (Swavesey), Claude Hard and T. Johnson (Fen Drayton); chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Whitehead; hon. secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher; committees, Finance re-elected, Mr. George Wayman taking the place of Mr. F. W. Pontefract, resigned; Horticultural re-elected, Messrs. Jacklin and Turner filling vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. Pontefract and Twist; Sports, re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Proctor, who has left the district, Messrs. W. J. Hephher, F. C. L. Richardson, Stanley Godfrey, L. B. Carter and G. E. Canham being added. Mr. F. C. L. Richardson having intimated that he desired to relinquish the office of sports' secretary, Mr. L. Brooks proposed that the Sports Committee should be empowered to appoint their own secretary. This was agreed to. It was decided that this year's show and sports should be held on Thursday, 7th August, and that Mr. A. T. Paskett and Mr. George Hart should be asked to act as judges of the horticultural exhibits. The question of the affiliation of the sports with the N.C.U. and A.A.A. was discussed, but was eventually referred to the Sports Committee for consideration and report to a further general meeting.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 31st Jan. 1930

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity has been distributed this week, 22 widows receiving 3s. each in lieu of tea, sugar, etc.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 31st Jan. 1930

At the meeting in support of Addenbrooke's Hospital extension scheme, which is to be held at the Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday next, February 5th, Major Wallington will give an address in which he will explain the proposed extensions and why they are so urgently needed. His address will be illustrated by lantern slides.

WEDDING. 31st Jan. 1930

The marriage of Miss Annie Norman, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norman, Gibraltar-lane, Swavesey, and Mr. Leslie Arnold Jeffs, son of Mr. G. Jeffs, 15, Victoria-terrace, St. Ives, and the late Mrs. Jeffs, took place on Saturday afternoon at Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. T. B. Field, pastor, officiated, and during the service the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O, love divine" were sung, Mr. G. E. Canham presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in ivory art silk, with veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Elsie Norman, and Miss Marjorie Jeffs (sister of the bridegroom), both of whom wore dresses of blue art silk with hats to tone. Mr. Wilfred Squires was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon in London.

THE VERSATILES. 31st Jan. 1930

Mr. Bryan Stubbings' concert party, the Versatiles, gave an excellent entertainment at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion, but unfortunately the audience was not quite as large as on the occasion of the party's previous visit last June. Mr. Newman, baritone, sang well, and both his items were encored. Mr. Leslie North, a newcomer to the party, soon made himself at home, and besides singing popularly, he played the banjolin, banjolele and violin. Miss Mabs Brinkley was as entertaining as ever with her songs at the piano, and she also did yeoman service as accompanist. The two comedians, Mr. Sidney Clover and Mr. Bryan Stubbings soon had the audience laughing, their one-act drama, when Mr. Stubbings appeared from the back of the hall as a chocolate seller, being especially effective. Their well-known marionette act also caused roars of laughter. The concerted items were excellent, that in which the band appeared in weird uniforms, with Mr. Stubbings as conductor, being greatly to the liking of the audience.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th Feb. 1930

At the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, an interesting address was given by Mr. Idris Jones, of Over. Mr. G. Canham also contributed a reading and Mr. A. Jones a solo. The Rev. T. B. Field occupied the chair.

WHIST DRIVE. 7th Feb. 1930

An Australian whist drive in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Swavesey District Branch of the Cambridge and District Workers' Hospital Fund was

held in the Memorial Hall on January 30th. Eighteen tables were occupied, and the prize-winners were: Messrs. Heasman and Northrop, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Messrs. Barker and Bentley. The refreshments were in the charge of Mrs. Whitehead and Miss E. Dodson. Mr. H. Whitehead was M.C.

SWAVESEY'S TARGET. 7th Feb. 1930

A meeting to consider what steps should be taken to raise the sum which it was expected that the parish would aim at obtaining for the extension of Addenbrooke's Hospital, was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. Major Wallington gave his interesting lantern lecture on the hospital and its present and future needs, in course of which he announced that the target at which Swavesey should aim had been fixed at £200. It was unanimously agreed that the arrangements for raising this sum should be left in the hands of the Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee, who were given power to add to their number if necessary. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman, proposed by Dr. Fraser, and seconded by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, concluded the proceedings. The lantern was operated by Mr. A. D. Hepher.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 7th Feb. 1930

The annual tea in connection with the Bethel Sunday School took place on the 30th ult., when some 73 scholars and 50 adults sat down to a well-provided tea, after which a largely-attended public meeting was held in the church, under the presidency of the Rev. T. B. Field. An interesting programme was gone through, consisting of a piano solo by Miss J. Williams, violin solos by Master G. Laverack, recitations by A. Northil, H. Oakman, D. Nichols, J. Jacklin, J. Smith, G. and E. Prior, N. Canham, D. Payne, K. Jacklin, and R. Bath, and a dialogue by the Girls' Life Brigade, led by Capt. Mrs. Isgrove. Miss J. Williams was the accompanist. During the proceedings a large number of book prizes were distributed by Mrs. Field, and at the close Mr. G. Canham moved, and Mr. C. Day seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all helpers, and pointed out that it was owing to the generosity of many friends that it had been possible to provide the tea and gifts for the scholars.

THE LATE MRS. W. TWIST. 7th Feb. 1930

The funeral of Mrs. Lydia Twist, wife of Mr. William Twist, who passed away on January 30th, after fifteen week's illness, aged 71, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners included Mr. W. Twist (husband), Mrs. E. Bell (sister), Mr. W. Twist jun., (stepson), Mrs. O. Twist (stepdaughter-in-law),

Willie Twist (grandson). Messrs. George Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

DOGS AS FIRE ALARM. 7th Feb. 1930

Stacks Destroyed at Swavesey.

£350 LOSS.

But for the barking of dogs, four stacks on a Swavesey farm would have burnt out unwitnessed in the early hours of Tuesday.

As it was, those who were aroused had to watch the total destruction of the property, situated in an isolated spot, with no water available.

About 2 a.m., Mr. William Savage, jun., who lives with his father at the Council houses, Boxworth End, was awakened by the barking of dogs. On looking out of the window he saw a blaze in the direction of Mr. C. W. H. Cole's farm at Swavesey. From some unknown cause, four stacks – one of wheat, one of barley and two of peas and beans, standing in Tippler's Drove – had become ignited and were burning fiercely.

Mr. Savage gave the alarm, and several men were soon on the scene, including three constables, but they were unable to do anything for the reason stated.

The loss of the stacks is estimated at £350.

YOUNG FARMERS. 7th Feb. 1930

Club Formed at Swavesey.

A Young Farmers' Club has been formed at Swavesey at the instigation of the County Agricultural Organiser (Mr. J. C. Leslie), and with the friendly help of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held in the school, when 24 members were enrolled.

The majority of the members desired to keep a pig, and accordingly 20 young pigs were distributed on the following afternoon. The remainder of the members will keep poultry and will, in the course of the next few weeks, each receive a dozen of day-old chicks.

Mr. R. Mailer, Boxworth, was appointed president, while the office bearers, who are members of the club, are: Chairman, Ken Williams; vice-chairman, Leslie Skinner; secretary and treasurer, Wilfred Parish; club leader, J. Mailer, Boxworth.

The purchase of pigs was made by the following gentlemen kindly agreeing to lend the club a sum of money free of interest until such time as the pigs are sold: Mr. Stanton, Lolworth; Mr. Evison, Fen Drayton; Mr. Mailer, Boxworth; and Mr. Cole, Swavesey.

This is the second club to be formed in the county, and now that an excellent lead has been given to the Young Farmers' Club movement, other clubs ought to spring up all over the county.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 7th Feb. 1930

The Chairman (Mr. J. Frohock) presided at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives on Friday. The other members present were Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, A. Day, R. Mailer, F. Stanton, F. Johnson and R. Norman.

COLLECTOR'S SALARY.

The Rating Committee recommended that the salary of Mr. G. A. Harrison as rate collector be £100 as from Oct. 1st last and that allowance for postage be discontinued.

The report was agreed to.

“NOT RESPONSIBLE.”

In reply to a letter from the Swavesey Parish Council asking the District Council to have gates and fences next the footpath leading across the Church Green repaired, the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) was instructed to reply stating that the Rural District Council were not responsible.

A member spoke about a dangerous place in the parish, and it was decided that a post and rail should be put there.

FEN DRAYTON AND LOLWORTH ROADS.

Mr. Johnson drew attention to the bad condition of the road from Fen Drayton to Swavesey, where there were pot-holes, and Mr. Marten complained of the state of the road near Mr. Thornhill's house at Lolworth.

It was decided that they should receive attention.

MARRIAGE. 7th Feb. 1930

PONTEFRACT – SUTTON. – On February 13th, at the Registrar's Office, St. Ives, Frederick William Pontefract, of Swavesey, to Kate Sutton, of Swavesey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Feb. 1930

The members of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship at their meeting on Monday were favoured by a visit from the Rev. G. E. J. Bird of Over, who gave an address upon letting things slip, especially the good habits of prayer and Bible reading. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BILLIARDS. 14th Feb. 1930

The annual billiards handicap at the Institute has been won by Mr. L. Brooks, to whom on Monday evening the Bignell Challenge Cup was handed, together

with a medal given by the Institute Committee and the first prize of 5s. The second prize, 4s. 6d., was taken by Mr. E. Smart. The presentations were made by Mr. C. Wood (hon. secretary of the Institute) on behalf of the President, Mr. W. A. Bignell.

DANCE. 14th Feb. 1930

A most enjoyable time was spent by all who were present at the successful dance arranged by Miss Queenie Spolton which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 6th inst. Frank Royston's Band provided an excellent selection of music, and Mr. Percy Watts was an indefatigable M.C. Prizes were won by the following: - Foxtrot competition, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. H. Aves (Longstanton); waltz competition, Mr. H. Thompson and Mr. S. Smith (Histon); statue dance, Miss Huddleston (Dry Drayton) and Mr. H. Bridgeford (Swavesey); spot dance, Miss Turner and Miss Green (Histon).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th Feb. 1930

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Memorial Hall on Thursday, at the meeting of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Fraser was in the chair. A report of the annual meeting of the County Federation was read by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, and three new members were welcomed. Instructive demonstrations on tray making were given by Miss A. Sutton, slipper making by Miss B. Sutton, and on bead work by Miss A. Wayman, and an interesting account of Holland was given by Miss Aldred, all of whom were visitors from other Women's Institutes. They were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Refreshments were then served by the hostesses, Mesdames Aldred, Fraser, Marriott, Martin and Miss D. Godfrey. A roll call on the uses of newspapers, which brought many interesting suggestions, a game of mystery parcel, which caused much amusement, and community singing brought the meeting to a close.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th Feb. 1930

The annual congregational social, tea and business meeting took place at Bethel Baptist Church on the 6th inst., the Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, presiding. Addresses were given by the deacons, Messrs. B. Prior, J. and A. Day, and G. E. Canham, and reports were presented by representatives of the Sunday School, Band of Hope, choir, Young People's Fellowship, the Girls' and Boys' Brigades, Missionary Auxiliary, and Lolworth Gospel Mission. The treasurer's report, submitted by Mr. Canham, showed a church income of £257, leaving a balance in hand of £21, Sunday School income of £18 13s., missionary £23 2s., a total income of nearly £300. The reports indicated that the church and its branches were in a flourishing condition. The Pastor was

thanked for his devotion to his work, as also were the officers and active workers, and testimony was borne to the helpful nature of the services.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 21st Feb. 1930

A greatly appreciated demonstration on rug-making was given by Mrs. Holiday at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, in addition to those mentioned in the report of the meeting in our last issue.

Y.P.F. 21st Feb. 1930

At the meeting of Bethel Baptist Church Young People's Fellowship on Monday, Mr. Cyril Day gave an address on "Branding." The Pastor presided.

BAND OF HOPE. 21st Feb. 1930

A well attended meeting of Bethel Band of Hope was held on Monday, when Mrs. Field was the speaker. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore are expected next Monday.

B.W.T.A. 21st Feb. 1930

There was a good attendance at the social which was held on Tuesday in Bethel Schoolroom under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A. Mrs. J. Day presided, and a well varied programme was provided by members. Excellent refreshments were served by the committee at the close.

CONCERT. 21st Feb. 1930

The satisfactory sum of £7 12s. was taken at the concert organised by Mrs. Fraser in aid of the Swavesey and District Nursing Association, which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 13th inst. As the expenses amounted to £1 5s., the Association benefited to the extent of £6 7s. Miss Naylor, of Over, arranged the programme, the first part of which consisted of songs and sketches by a Pierrot Troupe and a pianoforte solo excellently played by Miss Joan Williams, for which she received a well-deserved encore. The second part included two short plays, "Sarah's Young Man" and "Uncle Ben," which were much enjoyed by the large audience.

ADDENBROOKE'S BUILDING FUND. 21st Feb. 1930

The local committee, who have undertaken the duty of raising money for Addenbrooke's Building Fund have agreed to a house-to-house canvas of the whole village with a view to a weekly collection being made. The work will be carried out by the following ladies: Mrs. Banks, Miss Banks, Mrs. Canham,

Miss Crouch, Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. S. Hephner, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Thixton, Mrs. Whitehead and Miss Willson, who, together with Mrs. J. Norman and Mr. James Prior, have been added to the committee. The first collection is being made this week, subscriptions in advance being invited.

INTERESTING WEDDING. 21st Feb. 1930

The marriage of Mr. Dennis Williams, fifth son of Mrs. J. Williams and the late Mr. John Williams, of Market-street, Swavesey, and Miss Margaret Brown Robertson, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, of Holmdayle, High-road, Wealdstone, Middlesex, took place at St. Michael's Church, Watford, yesterday afternoon. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. Robertson, wore a charming dress of finest Australian ivory spun silk, trimmed with orange blossoms, the silk being a gift from Mrs. Leonard Williams, the bridegroom's sister-in-law, in Brisbane. She also wore a veil and a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. Three bridesmaids were in attendance, Miss Lucy Maud Key (niece of the bridegroom) and Misses Margaret and Edna Robertson (nieces of the bride), two of whom were in blue and the third in white crepe de chine. All wore silver Dutch caps, trimmed to match their dresses, and strings of pearls, the latter the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Edward Williams, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's brother's residence in Watford, and later the happy couple left for Chertsey, Surrey, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful.

THE INSTITUTE. 28th Feb. 1930

Nine tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the funds of the Village Institute. The prizes were won by the following: - Ladies – Mrs. H. Holmes, Mrs. C. Smith; gentlemen – Mr. J. Hall, Mr. F. Causer; knock-out, Mrs. Webb and Mr. W. D. Isgrove. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 28th Feb. 1930

The annual meeting of the Band of Hope Society connected with Bethel Baptist Church was held on Monday, when a well-filled Schoolroom had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, of the County Band of Hope Union, who gave recitals and addresses bearing on the physiological and moral effects of alcohol. Mr. W. Daisley voiced the thanks of the audience to the visitors. Rev. T. B. Field presided.

W.I. SOCIAL. 28th Feb. 1930

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday at the social arranged by the entertainment committee of the Women's Institute. Dancing, games and various competitions were greatly enjoyed, especially two competitions – carrying a balloon on a wooden spoon and pushing a bottle along with a stick. A capital performance of a charming little sketch, entitled “Contrasts,” was given by Miss Ekins and Miss Ingrey and Miss Phyllis Ingle added to the pleasure of the evening with songs. Refreshments were served by the committee. Mr. C. S. Hephher made a very capable M.C. Music for dancing was supplied by Mrs. Banks and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who also were the accompanists. The happy evening was brought to a close with the dancing of “Sir Roger de Coverley.”

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Feb. 1930

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening to consider a communication from the County Council respecting the alteration or definition of the boundaries of parishes, the union of any parish with another, the transfer of any part of a parish to another parish, or the formation of any new parish. So far as the Parish Council was concerned the main point for consideration appeared to be the union of Fen Drayton with Swavesey. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to postpone further consideration of the matter until the next meeting, and the Clerk was requested in the meantime to obtain, if possible, more definite information on the points mentioned in the County Council's communication. The Clerk reported that the District Council had undertaken to repair the gates and fences on the footpath across Church Green, a precept for £15 was issued on the Rating Authority to meet the expenses of the Council, and the Clerk was authorised to pay the salaries of officials which will shortly become due. On the motion of Mr. W. Burton, seconded by Mr. P. Parish, it was decided that tenders should be invited for the collection of unburnable rubbish in April and October next. The following councillors attended the meeting: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, C. H. Parish, and S. Parish, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 7th March 1930

Housing matters were the chief things dealt with at the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives Poor Law Institution on Friday morning.

Mr. J. Frohock (chairman) presided, and others present were: Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, R. Mailer, F. Stanton and R. Norman, with the Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day) and the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. G. Yeandle).

PAINTING HOUSES.

Mr. Kirby drew attention to the houses which, he said, needed painting this year. He also moved that the old cottages at Swavesey, against School-lane, be painted on the outside.

It was decided that eight houses at Swavesey and two at Over be painted.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the collector to obtain estimates from Messrs. Mitham (Swavesey) and Arthur King (Over).

ADVERT. 7th March 1930

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 7th March 1930

At the weekly meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday last, an address on "Work" was given by Mr. Jabez Day. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BIBLE SOCIETY. 7th March 1930

The annual meeting of the local auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on Wednesday in the Friends' Meeting House. The Rev. H. J. Cossar (county secretary) gave an interesting lecture on his recent tour in the Near East, illustrated by a large number of beautiful slides. The Rev. T. B. Field, local secretary, who presided, reported that greater interest was being taken in the work of the society. Mr. K. Williams manipulated the slides, and Miss Easter presided at the organ.

SHOW AND SPORTS. 7th March 1930

At the adjourned meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding, the question of affiliating the sports with the A.A.A. and N.C.U. was further considered. After an explanatory statement by Mr. A. R. Skeels, official representative of the N.C.U., and a member of the committee of the Cambs. County A.A.A., who is a famous old cyclist, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. P. Watts, seconded by Mr. C. W. L. Richardson, that the society should be affiliated. Mr. Richardson was appointed sports secretary. It was also

decided that in future the society should be known as the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society and Athletic Association, and that the charge for admission to the show and sports next August should be raised from 1s. to 1s. 2d. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Skeels.

MR. W. H. KEY'S BEREAVEMENT. 7th March 1930

Many and sincere are the expressions of sympathy with the aged Mr. W. H. Key in the sad loss he has sustained by the death of his third daughter, Mrs. Mabel Newnham, of Church Villas, Charlwood, Surrey, who was knocked down by a cyclist in West-street, Horsham, on Wednesday week and died almost immediately afterwards in Horsham Hospital. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the jury at the inquest on Friday. Mrs. Newnham, who was 54 years of age, left Swavesey many years ago, but occasionally revisited her native village. For some time she was engaged at the Post Office at Gamlingay, but both before and since her marriage to Mr. Thomas Newnham, she resided at Charlwood, where she made a host of friends and was greatly respected, as was shown by the large and representative attendance at Charlwood Church for the funeral on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Granger Thompson, rector of the parish, officiated and the immediate mourners were: Mr. T. Newnham (husband), Mr. S. W. Newnham (only son), Mr. W. H. Key (father), Mrs. Ezra Day, Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. J. Hawkes (sisters), Mr. H. G. Key (brother), Miss Betty Day (niece), Mr. E. Day and Mr. H. Newnham (brothers-in-law), Miss G. Newnham (sister-in-law). The floral tributes, 33 in all, were very beautiful.

BAND OF HOPE. 14th March 1930

The meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday was conducted by Miss Easter and Mr. C. Day, whose visit was much appreciated.

Y.P.F. 14th March 1930

At this week's meeting of the Young People's Fellowship the Rev. T. B. Field lectured upon "The religious views of Charles Dickens." There was a good attendance.

BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS. 14th March 1930

In the great majority of Baptist Churches in England last Sunday was observed as Home Mission Day. Bethel's contribution amounted to £12 2s., in addition to which Lolworth Mission contributed 10s.

AN EXHIBITION OF ANTIQUES. 14th March 1930

An interesting evening was spent at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The President, Mrs. Fraser, was in the chair, and two new members were welcomed. It was decided not to send a delegate to the annual meeting of the Federation at Blackpool. After a short report by Mrs. Banks and Mrs. C. S. Hephher of the lecture on the care of the hair, which they had attended in Cambridge, an interesting talk was given by Mrs. Clapham on infant welfare, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A stall of antiques was on show, and Mrs. Tannesley kindly brought out a lady to judge the exhibits, and several were earmarked for the County Show to be held later in the year. Mrs. S. Carrier won the prize for the best plate of jam tarts. Games and dancing brought the evening to a close. Mrs. S. Hephher, Mrs. R. Stephens, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. G. Hephher, Miss G. Hephher, and Miss D. Hephher were the hostesses.

A WELL-DESERVED TESTIMONIAL. 14th March 1930

At the close of evensong at the parish church last Sunday, practically the whole of the unusually large congregation assembled at the western end of the building, when a presentation was made to Mr. Edward Williams, the parish clerk and sexton, who is leaving this country for Australia, where he will go into training with the view of eventually taking Holy Orders. In making the presentation, on behalf of the congregation, the Vicar spoke of Mr. Williams' devoted service to the church. He knew, he said, that they were losing a very good clerk. Mr. Walter Thorp, a former churchwarden, speaking as one who had known Mr. Williams since he was a little child, referred in eulogistic terms to the very keen interest he had always taken in everything connected with the church. As a small boy, said Mr. Thorp, Edward Williams had been the constant companion of his father, who held the office of clerk and sexton for many years, and he was never happier than when he was doing something in, or for, the church. He had been exceptionally well qualified for the post he was relinquishing, as in addition to being an excellent clerk, he had been a ringer, a singer, and deputy organist. Mr. Williams, in thanking the subscribers for their gift, said his decision to train for ordination dated from about 1920, but circumstances arose then which rendered it necessary for him to abandon the idea for a time. He thanked the Church Council for appointing his brother (Mr. Dennis Williams) to succeed him, and concluded by expressing the hope that if ever the bells were re-hung they would not be allowed to go away to be re-cast. The presentation consisted of two theological books and a cheque with which to purchase more books in Australia. Mr. Williams is leaving Swavesey this afternoon, and he will sail from Tilbury Docks to-morrow in the Orient liner Ormonde. His destination

is St. James' Clergy House, Wickham, Newcastle, N.S.W. He was only 16 when on the death of his father in 1911 he was appointed clerk and sexton, an office that had then been held by members of his family for at least 100 years. He joined the Army in 1915 and served with the Suffolk Regt. on the Western front until in February 1918, he obtained a commission and was posted to the Northants Regt. He is still on the Territorial Reserve of Officers.

MYSTERY FIRES. 14th March 1930

Second Swavesey Outbreak in Five Weeks.

WARNING BY DOGS.

Another serious stack fire on a Swavesey farm – the second within five weeks – has given rise to a theory that an incendiary may be responsible for the outbreaks. In each case the origin of the fires remains a mystery.

Despite Monday's steady rain, fire destroyed two large stacks last night at Friesland Farm, between Swavesey village and Fen Drayton, owned by and in the occupation of Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

Mr. J. Ivatt, a horsekeeper residing in a cottage on the farm, gave the alarm after he had been roused from bed about 10 p.m. As in the case of the previous fire, it is believed that the barking of dogs caused him to investigate. He discovered that both the stacks – one comprising ten tons of wheat straw, and the other three or four tons of bean straw – were alight.

Messrs. E. J. Mitham and R. Mitham, jun., together with farm hands, P.S. Keep, P.C. Brooks and P.C. Bullen, were soon on the scene. In the circumstances, however, nothing could be done to save the stacks, but a clover seed stack about 20 yards away escaped owing to the efforts of the employees and other helpers, who covered it with a rick cloth and kept it wet with water from a pump, the only available source of supply. A 30-rung ladder and a rake could not be rescued. Fortunately, they were situated about 50 yards from the farm buildings, or the outbreak might have had far more serious consequences.

The damage, estimated at £40, is covered by insurance.

It will be recalled that on February 4th four corn stacks on an outlying part of Mr. C. W. H. Cole's farm at Swavesey were destroyed by fire. The cause of that conflagration was not cleared up and remains equally a mystery with that of the present case.

The County Police are pursuing inquiries.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 21st March 1930

The meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday took the form of a social evening. The session will close next Monday, when Miss Aldred, of Over, will be the speaker.

OBITUARY. 21st March 1930

Mrs. Stockbridge, widow of the late Mr. Joseph Stockbridge, the well-known harness maker, passed away about mid-day on Wednesday, aged 76 years. She had been in failing health for a long time. She will be greatly missed in the village.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA. 21st March 1930

Mr. Edward Williams, late clerk and sexton at the parish church, left Swavesey last Friday afternoon for Australia, a crowd of relatives and friends, including the Vicar and Mr. Walter Thorp, being at the station to see him off. He sailed from Tilbury Docks on Saturday on the Orient liner Ormonde.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC. 21st March 1930

At the Festival of Music held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Saturday, a quartette from Swavesey (Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss Banks, Mr. J. Williams and Mr. F. Aldred) were placed first in their contest. The Swavesey Orchestra gained second place in the competition for village orchestras.

SOLDIER'S GRAVES. 21st March 1930

Headstones provided by the Imperial War Graves Commission, were placed last week on the graves in Swavesey churchyard of Pte. William Harden, Shropshire L.I., and Pte. Alfred Large, West Yorkshire Regiment and (A.P.W.O.) Yorkshire Hussars, both of whom died from illness contracted while serving in France, the former on 29th April, 1918, and the latter on 29th April, 1919.

THE SUMMER FETE. 21st March 1930

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting to arrange for the annual fete in aid of the Church Repair Funds, which was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. The Vicar took the chair, and arrangements were made for the event to take place on June 12th this year, instead of in July as usual. Numerous offers of help were made and an attractive programme arranged, with the usual fancy dress procession, which is always such a feature of the Swavesey summer fete. This time it is to be a Cosmopolitan Fair, and the entertainments will be in the capable hands of Mr. Barwell.

THE LATE MR. W. LARGE. 21st March 1930

The funeral of Mr. William Large, one of the original Swavesey smallholders, whose death at the age of 62 years occurred on Sunday, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The immediate mourners were Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Lean, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Few, all of Willingham (nephews and nieces). Mr. Large was the son of the late Mr. John Large, carpenter, of Swavesey. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

ADVERT. 28th March 1930

SPRING RENEWING. – We have Three-quarters of a Ton of Linos just arrived from works, 3s. to 4s. 3d. per double yard. Patterns to suit all. – Prior's Furnishing Stores.

BAND OF HOPE. 28th March 1930

The winter session of the Bethel Band of Hope closed on Monday, when Mrs. Field gave the address, and the Pastor presided. The members are looking forward to their excursion to Clacton on July 24th.

Y.P.F. 28th March 1930

The members of the Young People's Fellowship, connected with the Bethel Baptist Church, completed their programme on Monday evening, when Miss Aldred, of Over, gave an interesting address on the "Life and labours of Frances Willard." The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

B.W.T.A. 28th March 1930

The annual meetings of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A. were held in Bethel Schoolroom on the 20th inst. A well-attended tea preceded the business meeting in the afternoon, at which Mrs. Laverack gave an excellent account of the meetings in Cambridge, and all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mrs. W. Savage was appointed treasurer in place of Mrs. G. E. Canham, resigned. At the public meeting in the evening Mrs. O. E. Golding, of Cambridge, was the speaker, and Mrs. Ivatt the soloist. Mrs. W. Savage occupied the chair. A collection was taken at the close.

CARNIVAL DANCE. 28th March 1930

The second carnival dance, arranged by Miss Queenie Spolton, in aid of the funds of the Memorial Hall, which took place on March 20th, was quite as successful as her first venture. The hall was gaily decorated, and Len Dean and his Syncopators provided an excellent programme of music. Mr. B.

Richards, of Fenstanton, who acted as judge, awarded prizes to the following: Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakman (waltz competition), Miss Huddleston, Dry Drayton, and Mr. H. Bridgeford (statue dance); Miss Ivy Thorp and Mr. A. Whybrow, Swavesey (spot dance). Mr. P. Watts was an efficient M.C.

THE LATE MRS. STOCKBRIDGE. 28th March 1930

Many villagers and other friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Matilda Stockbridge, whose death at the age of 77 years was reported last week, which took place at the parish church on Saturday, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, Boston, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stockbridge, Gransden, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stockbridge, Over (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Wagstaff, Miss E. Stockbridge (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose, Over (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. F. and V. Stockbridge, D. L. and C. Wagstaff (grandsons), Misses M. Stockbridge and A. Wagstaff (granddaughters). There were no flowers by request. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers. Mrs. Stockbridge, who is survived by three sons and three daughters, was the widow of Mr. Joseph Stockbridge, the well known harness maker, and youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Randall, of Fen Drayton. She had been a sufferer for the last ten or eleven years.

BAKER'S SUCCESSES. 4th April 1930

Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, gained the following successes at the London Bakery Trade Exhibition held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, this week: Heavily fruited cakes 2nd; lightly fruited cakes 3rd, Dundee cakes 2nd.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 4th April 1930

Activities on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital are now much to the fore at Swavesey. Towards the Building Fund Target of £200, £60 has already been subscribed, and on Monday next a public meeting is to be held in the Memorial Hall to decide what action shall be taken during the forthcoming feast. Last year, in addition to the parade on Feast Sunday, a draw was organised and took place at a whist drive, and Mr. Cecil Symonds kindly gave the proceeds of a cinema entertainment during Feast Week. The committee were thus able to hand over to the hospital the sum of £113.

DROVE LETTING. 4th April 1930

By direction of the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening. The

herbage of the County Council roadsides was not offered this year. The droves realised £4 18s., against £5 8s. in 1929, and £6 16s. 6d. in 1928. The herbage of the Recreation Ground, offered under instructions from the Parish Council, was let for £2 5s., 5s. less than last year. Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, who was the auctioneer, by direction of Miss Mitchell, also disposed of grazing in Cow Fen at £2 7s. 6d. per acre, in Middle Fen at £2 2s. 6d. per acre, and in Mow Fen at £2 per acre, an increase all round of 7s. 6d. per acre on last year.

THE LATE MRS. J. H. RINGROW. 4th April 1930

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Augusta Ringrow, wife of Mr. J. H. Ringrow, of Broughton, Hunts., and daughter of Mr. Charles Willson and the late Mrs. Willson, of Market-street, Swavesey, who died after a short illness on March 29th, aged 54 years, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, officiated at the service in the church, and the Rev. L. B. S. Abbott, rector of Conington, at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners included Mr. J. H. Ringrow (husband), Misses E. and F. Ringrow (daughters), Messrs. H., L. and S. Ringrow (sons), Mr. Charles Willson, jun. (brother). Mr. A. Ringrow (son) was unable to be present, as he left England for Canada on Friday. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Messrs. G. B. Ashby and Sons, Broughton, were the undertakers.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL. 4th April 1930

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held in the Board Room of the St. Ives Poor Law Institution on Friday morning, Mr. J. Frohock (chairman) presiding. Others present were: Messrs. F. Kirby, W. I. Hemington, A. Day, R. Mailer, F. Stanton, F. Johnson, J. Scambler and R. Norman.

The tender of Mr. A. King for painting the Swavesey and Over Council houses for £35 was accepted.

BETHEL BOYS' BRIGADE. 11th April 1930

The winter session of the 1st Swavesey Boys' Brigade closed on Friday last, when the officers' wives, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Wright, with the kindly help of others, provided refreshments for a social, which was much enjoyed. The Company, now in its fifth year, comprises 18 rank and file and three officers, viz., Capt. T. B. Field and Lieuts. S. Wright and Turner.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 11th April 1930

At a public meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the Rev. T. B. Field presiding, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Stebbing), Dr. Fraser and Mr. H. W. Whitehead (hon. secretary), it was decided that a parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund should take place as usual on Feast Sunday (1st June). Last year's officials and committee were re-elected, and it was agreed that the same bands should be engaged, and that the Vicar should preside at the meeting after the parade, and the Rev. T. B. Field at the meeting in the evening. A suggestion by Mrs. C. S. Hephher that this year's effort should include a fancy dress parade on Feast Monday was referred to the committee.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th April 1930

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, when the President was in the chair. Miss Banks gave an interesting report of the first of the group meetings, held at Over, and potatoes were distributed to the members who had applied for them, and who hope to enter for the potato competition later in the season. Mr. Milner, of Cottenham, gave a good practice in community singing, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The stall did good business. A proposition was brought forward for collection of eggs for Addenbrooke's, and Mr. G. E. Canham kindly offered to convey the eggs to Cambridge. Games then brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Aldred was the hostess, assisted by several helpers.

THE REV. J. B. PAYNE. 11th April 1930

His friends in Swavesey and district will be glad to learn that the Rev. J. B. Payne, son of Mrs. Payne, of Boxworth End, and the late Mr. James Payne, who has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, is out of hospital and is making a good recovery. Mr. Payne, who it may be remembered, was appointed minister of Beulah Baptist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, a year or so ago, was, however, unable to be present on the 2nd inst., when a new two manual organ was opened in the church which during the thirty years of its existence had the unique distinction of being the only place of worship in the town without an organ. The service of dedication was conducted by the Rev. Charles Brown, D.D., of London. The organ cost £1,200, all but £120 of which had been raised before the opening. This sum was materially reduced at an organ recital in the evening, and an unnamed benefactor undertook to be responsible for the balance still needed.

MEMORIAL HALL. 11th April 1930

A concert party from Fenstanton gave an interesting entertainment on April 3rd at the Memorial Hall. There was a large audience. The programme, which had been prepared by Mrs. Whitbourn and Mrs. Gray, consisted of songs, duets, dialogues and sketches, in which all the performers, both children and adults, did well. The Rev. F. Whitbourn took the chair, and introduced the various items. (Programme in newspaper). The accompanists were Mrs. Whitbourn, Mrs. Richards and Miss J. Royston. At the close, Mr. Berryman and Mr. Prime Godfrey expressed to the visitors the thanks of the committee of the hall, to whose funds the proceeds were devoted.

CAMBS. A.A.A. 18th April 1930

The athletic outlook in the county was regarded with satisfaction generally at the annual meeting of the Cambs. County A.A.A., at the Eagle Hotel on Monday.

“In reviewing the 1929 season,” reported the hon. sec., “we can look back with a certain amount of satisfaction on the work done and the progress made. We felt that we are slowly but surely stimulating interest in athletics in the county, and we also feel that we have provided the means for some of our local athletes to reach a higher standard of proficiency than they would otherwise have done.”

It was noted with pleasure that the Swavesey meeting was to be held under A.A.A. Laws this year.

ADVERT. 18th April 1930

PHOTOGRAPHY. A. E. W. Melbourne, School-lane, begs to remind amateur photographers that he is still Local Appointed Agent for Messrs. Turner and son, Trinity-street, Cambridge, for Quick Developing and Printing.

BUDDING MUSICIANS. 18th April 1930

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, the following pupils of Miss F. E. Allen, Willingham, were successful: Higher division, pianoforte playing – Olive Wilderspin; primary division – Amy Whitehead and Betty Culpin.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. 18th April 1930

Considering the importance of the business to be dealt with the attendance at the annual Parish Meeting, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was far from satisfactory. Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman of the Parish Council) presided, supported by the Clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. Others present included, Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. A. Day and R. Norman (district

councillors), Messrs. C. Dean, J. Linford, C. H. Parish, and W. Twist (parish councillors), Messrs. T. C. Heasman, P. Lee, W. Parish, E. Prior and C. Wood. After the accounts of the Parish Council and Galon's Charity had been presented by the Clerk, the Chairman stated that the important matter for consideration that evening was an application by the parish of Over for the extension of the Swavesey public water supply to that parish. Over had, he said, offered to pay a rent of £20 per annum for the wayleave, and there would be no difference in the present pressure of water in Swavesey, as there would be a tank at Over from which the supply for that village would be drawn. Some arrangement would, however, have to be made to extend the main from the railway station, its present terminus, to the boundary of Over parish. After considerable discussion the following resolutions were passed: (a) That the parish of Over be allowed the use of the Swavesey water mains at a rental (proposed by Mr. R. Norman, seconded by Mr. Heasman); (b) that Swavesey should lay the main from the station to the parish boundary at Over bridge, but that Over should pay interest on the money expended (proposed by Mr. Heasman, seconded by Mr. Twist); (c) that a rental of £35 per annum be charged the parish of Over for a wayleave through the Swavesey mains from Conington bridge to Over bridge (proposed by Dr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. A. Day).

GOLDEN WEDDING. 25th April 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Howell, of Market-street, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage last week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. 25th April 1930

The Rev. T. B. Field has been elected county delegate by the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union to the annual conference in London May 5 to 8.

VESTRY MEETING. 25th April 1930

At the annual Vestry meeting, held under the tower of the Parish Church on Monday evening, the Vicar, who presided, again nominated Mr. C. F. Banks as vicar's warden, and Mr. Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 25th April 1930

A faith tea was provided by members of the Sisterhood and friends at the Primitive Methodist Church on Easter Monday. In the evening a service of song was rendered by the St. Ives Sisterhood, Mrs. W. Savidge reading the narrative. Miss Vineall occupied the chair, and Miss Jude presided at the

organ. The proceeds of the tea and collection have been divided between the Circuit and Swavesey Sisterhood Funds.

PAST AND PRESENT. 25th April 1930

The football match between teams representing past and present players, respectively, which took place on the Recreation Ground on Good Friday morning, resulted in a win for the present eleven by nine goals to two. A collection was taken in aid of Addenbrooke's, but, unfortunately, owing to the inclement weather, the spectators were few in number.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th April 1930

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins and ante-communion 10.30 a.m.; addresses on "The Words from the Cross" by the Vicar 1 – 3 p.m.; evensong and sermon 6.30 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, etc., for Easter Day. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6, 7.30 and 11.15 a.m. (choral); Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. All the services both on Good Friday and on Sunday, were well attended, and the number of communicants was quite up to the average for Easter Day. Peals were rung on the bells between 5 and 6 a.m. and again before evensong.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 25th April 1930

The annual Good Friday social tea at the Bethel Baptist Church was attended by about 80 persons, who did full justice to the excellent meal that was provided. A very well attended service was held afterwards, when the Rev. C. S. Boulton, of Haddenham, preached an excellent sermon from the text "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things" (St. Luke xxiv., 26). On Easter Sunday the 6th South Essex Company of the Boys' Brigade marched from Lolworth, where they were encamped, and attended the morning service, being met on the way by the 1st Swavesey Company, under the command of Lieut. S. Wright. Capt. C. Stanton gave an address and Lieut. New gave an admirable rendering of a solo. The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field (captain of the Swavesey Company), conducted the service and also gave an address.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th April 1930

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on the 17th inst., when there were present: Messrs. P. Burton, W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephew, J. Linford, C. H. Parish, P. Parish and W. Twist, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. Cole and Mr. C. H. Parish were unanimously re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively for the

ensuing year. The accounts of the Council for the year ended March 31st were presented by the Clerk and approved, and with reference to a communication from the County Council it was decided to reply that the Parish Council had no objection to offer to the suggested amalgamation of the parish of Fen Drayton with Swavesey, nor to the inclusion of Swavesey in the North-Western District. The Chairman announced that only one tender had been received for the collection of unburnable rubbish this month, and in October, viz., from Mr. P. Godfrey at £3 10s. each collection. The tender was accepted. A letter was read from the secretary of the Hospital Parade Committee inviting the Council to attend the parade on Feast Sunday, and the subsequent meeting, and it was agreed that the secretary should be informed that as many of the councillors as possible would attend. Letters from the Cambs. Rural Community Council were then considered. These had reference to various points in the Local Government Act, 1929, which affected parish councils, and also to the building of new, and the reconditioning of old, houses. Mr. Linford called attention to the disappearance of the notice board on the Recreation Ground prohibiting the dumping of rubbish in or near the pond, and other councillors pointed out that a similar notice board that had been erected in Market-street was also missing. Mr. Twist asked that the stretcher presented to the parish by the Red Cross authorities after the war, which had been stored on his premises, might be removed, and it was decided that in future it should be kept at the Memorial Hall.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 2nd May 1930

The Treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received a very welcome donation of £7 5s. from the Over Women's Institute.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd May 1930

The Rev. T. B. Field, L.Th., who has been pastor for nearly five years of Bethel Baptist Church, has resigned his charge, which will take effect in March, 1931. During the time he has held office, the church, and its branches, have flourished, and a branch mission has been established at Lolworth.

DANCE. 2nd May 1930

The Memorial Hall on April 24th was gaily decorated for the dance, organised by Miss Queenie Spolton, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Frank Royston's band provided a capital programme of music, and Mr. Percy Watts was a popular M.C. Prizes were won by the following, Mr. Brown (Cambridge) acting as judge: Fox-trot, Miss N. Mustill (Swavesey) and Mr. T. Knights (Fenstanton); waltz competition, Miss E. Seamark (Willingham) and

Mr. B. Richards (Fenstanton); spot dance, Miss Huddleston (Dry Drayton) and Mr. Whybrow (Swavesey); statute dance, Miss Ivy Huddleston (Dry Drayton) and Mr. H. Bridgeford (Swavesey). The proceeds were in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund.

BRITISH LEGION. 9th May 1930

Eleven tables were in play at the whist drive which took place at the Memorial Hall on May 1st, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. D. Williams, Miss K. Banks, Miss V. Savidge, Miss E. Day, booby Mrs. J. Prior. Gentlemen – Mr. Cole (Over), Mr. F. Causer, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. H. Whitehead, booby Mr. B. Prime, knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Culpin. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £3 8s.

UNNECESSARY WASTE OF WATER. 9th May 1930

A ratepayer writes: “The water main that runs through the village burst on Friday in Middle Watch, at the end of Gibraltar-lane. Cottages nearby were flooded, and water poured along the high road in a stream, similar to that in Trumpington-street, Cambridge. The water supply, I understand, is under the control of the Swavesey Rural District Council, and both of the representatives of this parish on that body live near where the burst occurred, yet nothing was done to repair the burst occurred, yet nothing was done to repair the damage until Monday afternoon, and in the meantime thousands of gallons of water, for which the parish has to pay, had run to waste. May I ask the District Council whether the recent increase of the water rate has not been very largely, if not entirely, due to the delay in attending to these bursts, which happen so frequently, and what steps they propose to take to protect the admittedly overburdened ratepayers.”

CAMBS. FLYING OFFICER’S WEDDING. 9th May 1930 BARWELL – HAY.

There was a large crowd at St. Paul’s Church, Peterborough, on May Day for the marriage of Flying Officer Philip Reginald Barwell, of the Central Flying School, Wittering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwell, of Swavesey, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Hay, second daughter of Dr. W. P. Hay, M.B., and Mrs. Hay, of 555, Lincoln-road, Peterborough.

The Rev. Canon A. F. Maskew, vicar of St. Paul’s officiated and during the service, which was fully choral, the hymns “How welcome was the call” and “O Father, all creating” were sung. The organist played appropriate music

while the guests were assembling and during the signing of the register. The church was beautifully decorated with spring and hot-house flowers.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in a gown of parchment faille with a gold wreath and a parchment tulle veil. She also wore a string of pearls (the gift of the bridegroom) and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Jean Hay (her sister), Miss E. M. Walker (a friend), and Miss Marjorie Barwell (sister of the bridegroom), all of whom wore long green-printed chiffon gowns, primrose yellow linen hats and green crepe de chine shoes. They carried posies of primroses and wore gold chains set with pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. Flying Officer G. W. Tuttle was best man.

While the ceremony was in progress a formation of aeroplanes from Wittering circled round the church, and six of the bridegroom's brother officers acted as a guard of honour outside the building, as also did the company of Girl Guides with which the bride had been actively connected.

The reception was held in the Fitzwilliam Rooms at the Angel Hotel, and later the happy couple left by car to pick up a trailer caravan at Swavesey, travelling thence to Cornwall, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of hyacinth blue frisca, with beige hat and shoes.

The wedding presents were very numerous.

THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 16th May 1930

The committee at a meeting held on Monday evening decided that after this week the Institute, including the billiards room, should be closed until Monday, 1st September.

BURST WATER PIPE. 16th May 1930

The engineer in charge of the water main at Swavesey writes: "In answer to the letter from 'Ratepayer,' which appeared in the 'Press and News' last week, I should like to point out a few facts which he does not appear to know. In the first place the burst did not occur until Saturday morning, and not on Friday as stated; the burst was in a service pipe and not in the main and was no larger than a piece of wheat; there were no houses flooded, and the pipe was repaired first thing Monday morning and not in the afternoon. A hole that size could not let 'thousands of gallons' run to waste, as he states."

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 16th May 1930

The Girls' Life Brigade on Tuesday gave an interesting demonstration, under the guidance of Capt. Mrs. Isgrove and Lieut. H. Dodson. The Rev. G. E. Bird

occupied the chair, supported by the chaplain, Rev. T. B. Field. The programme consisted of physical exercises, figure marching, songs and humorous sketches, which were much enjoyed by the good company present. Certificates were awarded to several members for good conduct during the year, and to the senior girls for elementary first aid. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a book to Lance-Corpl. Winnie Godfrey, who had been elected by the girls as the most useful member of the company during the year.

SWAVESEY HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES. 16th May 1930

Good progress continues to be made towards the completion of the £200 target which the inhabitants of the village undertook, for £80 has already been subscribed. The effort is remarkable, as with the exception of the amount raised at the first meeting and the collection at the Good Friday football match, the money has been contributed by the weekly house-to-house method. With regard to the Maintenance Fund, the Feast Sunday parade bids fair to be a greater success than ever this year. Cottenham Salvation Army and Cambridge People's Mission Silver Bands have promised their services, while the various bodies connected with the village are co-operating in making the parade a memorable one. To further augment the collection a whist drive and draw is being organised for Feast Thursday.

FLIES. 16th May 1930

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Fraser occupying the chair, and a fairly good number of members being present. Mrs. C. S. Hepher, delegate to the Spring Council meeting, presented her report, after which Dr. F. Robinson gave an interesting talk on "Flies," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Aldred. Another feature of the meeting was the well-laden gift stall, in charge of which was Miss Nicholls. Many and varied purchases were made, and £1 6s. 7½d. was added to the much-needed endowment fund. A buttonhole competition entered somewhat shyly, was won by Mrs. G. Howlett. Charades, greatly enjoyed by all present, brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Aldred and her usual band of willing helpers were in charge of the excellent refreshments.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 23rd May 1930

A general meeting of the Football Club, called by the hon. secretary, Mr. Henry A. Holmes, was held at the Memorial Hall on the 15th inst., to enable him to hand over the books, as he is leaving the village. Mr. Holmes, it may

be mentioned, in addition to having been a useful forward, has been a great asset to the club in many other ways. At the beginning of the season, when he took over the secretaryship, the club was in urgent need of funds, but, undaunted, he faced all difficulties, and when he presented his accounts last week he was able to report that, while the expenditure had amounted to £28 0s. 6d., the receipts totalled £35 10s., leaving a balance in hand of £7 9s. 6d. On the proposition of Mr. L. Day (hon. assistant sec.), Mr. Holmes was heartily thanked. A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. R. Seekings (late secretary) for his services to the club. Before the proceedings terminated it was decided that the annual meeting should be held on July 17th.

PRESENTATION TO RAILWAYMAN. 23rd May 1930

Mr. Henry A. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holmes, Market-street, Swavesey, who entered the service of the G.E. Railway Co. in 1916, and for the last 6½ years has been clerk at Swavesey Station, has been transferred to a similar position at Bramley, near Leeds. On Saturday morning he was presented with a handsome oak striking clock by the members of the staff at Swavesey station, the permanent way men, and the fruit agents and principal traders using the station. In making the presentation the Stationmaster (Mr. H. Whitehead) spoke in terms of warm appreciation of Mr. Holmes' services, and in the name of his colleagues and other friends, wished him every success in his new sphere of work. These sentiments were cordially endorsed by Mr. A. E. Clarke (head clerk), Mr. W. Kester (signalman), and Mr. L. Webster (plate-layer), and Mr. Holmes suitably responded. Mr. Holmes, who left Swavesey on Wednesday, will be succeeded by Mr. W. Chapman, of Bramley.

DEATH OF OLDEST INHABITANT. 23rd May 1930

Swavesey has lost its oldest inhabitant by the death, at the age of 88 years, of Mrs. Mary Ann Day, who passed away after a brief illness on May 15th, at 2, Third-avenue, Walthamstow, the residence of her son, to whom she was paying a visit. Both she and her husband, the late Mr. William Day, belonged to old Swavesey families, Mrs. Day being a daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Ann Thorp, and last surviving member of their family. In addition to her son, she leaves two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. T. B. Field, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated, and during the service the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was sung. The immediate mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Day (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Southall, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Norman, Swavesey (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss R. Thorp, Mrs. W. Coulson (cousins). Many old friends and neighbours

assembled at the graveside to pay a last tribute of respect and sympathy. There were no flowers by request. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL. 30th May 1930

Protest Against Proposed Absorption.

OVER WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. J. Frohock presided over the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held at St. Ives on Friday, when there were also present: Messrs. F. Kirby, W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and J. Scambler.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a communication from the Cambs. County Council enclosing a proposed scheme for the absorption of the Swavesey district into a new district to be called the north-western district. According to the scheme, Fen Drayton would be added to Swavesey; Over would remain as it is; Boxworth would take in Lolworth and Childerley, and Conington and Knapwell be combined with Elsworth.

Mr. Kirby said he thought the members of the Swavesey Council had carried out the duties of their office exceedingly well, efficiently and economically. He believed the best interests of the district would be served by the Council continuing in office.

OVER WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. Prime Godfrey, Clerk to the Swavesey Parish Council, wrote stating that at a parish meeting held on April 14th to decide the granting of way leave to the parish of Over through Swavesey water mains, the following resolutions were passed:

- (a) That the parish of Over be granted way leave through Swavesey water mains at a rental;
- (b) That the parish of Swavesey should lay main from Swavesey station to Over bridge, and that the parish of Over should pay interest on the money expended upon the work;
- (c) That the parish of Over be charged a rental of £35 per annum for the way leave through Swavesey water main from Conington bridge to Over.

NO AGREEMENT.

Consideration of these resolutions was deferred until Monday, when a special meeting was held at the Clerk's office at St. Ives between Messrs. Kirby, Hemington and Norman (representing the District Council), and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Swavesey Parish. No representative of the Over Parish Council attended.

There was a prolonged discussion, but no agreement was reached.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th May 1930

An exchange of pulpits took place on Sunday evening last between the Rev. A. C. Miller, of Godmanchester, and Rev. T. B. Field.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 30th May 1930

The large congregations which filled the Particular Baptist Chapel for the anniversary services on May 22nd included visitors from London, Bedford, Godmanchester, St. Ives, Chatteris, Southill, Fenstanton, Oakington, Over and Stapleford. The special preacher was Mr. Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a public tea, at which upwards of 120 persons were present. The collections in aid of the Chapel Fund were most satisfactory.

90TH ANNIVERSARY. 30th May 1930

The 90th anniversary of the founding of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday week, when eloquent sermons were preached by the Rev. R. Smith, A.T.S., of Wisbech (Moderator of the County Baptist Association), whose subject in the afternoon was "The impotent man," and in the evening "The hen and chickens." The congregations were good, especially in the evening, friends coming from Over, Longstanton, Cambridge, Needingworth, Girton and other places. Between the services 90 persons sat down to a well-provided tea.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 30th May 1930

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Women's Conservative and Unionist Association held in the school on Friday, Mrs. Banks in the chair, the following were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year:- Mrs. J. Cain (chairman and treasurer), Miss Beaumont and Miss Paine (joint secretaries), Mrs. and Miss Banks, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. Pettitt, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Hemington, and Mrs. H. Culpin. On the proposition of Mrs. Cain, seconded by Mrs. E. J. Mitham, it was agreed that the member's subscriptions to Mrs. Pashlar's testimonial should be augmented from the funds to the amount of a guinea, and on the proposition of Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Cain, that the contribution towards the Gogs Fete should be in the form of a donation of 10s. It was also decided that a garden meeting should be held at the end of July to enable Mrs. Pashlar to introduce the new organising secretary, Miss Sperling, to the committee.

THE FEAST. 6th June 1930

The annual village feast has been celebrated this week. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were well attended, especially that in the

evening. In accordance with custom the collections were in aid of Swavesey National School. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Market-street was occupied by stalls, cocoanut shies, swinging boats, Manning's roundabout, etc., but the attendance of the public was far from being up to the average of bygone years. Three cricket matches were played, Hilton being entertained on Monday, Fen Drayton on Tuesday, and Lolworth on Wednesday. Two dances were arranged by the Memorial Hall Committee of Management. That on Monday evening was a complete failure, but on Tuesday the Hall was crowded, and the dance, both from the financial and the social point of view, was a great success. Kemp's band was in attendance both evenings.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 6th June 1930

Notwithstanding the heavy rain during Saturday night and on Sunday morning and the generally unfavourable weather conditions, the third annual parade, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund, on Feast Sunday, was as great a success as its predecessors. The procession started from Boxworth End shortly after 2 p.m. At the head were the Secretary of the Organising Committee (Mr. H. Whitehead) and P.C. Brooks. Then in succession came the Cottenham Salvation Army Band, members of the Committee, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), C. Dean and Prime Godfrey, clerk (representing the Parish Council), Mr. R. Norman, sen. (representing the District Council), members of the V.A.D., Boys' and Girls' Brigades, Mothers' Union, the Sisterhood, and the B.W.T.A. (with banner), and a nursing wagon, in which were nursed and patients, some of the latter being in cots, and some were heavily bandaged, but all looked remarkably healthy. District Nurse Cottrell was the nurse in charge, Jean Wood the assistant nurse, and Gerald Prior, Freddy Walker, Desmond Nicholls and Jean Walker the patients. The Cambridge People's Mission Band preceded a muster of the British Legion, followed by representatives of the Women's Institute, Horticultural Society, Hockey, Cricket and Football Clubs, and of the National Deposit Friendly Society. Waggons and a motor car packed with Sunday School children brought up the rear. The procession made its way through the village, halting at Longstanton's road end and the Memorial Hall, and also at Market-street on returning to the recreation ground, where a meeting was held. The Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) presided, and with him on the extemporised platform – a van lent by the local representative of Messrs. Greene, King and Co., Ltd., and a lorry – were Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital), Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman, Swavesey R.D.C.), Mr. G. Hart and Mr. Harry Smith (Willingham), Mr. C. S. Gifford (Cottenham), Rev. T. B. Field, Dr. Fraser, Mr. Cole and Mr. Godfrey. After a

few introductory remarks by the chairman, in course of which he mentioned that a letter had been received from Mr. R. Mailer, the County Council representative for the district, regretting his inability to attend, Mr. Head spoke of the urgent needs of the hospital, its beneficent work, and its various departments, and he emphasised the fact that the doctors, some twenty in number, all gave their services, by night as well as by day, without remuneration. Addenbrooke's needed £30,000 per annum to keep going, whereas in 1929 its income from all sources fell short of that amount by upwards of £1,000. During 1929 79 patients from Swavesey had been treated, viz., 31 in-patients and 48 out-patients, and they had cost the hospital £222 6s. Subsequent speakers included Mr. Hart, Dr. Fraser, Mr. Kirby and Mr. H. Smith. The last-named concluded his address with his customary appeal for £1 and 10s. notes, starting the ball rolling with a couple of £1 notes from his wife and himself, and he succeeded, with the material assistance of a £5 note from a gentleman in the audience, in raking in £22, £7 more than he netted last year. Mr. S. F. Mitham, as one who had recently undergone an operation, said he owed Addenbrooke's a debt of gratitude he could never repay. He could not speak too highly of the doctors, and as for the nurses, they were "really lovely." Mr. Gifford, who followed, said he was out for shillings, and would not be satisfied with fewer than 200. Accompanied by Mr. Smith he went round the crowd hat in hand, and, although he did not capture the number he set out to get, he obtained 173. A cordial vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by the Rev. T. B. Field, concluded the meeting.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th June 1930

Good congregations attended the services at the parish church on Whit-Sunday. At evensong the choir gave a creditable rendering of the anthem "Come, Holy Ghost" (Dowland).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th June 1930

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday at the Memorial Hall, Mrs. Fraser presiding over a good attendance of members. A roll call of "Limericks" was very amusing, but the outstanding feature of the evening was a talk on the League of Nations by Mrs. Murray, who deputised for Mrs. Anderson Scott. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Refreshments having been served by the hostesses, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Laverack, a game of musical parcel (won by Mrs. E. Prior) and other games brought the evening to a close.

HOSPITAL PARADE RESULT. 13th June 1930

Including the collection on Sunday, June 1st, when the parade took place (£64 17s.), and the proceeds from the whist drive and draw on June 5th, a collection at the cricket match, and the takings at a concert during the winter (£12 13s.), the total sum raised for Addenbrooke's Maintenance Fund by the Sunday Parade Committee amounts to £96 7s. The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive: Ladies – Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. J. Culpin, booby Mrs. Hone; gentlemen – Mr. E. Melbourne, Mr. E. Webb, booby Mr. Northrop. Fifteen tables were in play. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C.

DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD. 13th June 1930

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, of the School House, have sustained a sad loss by the death of their youngest child, Harold, who succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia, on Thursday evening in last week. He was two years of age. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the parish church, the Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The mourners included Mr. and Mrs. Wood (father and mother), Charles, Stanley, Lionel and Winnie Wood (brothers and sisters). Four school girls, Mabel Godfrey, Florence Kester, Joyce Lee and Nora Peppercorn bore the little coffin to the grave. There were numerous floral tributes. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

COSMOPOLITAN FAIR. 13th June 1930

Swavesey Church Repair Fund.

£150 GRANT.

Swavesey has a fine old church, which, unfortunately, is in urgent need of repair, and for the purpose of effecting these repairs the sum of £1,600 has to be raised.

Of this £1,228 has already been collected, and in order to bring the amount nearer to the necessary sum, a fete was held in the grounds of the Vicarage yesterday afternoon and evening, through the kindness of the Vicar (Mr. Stebbing).

The organisers hit upon the happy idea of holding a cosmopolitan fete, in place of the usual garden party, and the results show that the extra effort was well spent.

A BLAZE OF COLOUR.

The lawn of the garden was transformed into a blaze of colour, as most of the helpers were dressed to represent various nationalities, and large flags hung from above the stallholders' heads, making the fete indeed a cosmopolitan fair. Even at 3 o'clock, when the fair was opened, quite a large number of people were present, and as time went on new arrivals came along and enjoyed themselves in the shade of the trees, or on the lawn in the brilliant sunshine.

OPENING CEREMONY.

At the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mrs. Bowen, of Cambridge, the Vicar intimated his pleasure at seeing the people there and at having Mrs. W. H. Bowen to open the fete. He also read a letter from the Diocesan Board of Finance, allowing Swavesey a grant of £150 towards the repairs to the church.

Mrs. Bowen, who was accompanied by Mr. Bowen, declared the fair open, and congratulated the inhabitants of Swavesey on having raised so much money, and also on having voluntarily increased their target towards Addenbrooke's Hospital from £170 to £200. If everybody continued to work so heartily and with so much good will, they would soon have all the money they required, both for Addenbrooke's and for the church.

At the conclusion of her short speech Mrs. Bowen was presented with a bunch of flowers by little Miss Joan Hephher.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

There was plenty of entertainment for everybody. In the early afternoon a fancy dress parade was arranged for the youngsters, and two performances of a pastoral farce, entitled "Poor Old Sam," were excellently given, the performers being Miss Barwell, Miss E. Dodson, Miss Paine, Mr. S. Mitham and Mr. Topham. In addition to the many other attractions in the shape of side stalls, which sold everything from soap to cigarettes, raffles, putting, throwing the penny on the squares, and other amusements, selections of popular music were played in the afternoon by the St. Ives Band, who also played for dancing during the later part of the evening.

A long list of Stalls, stall-holders, competitions and side-shows is in the newspaper.

ADDENBROOKE'S BUILDING FUND. 20th June 1930

Miss E. L. Dodson, treasurer of the Swavesey Target Fund, asks us to announce that the £100 mark has been reached this week. Thus half of the sum the parish of Swavesey undertook to raise for Addenbrooke's Building Fund is in hand.

PERSONAL. 20th June 1930

The Rev. Arthur Beaumont, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who for over 40 years was headmaster of Swavesey National School, was ordained priest in Blackburn Cathedral on Trinity Sunday. He is curate at St. Silas, Blackburn.

A BUDDING AIRMAN. 20th June 1930

Lionel Wood, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, The School House, Swavesey, has passed the entrance examination for Royal Air Force apprentices, being placed sixth in a long list of candidates. He is a pupil at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys.

SWIMMING CLUB. 20th June 1930

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey Swimming Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, the Secretary reported a balance in hand of £2 3s. 9½d., after paying for a new spring diving board and a ladies' dressing shed, the latter built by members of the club. The officers for 1930 were elected as follows: chairman, Mr. F. F. Norman; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. F. Aldred; committee, Misses S. Daintree, M. Mustill and P. Willson, Messrs. K. Williams, L. Day, E. Parish, H. Bridgeford, J. Sutton and G. Chapman.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 20th June 1930

Services in connection with Bethel Sunday School anniversary were held on Sunday, the preacher in the morning and evening being Mr. Sutton, of Earith. In the afternoon the flower service was conducted by Pastor J. K. Thorpe, of Willingham. At this there was special singing by the scholars and passages of Scripture were recited. Certificates were also presented to the collectors for the native preachers and to the candidates who passed the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination. The collections, which amounted to just over £5, were for the Sunday School Funds, flowers and eggs being sent to St. Ives Infirmary.

IS IT A RECORD? 20th June 1930

A campanologist writes: Visiting the church I noticed a Peal Board dated 1828, when the Swavesey youths rang a peal in seven methods, viz., Court Bob Minor, College Single Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Court Single Bob, Fulbourn Surprise, Plain Bob Doubles, and one other unreadable. The band at that period was: James Hephher, John Dodson, Robert Webster, William Crisswell, Phillip Dodson, John Richman, Samuel Thorp, John Williams, Berry Dodson, Robinson Mitham. The bells at present want re-hanging, which could be done without their removal to a foundry. They are a fine peal, and worthy of the noble church.

COSMOPOLITAN FAIR. 20th June 1930

The following were the winners of competitions, etc., at the Cosmopolitan Fair in aid of the Parish Church Repair Fund, a report of which appeared in our last issue: - Hidden treasure (Mr. H. Berryman in charge), 1 Miss D. Savage

(10s.), 2 and 3 Mr. C. F. Banks (2s. 6d. and 2s.), 4 Miss D. Hephher (1s.); clock golf, 1 Mr. Brooks, 2 Mr. G. Wright; dinner, Dr. Fraser (sold subsequently by auction, realising 19s.); cake, Mrs. Beaumont; rug, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; mystery, Mrs. T. Froment; tea cosy, Mr. Allen; box of biscuits, Mrs. Walter Thorp; weight of Vicar and Mrs. Stebbing, Mrs. R. Coles; Mrs. J. Prior's mystery, Master R. Mitham; gate entrances, Mr. Alfred Hawkes; half tea service, Mrs. J. Ding. The gross takings amounted to £79 5s. 3½d., and the expenses to £8 8s., leaving a net profit of £70 17s. 3½d. Last year over £85 was raised, but this amount included special donations totalling £15 10s.

VICAR LEAVING SWAVESEY. 27th June 1930

The Rev. A. C. Vidler, having announced his decision to resign the living of Tewin, Herts., in October, the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, who are the patrons, have agreed to appoint the Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, to the benefice when vacant. The living of Swavesey is also in the gift of Jesus College. Mr. Vidler will be remembered as Vicar of Swavesey from 1895 to 1912, when he left Cambridgeshire on being appointed Rector of Tewin. His old parishioners at Swavesey will be glad to learn that he proposes to take up his residence in Cambridge. Mr. Stebbing will probably be leaving Swavesey sometime in November.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. 27th June 1930

The children of Bethel Sunday School had their annual treat on Thursday week. Tea was provided in the schoolroom for the young people at 4.45, and was followed by the adults' tea at 5.30. Later, the children trooped to the meadow adjoining the chapel, kindly lent by Mr. A. Day, jun., where young and old spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. There were swings for the tiny tots, and sports and games for the others, whilst parents and friends sat around surveying the frolics of the youngsters and recalling the days when they, too, raced or scrambled for sweets. Mrs. Isgrove kept up her generous custom of providing each scholar with a free ice cream. At the close of the day, tired but happy, the boys and girls went home, wishing that school treats were held more frequently than once a year.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 27th June 1930

Byeways Expenditure.

The monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday morning, Mr. Frohock (chairman) presiding. Others present were: Messrs. Kirby, Hemington, Stanton, Day and Scambler, with the Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day).

The treasurer's balance was reported as £308 2s. 6d. on the general account, and £19 15s. 6d. on the housing account.

The Clerk brought forward a resolution from Grimsby Rural District Council which, he said, did not concern them very much, being intended for such Councils as belonged to the Rural District Councils' Association. The Swavesey R.D.C. was not a member of that Association. The resolution was mainly a protest against the curtailing of the Council's powers by the Government.

It was decided that the resolution lie on the table.

BYEWAYS' ACCOUNT.

The following letter was received from the Accounting Officer:

"I have to draw attention to two accounts in connection with the Swavesey byeways, amounting to £38 5s. 6d., which are now presented for payment, and report that there will now be a debit balance on the byeways account amounting to £60 17s. 1d., of which approximately £50 has been expended since 1st April last.

So far as I have been acquainted with the position, it does not appear practicable, yet, to make a byeways rate, and it would appear to be a matter for the Council's consideration as to whether they will cease to incur expenditure on the byeways until it is decided how such expenditure is to be met. As the matter now stands, expenditure for the time being has to be met out of the Council's general funds, and the Council are in the position that they cannot at present recover it.

The matter was discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Kirby, it was decided to call a meeting of the owners and occupiers of the Swavesey allotted land, who were affected by the byeways rating, on July 29th.

In consequence of considerable reductions in Mr. Hagger's duties as surveyor, it was decided to reduce his salary by one-half, to which Mr. Hagger agreed.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 4th July 1930

At the evening service at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday the Sunday School scholars repeated several of their anniversary hymns, to the evident delight of the large congregation. Mr. J. W. Williams presided at the organ, and the preacher was the pastor, Rev. T. B. Field.

SUNDAY MOTOR CYCLING. 4th July 1930

"There was a time," writes a correspondent, who subscribes himself "Nemo," "when this village was a Sunday paradise, when no other sounds were heard to disturb the serenity of the day than the birds carolling in the trees, or the

lowing of the cattle in the fields, but of late a change has come over the scene, and our village street seems to have become an unlicensed motor track, and pedestrians of all ages have little security from being the victims of this modern form of juggernaut. Then these riders have the bad taste to be on the 'war path' when the people are going or returning to their several places of worship. We ask why the Lord's Day be used by these 'intrepid charioteers'? We must be charitable, since they have no Thursday or Saturday half-holiday, or long week-day evenings, and, moreover, no doubt they are anxious to exhibit their skill before the most respectable people of the parish. Why does not the local Parish Council take action?"

THE MOTOR CYCLE NUISANCE. 4th July 1930

A correspondent writes: Residents of Swavesey, those possessing motor cycles excepted, have long been denouncing with more or less vigour the reckless pace at which motor cyclists ride up and down the village, and not only do they complain of the excessive speed, but also of the terrible noise they make. Denunciation, no matter how emphatic, is useless unless backed up by action, and action is just what the harassed residents shirk. Some of them say that the Parish Council should adopt measures to abate the nuisance, but the councillors, it is understood, are of opinion that they have no power to interfere. But surely as the body directly representative of the parish they have the right to bring the matter before the authority that can take effective steps to stop the nuisance. Why should the lives and limbs of adults and children be endangered? Why should sick people, little children and those who are endeavouring to get rest after a hard day's work be disturbed late at night and in the early hours of the morning by motor cyclists noisily careering through the village, or by engines left running while the riders are engaged in conversation? Then, again, is it reasonable that youths should be allowed to try what pace their machines will do up and down the main street on Sunday mornings?

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th July 1930

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. As it was member's night, the President handed over the reins to Mrs. Laverack, who with several other members had arranged the programme for the evening. A competition for the best bunch of flowers from the member's own garden, kindly judged by Mr. W. Thorp, was won by Miss K. Banks. Mrs. Banks was in charge of the stall, and although there were not quite so many articles for sale, those on view were soon disposed of. Songs were sung, and a reading by Mrs. Lavarack caused much

amusement. After refreshments, the members adjourned to Mrs. Banks' garden, where a pleasant time was spent with games, etc., and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Banks, on the proposition of Mrs. C. S. Hepher. Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. Marriott, and Mrs. Martin were the hostesses.

THE LATE MRS. OAKMAN. 11th July 1930

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Oakman, wife of Mr. Edward Oakman, whose death after about ten days' illness occurred on July 4th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The mourners included: Mr. E. Oakman (husband), Mr. and Mrs. G. Crouch (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. D. Neal (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Fuller (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs. C. and G. Fuller (brothers), Miss D. Fuller and Mrs. S. Nunn (nieces), Mrs. H. Oakman (mother-in-law), Messrs. A. and J. Oakman (brothers-in-law), Mrs. A. Oakman, Mrs. P. Bangler, Mrs. R. Cattell and Mrs. J. Oakman (sisters-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey. The late Mrs. Oakman, who was 53 years of age, leaves one son and one daughter.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 11th July 1930

The charming grounds at Swavesey Manor, kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, were the scene of a charming fete in aid of funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association yesterday afternoon and evening. The fete was opened by Mrs. Bond, of Longstanton, who gave a pleasing and encouraging address. A feature of the fete was the baby show, in which a bonnie array of babies was judged by the County Medical Officer (Dr. F. Robinson) and Miss Bills, superintendent of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Nursing Association, who made their awards as follows: Under six months – 1 Joy Daphne Dodson, 2 Alex Roy Careless, 3 Keith Norman. Over six months – 1 Brian William Hepher, 2 Jessie May Kester, 3 Nora May Smart. Special prize, Arthur John Walker. The general arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. Cooksey. The various stalls, side-shows and competitions are listed in the newspaper. Very enjoyable features were a sketch, "Neighbours in Gooseberry Court," given by the Misses Cole, Dodson and Payne, and a children's play, "The Toys that Came Alive," presented by Miss Scott and 14 little girls of the Swavesey School.

LAST WEEK'S FETE. 18th July 1930

In continuation of our report in last Friday's "Independent Press" of the garden fete at Swavesey Manor in aid of the District Nursing Association, we give a list of the winners of the competitions, etc., viz., candle lighting (prize, thermos flask given by Mrs. G. Burling), Miss Joyce Willson; clock golf (cycle lamp given by Mrs. Fraser), Mr. H. Moyne; mystery parcel (given by Mrs. W. Kester), Mrs. James Norman; doll (given by Miss Beaumont), name not guessed, and on being drawn for was won by Mrs. B. Thorp; weight of cake (given by Mrs. Cooksey), Mrs. Whitehead; feeling competition (prize given by Miss K. Banks), Eric Williamson; weight of fowl (given by Mrs. Cooksey), Miss Rose Gaunt, who subsequently sold it and handed over the sum realised to the funds. The beautiful bouquet, which was presented by Miss Phyllis Godfrey to Mrs. Bond, who opened the fete, was given by Mrs. Banks, and it should be mentioned that the admirable performances of the sketch "Neighbours in Gooseberry Court," by Misses Cole, E. Dodson and Paine, and that of the children's play, "The Toys That Came Alive," by 14 little girls of Swavesey School, were greatly appreciated and heartily applauded. The excellent performance of the children reflected great credit on Miss Scott, who had trained them. The net proceeds from the fete, including donations £5 13s., amounted to £43 7s., about £3 more than the sum realised by last year's fete.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 1st Aug. 1930

A party of 68 persons, including adults and young folks from Swavesey joined the excursion to Clacton arranged by the County Band of Hope Union on Thursday week. A most enjoyable day was spent, the weather on the whole being good. The Rev. T. B. Field and Mrs. Field accompanied the Swavesey contingent.

UPKEEP OF BYEWAYS. 1st Aug. 1930

A meeting called by the Rural District Council, of "owners and occupiers of the Swavesey byeways, to consider the future rating and upkeep of the byeways" was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday afternoon. About twenty payers of the existing byeways rate attended, some of whom are neither owners nor occupiers of the byeways. Mr. A. Day, sen., a District Councillor, presided, supported by Mr. G. D. Day of St. Ives (late Clerk of the R.D.C.), and Mr. G. A. Harrison (collector). After considerable discussion, in which Mr. R. Mitham, sen., Mr. W. Daisley, Mr. W. Parish, the Chairman, and others took part, Mr. C. Wood moved a resolution that no action be taken in the matter. Dr. J. W. Ellis seconded, but the Chairman did not put the proposition to the meeting, and eventually Mr. Daisley proposed as an amendment that the

meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, August 12th, at 6 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. W. Parish, and carried by about 12 votes to 7.

INTERESTING WEDDING AT SWAVESEY. 1st Aug. 1930 JOHNSON – BARWELL.

There was a large attendance at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, on Saturday afternoon, at the marriage of Mr. Oscar Ernest Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnson, “Gransett,” Latham-road, Cambridge, and Miss Marjorie Barwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwell, The Old House, Swavesey.

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of the parish, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, a former vicar, now rector of Rattlesden, Bury St. Edmund’s. The service was choral, and included Psalm cxxi and the hymns “Through all the changing scenes of life” and “Now thank we all our God.”

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of cream satin beaute, a wreath of orange blossom, and a Limerick lace veil, which belonged to her great-grandmother, and was lent by her aunt, Miss Barwell. This formed a train. Her three bridesmaids, Misses Mary and Cynthia Johnson (sisters of the bridegroom) and Miss Joy Stebbing, were attired in dainty dresses of green tulle with linen straw hats and shoes to match, and they carried Victorian posies of mixed flowers. Mr. Bernard Matthew was best man.

The reception after the ceremony was held in the garden of The Old House.

HARVEST. 1st Aug. 1930

Not many cereals are grown in this district, and the heavy arable land suffered greatly through the amount of rain in the month of May. Estimated yields per acre: Wheat, 3½qrs.; barley, 4 qrs.; oats, 5 qrs.; hay (an exceptionally heavy crop), high lands, 1½ tons, low lands, 2 tons; peas (not many grown), 4 coombs per acre; beans, a fair crop, 4 to 4¼ qrs.; mangolds, rather small; sugar beet, not much grown and yield less than previous year. Strawberries, a short season and poor prices; other soft fruits, a fair crop, but doubtful whether will pay for picking. What with the poor yields and falling prices, agriculture in this district will not last much longer. Owing to the poor prices obtained by the producers, townspeople should be having very cheap food. – C. W. H. Cole.

SWAVESEY’S DOUBLE EVENT.

Good Fruit at Annual Show.

ATTRACTIVE SPORTS.

G. W. Martin’s Cycling Successes.

Swavesey's eighth annual show and sports, which drew large crowds to the Manor Field yesterday, more than maintained the reputation secured by its predecessors, the Horticultural Society collaborating with the Athletic Association to provide a programme full of interest.

This was the first year of the Association's affiliation to the Amateur Athletic Association and the National Cyclists' Union and an attractive series of events, including many well-known cycling and flat competitors, was provided. Among those competing were D. S. Horn, the 25 miles' N.C.U. champion, C. W. Horn, the Eastern Counties champion, R. C. Arnold, the Cambs. sprint champion, and W. Orange, the Cambs. "quarter" and "half" champion. In the ladies' events members of the Middlesex Athletic Club took part.

RESULTS BY AMPLIFIER.

The results were announced from an amplifier installation by Messrs. H. B. Cheesewright, of Sutton, who also gave a musical programme, alternating with the selections of the Cambridge Town Silver Prize Band.

The prizes were presented by Mr. R. C. Cole (President of the Horticultural Society) and dancing took place to the music of the band, an adjournment being made eventually to the Memorial Hall, where Hal Kemp and his colleagues took up the music until midnight.

Among the visitors during the day was Captain Briscoe, M.P., who is a vice-president of the Society. He spent considerable time in the horticultural tent and also witnessed some of the sports events.

THE EXHIBITS.

The entries on the horticultural side were well up to the average. In the members' section the apple classes were particularly well supported, and in the cottagers' section the potato entries were notably large.

Mr. A. T. Paskett, the County Agricultural Adviser, and Mr. George Hart, of Willingham, were the judges, and they were well pleased with the general standard of the show.

Apples, both cooking and dessert, were of a higher quality than in previous years, and the vegetable classes were very good. Here again the quality and staging was excellent. Onions, carrots, runner beans and marrows were outstanding, while sweet peas were good. There were some fine exhibits among the redcurrants, while both Rivers and Czars in the plum classes were worthy of praise.

CUP WINNERS.

The most successful exhibitor was Police Sergt. Brooks, who signalled his last year at Swavesey – he retires shortly – by 21 firsts, 9 seconds and 10 thirds, thereby securing the cup given by Mrs. R. C. Cole, the wife of the

president for the highest number of points. Mr. Brooks' nearest rival was Mr. T. Day, of Boxworth, who secured 12 first, 11 seconds and 9 thirds, and won the cup given by Mr. W. Dodson for a collection of vegetables.

An interesting corner of the horticultural tent was that occupied by Mr. Harry Seamark, the Willingham bee expert, who showed a swarm of bees under glass and displayed bottle and comb honey. He also ran a competition for guessing the weight of about 7lbs. of honey, the honey going as the prize to the nearest competitor.

THE SPORTS.

Winners and officials listed in newspaper.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 8th Aug. 1930

At the recent Schools Examinations of the Associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, held at Cambridge, the following pupils of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over, were successful:- Grammar of Music, Division II (full marks), Grace Thorp; Primary, Pianoforte, Joan Hepher.

SCOUTS' CAMP. 8th Aug. 1930

The 15th Willesden Troop of Scouts have again selected Swavesey for their fortnight's camp, Mr. A. Day having placed the Mow Fen at their disposal. On Saturday, under the command of Scoutmaster Boshier, M.B.E., and Assistant Scoutmaster Mitchell, the party were welcomed by their honorary chaplain, Rev. T. B. Field, and directed to their destination. Five tents were speedily erected and matters arranged for their comfort. On Sunday evening they attended church parade at Bethel Chapel, and hope to do so next Sunday.

ACCIDENT. 8th Aug. 1930

Mr. George Brooks, of Black Horse-lane, met with an unfortunate accident on Tuesday evening. He was starting from his home on his bicycle when, owing probably to a wheel striking the grass verge, he overbalanced and fell heavily to the ground, pitching on to his shoulder. He was assisted into the house, and after Dr. Fraser, who was called in, had rendered first-aid, he was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where it was found that while no bones had been broken, Mr. Brooks' shoulder had been dislocated. He was promptly attended to, but was allowed to return home.

HOME RE-VISITED. 8th Aug. 1930

Mr. Frank Day, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, who has been re-visiting his native village while on a three months' holiday from Canada, left Swavesey on Tuesday to look up other members of the family in and around

Manchester, prior to sailing from Liverpool. Mr. F. Day was the youngest of four Swavesey young men who went to Canada about 23 years ago. All served with the Canadian Forces during the war, Harry Beaumont being killed in action not long after he landed in France in 1915. Lawson Hephner, another of the party, obtained a commission in the R.F.A., and before the war ended, was awarded the M.C. He is still in British Columbia. Mr. Day until recently was engaged in farming, but about 18 months ago, he was appointed postmaster at Rockwood, Ontario, and he has since then become a Justice of the Peace. He says he is kept well informed as to happenings in Cambs., as for years past a copy of the "Independent Press" has been sent to him every week.

WEDDING. 8th Aug. 1930

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends from Chatteris and Cambridge, as well as from Swavesey and the surrounding district, at the marriage of Mr. Harry Clarence Bishop, son of Mrs. Henry Carter and the late Mr. Thomas Bishop, and Miss Irene Beatrice Norman, daughter of Mr. Tom Norman, of Chatteris, and the late Mrs. Norman, which took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of white art silk with veil and orange blossom, silver shoes and stockings, and she carried a shower bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss E. Norman (sister of the bride), Miss W. Knightley (cousin of the bride), and Misses Sylvia, Joyce and Rosie Carter (sisters of the bridegroom). Misses Norman and Knightley were attired in green art silk, with cape collars, black picture hats and shoes to match dresses. They carried bouquets of pink carnations. The three small bridesmaids wore frocks of lemon art. silk and head-dresses of silver leaves. Two of them carried bouquets of white sweet peas and the third a basket of roses. Mr. L. S. Bishop (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where about 150 guests were entertained, the festivities being kept up until midnight. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. R. Barwell, in whose employ the bridegroom has been for the past twelve years, and in doing so he spoke in terms of warm appreciation of Mr. Bishops' faithful work. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a large cooking stove from Mr. Barwell.

SCOUTS' CAMP. 15th Aug. 1930

The 15th Willesden Scouts, who are in camp in Mow Fen, attended the service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evening. Rover Scout Speechley sang a

solo, and Rover Scout Hardy read the first lesson. The Rev. T. B. Field conducted the service and also gave an address upon the words, "Follow Me." Although the weather was very stormy, there was a good congregation. Yesterday Mrs. J. Norman very kindly entertained the troop to tea at the Old Manor, and to-morrow they return to London, having fully enjoyed their stay amid Swavesey's healthful breezes.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Aug. 1930

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall, the President occupying the chair. There was a good attendance of members. It was agreed to have a social in September in the President's garden to augment the funds. Mrs. C. S. Hephher presented her report of the recent Council meeting of the County Federation. This was followed by community singing, which members very much enjoy. After refreshments had been served by Mesdames Aldred, Banks, Marriott, Martin and Miss Banks, Dr. Fraser gave an instructive talk on "Food and the Housewife's Budget," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

THE BYEWAYS. 15th Aug. 1930

Mr. A. Day, sen., who was supported by Mr. G. D. Day, clerk of the Rural District Council, again occupied the chair at the adjourned meeting of the owners and occupiers of the Swavesey byeways, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. After a good deal of discussion Mr. Ezra Day moved that a committee of nine or eleven men be appointed to attend to the byeways, and this was carried by 13 votes to four. The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. W. Parish seconded, that the committee should consist of nine members, and the following were elected: Messrs. A. Day, jun., D. Williams, E. Day, W. Burton, H. Ellwood, H. Parish, B. Hodson, W. J. Hephher and W. I. Hemington. During the proceedings a letter was read from Mr. C. W. H. Cole, chairman of the Parish Council, who was unable to be present owing to illness, suggesting that if each owner and occupier cleaned out his own ditches and kept his hedges cut down along the byeways, very little more need be done. Whatever was required should, however, be carried out by the owners and occupiers themselves, and he (Mr. Cole) would undertake to keep the portion belonging to him in order. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. G. D. Day for his assistance.

A LETTER FROM SWAVESEY. 15th Aug. 1930

This letter comes from Station-road, Swavesey:

“Dear Uncle Robin, - I am very pleased to be a member of the Robins. I always wear my badge when at school. My sister is a member too. We take a very great interest in reading our columns in the ‘Press and News’ every Friday. I am enclosing one shilling for the Robin Cot Fund – 6d. for myself and 6d. for my sister. We hope the Robin Cot Fund will be a greater success in the future. I see Uncle Cyril go home every evening, and I always say ‘Tweet, Tweet.’ – Yours faithfully, Mary Mitham.”

I shall have to ask Uncle Cyril about this, Mary. I hope he says “Tweet, tweet” too! Thank you very much for the contribution to the Cot Fund.

HARBINGERS OF STORM. 22nd Aug. 1930

Flocks of sea gulls were flying around Swavesey railway station on Wednesday.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 22nd Aug. 1930

The district nurse having to leave her house in Swavesey, will temporarily reside at The Lanes, Over. Swavesey and Fen Drayton people requiring her services should notify Mrs. Aldred, London House, Swavesey.

WEDDING. 22nd Aug. 1930

The Rev. D. H. Meggy, rector of the Addingtons, Northants., assisted by the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, vicar of Swavesey, officiated at the marriage of Miss Ethel C. Day, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. Ezra Day, of Swavesey, and Mr. Edmund Kitchin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kitchin, of Castor, near Peterborough, which took place yesterday morning at Swavesey parish church. During the service the hymn “Lead us, Heavenly Father” was sung, Mr. G. W. Thoday, of Over, presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dainty dress of green figured georgette, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Her bridesmaids, Miss Betty Day (sister of the bride) and Miss Monica Kitchin (sister of the bridegroom) were in apricot silk marocain, with black hats trimmed to match the dresses. They carried bouquets of roses. Mr. T. Brooks, of Elton, Peterborough, was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride’s home, and later the happy couple left by car for South Devon, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful.

ACCIDENT TO A CHILD. 29th Aug. 1930

Frank Parish, 4 years of age, youngest child of Mr. Isaac Parish, farmer, of Fen Drayton, was seriously injured when he fell out of a four-wheeled van at Swavesey station on Tuesday afternoon. He had accompanied his father, who

had taken a load of fruit for despatch by rail. The van had been emptied when the horse suddenly moved on, and the little fellow, who was standing towards the back of the vehicle, was pitched out. He was conveyed home as quickly as possible, and was examined by Dr. Grove, who happened to be close at hand, and the doctor, finding that the boy had sustained a fracture of the femur, advised his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was taken without delay and detained.

VILLAGE COLLEGES. 29th Aug. 1930

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, - In his letter in the "Independent Press" last week, Councillor A. R. Fordham explained that the Village Colleges, of which that at Sawston is to be the prototype, are not to be colleges in the sense ordinarily understood by the word, but merely schools embodying a new experiment to fit boys and girls for a country life and to make the village a more interesting place to live in.

Now this is beautiful on paper, but how will it work out in practice? For instance, if the proposal of the Education Committee is carried out, how can a college at Willingham make village life more interesting in Swavesey, Boxworth, Fen Drayton or Lolworth, some of the parishes whose adults and older children are included in the Willingham area? Willingham is on the outskirts of the area, and cannot by any stretch of imagination be deemed a centre of village life in that widespread district. And does Mr. Fordham, with his knowledge of village life, really believe that adult villagers will go miles after their day's work to seek further education?

Was not a promise given that before these colleges were established, or at any rate before their respective positions were fixed, parents should be consulted? Has this been done in any single instance in the whole of the county?

At Whittlesford, it is true, the managers of the school – not the County Education Committee – called a meeting of parents, and at that meeting, according to the newspaper report, various objections were raised by parents to the proposal to send their children to Sawston Village College.

We villagers will be glad if Mr. Fordham will give us some information on these points. There are other questions we should like to ask him, but these will suffice for the present. – Yours, etc.,

VILLAGER.

Swavesey, 27th August, 1930.

HOSPITAL COLLECTION. 5th Sept. 1930

The annual house-to-house collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently been made in the village under the auspices of the County

Organisation Fund, realised £16 18s. Mesdames Aldred, Beaumont, Cooksey, C. Dean, F. Hemington and Walter Thorp and Miss Gaunt were the collectors.

AN OFFENSIVE DRAIN. 5th Sept. 1930

The stench arising from the large open drain, which passes under the main road near the church, has been very offensive this week. The nuisance is caused by a sewer, which serves a considerable part of the village, emptying itself into the drain within a few yards of the road. The water in the drain is frequently stagnant, and when this is the case the sewerage has little or no chance of getting away towards the river. Complaint is also being made of the stench from the same sewer at the Cow Fen end of Market-street. It is understood that the attention of the local District Councillors has been called to the nuisance in so far as Market-street is concerned, but whether the District Council is taking any remedial steps has not transpired. A few years ago an inspector of the Ministry of Health visited Swavesey, and made certain suggestions respecting the sewer.

FALL FROM A LADDER. 5th Sept. 1930

Accident to Carpenter in Swavesey Church.

An unfortunate accident happened on Tuesday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church to Mr. P. W. Mills, a carpenter in the employ of Messrs. John Thompson and Sons, Ltd., the well-known builders of Peterborough, who for some time past have been engaged in the repair of the roof of the south aisle.

Mr. Mills, a heavy man, was ascending a ladder when his foot appears to have slipped, and he fell with his legs twisted about three feet on to the stone floor.

The other carpenters, who hastened to his assistance, seeing that one of his legs had been seriously injured, sent for Dr. Fraser, who after putting the limb into splints, ordered Mr. Mills' immediate removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

On inquiry at the hospital on Wednesday, it was ascertained that Mr. Mills was fairly comfortable. His injuries consisted of a compound fracture of the leg and a dislocated shoulder.

ADVERT. 12th Sept. 1930

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WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 12th Sept. 1930

By kind permission of Mrs. Cook, a garden meeting of the local branch of the Women's Conservative Association was held at Brooklands on Wednesday, to

enable members to meet the new County Organising Secretary, Miss Sperling. After tea (provided by the committee), Mrs. Cain (chairman of the branch) introduced Miss Sperling, who spoke for a few minutes, chiefly on the recent by-election at Bromley and on the coming Empire Conference. Mrs. Pashlar, the retiring secretary, who was also present, urged the members to make fresh efforts for the Conservative cause.

ANTIQUITIES OF THE COUNTY. 12th Sept. 1930

An enjoyable evening was spent at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Fraser presided, and there was a very good attendance of members. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Jerusalem," after which it was agreed that Mr. F. Aldred should be the conductor and Mrs. Spolton pianist for the community singing practices in preparation for the competition to be held later in the year. A good entry of "vegetables from members' own gardens" was judged by Mr. W. Thorp, who, after much deliberation, awarded the prize to Mrs. Banks. Tea having been handed round by Mrs. Aldred and her usual helpers, an interesting lantern lecture on "Antiquities of our County" was given by Dr. Palmer. This was thrown open to the public, and there was a very appreciative audience. At the close Mr. W. Thorp proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Palmer and to Mr. C. Symonds, who kindly lent and manipulated the lantern.

GARDEN PARTY. 12th Sept. 1930

A very pleasant evening was spent at Mrs. Fraser's on Thursday, September 11th. The Women's Institute arranged a garden party to augment their funds, and started off with a tea served at little tables arranged on the lawn. Various competitions were held on the lawn, too, one – a skipping competition – being very amusing, calling forth a good deal of energy. This was won by Mrs. Martin, who far out-skipped anyone else. Guessing the length of string in a jar was won by Mrs. Kester. The potato race, too, caused a good deal of fun, and was won by Miss Stebbing. Walking along a tape looking through opera glasses was another cause of merriment and skill, and was won by Miss Fraser. The competition, the highest number of pins picked up by scissors, was won by Mrs. D. Godfrey. A small whist drive was held, and the winners were: ladies, Mrs. Fraser, gentlemen, Mrs. Stebbing; lucky number, ladies', Mrs. Joyce, ditto, gentlemen, Nurse Cottrell; ladies' booby, Master J. Fraser. At the end of the whist drive Dr. Fraser kindly auctioned the remainder of the refreshments, Mrs. Stebbing proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Fraser for so kindly lending their garden, and for making the evening such a

success. The members and friends then joined in the National Anthem, which brought the evening to a close.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 19th Sept. 1930

Question of Assistance for Cleaning Drains.

Mr. Frohock (chairman) presided over the monthly meeting of Swavesey Rural District Council, held in the Board Room of the St. Ives Poor Law Institution on Friday morning. Others present were Messrs. Kirby, Scambler, Day, Norman and Johnson, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) and the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. Yeandle).

The Clerk reported the balances in hand to be £269 6s. 6d. on the general account, and £18 16s. 6d. on the housing account.

PUBLIC DRAINS.

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of applying to the Ministry for assistance in the clearing out of public drains in the various parishes under the jurisdiction of the Council.

Members present gave particulars of the various drains, together with the estimated length and work required to be done. It was felt that owing to the present depression in agriculture, some assistance should be given.

Instructions were given the Clerk to apply for Government assistance on the lines suggested.

The Water Rate Collector wrote asking for the amount to be charged Mr. A. L. Parish, of Swavesey.

Mr. Day said that Mr. Parish was prepared to pay £3 per annum.

The Clerk said that sum was very small. It meant a cost to the parish of £3 a year.

Mr. Scambler said his supply, which was through a meter, cost him £15 a year.

Mr. Day said they were now in the midst of collecting the first rate under the new assessment. They raised the water rate 25 per cent. on all assessments.

The decision was that Mr. Parish should pay the 25 per cent. extra, plus £3.

A letter was received from the auditor calling attention to the necessity of increasing Mr. Shaw's bond as water rate collector and collector of rents. The present bond was for £25.

It was agreed to make the amount £50.

THE LATE MR. P. METCALFE. 26th Sept. 1930

We have to record the death of Mr. Philip Metcalfe, a member of an old Swavesey family and a well-known thatcher, who passed away at 55, Earl-street, Edgeware-road, London, W., on the 18th inst., within two days of completing his 90th year. His life was spent in Swavesey until 15 years ago,

when he left the village with his niece, Mrs. W. Thurbon, and her husband, and with them he resided until the end. He was greatly respected in the village. For many years he was a sidesman at the parish church and secretary of the Shepherds' Club, and the Stock Club. He never married. The body was brought from London by road early on Wednesday morning, and until the funeral, which took place at the parish church in the afternoon, was rested in a building in Market-street on the site of the house (since burned down) in which he was born and lived for 75 years. The Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Thurbon, Mr. J. Metcalfe, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Fred James, Mrs. Mortlock, Mr. Dennis Metcalfe, Mrs. W. Spolton, Mr. Gifford Metcalfe and Mr. W. Thurbon, jun. (nephews and nieces).

NATIONAL SAVINGS. 3rd Oct. 1930

That the village children are taking a keen interest in the Swavesey School Savings Association, which was started last March, is shown by their regular weekly contributions. There are already 55 members. Mrs. Wood (hon. secretary) will be pleased to give advice to any parents who wish their children to join, and they may be interested to know that sums as small as one penny are taken.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd Oct. 1930

Harvest thanksgiving services, combined with the celebration of the Pastor's fifth anniversary, were held on Thursday week at Bethel Baptist Church. The special preacher in the afternoon was the Rev. W. Mildred, of Girton, and in the evening the Rev. C. H. Wooster, of Waterbeach. Seventy persons attended a public tea between the services, at which the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, made a happy speech, congratulating the Pastor and people upon the happy relationship which existed, and feelingly mentioned the prospective closing of Mr. Field's ministry. The services were continued on Sunday, sermons being preached morning and evening by the Pastor. A special young people's gathering was held in the afternoon, when Mr. Blackaby gave an interesting address, and the children brought in 111 eggs and gave an offering of 10s. 6d. for Addenbrooke's. The congregations were good at all the services, and especially on Sunday evening, at which service Mrs. Watt gave an excellent rendering of a solo and the choir of the Te Deum. Mrs. Field and Mrs. Watt sang a duet at the afternoon gathering. The organists were Miss Coulson and Messrs. Canham and J. W. William. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and there was a bountiful supply of fruit and vegetables, generously given by various friends. All gifts in kind were

subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. An event of great interest took place during the evening service, when Mr. Pontefract, in the name, and on behalf of the Young People's Fellowship, presented Mr. K. Williams, who is leaving Swavesey for Chelmsford, with a Bible as a token of their appreciation of his services as secretary.

TARGET FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 10th Oct. 1930

The sum of £153 has now been raised towards the target of £200 which the people of Swavesey agreed to aim at as their contribution to Addenbrooke's Hospital Building Fund. With the exception of comparatively small amounts collected at a meeting when Major Wallington gave an address, and at a football match on Good Friday, this sum has been entirely derived from weekly house-to-house collections.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 10th Oct. 1930

When the Band of Hope re-opened for the winter session on Monday 31 new members were enrolled, and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Mrs. Field; treasurer, Mr. Pontefract; secretary, Mrs. A. J. Norman; programme secretary, Mrs. Ivatt, who with Mrs. Godfrey, sen., and Miss B. Savage, will form the committee. Later the same evening the Young People's Society commenced its winter programme, when the President, Rev. T. B. Field, gave an address on "Some famous women." The officers for the ensuing season are: vice-president, Miss B. Savage; treasurer, Mr. Pontefract; secretary, Mrs. G. E. Canham. An interesting programme has been arranged.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 10th Oct. 1930

There was only a small attendance at the annual meeting of the Institute on Friday. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Clark. The report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary, Mr. C. Wood, the latter showing an increased balance in favour of the Institute. Both were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. L. Brooks. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; chairman, Mr. S. Clark; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Wood; committee, Messrs. N. Thorp, A. Hawkes, R. H. Cole, and A. Aldred; caretaker, Mr. E. Prior. The Institute is running only one team in the Billiards League, and of this Mr. A. Hawkes was elected captain, with Messrs. S. Clark and R. H. Coles as selection committee. Mr. Lee informed the members that owing to the poor support given to him last year he did not propose to continue his boxing classes. The meeting closed with a

vote of thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer, who in reply appealed for an increased membership of the Institute.

PARISH CHURCH. 10th Oct. 1930

The harvest festival at the parish church on Thursday, 2nd October, opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. There was a large congregation at evensong when the special preacher was the Rev. C. G. Poynder, rector of Boxworth, and the music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Smart) and Stainer's anthem "Ye shall dwell in the land." The church was effectively decorated by the usual band of ladies. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, but the gifts of fruit and vegetables, though excellent in quality, were not up to the average of some previous years in regard to quantity. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, there was a children's flower service in the afternoon, the young people's contributions of fruit, flowers, eggs, etc., being afterwards sent, as usual, to St. Ives Infirmary. A large congregation was present at evensong, when the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. Carleton, rector of Castor, Peterborough, and Thursday's music was repeated. The collections throughout the festival, except that on Sunday evening, were in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital (Maintenance Fund), and amounted to £6 6s., nearly £2 less than last year. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., have also been forwarded to Addenbrooke's.

WEDDING. 10th Oct. 1930

The marriage of Miss May Thorp, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thorp, Grosvenor House, Swavesey, and Mr. Charles J. Jellings, of Willingham, eldest son of Mrs. Jellings and the late Mr. W. Jellings, took place at noon on Saturday at the parish church of St. Andrew, Swavesey, the vicar, the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, officiating. The service was choral, and included the hymns "How welcome was the call" and "Thine for ever." The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of green georgette, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by her sisters, Misses Clara and Ivy Thorp, who were attired in pink satin, with black hats. They carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Mr. R. W. Etchells, of Weybridge, was best man. The wedding breakfast and reception were held at Grosvenor House, about forty guests being present, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jellings left for the South Coast, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a full dinner service, coffee set and an oak biscuit barrel from the office staff of Messrs. Chivers and Sons, where the bride had been employed, and a full tea service from Mrs. M. Cole and Son, of Willingham, the bridegroom's employers.

HOCKEY CLUB. 17th Oct. 1930

At the annual meeting of the Hockey Club all last year's officers were re-elected for the ensuing season, and it was decided to commence play on October 16th. New members will be heartily welcomed.

THE LATE MR. J. KESTER. 17th Oct. 1930

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in our report of the funeral of the late Mr. James Kester last week: Mrs. C. Kester, Mrs. J. Kester (daughters-in-law).

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH. 17th Oct. 1930

The Bishop of Ely will dedicate the new roof of the south aisle of the parish church on Sunday, October 26th, at 3 p.m. The village has already raised £1,200 towards the cost of the repairs, but some hundreds of pounds are still required to discharge the remaining debt. Photographs of the new roof will be found in our picture page this week.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE. 17th Oct. 1930

For the harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday afternoon and evening, and on Monday, the Friends' Meeting House had been tastefully decorated. The services were conducted by Sisters Chipperfield and Sharp, students from Emmanuel Missionary Training College, who are in charge of the Meeting House, and on Sunday, Brother Eric Smith, of the same college, was the special preacher. On Monday evening Sister Chipperfield gave an interesting address on the parable of the wheat and tares (St. Matthew xiii). All the services were well attended, and the congregations joined heartily in the singing of the harvest hymns.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th Oct. 1930

Community singing conducted by Mr. F. Aldred, proved the most enjoyable part of the programme at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday. After the usual business, while waiting for the arrival of Miss Elsdon, a roll-call was taken on "Hobbies," members suggesting such admirable ways of passing time as mending trousers, doing nothing, and washing, although a good many admitted that they had no hobby. After Miss Elsdon had given her demonstration on "Inexpensive Christmas presents," for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, refreshments were served and a round table conference took place respecting next year's programme. Mrs. K. Banks was in charge of the stall, and by the sale of pictures, books, and

articles of clothing, succeeded in netting 19s. 6d. Mrs. Martin came out first in the potato competition, her one tuber producing potatoes 7lbs. 6oz. in weight. Mrs. Marriott and Miss Cole gave an excellent performance of a little sketch, entitled "Making the Best of Things." The President announced that she would be glad of gifts for the produce stall on Cambridge Market, the proceeds from which would go to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The evening was brought to a close by community singing, members trying over the songs to be sung in the forthcoming county contest.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 17th Oct. 1930

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was held in Swavesey Schools on Friday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. R. Mailer (Boxworth), and Mr. McMillan (County agricultural organiser) was present. The election of officers resulted in the following being appointed: President, Mr. R. Mailer; vice-presidents, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole (Swavesey), F. Kirby (Over), F. Stanton (Lolworth); secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Wood (Swavesey); committee, Messrs. E. Webb, P. Watts, B. Barker, R. Doggett (Over), J. Mitham (Lolworth), T. Johnson, jun. (Fen Drayton), J. Scambler (Conington), S. L. Swann (Longstanton), H. Hounsell (Willingham). It was decided that the meetings should be held fortnightly, the first being on October 31st, and that there should be four before Christmas and five after. Mr. McMillan announced that the following would be the speakers: Mr. Macintosh, of Reading, on "Value of home grown feeding stuffs for cows"; Mr. Paskett, on "Fruit growing"; Mr. H. Robinson (county poultry instructor), on "The care of winter layers"; Mr. Hunter on "Malting barley"; Mr. Carslaw on "Is it worthwhile to keep accounts." On the 27th February, the Society will close for the season with a debate on Protection and Free Trade in agriculture.

MEMORIAL TREES. 17th Oct. 1930

There are no doubt many people in Swavesey to-day who are ignorant of the fact that the cedar trees at each end of the Swan pond and in Market-street, are memorials of an historic event. They were the gift of the late Mr. Thomas William Dunn, who resided at The Old House in Black Horse-lane from 1897 until Michaelmas, 1901, and were to be a memorial of the death of Queen Victoria. Mr. Dunn, on leaving Swavesey, went to live at Milton, and here he passed peacefully away last week in the 94th year of his age. On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 1901, the day on which Queen Victoria was buried, four cedars of Lebanon were planted, those at the Swan pond by the then Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. A. C. Vidler) and his daughter, Miss Helen Vidler, respectively, and the

two in Market-street by the late Mr. T. W. Carter and the present Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr. C. W. H. Cole) then a small boy. All these trees died, and in the following autumn Mr. Dunn provided fresh cedars of Lebanon, but they declined to flourish. Undeterred by these failures on Nov. 2nd, 1902, Mr. Dunn came over from Milton, and in the presence of the Vicar and the schoolchildren, who were accompanied by their headmaster, the late Mr. H. Beaumont, he superintended the planning of fresh trees, and declared his intention to visit the village for seven years, if necessary, for the purpose of replanting, as he did not despair of getting trees that would grow. The following trees were then planted: Cedars of Lebanon at the Swan pond, and Cedrus Glauca in Market-street. Both the trees at the Swan pond died, and were replaced by Mr. Dunn in March, 1904, and in March, 1905, he replanted one of the Cedrus Glauca. All are now alive, and those at the Swan pond have become beautiful trees. It may be mentioned that the heavy iron fences surrounding the trees were also the gift of Mr. Dunn.

“NOT PRACTICABLE” 17th Oct. 1930

Swavesey Council and Ministry's Proposals

DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The Swavesey Rural District Council, who have had in view a scheme relating to drains in their area, have decided not to proceed with the proposals on a scale such as anticipated.

This has been the outcome since the Council applied to the Ministry for assistance. The Ministry, functioning as the Unemployment Grants Committee, are prepared to help if 75 per cent. of the labour employed in the scheme is composed of ex-Service men, varied, however, in certain circumstances.

The total number of men employed on the work must normally include not less than 50 per cent. of men drawn from areas selected by the Ministry of Labour, is what is stipulated. In special cases, however, the committee might consider schemes for grants on the “transfer” basis, notwithstanding that the proportion of labour proposed to be transferred does not reach 50s.

As will be seen from the report of the discussion which took place at the Council's monthly meeting at St. Ives yesterday, it was felt that the Ministry's proposals are not practicable.

“BURDEN ON FUTURE AUTHORITIES.”

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) said that if the scheme was proceeded with and a grant was made by way of a loan, the amount of the total cost would be 75 per cent. of the interest and sinking fund charges on any loan raised to meet the approved expenditure for the first half up to 15 years, and 37½ per cent. in the

same way for the remaining 15 years. That was to say, the money would be borrowed for the first half of the period from the Ministry, and the balances of 25 per cent. and 62½ per cent, respectively would have to be found by the district. The money would have to be borrowed on loan probably from the Public Works Loan Board.

He was unable to say what amount of money would be required for the purposed of the scheme. So far as the parishes of Fen Drayton and Conington were concerned the estimated cost was £440, but that sum did not include the 10s. per chain, the estimated expense at Over or at Swavesey. He supposed that the Council might take it that that amount would certainly be doubled by these two parishes, Over and Swavesey.

Mr. F. Kirby: More than doubled. Swavesey would take the full amount easily. Mr. Kirby thought that the drains at Swavesey would run somewhere into a distance of about five miles. Thinking it over in the first instance, the Council could get money on loan, but, unfortunately, the drains would require doing out before the period allowed expired, and would be a burden on authorities in the future. To get 75 per cent. ex-Service men would mean that the Council would have to go out of the district to obtain this amount of labour. That, however, would mean that they would be on the Council's hands, and he did not think the Council would be able to accommodate them.

Whilst anxious to get some assistance, he thought that the stipulations contained in the committee's proposals put up a barrier, and the Council knew that the imported labour would cost double that to be obtained locally. He thought that the Council would have to drop the scheme, and do the best they could with their own labour, which meant that men would have to be obtained from the farms.

MOTION NOT TO PROCEED.

Mr. Kirby moved that after due consideration of the question, and having received a communication from the Ministry the Council do not proceed with the scheme.

Mr. Mailer seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The Council decided to double the amount of labour required for attending to brooks during the next year, and the Surveyor (Mr. Hagger) was granted a sum of £500 to carry out the work.

The Council did not entertain the offer of the Workmen's Housing Association, Ltd., London, to build houses in the district, since there is no immediate need for dwellings.

SWAVESEY'S NEW VICAR. 17th Oct. 1930

Appointment of Rev. C. E. O. Finch.

The Master and Fellows of Jesus College, we are informed, have appointed the Rev. Charles Edward Oscar Finch, M.A., vicar of Swavesey, in succession to the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who is leaving the parish in November for Tewin, near Welwyn, another living in the gift of the college.

Mr. Finch, who was Rustat Scholar of Jesus College, and also Lady Kay Scholar, 1909, and Gatford Scholar, took his B.A. degree in 1911, and after a period at Westcott House, was ordained deacon in 1912 and priest in the following year. He was curate of St. Peter, Croydon, from 1912, until 1927, when he went as a S.P.G. missionary to Nandgal, Madras Diocese, subsequently becoming Vice-Principal of the college there. He is now in charge of a district at Broadstairs, Kent.

Mr. Finch hopes to take up his duties at Swavesey before Christmas.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 24th Oct. 1930

The proceeds from the market stall mentioned in the report last week of the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute were for the County Fund, not for Addenbrooke's Hospital.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 24th Oct. 1930

The members of the Band of Hope connected with Bethel Baptist Church were entertained to a magic lantern display on Monday. Later the same evening the Rev. F. Whitbourn, of Fenstanton, gave an interesting address "Collection and Re-collections" at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby is expected next Monday.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE CLARKE. 24th Oct. 1930

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant – the third within three weeks, all of whom were over 80 years of age – by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, wife of Mr. George Clarke, who passed away, after a long and very painful illness, on Sunday evening. Born 84 years ago, the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Smoothy, of Great Wratting, Suffolk, she had lived in Swavesey for 44 years, and during that time had been mainly responsible for the management of three public houses, "The Cricketers," "The Harry Smith," and "The Little Rose," of which her husband was licensee. All these houses have been closed. Since their retirement about seven years ago the old couple have been living in Middle Watch. In days gone by, as many of our readers in and around Swavesey will remember, Mrs. Clarke was noted for the admirable way in which she catered for cricket club luncheons and teas and other functions. In addition to her husband, with whom much sympathy is expressed, she leaves

two sons and four daughters. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday afternoon.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Oct. 1930

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, F. Hepher, J. Linford, C. H. Parish and P. Parish, with the clerk, Mr. P. Godfrey. The committee appointed to inspect the fire engine house reported that the wall was in bad condition, and that they had instructed Mr. E. Mitham (Middle Watch) to shore it up with timber baulks. The clerk was instructed to write to the owner of the land adjoining the footpath leading to Fen Drayton, and request him to cut the side of the hedge as it was encroaching on the path. A deputation from the Over Parish Council, consisting of Mr. P. J. Watts (chairman), Mr. F. Kirby and Mr. Ingle Hemington, attended to discuss the question of the rental of the wayleave through Swavesey main for the supply of water for the parish of Over. The deputation stated that they would only offer £20 per annum plus 5 per cent. per annum on the money expended by the parish of Swavesey in extending the main from Swavesey station to Over bridge. After considerable discussion the deputation agreed to call a parish meeting of the parishioners of Over to discuss what amount of rental they would be willing to pay the parish of Swavesey for the use of the main, and to inform the Swavesey Council accordingly.

YOUNG LIFE WEEK. 24th Oct. 1930

In common with thousands of Baptist Churches, Young Life Week was observed at Bethel Baptist Church last week. On Monday, after a well-attended Band of Hope meeting, the Rev. O. C. Austin, of Cottenham, gave an interesting address upon Zaccheus to the Young People's Fellowship. On Tuesday evening Sister Sharp, of the Friends' Meeting House, addressed the Girls' Life Brigade on "False and true balances"; on Wednesday Mr. H. Rodwell, of Great Shelford, gave an earnest address upon "The call, fall and restoration of Peter." On Thursday, the crowning evening, when the chapel was nearly filled with an enthusiastic audience, the tri-jubilee of the founding of Sunday Schools was observed. The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, and Mr. T. Palmer (secretary of the Cambs. Sunday school Union) gave short addresses, Mr. J. Johnson, of Cambridge, followed with an interesting address on "Robert Raikes." Mr. B. Prior and Mr. J. Payne were presented with long service certificates awarded by the National Sunday School Union, the former having been a Sunday School worker for over 50 years and still continues, and

the latter having served for 45 years. Recitations were given by K. and J. Jacklin, A. Northill, and D. Nicholls (Sunday School scholars), the Girls' Life Brigade gave an effective dialogue, and Sister Chipperfield sang a solo, and before the meeting concluded the teachers presented each scholar with a Robert Raikes medal. The collection for the school fund amounted to 30s.

BRITISH LEGION. 24th Oct. 1930

The annual dinner and meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on the 16th inst, 37 members sitting down to an excellent repast supplied by Mr. T. C. Heasman. After the toast of his Majesty had been duly honoured, the Chairman (Mr. R. Barwell) read a telegram from Mr. W. A. Bignell (president of the branch) regretting his inability to be present owing to illness. Mr. P. See (treasurer), then submitted the balance sheet, which showed a substantial sum in hand, and the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report, in course of which he stated that six new members had been enrolled, two members had left the district, and one (Mr. T. S. Johnson) had died. All present here rose and stood in silence for two minutes as a tribute to the memory of their deceased comrade. Proceeding, the secretary said the branch was in a better financial position than it had ever been and that the membership was slowly but surely increasing. Both the balance sheet and the report were adopted, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded the treasurer and secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; vice-presidents, Dr. Fraser and Mr. F. S. Salter; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Dr. Fraser; treasurer, Mr. P. See; secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Messrs. F. Hephew, T. Savage, E. Prior, S. Bath, E. Smith, H. Topham, W. Nicholls, H. Turner, A. W. Melbourne; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and W. Nicholls; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; delegate to county committee, Mr. A. W. Melbourne. After the business meeting a very enjoyable musical evening was spent, the following contributing to the programme: Master Laverack (vocal and violin solos), Mr. Gadsby (saxophone solos, accompanied by Mr. Cole at the piano), Mr. E. Smith (songs), Mr. L. Brooks (songs and racy yarns), Dr. Fraser (war time yarns), Mr. Nicholls (recitations and spicy bits), Mr. H. Topham (comic songs), Mr. P. See (war time songs, with choruses, in which the whole company joined with great gusto.

NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION. 31st Oct. 1930

The following children attending Swavesey National School have been awarded prizes in connection with the Watkin needlework scheme: Mabel

Godfrey, Florence Kester, Lucy Mitham, Nora Peppercorn, Hilda Walker and Joan Wilderspin.

FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 31st Oct. 1930

The annual house-to-house collection in the villages in the Swavesey district resulted in £76 4s. 5d. being raised for Addenbrooke's Hospital. This collection is made under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL. 31st Oct. 1930

The boys of Swavesey National School are taking a keen interest in football this year. On Saturday they visited Over, and defeated the Council school team there by six goals to two, but on Tuesday, when they entertained a team from Willingham Council School, they lost a well-fought game by four goals to two.

LITTLE WHITE RIBBONERS. 31st Oct. 1930

There was a good gathering in Bethel Schoolroom at the Little White Ribboners' annual meeting and tea. The meeting was presided over by Miss Easter. At this Sister Sharp gave an address and Sister Chipperfield and Mrs. Ivatt sang solos. A well provided tea (given by Members of the B.W.T.A.) for mothers and babies followed at 4.30 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 31st Oct. 1930

At a well-attended meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave a thoughtful lecture on "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," and pointed out the moral and spiritual lessons contained in Shakespeare's play. Miss Godfrey sang a solo. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. The Rev. W. A. Bonsey is expected next Monday.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 31st Oct. 1930

The meeting on Monday evening of the Band of Hope and Temperance Society, connected with Bethel Baptist Church was well attended. The Pastor presided, and an able address was given by Mr. Chapman on "The Red Flag." Recitations were also rendered by Dora Payne, Joy Ivatt and Gerald Prior, a solo by D. Ivatt and a piano solo by John Meads, and Bernard Godfrey gave a reading from Scripture.

THE LATE MRS. G. CLARKE. 31st Oct. 1930

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, wife of Mr. George Clarke, whose death was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Thursday, Oct.

23rd, the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing) officiating. The principal mourners were: Messrs. Frederick and Horace Clarke (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lister (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. Cyril Phipps, Misses Mary, Margaret and Cecilia Wells, Mabel and Nancy Prime (grandchildren), Mrs. George Papworth (niece). Mr. Clarke (widower) was unable to attend owing to feeble health. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

SWAVESEY PARISH CHURCH. 31st Oct. 1930

Dedication of the South Aisle Roof.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

There was a large congregation yesterday afternoon at Swavesey parish church when the new roof of the south aisle was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely.

Some 17 years ago the roof of this old church, one of the largest in the county, was found to be in a bad condition owing to the ravages of the death watch beetle. In 1914 a commencement was made with the south aisle, and that portion over the chantry at the eastern end had been completed under the superintendence of Mr. E. E. Bowden, of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, when the work had to be suspended on the outbreak of war in August of that year. Prior to this many repairs had been carried out on other portions of the fabric.

After the war the roof of the nave was taken in hand, also under the supervision of Mr. Bowden. Then came another period when nothing could be done in consequence of lack of funds.

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, on his appointment to the living in 1922, continued the efforts of his predecessor, Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, and early this year sufficient money had been raised to justify the south aisle roof being again taken in hand, and this time the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Thompson and Sons, Ltd., of Peterborough, the well-known firm of church builders, under the supervision of the diocesan architect. It was found that the roof was in a worse state than anticipated, that little of the old timber could be used, and that, therefore, the cost was greater than it was hoped it would be. The sum of £1,200 was in hand, but something like £400 more is needed. And the north aisle roof is in more or less urgent need of attention.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The service on Sunday afternoon opened with the hymn "Angel voices, ever singing," sung in procession. Preceding the Bishop were the Rev. A. C. Vidler (Vicar of Swavesey, 1895-1912). Rev. C. G. Poynder (Rector of Boxworth), the Rural Dean (Rev. A. C. Hair, Rector of Willingham), and the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Stebbing).

The order of service included the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, Versicles and Responses, Psalm xlviii, and the Lesson (St. John ii, 13-22), read by the Rural Dean.

During the singing of the hymn "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," the choir, clergy, and the Bishop proceeded to the west end of the south aisle, where the Bishop solemnly dedicated the new roof.

On returning to the chancel, the Bishop entered the pulpit and gave an address, after which a collection was made for the Church Repair Fund, the service concluding with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop, and the recessional hymn, "Glorious things of Thee are spoken."

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop preached from the text "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord, and David the King also rejoiced with great joy." (I. Chronicles xxix., 9).

That was a great day in the history of the Jewish people. David had completed the task of collecting the material necessary for the building of the first permanent temple. The people rejoiced, not only that this work was completed, but that they had offered willingly and with a perfect heart.

Responsibility had similarly been laid on the parish of Swavesey to undertake the work of restoration on a large scale, and that day they were dedicating the finished work, completed at a cost of £1,600.

The Bishop pointed out that the fabric of the church took them back some six or seven hundred years, and that this generation had the advantage of a church built by their forefathers. He could well believe that when it was first known in the parish that this restoration was necessary, some might have said it was hard that the work should be laid on the present generation after so many years of immunity. Now he was sure that there was no one in the church that afternoon who was not thankful that he or she had had the privilege of completing the work. They had made the church safe for generations to come, and it would be recorded for all time that the parishioners of 1930 had restored the south aisle roof. That was something to be thankful for, and he himself would like to thank them.

Continuing, the Bishop urged his hearers to make a definite act of self-dedication, and to pray that people would be gathered together in the church with a desire to worship and serve God.

Their thankfulness on that day was combined with a certain sadness. While they were thankful that their vicar had been able to see the work completed, they were sad to realise his ministry among them was nearly at an end. He asked them to pray for him in his future work and also for his successor. He (the Bishop) knew their new vicar, and was glad to say that he could regard

the appointment with thankfulness and confidence. He begged them to be absolutely loyal to their new pastor; in that way they could best show their thankfulness to the vicar, who was leaving them.

ADVERT. 7th Nov. 1930

NOW READY at Lee's Market-street Store, a Splendid Assortment of Christmas Cards, Fancy and Perfumed Compendiums for Boxed Stationery. Orders taken for Private Christmas Cards. Books on view.

WONDERFUL SPACES. 7th Nov. 1930

At the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, the Rev. A. W. Bonsey, of St. Ives, gave an astronomical lecture, entitled "Wonderful Spaces," illustrated by lantern slides, manipulated by Messrs. Pontefract and Canham. Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, will give a lecture on "Spurgeon" at next Monday's meeting.

BAND OF HOPE. 7th Nov. 1930

Notwithstanding the wet evening, there was a fairly good attendance at the weekly meeting of the Band of Hope and Temperance Society connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address, and during the proceedings recitations were contributed by S. Carter, D. Ivatt, S. Budge, and D. Payne, and readings by Mrs. Ivatt and Douglas Canham.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 7th Nov. 1930

The first meeting of the winter session of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was held in the School, Swavesey, on Friday, when Mr. J. A. McMillan (county agricultural organiser) gave a lecture on "The use of home-grown foodstuffs." He discussed the various ingredients of the common foodstuffs and their uses in the animal body, and proceeded to give illustrations of rations, using a proportion of home-grown cereals. There was an interesting discussion at the close of the lecture. Mr. R. Mailer, the chairman, intimated that at the next meeting, which would be held on Friday, November 14th, at 7 p.m. in Swavesey School, Mr. J. Mackintosh, of Reading University, would speak on "The feeding of dairy cows." He hoped that there would be a large attendance to welcome such an authority as Mr. Mackintosh. He further intimated that Mr. C. Wood, the secretary, would be glad to enrol new members of the society.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 14th Nov. 1930

Ex-Service men, some 30 in number, assembled on the Recreation Ground at 2.45 p.m. on Sunday, under the command of Capt. R. Barwell, and headed by the standard of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, borne by Mr. T. Savage, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. During the service a portion of Scripture was read by Mr. C. Wood, and the Roll of the men who made the supreme sacrifice was recited by Mr. H. H. Berryman (secretary of the branch) after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Capt. Barwell. The Rev. T. B. Field gave an address, and the hymns "O God, our help in ages past," "O valiant hearts," "Eternal Father, strong to save," and "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus" were sung, the service concluding with the National Anthem. A collection for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £2.

Before the memorial service at the parish church in the evening a half muffled peal was rung on the bells. An exceptionally large congregation attended, including about 40 ex-Service men, who paraded at the churchyard gates and, led by the standard bearer, marched into the church, where seats had been reserved for them. The hymn "O God, our help" was sung in procession, and after the singing of Arkwright's "O valiant hearts," the Vicar, who officiated, read the long Roll of the men of Swavesey who served in the war. In his sermon the Vicar made an urgent appeal for Lord Hague's Fund, to which the subsequent collection was devoted. After the Blessing the National Anthem was sung, and Capt. Barwell sounded the "Last Post," the service being brought to a close with "Onward, Christian soldiers," sung as a recessional. The collection amounted to £3 3s.

On Armistice Day (Tuesday) there was an early celebration of Holy Communion at the parish church, and immediately preceding the two minutes' silence the tenor bell was tolled 26 times, the number of Swavesey men who made the supreme sacrifice. A short service followed the silence. On and around the Memorial Cross in the churchyard were laid beautiful flowers, including a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the Swavesey members of the British Legion, and another of white chrysanthemums and red dahlias in memory of Joseph Barker Parish, who, desperately wounded a few days before, died on the 11th November, 1918.

ADVERT. 14th Nov. 1930

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DISPLAY of Toys, Games, Bon-bons, Painting and Story Books, has been arranged at Lee's, High-street Branch. Parents are especially invited to view. Any article put by for Xmas.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 14th Nov. 1930

A welcome donation of five guineas has been received by the Treasurer (Mrs. Cooksey) of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association from the trustees of Over Town Lands.

B.W.T.A. 14th Nov. 1930

At the meeting of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A., which was held at the Friends' Meeting House, Mrs. Savage occupying the chair, an interesting address was given by Sister Chipperfield, and solos were sung by Miss Easter and Sister Sharp. There was a good attendance.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 14th Nov. 1930

By collections at services and the sale of poppies in the villages covered by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion £21 12s. 5d. has been raised this year for Earl Haig's Fund, £1 12s. 5d. more than in November, 1929. Swavesey – Poppies £8 17s. 1d. (12s. 7d. more than last year); collections – Parish Church, £3 3s., Memorial Hall £2.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th Nov. 1930

The weekly meeting of the Band of Hope and Temperance Society was unusually well attended on Monday, when an interesting address was given by Mr. C. Day. The following members contributed to the evening's programme: Mrs. Ivatt, D. Ivatt, J. Meads, R. Godfrey, R. Bath, E. Hannaford, D. Payne and W. Isgrove, with Miss J. Williams as pianist. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. Later in the evening the Rev. T. B. Field gave his lecture on Spurgeon. At the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship Miss B. Savage, vice-president, occupied the chair, Miss W. Godfrey read the lesson, and Miss M. Coulson was at the piano. Rev. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, is expected next week.

REV. J. B. PAYNE. 14th Nov. 1930

Some of our readers will, no doubt, be interested to learn that an appreciative article on the career of the Rev. J. B. Payne appears in the November issue of "The Sword and the Trowel." Mr. Payne is a native of Swavesey, being a son of Mrs. Payne, of Boxworth End, and the late Mr. James Payne. When 17 years of age he left the village for Cambridge, and in 1903 entered Spurgeon's College, where he remained until 1908. He subsequently had charge of churches at Norwich, Leighton Buzzard, and Tunbridge Wells. Last year he received a call to Bexhill-on-Sea, and during his ministry there the congregations have much increased, a new organ has been installed and paid

for, and other improvements are being carried out, amongst them a new baptistery.

WASTED WATER? 14th Nov. 1930

Great Increase in Consumption at Swavesey.

MILK REFRIGERATORS BLAMED.

An alarming increase in the water consumption in the parish of Swavesey has caused inquiries to be instigated by the East Hunts. Supply Company, and the matter has been taken up by the Swavesey Rural District Council.

In a letter to the Rural District Council, read at the meeting at St. Ives Workhouse on Friday, the company's secretary stated that during the last month the quantity of water taken had been more than double the previous average. This, he said, pointed to a serious waste or misuse, and he asked the Council to see that it received the attention it required.

INCREASE DURING SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

The reply of the Rating and Valuation Officer to the Company's letter was to quote the Company's account for the quarter ended Sept. 30th last, which was the highest for any period over seven years. The charges for the March, June and December quarters appeared to be fairly consistent. There was, however, a very large increase in the September quarter, 1927, and in the same quarter of the years following. As the increase in this particular quarter had been maintained for a period of four years, it appeared likely to be due to a leakage or waste. The only suggestion that he (the Valuation Officer) could offer was that it might perhaps be due to the installation of milk refrigerators.

The following chart of the volume of water taken in the September quarter clearly shows the increase: 1926, 904,000 gallons; 1927, 918,000; 1928, 1,235,000; 1929, 1,262,000; 1930, 1,354,000.

Thus the increase of the September quarter, 1930, over the September quarter, 1926, was 436,000 gallons.

MILK REFRIGERATORS.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) thought it was clear that the milk refrigerators were using a large quantity of water, for which they did not pay an adequate amount. It was for Swavesey to say whether they preferred to pay other people's rates or not.

Mr. A. Day, one of the Swavesey representatives, said they now had double the number of people taking the water. There were a number of people who had cars who were not willing to pay for the extra water.

The Clerk remarked that 1,354,000 gallons seemed an enormous consumption. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Swavesey representatives to watch the consumption, etc., and report to the Council if necessary.

The analyst's report as to the conditions of the well on the premises of Mr. W. D. Isgrove, a baker, of Swavesey, showed that the water was temporarily safe for drinking purposes. The Council, however, thought that Mr. Isgrove should lay on a supply from the public mains.

ADVERT. 21st Nov. 1930

LEE SPEAKING! If in doubt as to what to give this Xmas, try a Box of Chocolates. Our stock, all fresh, is an exceptionally good one for a village.

BAND OF HOPE. 21st Nov. 1930

The weekly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope was held on Tuesday, the following members taking part in the proceedings: Mrs. Ivatt, E. Smart, E. Hannaford, D. Ivatt, G. Dalton and A. Lee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Nov. 1930

At this week's meeting of the Young People's Fellowship the Rev. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, gave an interesting lecture entitled "Through Canada with a camera," illustrated by a large number of views taken by the lecturer. The lantern was manipulated by Messrs. Pontefract and D. Canham. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

WELL DONE. 21st Nov. 1930

In connection with the National Mark Week, organised by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries offered prizes for an essay on "Why National Mark goods should be purchased." The first prize of two guineas for children under 13 has been gained by Douglas Edgar Isgrove, a pupil at Swavesey National School.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 21st Nov. 1930

During the evening service at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday the Rev. T. B. Field, in moving, on behalf of the congregation, a resolution of goodwill on the Rev. C. F. Stebbings, the vicar of Swavesey, who that evening was concluding a ministry of eight years in the parish, expressed a hope that Mr. Stebbings would be enabled to render long and useful service in the parish to which he was going, and he wished him a hearty God-speed.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 21st Nov. 1930

About 160 farmers and others interested in agriculture from Boxworth, Fen Drayton, Over and Willingham, and also members of the Young Farmers' Club, were present at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural

Society last Friday evening, when Mr. J. Mackintosh, of Reading University, gave a lecture on the use of home-grown foods in cows' rations. Many useful questions were asked which Mr. Mackintosh answered.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 21st Nov. 1930

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday, November 13th, instead of on Tuesday, the usual evening, that being Armistice Day. During the business proceedings nominations were taken by the 1931 committee, and the report of the autumn council meeting was read. Mrs. Peters was successful in the competition for best overall costing 2s. 6d. The social part of the evening was turned into a birthday party, each member inviting a friend. Competitions, games, etc., were arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Miss D. Banks. A hat competition with paper and pins, keenly contested by the gentlemen, was won by Mr. S. Godfrey, and pegging pegs on a line across the hall by Mr. F. Aldred. Another, ringing the necks of bottles with a curtain ring and stick, was won by Miss D. Hephher. An amusing sketch entitled "The Burglar," was performed by friends from Over, and another Over friend, Mrs. C. Adams, contributed songs. They were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Canham, seconded by Mrs. W. Kester. Dancing, games and Sir Roger de Coverley brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Refreshments, given and served by the committee, were handed round during the interval.

REV. C. F. STEBBING'S FAREWELL. 21st Nov. 1930

The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, who has been appointed rector of Tewin, Herts., preached his farewell sermon at Swavesey parish church on Sunday evening. After the service the large congregation assembled at the western end of the church, where Mr. R. Barwell, representing the Parochial Church Council, presented Mr. Stebbing with a cheque for £14 11s. 9d., with which to purchase a memento from the parishioners of Swavesey. In course of a short speech, Mr. Barwell expressed the regret of the parishioners that Mr. and Mrs. Stebbing were leaving, as during the eight years they had been in Swavesey they had endeared themselves to all with whom they had come in contact. Mr. Stebbing's "untiring efforts to raise funds for church repair and for church heating," Mr. Barwell emphasised, "had been crowned with success, and the work had been done, and instead of being short of money to pay for the work, there was actually a sum of over £22 still in hand, which would be available to form the nucleus for a fund for other work that might be necessary." After the churchwardens, Messrs. C. F. Banks and H. Wells had spoken, Mr. Stebbing feelingly replied. The cheque was accompanied by a book containing the

names of the 239 subscribers. – At the time the new roof of the south aisle was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely on October 26th, it was stated that although £1,200 had been raised, something like £400 more was needed to pay for the work. Since then Messrs. John Thompson and Sons, Ltd., of Peterborough, the contractors, have made a substantial allowance for old timber – hence the balance in hand of £22.

ADVERT. 28th Nov. 1930

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS at Lees! Leather and Electro Plated Goods, Pipes and Hairbrushes in cases, Manicure Sets, Photo Frames, etc. Suitable Gifts for all.

BAND OF HOPE. 28th Nov. 1930

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of Bethel Band of Hope on Monday evening, when the address was given by Mr. Chapman, and the following members took part in the proceedings: Mrs. Ivatt, E. Smart, G. Dalton, and J. Meads.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 28th Nov. 1930

Sermons on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society were preached at Bethel Missionary Society were preached at Bethel Church last Sunday by Mr. Milne, of India, and Mr. Chapman, of Swavesey. The contributions to the Society last year from Bethel amounted to £21 15s., the largest sum ever given in the history of the Church.

Y.P.F. 28th Nov. 1930

At the meeting on Monday evening of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church, an excellent exposition of the Epistle to Philemon was given by the Rev. G. E. J. Bird, of Over. Miss Savage also contributed a recitation. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. The Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon, is expected next Monday.

PROPERTY SALE. 28th Nov. 1930

The freehold brick, plaster, slate and tile dwellinghouse in Middle Watch, at present occupied by Mr. J. W. Williams, with large workshop, shed, etc., and orchard containing in all 1r. 37p., which was offered for sale by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, was purchased for £120 by Mr. Arthur Stenton, of Cambridge. Messrs. Maule, Sons and Winter, St. Ives and Huntingdon, were the solicitors concerned.

MOVING PICTURES. 28th Nov. 1930

Under the auspices of the local branch of the B.W.T.A. and Bethel Band of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, of the County Band of Hope Union, gave a moving picture entertainment at Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday evening. They showed pictures of visits to Papworth and Clacton, and an excellent film of the action of alcohol on the blood, concluding with some amusing pictures entitled "Puzzledom." Mr. and Mrs. Moore gave excellent descriptions of places visited. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, voiced the thanks of the large audience for the instructive evening provided. Some pledges were taken at the close.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 28th Nov. 1930

The report of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association for the year ended October 31st shows that the receipts amounted to £186 13s. 1d., and the expenditure to £196 3s. 7d. The receipts included: Subscriptions, donations, fees – Over £58 9s. 6d., Swavesey (including £1 from the Brotherhood) £40, 11s. 4d., Fen Drayton £6; fete at Swavesey Manor £43 7s., Mrs. Fraser's concert (Swavesey) £6 7s., Over Women's Institute £7 5s., concert by Miss Naylor's pupils at Over £6 15s., Over Town Lands Trustees £5 5s., maternity services £5, St. Ives Guardians £5, Cambs. County Council (D.A.P. and P.R.) £2 10s., debate for insurance and gift 3s. 3d.

WEDDING. 28th Nov. 1930

The Rev. T. B. Field officiated at the marriage of Miss Rose Spearman, daughter of Mr. George Spearman and Mr. Joseph Arthur Froment, son of Mr. Joseph Froment, which took place on Saturday morning at Bethel Baptist Church. During the service the hymn "O, Love Divine and Golden" was sung, and at the close Mr. G. E. Canham, who presided at the organ, played the Wedding March. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of beige silk, bridal veil and shoes and stockings to match, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and pink carnations. Her bridesmaid, Miss Winnie Spearman (sister of the bride) was attired in lupin blue celanese, with gold wreath. Mr. Joseph Spearman (brother of the bride) was best man. After the ceremony the happy couple left for Stansted, Essex, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful.

MARRIAGE. 28th Nov. 1930

The marriage of Miss Ethel Daisy Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, and Mr. Arthur Charles Prior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prior, took place on November 20th at Bethel Baptist Church, the Pastor, Rev. T. B.

Field, officiating. The service was choral, the hymns sung being "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O love, divine and golden," and as the newly-married couple left the chapel the organist, Mr. J. W. Williams, played the "Wedding March." The bride, given away by her father, was charmingly attired in white crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of white chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids.

FOOTBALL. 28th Nov. 1930

FRIENDLY.

SWAVESEY BOYS v. OVER BOYS.

Swavesey 3, Over 2.

Played at Swavesey in unfavourable weather conditions on Saturday. Over started with three players short and Swavesey two short.

Swavesey raided the visitors' goal time after time, but they did not make use of their opportunities. Over broke away and were awarded a penalty for hands, from which J. Papworth scored. Swavesey equalised through Mitham, and added two goals quickly through Prior and Denyer.

In the second half Over scored through Norman, and the game ended in favour of Swavesey by 3 – 2.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE OUTBREAKS. 28th Nov. 1930

Two Within Less Than a Mile.

ANXIETY AT FEN DRAYTON.

Mystery attaches to two outbreaks of fire which occurred shortly after midnight on Monday within three-quarters of a mile of one another.

The first was about 12.30 a.m. at Mr. Scambler's farm, Fen Drayton, and considerable damage was done to his property.

The premises involved consisted of several wheat, pea and oat stacks, barns and outhouses, but fortunately at the time of the outbreak all the animals were in the fields.

Not ten yards away from the outbuildings are three cottages and at one time, when the wind was carrying sparks all over the village, anxiety was felt for the safety of these. Indeed, the cottages were cleared at one time as a precaution.

The fire brigade were called out, under Sergt. Clague, and after several hours' work the fire was extinguished.

There is no doubt that but for the fact that everywhere was soaking as a result of the continual rain, other parts of the village might have been set alight by the falling sparks.

SECOND OUTBREAK.

While the brigade were still working on this fire, another outbreak was noticed about three-quarters of a mile away on the Swavesey-Fen Drayton road.

In this case four haystacks, belonging to Mr. William Daisley, Boxworth-end, Swavesey, were involved, but as they were well alight before the outbreak was noticed, and there were no buildings in the immediate vicinity, the brigade kept their efforts concentrated on the fire at Mr. Scambler's place.

We understand that the stacks were all insured.

PREVIOUS MYSTERY FIRES.

Mysterious stack fires have occurred at Swavesey and Fen Drayton on three previous occasions within the past 14 months. Five stacks belonging to Mr. Frederick Johnson at Fen Drayton were destroyed on 23rd September, 1929; four stacks, the property of Mr. C. W. H. Cole, at Swavesey, on 3rd February last, and two stacks at Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons' Friesland Farm, between Swavesey and Fen Drayton, on 10th March. All of these fires happened on a Monday night and in wet weather.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 5th Dec. 1930

Supporters of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association will be interested to know that during the past year the district nurse paid no fewer than 3,164 visits.

DRINK TRAFFIC. 5th Dec. 1930

The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided at this week's meeting of the Bethel Baptist Church Band of Hope, gave an address on how to fight the drink traffic. The following also contributed to the evening's programme: Mrs. Field, Mrs. Ivatt, E. Hannaford, E. Smart, D. Watt, R. Bath, R. Godfrey, A. Lee and S. Barker.

Y.P.F. 5th Dec. 1930

An interesting address on "The Pilgrim Fathers of New England" was given by the Rev. W. J. Batstone, of Histon, at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Master G. Laverack also played, and played very nicely, a violin solo. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. There was a large attendance.

HOCKEY CLUB. 5th Dec. 1930

Fourteen and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held under the auspices of the Hockey Club in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss Ivy Coote, Miss M. Bullen, booby Miss M. Doggett, most sixes, Miss E. Parish; gentlemen – Mr.

Whiteman, Mr. A. Thoday, booby Mr. G. Thompson, most sixes Mr. E. Webb. Mr. T. C. Heasman officiated as M.C.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 5th Dec. 1930

Notwithstanding the very wet night about thirty members attended the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, which was held in Swavesey School last Friday. An instructive lecture on bark pruning of fruit trees was given by Mr. A. T. Paskett (County Horticultural Adviser), and was followed by a long discussion, in course of which various questions were answered by the lecturer. At next Friday's meeting Mr. H. Robinson (County Poultry Instructor) will deal with the management of winter layers.

COUNCILLORS IN A FOG. 12th Dec. 1930

Swavesey R.D.C. Meeting Delayed.

After waiting thirty minutes to commence their meeting because of fog causing late arrivals, the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday had little business of importance to discuss. There were only five members present, and the quorum is three.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) gave notice of the resignation of Mr. F. Shaw as rent and water rate collector from March 31st next, intimating that if there was difficulty with regard to the re-appointment Mr. J. Bullen, the assistant clerk, would be pleased to take the duties.

The Council accepted the resignation and decided to consider the matter further at the January meeting.

Subsequently it was reported that Mr. Shaw would like to be released from his duties at the end of the year and the Council forthwith appointed Mr. Bullen his successor.

Mr. G. G. Yeandle was re-appointed Sanitary Inspector for a further twelve months.

Permission was given to an application by the Railway Company for a water supply through the Council's meter to Swavesey station, the company being required to do the necessary digging for the purpose of carrying the main under the railway line, from which point they were to pay expenses and duties of connection. The charge to be made was 2s. 6d. per thousand gallons.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 12th Dec. 1930

Twenty-seven passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special half-day excursion to London last Sunday.

MUSIC SUCCESS. 12th Dec. 1930

In the examination held recently in Cambridge by the Trinity College of Music Miss Queenie Spolton passed the Intermediate Division.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 12th Dec. 1930

Mr. I. Jones gave an admirable address on "Playing the game" at this week's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship. The evening's programme also included a recitation by Miss Gwen Dodson. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

B.W.T.A. 12th Dec. 1930

There was a good attendance at the public meeting which was held on the 3rd inst., in Bethel Schoolroom, under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A. Mrs. W. Savage occupied the chair, and Mrs. Warren, of St. Ives, was the principal speaker.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th Dec. 1930

An interesting address on "World mending" was given by Mr. Idris Jones, of Over, at the meeting of the Band of Hope connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday. The following members also took part in the meeting: J. Meads, R. Godfrey, E. Smart, E. Hannaford, G. and A. Dalton, K. and P. Clark, O. Watson and A. Lee. There was a good attendance.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Dec. 1930

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Monday. Mrs. Ginn, V.C.O., came over and helped both by speaking on "What the Institute means to its members" and by superintending the ballot for next year's committee. The secretary gave an excellent report of the year's activities, and the accounts, presented by the treasurer, showed a balance in hand of £7 3s. Carols, games, and dancing, with Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Mrs. Budge as pianists, were enjoyed while the voting for the new committee took place, the following being elected: Mrs. Fraser (president), Mrs. Aldred (vice-president), Miss Cole (treasurer), Miss D. Banks (secretary), Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. W. Kester, Mrs. Laverack, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. F. Martin, and Miss K. Banks. Mr. W. Thorp and Mr. Pontefract, who acted as tellers, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Ginn was also thanked for her interesting talk. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. W. Kester, Mrs. Marriott, and Mrs. F. Martin. It was decided to form an "Outing Club," and Miss K. Banks was appointed treasurer.

SALE OF WORK. 12th Dec. 1930

In spite of bad weather there was quite a good attendance at the Christmas sale of work, etc., in aid of church funds at the Memorial Hall on December 4th. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey briefly introduced Mrs. Poynder, of Boxworth, who made a graceful little speech in declaring the sale open. A telegram was read from the Rev. C. F. and Mrs. Stebbing wishing success to the sale, and then the stalls and competitions did a brisk trade. The stallholders were as follows: Refreshments, Mesdames Cooksey, Berryman, J. Dean, J. T. Daintree, W. Thorp, Misses G. Dodson and Garner; pound stall, Mesdames W. Kester, Martin; work stall, Mesdames Banks, Cooke, Levell and Pettitt; Christmas present stall, Mesdames Barwell, Fraser, Brown and Miss Paine; china stall, Mesdames E. J. Langford, S. J. Mitham and H. Wells; sweet stall, Misses E. Dodson and Page. Competitions (names of winners in brackets): Weight of cake, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (Mr. C. Jellings); mystery parcel, Mrs. W. Hephher (Miss G. Dobson); post office, Misses Daisley and Froment (Mesdames C. Walker and H. Prime); plum pudding, Mrs. Ellwood and Miss Banks (Mrs. D. Williams); chocolate boxes, Misses Williamson and J. Willson (Mrs. Cain and Miss E. Page); pochette, Misses M. Wells and Wilderspin (Mrs. W. Thorp); tin of toffee (Mrs. C. Ding); spinning table, Miss K. Banks and Mrs. G. Burling; bran tub, Miss Beaumont, Mrs. J. Cain and Miss L. Cox. During the evening there was a whist drive, when 11½ tables were in play. Mr. T. C. Heasman acted as M.C. and refreshments were served by Mesdames J. T. Daintree, W. Kester, Martin and D. Williams. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. Key, Mrs. C. Jellings, lucky table Miss D. Banks. Gentlemen – Mr. W. Isgrove, Dr. Fraser, lucky table Mr. D. Parish. Mr. W. Spolton kindly supplied the coal for fires during the day. The net proceeds amounted to £29 3s.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 19th Dec. 1930

At the annual distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club on Wednesday evening members received £1 0s. 10d. The total receipts amounted to £74 1s. 6d., and the expenditure (sick benefit, etc.) to £17 16s. 6d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 19th Dec. 1930

At the weekly meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, Mrs. Field read an interesting paper on the Life and Labours of Dan Crawford of the Luanze Mission, Central Africa, illustrating it with a large number of photographs and quotations from personal letters. Mrs. Ivatt also gave an excellent rendering of a solo. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BAND OF HOPE. 19th Dec. 1930

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday evening, when the following took part in the proceedings: The Rev. T. B. Field (chairman), Mrs. Field, Mrs. Ivatt, Misses E. Smart and E. Hannaford, Masters D. Ivatt, C. Wright, J. and K. Jacklin, P. Smart and A. Lee. Miss Joan Williams was the pianist. The meeting concluded the first part of the winter session.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 19th Dec. 1930

A lecture on the "Management of Winter Layers" was given by Mr. H. Robinson (County Poultry Instructor) at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society, held in Swavesey School on Friday evening. There was a good attendance, including members from Willingham, Boxworth, Fen Drayton, as well as from Swavesey. At the next meeting on Friday, 16th January, Dr. H. Hunter, of the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, will take malting barley as the subject of his lecture.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 19th Dec. 1930

The social evening which took place at the Memorial Hall on the 11th inst., under the auspices of the Football Club, was a great success. There was a good attendance, and a most enjoyable programme was provided. This had been arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, and included dancing, for which Mrs. Hephher and Miss Queenie Spolton were the pianists. Games of various kinds, songs by Mr. A. E. Scampion, of March (humorous), Miss Seymour and Mrs. H. Bishop and a sketch well played by Miss Bavin (Over), and Miss Seymour. There were also competitions, viz., "Balloons and spoons," "Bottles and sticks" (won by Mr. A. Turner), and hat trimming by men (won by Mr. A. Whybrow). Miss Spolton, Miss G. Whybrow and Mr. J. W. Williams were the accompanists for the vocal items. During the interval the Christmas prize distribution took place, under the superintendence of Mrs. Hephher, after which Mr. L. Day, on behalf of the club, thanked the donors of prizes and all who had contributed to the success and enjoyment of the evening. Mr. C. S. Hephher was an indefatigable M.C. The club benefited to the extent of £13 8s.

MEMORIAL HALL. 26th Dec. 1930

Seventeen tables were in play at the whist drive organised by the Memorial Hall Committee on the 18th inst., and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Mrs. Cain, Miss B. Day, Miss Q. Spolton, booby Mrs. B. Prior; gentlemen – Mr. W. Scambler, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. E. Warboys, booby Mr.

T. Metcalfe. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The Christmas prize distribution took place after the drive.

ADVENTURES OF A HOCKEY TEAM. 26th Dec. 1930

The Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team, who went to Great Staughton on Thursday in last week, after defeating the home club by three goals to one, had quite an exciting time on their return journey. One of the cars in which they were travelling broke down, whereupon the occupants pushed it up Hinchbrook Hill. At the top the engine appeared to be working properly, but when the ladies resumed their seats it again refused to go. Determined not to be beaten the ladies continued their journey pushing the car up the hills and one the level, and riding down hill, being assisted for part of the way by members of a football team. At the turning to Hemingford Grey a halt was called, and a telephone message was sent to Mr. Ben Thorp at Swavesey asking him to come to the rescue. He appeared in due course, and eventually home was reached. During the pushing operations one young lady discovered that she had lost her money, but after a prolonged search and a considerable expenditure of matches all the coins were found in the grass on the roadside.

THE LATE MR. DAVID PARISH. 26th Dec. 1930

Swavesey has lost another old and respected inhabitant by the death of Mr. David Parish, who passed away on December 18th after about two years' illness, aged 84 years. He leaves a widow, five sons and five daughters. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon in the churchyard, the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. The mourners included Messrs. Abram, Albert, Percy, David and Francis Parish (sons), Mrs. Johnson, of Fordham, Mrs. H. H. Williams, Misses Ethel, Rachel and Mary Ann Parish (daughters), Mr. H. H. Williams (son-in-law), Mrs. Percy Parish (daughter-in-law), Mr. Jacob Parish, Needingworth (brother), Mrs. W. Edwards, Miss E. Creek (nieces), Mr. A. Creek (nephew), Miss S. Porter, Fordham (sister-in-law). Mrs. Parish (widow) was unable to attend owing to feeble health. Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons, Middle Watch, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL. 26th Dec. 1930

The children attending the National School had a very happy time on Friday when they broke up for the Christmas holiday. The proceedings commenced at 3.30 p.m. with a sumptuous tea, the infants and Standard I being entertained by Miss Scott and Miss Branson in the infants' department, and the older children by Mr. C. Wood (headmaster), Mrs. Wood and Miss G. Thoday in the big room. In all about 140 youngsters were present with Dr. J. W. Ellis (a

manager) and Miss Ellis. Mr. and Mrs. Bignell and Master Robert Bignell, who brought over a large and very welcome contribution of oranges, were also there, but had to leave early owing to the fog. After tea the little ones had a really good time in the infants' school. They sang, played games, sweets, oranges, etc., were distributed, and all were sorry when 6 p.m. arrived, and they gave lusty cheers for Miss Scott, Miss Branson and the other providers of the treat. In the big room the older children sang songs, and a performance was given of a little play entitled "The Uninvited Guest," written and produced by Jean Wood, the nine-years-old daughter of the headmaster, the principal parts being taken by Lily Hephher, Hilda Walker, Nora Peppercorn, Lucy Mitham and Elsie Dodson. The play, a very commendable effort for so young a child, was loudly applauded. Father Christmas (Aircraftsman Apprentice L. Wood), who had been visiting the Infants' School, then appeared, and after a walk round the room he proceeded to hand a gift to every child. Oranges, sweets, etc., having been distributed, hearty cheers, on the call of Dr. Ellis, were given for Mr. and Mrs. Wood and other teachers.

NEW YEAR WELCOMED. 2nd Jan. 1931

The parish church bellringers, in accordance with custom, tolled the old year out and welcomed the New Year with a merry peal.

BAND OF HOPE SONGSTERS. 2nd Jan. 1931

During the week prior to Christmas a choir of Bethel Band of Hope songsters, under the leadership of Mrs. Ivatt, paraded the village streets, singing at intervals and receiving gifts for their annual social.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 2nd Jan. 1931

There was a large attendance on Monday evening at the annual social of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church. The President occupied the chair, and Mrs. G. E. Canham was an ideal M.C. The musical programme included a pianoforte solo by Miss J. Williams, vocal solos by Miss Godfrey and Miss Coulson, recitations by Mrs. A. Prior and Miss G. Dodson, duet by Mrs. Canham and Miss Godfrey, and community singing. Excellent refreshments, interesting games, competitions, etc., all contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

CAROLS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 2nd Jan. 1931

A party of Swavesey and Fen Drayton carol singers toured Swavesey last week, half of the village being visited on Tuesday evening and the remainder on Christmas Eve. A collection in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, made at the

time by Messrs. A. Hawkes and A. C. Hepher, resulted in £6 10s. being raised, and this sum, added to the amount collected by the party when Fen Drayton was visited on the previous Saturday (£2 6s.) made a total contribution to the Hospital Maintenance Fund of £8 16s., against £11 1s. collected by the party at Christmas, 1929. This drop in the contributions is no doubt due to the efforts that have been, and are still being, made in both villages on behalf of the Hospital Building Fund.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 2nd Jan. 1931

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day, all of which were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, were as follows: Holy Communion 6.30 a.m., 7.30 a.m. and mid-day (choral), matins 10.30 a.m., and evensong 3 p.m., when the music included: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bunnett), the anthem, "The Prince of Peace" (Edwyn A. Clare) and carols. The collections throughout the day were devoted as usual at the Waifs' and Strays' Society. At Mattins a letter was read from the Rev. Finch, the newly appointed vicar, who has recently undergone an operation and is still in hospital, wishing all parishioners a happy and a holy Christmas. In pulling up the bells for the usual Christmas morning peal before the first celebration, the bolt of the second bell flew out, and consequently only five bells could be used. This mishap explains why no peal was rung later in the day.

WEDDING. 2nd Jan. 1931

The marriage of Miss Alice Ada Heasman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heasman, of the Rising Sun Inn, and Mr. Alfred James Culpin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Culpin, of Swavesey, took place at the parish church on the afternoon of Boxing Day. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of Venetian blue, trimmed with beige silk, and a hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of bronze and white chrysanthemums. Her bridesmaids, Miss Ethel Heasman (sister of the bride) and Miss Hilda Culpin (sister of the bridegroom), were attired in rose beige silk, with hats to correspond. Their bouquets were also of bronze and white chrysanthemums. Mr. Arthur Culpin (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where over forty guests were entertained. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a cheque from Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, the bride's late master and mistress, and a case of cutlery from Messrs. C.B. Warrington and Sons, Cambridge, and the bridegroom's fellow-employees.

SPURGEON'S ORPHANAGE. 9th Jan. 1931

The Christmas dinner collection for Spurgeon's Orphanage amounted to £1 14s. 8d.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 9th Jan. 1931

At the recent schools examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Lily Hepher gained a pass certificate in the elementary grade in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over.

Y.P.F. 9th Jan. 1931

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. T. B. Field gave an interesting lecture on candles. Mr. Canham occupied the chair, and also sang a solo. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Mrs. Savage, was carried by acclamation.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 9th Jan. 1931

At the next meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, which is to be held on Friday, 16th January, in the School, Swavesey, at 7 p.m., Dr. H. Hunter, of the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, will give an address on "Malting barley." It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

FOR THE BLIND. 9th Jan. 1931

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive which was held by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, at the Priory on Wednesday afternoon in aid of the National Institute for the Blind (Cambridge branch): Ladies, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. R. Mitham, jun.; gentlemen, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mrs. Canham (playing as a gentleman). Mr. Heasman acted as M.C. The proceeds amounted to £2 10s. 7d.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 9th Jan. 1931

Good congregations, which included friends from neighbouring villages, Cambridge, and St. Ives, attended the annual New Year's services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on the 1st inst., when Mr. Gosden, of Maidstone, was the special preacher. The public tea between the services was also well attended. At this the tables were presided over by Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. Jabez Parish, Mrs. J. W. Parish, Miss M. Parish, Mrs. Frost, and Mrs. Jethro Linford. A satisfactory collection was taken after each service for the Pastor.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 9th Jan. 1931

A very successful social was held on January 1st, when 65 members of the Bethel Band of Hope and a number of their parents were entertained. Every child present received a gift at the hands of a mysterious Father Christmas, and refreshments and oranges were provided. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. Ivatt, Miss Spearman, and Mr. Pontefract. Hearty thanks were accorded to all in the village who encouraged the songsters, whose efforts made the feast possible. On Monday evening, when the second half of the winter session commenced, Mr. G. E. Canham gave an interesting address. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, and among others who took part were E. and P. Smart and D. Ivatt.

SWAVESEY BY-WAYS. 9th Jan. 1931

Report on Ministry's Rating Award.

An important statement concerning the proposed rating of the Swavesey by-ways was made at the meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday, and a small committee was appointed to consider the terms of the award.

Mr. J. Frohock presided, and there were also present: Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and F. Johnson.

“OF EXTREME DIFFICULTY.”

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) said he had been in communication with the Ministry with regard to the difficulties arising out of the report on the Swavesey by-ways, and he pointed out to them that the matter was one of extreme difficulty, and that repairs to bridges over these by-ways might become necessary at any time, and expense might be incurred. Until the work was done, the land would be cut off from communication altogether, and that would be a serious matter.

It would be seen under the terms of the award that the Council would not, if they decided to go on with the work, be able to recover from the owners and occupiers the cost of the work, owing to the peculiar terms of the award. Apparently, the only body upon whom the by-way rates could be levied would be the railway company, and that would obviously be unfair, and the Company would not stand that as they got no return.

The Ministry thought it quite likely there would be other cases that would come up, but this was the first they had had, and they would consider it. Whatever was done the Ministry would like to feel that this case would probably have to be a precedent. The only thing he could suggest was that the Ministry should make an order under one of the sections of the Local Government Act to say that where previously the award arranged for the expense to be recovered from particular persons, they should by the award

give some alternative by which they were empowered to provide that the by-way rates should be made on the basis of some other valuation. He pointed out that apportionments would be necessary.

The Ministry's suggestion was that whereas the award made the valuations list for highway purposes, the list upon which the rate should be based, since that had gone and had been set aside, and on which rates were no longer paid, there should be substituted for that the Income Tax Assessment under Schedule A, where an apportionment was necessary.

The Clerk suggested that a committee should be formed, consisting of the Swavesey representatives on the Council, the Chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council, and Mr. Williams, to go through the award. Secondly, he proposed to write to the Ministry to say that a committee had been appointed, and asking their approval to a copy being sent to the Railway Company.

Mr. Kirby remarked that the matter was entirely one concerning Swavesey, and it was only for the Council to carry it into effect.

The proposals of the Clerk were adopted.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 16th Jan. 1931

At the local centre examination of the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music, Joan Williams passed in the intermediate grade in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over.

GIRL'S LIFE BRIGADE. 16th Jan. 1931

The annual social of the 1st Swavesey Co. of the Girls' Life Brigade took place on Thursday week, the large company present including the chaplain (Rev. T. B. Field), the captain (Mrs. Isgrove), and the lieutenant (Miss H. Dodson).

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 16th Jan. 1931

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, when the following contributed to the programme: J. Meads, D. Ivatt, P. Smart, E. Smart, R. Godfrey and Mrs. Ivatt. Mr. C. Day gave the address, and the Rev. T. B. Field presided.

Y.P.F. 16th Jan. 1931

At the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday the address was given by Mr. Day, who took "Lessons from my medals" as his subject. Mr. Day, it will be remembered, won the D.C.M. for a very gallant action in Italy during the war. A reading was also contributed by Miss Savage. The Pastor presided.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 16th Jan. 1931

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilderspin, of Clare Cottage, Middle Watch, who were married at Poplar Parish Church, London, on January 12th, 1881, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday. The old couple, both of whom are in excellent health, have two daughters and four sons, the youngest of the latter, Fred, having been in Australia for the past 20 years.

EPIPHANY TEA. 16th Jan. 1931

Those who braved the inclement weather and attended the annual Epiphany tea, which was held at the school on Tuesday, enjoyed a most excellent lecture by Canon Hicks, who has recently returned from Queensland. The usual ladies provided tea, and the lantern was manipulated by Miss Banks. The proceeds, for S.P.G., amounted to £2 13s. 6d.

“THINGS I REMEMBER.” 16th Jan. 1931

Members of the Institute were disappointed that the demonstrator on leather work failed to arrive at the monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Monday, but luckily the committee found a good substitute in Mrs. Potter, of Boxworth, who kindly came at a moment's notice and gave an interesting demonstration on covering boxes with cretonne. A roll-call of “Things I remember that are not seen now” brought some very witty replies. A practice of community singing for the competition was conducted by Mr. F. Aldred, and accompanied by Miss Queenie Spolton. The quarterly stall did a fair amount of business. The new tea committee performed their duties well. Several new members were welcomed, and there was a good attendance.

FOR THE BLIND. 23rd Jan. 1931

The sum of 14s. contributed by children attending Swavesey School was sent to the National Institute for the Blind last week.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES. 23rd Jan. 1931

The Barnardo day collection in Swavesey amounted to £1 7s. 8d. The following children were the collectors: Lucy, Mary and Joan Mitham, Doris Cole, and Mary Shepperson.

Y.P.F. 23rd Jan. 1931

At the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening Miss Aldred, of Over, read a paper on “Paton of the New Hebrides,” in which

she dealt very ably with the leading incidents in the life of the great missionary. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BAND OF HOPE. 23rd Jan. 1931

An interesting address on the economics of total abstinence was given by the President (Rev. T. B. Field) at the weekly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday. The following also took part in the meeting: Mrs. Watt, D. Payne, C. Wright, B. Prior and R. Bath.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 23rd Jan. 1931

About 20 members were present at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society, held in Swavesey National School last Friday evening, when Dr. H. Hunter, of the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, gave an instructive lecture on "Malting barley." Councillor R. Mailer (president of the society) occupied the chair.

WHIST DRIVE. 23rd Jan. 1931

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 18th inst., in connection with the County Conservative tournament. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Webb, Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss K. Banks. Gentlemen – Mr. Maxton, Mr. Webb, Mr. F. Brittan. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Jan. 1931

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council should have been held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, but, as only four members were present, and the Standing Orders required a quorum of five, no business could be done. The members who attended were the Chairman (Mr. C. W. H. Cole), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. C. H. Parish), Mr. W. Burton and Mr. F. Hephher, and after waiting for nearly an hour they instructed the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) to call another meeting to be held this evening at 6.45 p.m., when it is hoped there will be a good attendance, as there are several important matters to be dealt with.

BILLIARDS. 23rd Jan. 1931

The Bignell Billiard Handicap Cup and Medal, the latter given by the Institute Billiard Committee, were presented to Mr. H. Hemington on Monday evening by Mr. C. Wood, Hon. Secretary of the Institute, in the much regretted absence of the President, Mr. W. A. Bignell. Mr. Hemington also received the first money prize as winner of the cup, and Mr. S. Clark the second as runner-up.

Mr. Walter Thorp congratulated Mr. Hemington on the great improvement in his play during the past year, which, he said, was due to regular practice. Mr. Thorp also gave a prize of 50 cigarettes to Mr. C. Coles, who scored most points in the handicap. It was decided to keep a record of the winners of the cup in the Billiard Room, Mr. Thorp very generously promising to provide the frame, etc.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE CLARKE. 23rd Jan. 1931

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mr. George Clarke, who passed away on Monday afternoon after about two years' illness. The son of the late Mr. Joseph Clarke, he was born 77 years ago at Hilton, Hunts. He went to Swavesey about 45 years ago from Carlton, where he and his wife had been in the service of Mr. Lawsell Long. Until quite recent years he was an active worker for the Liberal Party, and in Swavesey took a keen interest in parochial affairs. He was the first clerk (unpaid) of the Parish Council, and for a considerable time a member, and for a short period was the Council's representative on Galon's Charity. He held various other public offices, and until his health failed was always ready and willing to render any service for the good of the community. Many of our local readers will remember the interest he took in the Cricket Club. He leaves two sons and four daughters. His wife died on October 19th last. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

ADDENBROOKE'S BUILDING FUND. 23rd Jan. 1931

Swavesey has reached its target of £200 for Addenbrooke's Building Fund in less than 12 months. It was on February 5th last year that Major Wallington, organising secretary to the Building Fund, at a public meeting in the Memorial Hall stated that the sum required of Swavesey was £170, but the meeting unanimously agreed to increase the amount to £200. The arrangements were left in the hands of the Swavesey Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee, who decided to make weekly collections throughout the village, and with the exception of small amounts collected at the public meeting and at the Good Friday football match, the target has been attained in this way. The following ladies undertook the duty of collecting: Mrs. Banks, Miss Banks, Mrs. Canham, Miss Crouch, Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Thixton, Mrs. Whitehead, and Miss Willson. The ready response, however, made their task an easy one, and great credit is due to one and all who combined to make the effort so successful in such a short time. The fund remains open for the present to enable further contributions to be made as desired. The duties of treasurer

have been ably carried out by Miss Dodson, Mr. H. W. Whitehead being the organising secretary.

Y.P.F. 30th Jan. 1931

The address at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday was given by Mr. G. E. Canham, and a solo was rendered very sympathetically by Miss Easter.

SUNDAY DESECRATION. 30th Jan. 1931

A petition from the Christian congregations of England to Parliament against the opening of cinemas and theatres on Sunday has been signed by nearly the whole of the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church.

BAND OF HOPE. 30th Jan. 1931

At the weekly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address upon "The Slavery of Drink," in the course of which he said that if the money spent on drink was turned into other channels unemployment would almost cease. The following took part in the meeting: Miss J. Williams, Mrs. Ivatt, D. Ivatt, J. Jacklin, P. and E. Smart, C. Anderson, C. Watson, K. Carrier, R. Godfrey, R. Bath and A. Turner.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE CLARKE. 30th Jan. 1931

The funeral of Mr. George Clarke, whose death at the age of 77 years on January 19th was announced last week took place at the parish church on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The mourners included: Messrs. Frederick and Horace Clarke (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lister (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. Cyril Phipps, Misses Mary and Cecilia Wells (grandchildren), Mr. King Clarke (brother), and Mrs. George Papworth (niece). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 30th Jan. 1931

There was a large audience at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week for the entertainment given by members of the Over Young Helpers' League, under the management of Miss Naylor, for the benefit of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. The programme included the play "The Absent Professor" and the humorous operetta "The British Lion," both of which were admirably presented. Between these items Miss Naylor sang a song and an amusing monologue was given by young Leonard Webster. At the close Mr. U. Thixton, in the absence of Dr. Fraser, who was unable to be

present, proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers, whose efforts had been greatly appreciated. The whole of the takings, amounting to £7 15s. 3d., have been devoted to the Nursing Association, as Mrs. Cooksey has very generously made herself responsible for all expenses.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 30th Jan. 1931

Swavesey has lost another old parishioner by the death of Mr. Joseph Payne, who passed away after ten days' illness on Friday. Mr. Payne, who was the son of the late Mr. William Payne, had attained the great age of 85 years, but was wonderfully active until almost the end. The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, of which deceased had been a member and for very many years a teacher in the Sunday School. The hymn, "All hail, the Power," was sung at the graveside. The mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. William Payne (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs. Jack and Arthur Payne (brothers), Janie (sister-in-law), Mrs. Roberts, Nellie, Florrie, Will, Jess, Alec and Jim (nephews and nieces). Several old friends were also present. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th Jan. 1931

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which could not be held on Monday week, as a quorum of members was not in attendance, took place at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hepher, J. Linford, C. H. Parish and P. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes, the Clerk reported that no further communication had been received from the Over Parish Council respecting the suggested extension of the Swavesey water supply to the boundary of Over parish. Messrs. J. Linford, C. Dean and F. Hepher were appointed Trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity (Frere Cottages), Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, G. Burling and G. Eason were nominated as suitable persons to serve as Parish Constable, and Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, C. H. Parish and the Clerk were appointed members of the committee of the local branch of the County Library. A precept for £15 for the general expenses of the Council was issued on the Rating Authority. Before the meeting closed, the Clerk announced that he had received a cheque for £32 14s. 6d. from the Memorial Hall Management Committee, being half year's instalment in repayment of the loan on the Hall and interest, and that he had remitted this sum to the Public Works Loan Board. The amount still owing, he added, was £192 18s.

DEATH OF CANON CYRIL HEPHER. 30th Jan. 1931

Some of our older readers in and around Swavesey will regret to learn that the Rev. Canon Cyril Hepher, of Winchester, died suddenly during the evening of Sunday, 18th inst. He had been in failing health for about 12 months, but was able to keep about, although he could not undertake any outside engagements, and as recently as St. Stephen's Day he was celebrant at the sung Eucharist in the Cathedral. He was a member of an old Swavesey family, and was the only son of the late Rev. John Hepher, and grandson of the late Mr. William Hepher. He was born 58 years ago in his father's vicarage, at St. John the Baptist, New Town, Leeds. Graduating from New College, Oxford, he was ordained in 1895 in the diocese of Southwell. In 1903 he was appointed Succentor of Newcastle Cathedral, being preferred three years later to the Vicarage of St. John the Baptist in that city. After going on a Mission of Help to New Zealand in 1910, and on a similar mission to Western Canada two years later, he was called in 1913 by Bishop Talbot to Winchester as Diocesan Missioner, and in 1916 was appointed a Canon Residentiary of Winchester Cathedral. As a mission preacher in all parts of the country he was a great force, and not only by his sermons, but by his writings, some of which have become standard works of reference for missionaries and teachers, he rendered great service to the Church. In addition to his widow, Canon Hepher has left four sons and three daughters. His body was laid to rest on Thursday week in the eastern garth of Winchester Cathedral.

ADVERTS. 6th Feb. 1931

A FINE POLISHED MAHOGANY COUNTER for Sale. Bargain. Size 6ft. 2in. long x 3ft. wide., with extension flap. Seen at Prior's Stores. Also many other opportune bargains.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS. – A litter of pigs, seven weeks old, direct from the sow, was sold for Mr. Jas. Prior, of Stanton Vue Farm, for his herd, for 39s. per head, by A. M. Robinson and Son, at Cambridge Cattle Market, on Monday last.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 6th Feb. 1931

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity was distributed by the churchwardens last week-end, 21 widows receiving 3s. each in lieu of the tea, sugar, etc., which originally were given.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 6th Feb. 1931

The Rev. A. C. Miller, of Godmanchester, gave his popular lecture on “Peter McKenzie” at the meeting of the Bethel Young People’s Fellowship on Monday. There was an appreciative audience, over whom Mr. G. E. Canham presided.

BAND OF HOPE. 6th Feb. 1931

The weekly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope took place on Tuesday, under the leadership of Mrs. Ivatt. The following members took part in the proceedings: D. Ivatt, E. Anderson, R. Godfrey, A. Turner, J. Carter, Jacklin, R. Bath, C. Wright, D. Nicholls, D. Payne, B. Hannaford, and P. Smart. Miss J. Williams presided at the piano.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 6th Feb. 1931

Mr. R. McG. Carslaw, of the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, in his address to the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society last Friday evening, dealt with the question whether it is worth while for farmers to keep accounts. An interesting discussion followed. The President of the Society, Mr. R. Mailer, occupied the chair, and about 25 members were present.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 6th Feb. 1931

The annual tea and business meeting of Bethel Baptist Church and congregation took place on Monday, when a large company was presided over by the Pastor, and supported by the deacons, Messrs. B. Prior, J. and A. Day, and G. Canham. Favourable reports were given from the Church Sunday School, Band of Hope, Young People’s Fellowship, and Girls’ Life Brigade, and financially the year had been a good one. Although there was general regret at the imminent retirement of the Pastor, satisfaction was expressed that he would be living in the village, and that the church would occasionally enjoy his services.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 6th Feb. 1931

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines presiding over a fair attendance of members. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. C. Cole (re-elected); vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc with the addition (subject to their consent) of Messrs. Turner (Over), W. Smith (Over), C. King, Cyril Watts, W. A. Bignell, C. Northrop, L. Brooks, G. Fuller and the Rev. C. E. O. Finch; chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; general secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey (Swavesey); joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher (Swavesey); auditor,

the Rev. G. E. J. Bird; sports secretary, Mr. F. C. L. Richardson (Over); assistant secretary, Mr. L. B. Carter. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the following additions, Horticultural, Messrs. C. Hard and Castle (Fen Drayton) and F. W. Pontefract (Swavesey); sports, Messrs. R. Hendry, L. Day, R. Coles (Swavesey), A. Thompson (Boxworth). It was decided that the show should be held on Thursday, 6th August, that Messrs. A. T. Paskett and G. Hart should be asked to act as judges, and that the sports should be affiliated with the A.A.A. and N.C.U. as last year.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 6th Feb. 1931

Byeways and Water Consumption.

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday, the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) reported with regard to the Swavesey by-ways that the Committee had met to consider the draft order from the Ministry, but no decision had been arrived at.

The order was taken away by Mr. C. H. Parish, the Clerk added, so that it could be considered by the Committee appointed by the owners and occupiers, but the Council had received no reply at present, neither had a reply been received from the Railway Company.

Mr. Alfred Day, sen., who was appointed the Council's representative on the Cambs. Guardians Committee for the ensuing year, stated that a meeting of the allottees in connection with the Swavesey bye-ways had not yet been held, but as soon as that had been done he understood that the Council would be communicated with.

INCREASED WATER CONSUMPTION.

The Clerk read a letter from the Accounting Officer with regard to the Swavesey water supply. The East Hunts. Water Co.'s account for water supplied during the quarter ended December 31st last, it was pointed out, amounted to £56 16s. This was £15 17s. above the amount for the corresponding quarter of 1929. The additional consumption was 307,000 gallons.

The Clerk remarked that 307,000 gallons of water seemed to be vastly excessive.

The Council took no action in the matter.

A letter was also received from Dr. Fraser, of Swavesey, stating that he was having the drain running beside his property cleaned out.

This was a matter in connection with a discussion at the previous meeting.

ADVERTS. 13th Feb. 1931

AT PRIOR'S BOOK STORES, 2,000 Good Books on view for Sale, including a number of standard works. 'Phone 3.

WORK! WORK!! WORK!!! We have for Sale Useful Tools for the Home, the Farm and the Garden. Also Many Valuable Bargains arrived this week. – Prior's Furnishing Stores, Swavesey. 'Phone 3.

Y.P.F. 13th Feb. 1931

An interesting address on "Visions" was given by Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, connected with Bethel Baptist Church, on Monday evening. The chair was occupied by the Pastor.

BAND OF HOPE. 13th Feb. 1931

At the weekly meeting of Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address on the five M's of total abstinence, viz., Minds, Morals, Manners, Money and Muscles. The following members also took part in the proceedings: D. Nicols, D. Ivatt, R. Godfrey, C. Anderson, J. Carter, P. Smart, R. Bath, A. Turner, F. Prior, J. Jackling and C. Wright.

FANCY DRESS DANCE. 13th Feb. 1931

The fancy dress dance arranged by Miss Q. Spolton and Miss D. Branson, which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, was a great success. Mr. James Prior acted as M.C., and Frank Royston's Band provided the music. Prizes were won by the following: Fancy dress, Miss Hayward (Over) and Mr. A. Kester (Swavesey); waltz competition, Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakman (Swavesey); spot dance, Miss Barett and Mr. Ingle (Over); statue dance Mr. and Mrs. Bishop (Swavesey); lucky number, Miss Phyllis Willson (Swavesey). The proceeds were in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund.

BRITISH LEGION. 13th Feb. 1931

As a result of a whist drive held in the Memorial Hall on the 5th inst., the sum of £4 12s. 4d. was added to the funds of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion. Fifteen tables were occupied and the prize-winners were: - Highest score for the evening, Mr. S. Clark; Ladies: Miss D. King, Mrs. G. Oakman, Mrs. E. Day, Miss V. Blunt; booby, Miss B. Day. Gentlemen: Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. E. Webb, Mr. A. C. Garner, Mr. H. G. Topham; booby, Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; knock-out, Mrs. H. Holmes and Mr. H. Unwin. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING. 13th Feb. 1931

The meeting and concert held in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Conservative Association, attracted a representative gathering of electors. Mr. R. Barwell presided. Before leaving for another meeting, Mr. W. W. Light, the agent, spoke on the distressing state of unemployment and outlined the Conservative Party's proposal for wide safeguarding as a remedy. Captain Briscoe, who had a hearty reception when he arrived later, dealt with the Conservative agricultural policy and other subjects of political importance. He also answered a number of questions. Members of the Cambs. Conservative Concert Party provided a much appreciated programme of musical items.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 13th Feb. 1931

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Primitive Methodist Church on the occasion of the social and box supper given by the Sisterhood. The chair was taken by Mrs. W. Savage. The evening's programme included solos by Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Ivatt, Miss D. Godfrey and Master Denis Ivatt; recitations by Miss B. Savage and Miss Gwen Dodson; a reading by Mrs. Peters; an amusing dialogue by Mrs. Westbrook and Mrs. Ivatt; choruses by the Sisterhood; and a trio by Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Froment and Mrs. Northill. At the close the large audience, on the proposition of Miss Grace, of St. Ives, accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the entertainers. Tea and coffee were served under the capable management of Mrs. Wright.

CALL TO COMMON SENSE. 13th Feb. 1931

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday, Mrs. Fraser occupying the chair, Miss Deacon gave a talk on "The road to health," in which she urged members to use more common sense in everything connected with their health. For this refreshing talk she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. J. Cain. Mrs. C. S. Hepher presented her report of the annual Federation meeting, which she had attended as delegate. A whistling competition was then judged by Mr. F. Aldred, who awarded the prize to Miss Banks. After refreshments members enjoyed their last practice for the community singing contest, the preliminary judging of which will take place next month. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. F. Martin and Mrs. Laverack.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 13th Feb. 1931

The annual tea in connection with Bethel Sunday School took place on Thursday week and was attended by about 100 persons, who thoroughly

enjoyed the excellent repast provided. The chapel was nearly filled for the public meeting held afterwards. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address on "Prize Winning," after which Mr. B. Prior, the co-superintendent, on behalf of the teachers, presented books to 65 scholars who by diligent attendance had merited them. The following scholars recited: O. Isgrove, D. Nicols, A. Northill, K. and J. Jacklin, S. Carter and D. Ivatt. Mr. Canham and Miss J. Williams presided at the organ and piano, respectively, the latter also giving an effective rendering of a pianoforte solo. An unexpected and pleasing incident occurred at the close of the gathering, when Mrs. Isgrove presented Mr. Field with a handsome book of poems, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Girls' Life Brigade, who had discovered the Pastor's birthday was that day. Mr. W. Chapman and Mr. J. Day led the devotional part of the meeting.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 20th Feb. 1931

Between 30 and 40 members were present at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society on Friday evening, when Mr. J. A. McMillan (County Agricultural Organiser) gave a lecture on the laying down of arable land to permanent pasture, the best mix of grass and clover seeds for the purpose, and the best manure to use, the time of year to apply it and the quantity. An interesting discussion followed the lecture. Mr. R. Mailer occupied the chair.

BAND OF HOPE. 20th Feb. 1931

At the weekly meeting of Bethel Band of Hope on Monday an interesting address on an acrostic on "Drink," which degrades, ruins, inebriates, numbs and kills, was given by Mr. W. Chapman. The following also contributed to the evening's programme: Mrs. Field, R. Bath, D. Nicholls, C. Wright, C. Anderson, B. and K. Jacklin. The Rev. T. B. Field presided. Uncle David and Aunt Flossie are expected next Monday.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 20th Feb. 1931

Swavesey has lost another old and greatly respected inhabitant by the death of Miss Elizabeth Parish, on Monday afternoon. She had been in feeble health for some time, but was not taken seriously ill until Sunday morning, and she was conscious until practically the end. Miss Parish, who was 76 years of age, was the daughter of the late Mr. William Parish, of Swavesey. The funeral will take place at the cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SOCIAL. 20th Feb. 1931

An enjoyable time was spent at the social arranged by the Women's Institute on February 12th. Games, competitions and dancing were entered with zest, and songs by Mr. W. J. Hephher were much appreciated, as also was a sketch by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Marriott entitle "St. Valentine's Day." Competitions were won by the following: Orange Derby, Mrs. G. Howlett after semi-final with Mr. G. Hodson; plant pot walk, Mr. G. Hodson; thread needle race, Mrs. G. Froment; butting balloons, Mr. E. Melbourne. Music for dancing was provided by Mrs. Budge, Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Miss Spolton. Refreshments were served by members of the committee. Mr. C. S. Hephher was an indefatigable M.C. The proceeds will be devoted to the Nursing Association.

CONCERT. 20th Feb. 1931

The second concert promoted by the Swavesey Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee, which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 16th inst., to augment the collections at feast time in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund, again proved most successful, the hall being crowded. The arrangements were in the hands of a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss Banks, Miss E. Dodson, Mrs. Canham, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Whitehead), whilst the stewards were Messrs. F. W. Pontefract, C. S. Hephher, G. E. Canham, A. J. Willson, F. F. Norman and F. Prior. Before the close, Dr. Fraser (chairman of the committee), in a few well-chosen words expressed thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the event, making special reference to the artistes who had come out from Cambridge, and the audience responded heartily. The programme, which was of a varied character, included pianoforte duets by Misses Lily and Joan Hephher, songs by Miss Doris Aldred, Mr. J. H. Lankester, and Mr. Fred Warren, humorous songs by Miss Dollie Hunt, monologues by Miss E. Dodson, and Humour by Mr. Jack King. Mr. A. S. Herington was the accompanist. Every item was heartily applauded, and many encores were demanded. The net proceeds amounted to about £7.

ALLEGED ARSON AT OVER. 20th Feb. 1931

Youth Committed for Trial.

BURSTS INTO TEARS.

Asked if he had anything to say before being committed for trial for setting fire to a stack of beans at Over, a 17-year-old youth at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday burst into tears, and said, "I am guilty."

Defendant was S. W., 22, Askew-row, Swavesey.

The Chairman of the Bench was His Honour Judge Farrant. Supt. Allen prosecuted.

The owner of the stack, James Thoday, Field House, Over, a farmer, said he farmed land in Long Holme Drove, Over, and in one of his fields there he had a pea and bean stack, the produce of 5½ acres. He valued it at £20, and it was not insured.

“NOTHING LEFT BUT ASHES.”

He last saw the stack all right on the 26th January. On the 31st January, at five o’clock, he received certain information, and on the following morning he went there with P.C. Badcock. There was nothing left of the stack but ashes. He did not go down the previous day because he was told it was burnt out then.

He knew defendant. He had never worked for witness, and had no right in the field.

Walter Hemmington, Fen End, Over, a farmer, said he went down the Long Holme Drove on the 31st January. When he went down at 7.30 in the morning the stack was perfectly all right. He passed the stack again about 2 p.m.

Supt. Allen: How was it then? – There wasn’t any.

What had happened to it? – It was burnt down.

He did not see the defendant that day.

Sergt. Keep, Longstanton, said that on the 5th February, in company with P.C. Badcock, he interviewed defendant at Over. He made a statement which he afterwards signed: - “On Saturday, 31st January, I left the Potash Farm, Over Fen, at 12.45 p.m.

“I came home with William Whybrow and Arthur Palmer. Arthur Palmer was smoking. William Whybrow asked me if I dare set fire to Mr. Thoday’s stack. I said, ‘No.’ We came walking away home. I went to the stack and lit it when I got up to it. I only had one match. I lit it on the box, and then caught Whybrow and Palmer up again.

“William Whybrow asked me if I had lit it. I said, ‘Yes.’ Whybrow asked me if it was alight. I said, ‘Yes, it is going.’ He said, ‘You will get in trouble now,’ and I was afraid to tell anyone what happened.”

DEFENDANT’S MATCHES.

John William Wilson, Potash Farm, Over, a horsekeeper for Mr. Ingle Hemmington, said that defendant was a labourer employed on the same farm. He was working with witness on the morning of 31st January. He left the farm about a quarter past one.

Supt. Allen: Was he alone or with any other person? – Alone.

What time did Whybrow and Palmer leave? – Some time before. About a quarter to half-past 12, I should think.

Defendant was not smoking when he left the farm. He told witness he had four matches some time before that. He lit a cigarette some time during his work. He could not say whether defendant had any matches when he left the farm. He told witness he had one left in the morning.

The next witness to be called was Arthur Charles Palmer, the Admiral Vernon, High-street, Over, a farm labourer employed by Mr Ingle Hemmington, who said he left to go home about a quarter past 12 with Whybrow. Defendant was not with them. The stack was all right when they came past. He did not see defendant any more that day.

Supt. Allen: Have you ever dared him to set fire to that stack? – No, sir.

The Chairman: Have you at any time said to defendant, “Dare you set fire to that stack?” – No sir.

“NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE IT.”

William Whybrow, Fen End, Over, said he left off work between a quarter and half-past 12 with Arthur Palmer. The defendant was not with them. The stack was all right when they passed, and neither of them went into the field. He saw defendant at work in the morning and not since.

Supt. Allen: Have you ever asked defendant if he dare set fire to Mr. Thoday’s stack? – No sir.

Have you ever asked him if he lit it? – No, sir. I haven’t seen him only once since.

Defendant said Whybrow told him to set it on fire one day during the week.

Witness: I never said anything like that to the boy.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

Defendant, asked if he had anything to say, burst into tears, and said, “I am guilty.”

OBITUARY. 27th Feb. 1931

After a long illness, Mr. Sidney Williams, eldest son of the late Mr. James Williams, the well-known Swavesey wheelwright, passed away on February 20th at his residence in Leicester. The funeral took place at Gillroes Cemetery, Leicester, on Monday. The mourners included his widow and his only son, Mr. S. E. Williams, Miss P. Williams (sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. Day (brother-in-law and sister).

B.W.T.A. 27th Feb. 1931

Bethel Schoolroom was well filled on the 19th inst. for a social evening under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A. Mrs. W. Savage occupied the chair, and an enjoyable programme of pianoforte solos, vocal solos, recitations, duologues, etc., was contributed to by the following

members: Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Bath, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. Westbrook, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. A. Prior, Mrs. J. Day, Mr. G. Day, Misses B. Savage, D. Godfrey, M. Coulson, H. and G. Dodson. Mrs. Aldred was the accompanist. Mrs. T. Savage and Mrs. A. Prior were responsible for the excellent refreshments served during the evening.

CRICKET CLUB. 27th Feb. 1931

At the annual meeting of the Cricket Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Feb. 18th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Fraser; vice-presidents, Capt. Briscoe, M.P., Mr. Carter, Mr. Dean, Mr. Canham, Mr. E. Day, and Mr. J. Parish; chairman, Mr. D. Williams; hon. sec. Mr. J. Mitham, assistant hon. sec., Mr. S. Clark; treasurer, Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; captain of league team, Mr. L. Day; vice-captain, Mr. A. Hepher; committee, Messrs. L. Day, A. Hepher, S. Froment, F. Aldred, J. Bull, F. Hepher, and G. Hodson. It was decided to enter the Milton and District League and Cup competitions. The receipts for last season, including the sum of £1 19s. 8½d. brought from 1929, amounted to £7 15s. 8½d., and the expenditure to £7 11s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of 4s. 3½d.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 27th Feb. 1931

A company numbering about 70 was present at the annual tea of Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, and later a large audience assembled in the chapel for the annual meeting. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, reported that there were 62 members enrolled, and that they had enjoyed a good season, which was largely due to Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. Ivatt, Miss Joan Williams, and Mr. Pontefract, who had thrown themselves with great heartiness into the work. Mrs. Field (vice-president) distributed eleven prizes to those who stood highest as to parts taken in the programme, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, of the County Union, exhibited and explained some beautiful lantern views, illustrating holiday experiences in Switzerland and Norway. Mrs. Moore also gave two recitations. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were heartily thanked for their visit.

WEDDING. 27th Feb. 1931

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Thomas Heasman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heasman and Miss Caroline Amelia Eason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eason, took place on Saturday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of Venetian blue, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of yellow tulips and maidenhair fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids,

Miss Ethel Heasman (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Nellie Batchelor, London (cousin of the bridegroom), who wore sandalwood coloured dresses with straw hats to match, and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums. Mr. William Perryman, London (cousin of the bride) was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home. The presents were numerous and useful, and included several gifts from the bride's late fellow workers at Messrs. Chivers' factory.

THE LATE MISS E. PARISH. 27th Feb. 1931

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Parish, whose death on Feb. 16th, at the age of 76 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Friday afternoon. Mr. W. Camp officiated, and during the service at the graveside the hymn "Prepare me, Gracious God" was sung. The mourners included: Mr. W. Parish (brother), Miss M. Parish, Mr. A. L. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parish, Mrs. J. Parish, Miss Mary Parish, Miss A. Parish, Bedford, Mr. T. Parish, Hitchin (nephews and nieces), Mrs. E. Parish (cousin).

BAND OF HOPE. 6th March 1931

At the weekly meeting of Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field gave an address on "A sheet of paper," others who took part in the proceedings being Mrs. Field, C. Ashdown, J. Jackson, K. Jackson and F. Kester.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 6th March 1931

The closing meeting for the session of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, the President occupying the chair. An earnest address by Mr. W. Chapman on "God's Handiwork," was followed by the annual business meeting, when various reports were given of the session's work, and it was announced that a small balance remained in the treasurers' hands. The following officers and committee were elected for session 1931-32: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Miss Savage; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Pontefract; secretary, Mr. W. Chapman; committee, Mrs. Godfrey, senior, Mrs. G. E. Canham, Misses D. Godfrey, M. Coulson, G. Dodson and Duce, Mrs. Daisley, Messrs. J. Spearman and F. Dodson. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Canham and the other officers for their greatly appreciated services. A pleasing feature of the meeting was that whilst Mr. Field will cease to be pastor after March 29th, he was urgently requested to continue as president until the appointment of his successor.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 6th March 1931

The final meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society on Friday took the form of a debate on Protection versus Free Trade in Agriculture. Dr. S. J. Fraser, who opened the discussion, spoke in favour of Protection. He pointed out England's prosperity of years ago, compared with the parlous condition of many industries to-day, especially agriculture. He dealt with the ideas of Cobden, which, he suggested, had never been carried out as Cobden intended, and had resulted in free imports, not Free Trade. From facts and figures Dr. Fraser pointed out Free Trade fallacies, and maintained that everyone must be convinced that Protection provides the only policy likely to reduce unemployment and make the country prosperous. Mr. Gray (Alconbury) replied for Free Trade. He reminded the audience of the prosperity we had achieved under Free Trade. The only protected portion of the community was Labour, which was protected by Government. This, he said, was the cause of unemployment, and until wages came down and trade unions were no longer dictators, the country would not be prosperous again. He gave many figures in support of his argument, adding that tariffs bred Socialism and instancing Canada and Australia as high tariff countries which were not prosperous. Mr. G. Wayman (Over) supported the Protectionist cause, and spoke about dumping. Mr. C. G. Tebbutt (Bluntisham) supported Free Trade, being in favour of individual effort and no Government interference. Others who took part in the debate were Messrs. Hounsell, Few, S. F. Mitham, C. W. H. Cole, Aubrey, Beck and Stanton. Mr. Gray summed up for Free Trade, and Dr. Fraser in favour of Protection. The resolution: "That this meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society is in favour of Protection in Agriculture," was then put by the Chairman (Mr. R. Mailer), and was carried by 28 votes for, to 5 against. Mr. McMillan (County Agricultural Organiser) moved a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Fraser, Mr. Gray, and the other gentlemen who had attended, which was carried unanimously. Dr. Fraser and Mr. Gray suitably responded.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 6th March 1931

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at the St. Ives Poor Law Institution on Friday morning, when there were present: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), F. Stanton, J. Scambler, R. Norman and W. I. Hemington, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

A SWAVESEY COMPLAINT.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. R. Williamson, of Swavesey, with respect to a demand he (Mr. Williamson) had received for water rate amounting to £1 17s. 6d. Mr. Williamson pointed out that when the water was laid on he gave

notice that it was required for a period of only six months each year. The water was turned off from the main for six months of every year. He desired that the matter be taken up with the authorities.

The Clerk said it looked on the face of it that it was a reasonable position, consistent with the agreement at the time the water was laid on.

“There was nothing to prevent people being exempt from payment for a certain period if the water was cut off” the clerk informed Mr. Kirby. Mr. Williamson was paying on an assessment.

The Council decided to remit the sum of £1 17s. 6d. against the payment of which Mr. Williamson protested.

NEW VICAR OF SWAVESEY. 6th March 1931

The Rev. Charles Edward Oscar Finch, M.A., who was appointed vicar of Swavesey by the Master and Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, last October, but who has since had to undergo a serious operation, arrived in Swavesey on Monday evening, and on Tuesday was instituted by the Bishop of the Diocese in the chapel of the Palace at Ely.

His induction will take place at Swavesey Parish Church next Thursday at 3.30 p.m., the Rural Dean, Rev. A. Campbell Hair, acting for the Archdeacon of Ely (Bishop Price), who is ill.

Since the late Vicar, Rev. C. F. Stebbing, left Swavesey on being appointed rector of Tewin, near Welwyn, the services have been conducted by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, whose ministry has been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Finch, who was a scholar of Jesus College, took his B.A. degree in 1911, and, after a period at Westcott House, was ordained deacon in 1912 and priest the following year. He was curate of St. Peter, Croydon, from 1912 until 1917, when he went as a S.P.G. missionary to Nandyal, Madras Diocese, subsequently becoming Vice-Principal of the college there. He has recently been in charge of a district at Broadstairs, Kent.

ADVERTS. 13th March 1931

2,000 BOOKS on all subjects: Theology, Travels, Biography, early editions, etc., always on view. – Prior’s Book Stores.

SPECIAL SPRING SEASON. – Just arrived 600 Rolls of Line’s Wallpapers, newest designs, from 3½d to 9d. per roll. – Prior’s General Stores. ‘Phone 3.

SKATING. 13th March 1931

There has been some skating on Mere Fen during the past week, but the ice has not been in good condition.

BETHEL BAND OF HOPE. 13th March 1931

The last meeting for the season of Bethel Band of hope took place on Monday. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, and the following members took part: Mrs. Field, Mrs. Ivatt, J. and K. Jacklin, R. and R. Bath, C. Anderson and W. Hannaford, and Miss J. Williams. At the annual business council which followed the meeting, the accounts showed a good balance in hand, and the report stated that a very good season had been experienced. Officers and committee for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev. T. B. Field; vice-president, Mrs. Field; treasurer, Mr. Pontefract; secretaries, Mrs. A. Norman and Ivatt; pianist, Miss J. Williams; who, with the following from the committee: Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Miss Savage, Mr. W. Chapman and Miss G. Payne. The officers, and especially the secretaries, were heartily thanked for their services.

DEATH OF MR. EZRA WILLIAMS. 13th March 1931

News reached Swavesey by cable on Monday of the death of Mr. Ezra John Williams, which occurred about midday on Sunday at his home in Glen Aplin, Queensland, after a long illness. Born 48 years ago, he was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Williams, coal merchant, who for 27 years was parish clerk of Swavesey, an office that has been held by members of the family for at least a century. Twenty-five years ago deceased went to Australia, and joined his brother-in-law in business in Sydney as marine store dealers, motor engineers etc. When his health began to fail he relinquished his business in Sydney and became proprietor of the hotel at Glen Aplin. Two of his brothers are in Australia, one of whom has been there for a long time. He leaves a widow and one son. The funeral, it is understood, took place on Wednesday. It may be of interest to mention that ever since Mr. Williams left England the "Press and News" has been sent to him every week, and more than one letter of appreciation has been received from him.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 13th March 1931

There was a good attendance on Monday at members' night at the Women's Institute. Nurse Cottrell was in the chair, and Miss Freestone carried out the duties of secretary. During the business part of the proceedings the Girton W.I. resolution concerning the purchase of only humanely farmed furs was put to the meeting and carried by a large majority. A demonstration on fomentations and a talk on ointments, liniments, and simple first-aid remedies was given by Nurse Cottrell, after which a sketch entitled "Aunt Matilda's Collar," was well acted by Mesdames Marriott, Laverack, A. Whybrow,

Ellwood, G. Froment and Melbourne, and Mrs. Budge, in wedding attire, sang a comic song, "There was I waiting at the church." Twenty members entered for the skipping competition, which was won by Mrs. F. Martin, who outskipped every other member by over 100 turns. After refreshments had been served, Miss Mitchell judged the community singing and gave many useful hints. Mesdames J. Coulson, Melbourne, G. Froment, W. Thorp, A. Whybrow, Misses Carrier and Freestone were the hostesses for the evening.

PARISH MEETING. 13th March 1931

About 30 parochial electors were present at the parish meeting, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening for the election of parish councillors for the ensuing three years. Mr. H. W. Whitehead was voted to the chair. As there were only nine nominations for the nine seats on the Council no voting was necessary, and the Chairman declared the following duly elected: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, J. Linford, C. Savage and A. P. Payne. At the annual assembly of the parish meeting which followed, the audited account of the Parish Council and also the accounts of Galon's Charity were read by the Clerk (Mr. P. Godfrey). Mr. A. P. Payne called attention to the wastage of water from the public water supply pipes, especially that caused by a serious burst which occurred about midday on Friday outside Dr. Fraser's gateway. Notice, he said, had been given to the engineer by 6 o'clock the same evening, but the engineer had informed the messenger that as Saturday was a short day he could not attend to the matter until Monday. In the meantime thousands of gallons of water, for which the overburdened ratepayers of Swavesey have to pay, had run to waste. Mr. Payne moved that the Clerk should call the attention of the District Council to the delay in attending to the burst and should state that the meeting strongly protested against the water supply being cut off from the village without previous notice. Mr. Linford, in seconding the motion, spoke of the frequent bursts in the supply pipes, and of the delay in having the repairs carried out. Mr. Wood: You have your remedy at the next District Council meeting. Mr. C. H. Parish stated that the engineer had been warned some time ago to be more prompt when called upon to attend to bursts. Another ratepayer was anxious to know whether the engineer's was a life job. The resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. B. Walker asked if some better arrangement could be devised for disposing of the sludge from the drain near Turn Bridge than throwing it on the path in front of the cottages. Mr. Wood said that when he was a member of the R.D.C. he had called attention to the unsatisfactory practice, and he added that it had been agreed that the drain should be concreted as far as Market-street. This, however, had

not been done. On the motion of Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Walker, it was decided that a representation should be made to the District Council on the subject. A vote of thanks to Mr. Whitehead for presiding concluded the meeting.

**SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 20th March 1931
INCLOSURE AWARD UNDER I. VIC., CAP. 6.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the application of the Swavesey Rural District Council, the Minister of Health proposes to make an ORDER under Sub-section (2) of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1929, directing that the amount of any contributions levied by the Rural District Council in respect of the maintenance and repair of the ways, paths and roads referred to in the Inclosure Award made under the local Act, I. Vic., cap 6 (the Swavesey Inclosure Act of 1838), shall, as from the first day of October, 1929, instead of being proportionate to contributions to the repair of public roads, be proportionate to the amounts which the owners, tenants and occupiers of the lands in respect of which such contributions are payable would contribute to the general rate if sub-section (1) of section 67 of the Local Government Act, 1929, had not been passed, and the general rate were levied on the gross annual value for income tax purposes of such lands; provided that any apportionment of such value shall be made, and in any case where there is no such value the value shall be determined by the Rural District Council, or, in case of dispute, by arbitration. The order will have the effect (inter alia) of continuing the liability of occupiers of agricultural land and buildings to make contributions.

A draft of the proposed Order may be obtained at the Offices of the Clerk to the Swavesey Rural District Council, St. Ives, Hunts., on any week day prior to THURSDAY, the 16th proximo, during ordinary office hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, in accordance with the requirements of sub-section (3) of section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1929, the Minister of Health will consider any objections or representations sent to him in writing before FRIDAY, the 17th proximo, by any person or body who will be affected by the Order. Any such objection or representation should be addressed to the SECRETARY, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, and a copy should be sent at the same time to the Clerk to the Swavesey Rural District Council, St. Ives, Hunts.

In the event of any objection being made and not withdrawn, an Order under the section cannot take effect unless it is confirmed by Act of Parliament.

R. B. CROSS,
Assistant Secretary

12th March, 1931

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 20th March 1931

The Rev. J. Fraser, of the Irish Baptist Mission, gave an interesting address on the difficulties, joys and successes of mission work, the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

CRICKET CLUB. 20th March 1931

The committee of the Swavesey Cricket Club have appointed Mr. H. Bishop to be captain, and Mr. F. Hepher vice-captain for the ensuing season, Messrs. L. Day and A. Hepher, who had, respectfully, been elected to these offices at the annual meeting of the club in their absence, having intimated their inability to act.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 20th March 1931

The public meeting which is to be held at the Memorial Hall next Tuesday to decide whether there shall be a Hospital Parade on Feast Sunday this year, will commence at 8.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. as previously announced. The alteration has been made so that the meeting should not clash with the Parochial Church Meeting which is taking place earlier the same evening.

“MOTHER’S BIRTHDAY.” 20th March 1931

An admirable rendering of the cantata “Mother’s Birthday” was given by the choir at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. T. B. Field presided, Mr. J. W. Williams was the organist, and Mr. G. E. Canham gave the connective readings. The following were the soloists: Mrs. Canham, Miss D. Godfrey, Miss M. Parish, Mrs. Ivatt, and Mr. S. Godfrey. A collection for the Sustentation Fund realised £1 8s. 9d.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. 20th March 1931

The new Vicar introduced on Sunday in Swavesey the old custom of Mothering Sunday, and must have been gratified by the congregation which gathered in the afternoon, consisting of many families, father, mother and children. The service was bright and appropriate to the day. Three well-known hymns were sung, and also “Home, sweet home,” the solo being taken by Master E. Mitham, all the congregation joining heartily in the chorus. In his address the Vicar referred to mother in three aspects: “Mother love,” “Mother in the home,” and “Mother church,” and pointed out how much everyone owes to mother. He explained the meaning of the observance of

Mothering Sunday, and how it should be kept. At the end of the service a collection was taken for the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

INDUCTION OF THE VICAR. 20th March 1931

There was a large and representative congregation at the Parish Church on Thursday afternoon in last week to witness the induction of the new vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. Campbell Hair, who acted for the Archdeacon of Ely (Bishop Price). The service – evensong as for the third collect – was taken by the recently appointed Rector of Girton (Rev. P. N. H. Palmer), the Rector of Rampton (Rev. F. Ingle) reading the first lesson and the Rural Dean the second. After the third collect the induction took place, verses of hymn “We love the place, O God” being sung, while the Rural Dean and the Incumbent made their way to the church door, the font and finally the altar. The Rural Dean also gave a short address. Other hymns included “Pleasant are Thy courts above” and “The Church’s one foundation.” A peal was rung on the bells before the service.

GIRLS’ LIFE BRIGADE. 20th March 1931

An excellent entertainment was given before a crowded audience on Tuesday by the Girls’ Life Brigade, under the competent leadership of the captain, Mrs. Isgrove, assisted by Lieut. Miss H. Dodson, and Sergt. Miss W. Godfrey, with Miss J. Williams at the piano. Two amusing dialogues, entitled “Aunt Millicent’s Way” and “Engaging a Housekeeper,” were given by the senior girls, and action songs, “The Fairy Dustman” and “Queen of Hearts” by the juniors. Other items included a pianoforte solo by Miss J. Williams, recitations by E. Dodson and G. Wright, vocal solos by M. Lee and J. Williams, and sleigh song chorus. The chaplain, Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, after heartily complimenting Mrs. Isgrove upon the success of her work, stated that he had been requested to retain office as chaplain as long as he remained in the village, and that he had consented to do so.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 20th March 1931

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was held in the school on Friday evening, Mr. C. W. H. Cole being voted to the chair, owing to the absence, through illness, of the president, Mr. R. Mailer. Mr. McMillan (County Agricultural Organiser) gave a record of the season’s activities, and said the attendance had been very satisfactory, working out at an average of 37. The accounts presented by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. Wood, showed a balance in hand of 7s. 6d., the receipts being £1 12s., subscriptions of 1s. each from 32 members, and the expenditure

£1 3s. for members' cards, and 1s. 6d. postage, a total of £1 4s. 6d. Mr. W. Thorp proposed, and Mr. E. J. Mitham seconded, a resolution that the society be continued, and this was carried unanimously. The following officers were elected: President and chairman of meetings, Mr. R. Mailer; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, F. Kirby, F. Stanton, Dr. Fraser, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. Ingle Hemington and C. Hard; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Wood; committee, Messrs. A. Day, jun., C. H. Parish (Swavesey), P. Watts, E. Webb, J. Barker (Over), H. Hounsell, T. Norman (Willingham), R. Doggett, J. Mitham (Lolworth), R. Lilley, J. Scambler (Conington). The summer outing was discussed, and it was decided to join with the Fulbourn Society and make the trip to Jealott's Hill, the Research Farm of Imperial Chemical Industries, on July 22nd, Mr. McMillan being left to make all necessary arrangements. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the secretary for his work during the season, and to the chairman who had not missed a single meeting, with a hope of his quick restoration to his usual good health.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 27th March 1931

The treasurer of the Swavesey Women's Institute has handed to the treasurer of the Nursing Association the sum of £2 14s. 1½d., the proceeds of a social. The donation has been accepted with grateful thanks.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 27th March 1931

A pleasing incident occurred last Sunday at the close of the evening service at Bethel Baptist Church, when at a meeting of the Y.P.F., the Pastor, in the name of the members, presented Miss M. Coulson with a Bible in recognition of the valuable service she had rendered during the past two years as pianist on Monday evenings. Miss Coulson has taken a position at King's College School at Cambridge. Mr. Field intimated that he would preach his farewell sermon as Pastor next Sunday evening, when he will have completed 5½ years' ministry in Swavesey and nearly 52 years as a Baptist minister. He will be residing in the parish, and will be available for services whenever desired, but will not undertake another charge. For the next three months the pulpit at Bethel will be mainly supplied by students from Spurgeon's College, London.

THE HOSPITAL PARADE. 27th March 1931

A public meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening to decide whether a parade should be held this year in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Dr. Fraser occupied the chair, supported by Mr. H. Whitehead. Mr. Uriah Thixton proposed that there should be a parade, but that it should take place on a weekday during Feast Week. Mr. Jabez Day seconded. Mr. H. H. Berryman

moved, and Mr. E. J. Mitham seconded, an amendment that the parade should be held on Feast Sunday as in previous years, and on being put to the meeting 26 voted for the amendment and 9 for Mr. Thixton's proposition. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Mr. H. Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; auditor, Mr. R. Barwell; committee (with power to add), Miss Banks, Messrs. P. Banks, H. H. Berryman, Rev. T. B. Field, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Mrs. Fraser, Messrs. F. Hephher, C. S. Hephher, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Messrs. A. W. Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, F. W. Pontefract, F. Prior, J. Prior, and Mrs. Whitehead. The Target Fund balance sheet was read. This showed that Swavesey's quota of £200 had been exceeded by £3 2s., viz., house-to-house collections £197 10s. 1½d., collection at inaugural meeting £1 13s. 8½d, football match 15s. 2d., and donation £3 3s. Dr. Fraser said that something like £500 had been raised in the villages in the Swavesey district, and he thought that a remarkable achievement. A letter from the Secretary-Superintendent of Addenbrooke's was also read, from which it appeared that for the year 1929 – 30 the contributions from Swavesey from all sources to the Hospital Maintenance Fund amounted to £137 0s. 3d., and that during that period 22 in-patients and 39 out-patients from the parish had been under treatment at an estimated cost of £158 16s. 5d.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th March 1931

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on the 19th inst., when there were present: Messrs. C. W. H. Cole (chairman), W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, C. H. Parish and P. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). After instructions had been given for the payment of the clerk's salary and certain other outstanding liabilities, Mr. Burton called attention to the work done by the caretaker in connection with the Council meetings, for which hitherto he had received no recompense, and also to the light and fuel supplied on those occasions by the Hall Management Committee. After a short discussion it was agreed to allow the committee of management 10s. to pay for the fuel, etc., and recompense the caretaker. It was also decided that tenders should be invited for the collection of unburnable rubbish in April and October; and that the herbage of the recreation ground should be let by Mr. Cyril Watts when he lets the herbage of the droves, etc., on Monday, March 30th, and that the resolution received from the Burwell Parish Council respecting the extension of the boundaries of the borough of Cambridge should be referred to the newly elected Council for consideration. The Chairman called attention to the urgent need for a letter posting box, and a machine for the supply of postage stamps at Boxworth End. The Post Office, he said, was a long distance away (about 1½ miles), and the people living at

that end of the village were in consequence put to a great deal of inconvenience. Mr. P. Parish proposed that the Postmaster of Cambridge should be written to on the subject, and that he should be asked to have the additional postal facilities provided, his attention being specially drawn to the fact that owing to the erection of new houses the population in that part of the village had increased, and in all probability would increase still further in the near future. Mr. C. H. Parish seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. 27th March 1931

The annual parochial church meeting was held in the School on Tuesday evening, about fifty electors being present. The Vicar, who presided, apologised for the meeting being held so late in the year owing to his illness, and he thanked the Rev. J. F. Cooksey for carrying on the work so well during his enforced absence. The church accounts, presented by Mr. Banks (churchwarden), showed a balance in hand of £20 17s. 8d., the collections for church expenses amounting to £112 1s. 4d. and the expenditure to £91 3s. 8d. In addition £37 11s. 11d. had been collected for work outside the parish. The Repair Fund Account, presented by Mr. Barwell, showed a balance in hand of £56 18s. 3d. Mr. Banks proposed the balance be invested, and after some discussion it was decided that the Church Council should do this in the best way possible. Mrs. Banks reported that under the duplex envelope scheme £8 5s. 9d. had been collected, and she gave the various amounts allocated and to what funds. The Vicar said the envelope collection should be used for church expenses, as it was the offering of the people for that purpose. After some discussion Mrs. Cooksey proposed the envelopes be continued, and this was carried. The Sick and Needy Fund Accounts were presented by the Vicar and here also a satisfactory balance of £7 4s. 4d. had accrued. The efforts on behalf of missions, Mrs. Banks said, had resulted in £22 10s. 2d. being raised for the S.P.G., £1 9s. for the Jerusalem Mission, and 18s. for the S.P.C.K. The Vicar remarked the churchwardens' accounts did not show these amounts. All monies going into the church should, he said, be shown in these accounts. Mr. S. F. Mitham, who dealt with the Thrift Club funds, reported an expenditure of £12 0s. 3d., Mrs. Banks adding that there was a balance in hand of £5. When the meeting came to the election of representatives on the Diocesan Conference, Mrs. Cooksey remarked that she was elected last year for three years. After some discussion as to whether the election was to fill a vacancy for one year or for the three years, the minutes were consulted and Mrs. Cooksey's contention was found to be correct. Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Banks therefore will continue to serve, and they were also re-elected representatives

on the Ruri-decanal Conference. For the Church Council the following were nominated: Messrs. W. J. Hephher, B. Hodson, R. Barwell, F. Hemington, S. F. Mitham, and Mesdames C. S. Hephher and S. J. Fraser. As seven persons were nominated for six places an election was obviated by choosing the first six and allowing the Parochial Church Council to co-opt the seventh. The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc. After it had been decided to hold a garden fete in the summer, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding concluded the meeting.

OBITUARY. 3rd April 1931

Her old friends in the Swavesey district will regret to learn that Mrs. Kate Pearce, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Thorp, of The Swan, Swavesey, died on Saturday at her home at Bellingham, Kent, after five days of intense suffering. She was 62 years of age. The funeral takes place this (Thursday) afternoon at Brockley Cemetery.

DROVE LETTING. 3rd April 1931

By direction of the District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, the sum of £6 being realised, against £4 18s. last year, £5 8s. in 1929, and £6 16s. 6d. in 1928. The herbage of the Recreation Ground, offered under instructions from the Parish Council, was let for £2 2s. 6d., 2s. 6d. less than last year and 7s. 6d. less than in 1929. Mr. Cyril Watts, who was the auctioneer, also offered the grazing of three fields in Cow Fen, Middle Fen and Mow Fen respectively. Two of the fields were withdrawn, and the third sold for £2 per acre to Messrs. Johnson Bros., Over.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION. 3rd April 1931

An exhibition of work done by the school children during the year just ended was held on Monday afternoon from 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m., all parents and others interested in the work of the children being invited to be present. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity, and the school was full all the time the exhibition was open. The handicraft and sewing was greatly admired, and every visitor seemed delighted with the work done in every direction of the school life of the children, from the tiniest of them all to the senior division. All expressed their pleasure at being able to see the ways in which school was now made a pleasure to children, and how very different everything was to the old days when they were at school.

B.W.T.A. 3rd April 1931

The annual meetings of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. were held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday, March 26th. Tea at 5 o'clock was followed by a well-attended public meeting, at which the Rev. T. B. Field presided, and Mrs. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an interesting address on Freedom. Solos were sung by Mrs. N. Robinson, also of Willingham, and Mrs. Ivatt read a good report of the annual meetings held at Cambridge in February. At the business meeting satisfactory reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer, and officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Presidency, left open until the autumn; acting vice-president, Mrs. W. Savage; joint secretaries, Mrs. J. Day and Miss H. Dodson; treasurer, Mrs. W. Savage; committee, Mesdames Godfrey, sen., P. Godfrey, Smith, Melbourne, Coulson, Spearman, T. Savage, and Nicholls, and Miss G. Dodson; L.W.R. superintendent, Miss Easter.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd April 1931

The Pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, concluded his 5½ years' pastorate at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday. A very large congregation assembled in the evening to hear his last official sermon, which was from the text Acts xx., 27-32. In the course of his address Mr. Field thanked all who had loyally assisted him during his residence in the village, and gladly acknowledged the cordiality with which his people had worked with him. He was not leaving, he said, because of any disagreement, but that for the time God might spare him, he might have liberty to respond to other calls. At the close of the service Mr. J. Day feelingly voiced the people's goodwill by asking the Pastor to accept a cheque for £15. In responding, Mr. Field expressed his grateful appreciation of this quite unexpected gift, and assured the congregation that he would be glad to render any possible service within his power as long as he remained in the village. The same afternoon Mr. C. Day on behalf of the Bible Class presented Mr. Field with an electric cycle lamp and handsome leather notebook as a token of their goodwill towards him.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 3rd April 1931

Water Wastage Through Burst Pipes.

DAMP HOUSES.

A further complaint regarding the wastage of water in the parish of Swavesey was considered at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, which was held at St. Ives on Friday morning.

Mr. J. Frohock was in the chair, and there were also present: Messrs. W. I. Hemington, R. Mailer, A. Day, sen. and F. Stanton, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day), and the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Yeandle).

DAMP HOUSES.

The Sanitary Inspector reported with regard to a room in a Council house occupied by Mr. Timbrell in School-lane, Swavesey. He said he had inspected several houses in the vicinity and had found that the interior dampness of the walls was caused chiefly by the blocking of the air bricks, mostly by gravel on the footpaths, and if the tenants kept the bricks clean the walls would no doubt in time dry out again. It was useless doing any work until the bricks had dried out.

Mr. A. Day said it was only about three years since the Council had new floors put in Mr. Timbrell's cottage. They had never complained about the dampness before.

TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

A letter from the Swavesey and Over Women's Institutes asking the Council to adopt Clause 9 of the Ministry's model by-laws dealing with the humane killing of animals, was allowed to lie on the table.

WATER WASTAGE AT SWAVESEY.

The Council also considered a resolution passed at the annual parish meeting at Swavesey, protesting against the great waste of water in the parish caused by the delay in repairing bursts in the public supply pipes, and asking that the water should not be cut off during repairs without due notice being given. A further resolution also desired that the mud thrown from the brook opposite Turn Bridge cottages should be kept clear from the path and placed on the opposite side of the brook.

Mr. A. Day said there was always running water from the spring, though when there was a burst in the pipes there was a certain amount of wastage.

After discussion it was agreed that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Mr. Chevill, the engineer, and also that when a further burst in the pipes occurred he should be immediately informed.

The Clerk stated that apparently the latter course had not been adhered to in the past.

It was further agreed that the Sanitary Inspector should investigate the complaint respecting the depositing of mud in front of Turn Bridge cottages.

PRISONER IN TEARS. 3rd April 1931

Stack Firing at Over.

When S. W., of Over, a 17-year-old labourer, was brought into the dock on a charge of setting fire to a stack of beans and peas at Over on January 31st, he burst into tears.

Mr. Grafton Pryor (instructed by Messrs. S. J. and S. T. Miller) prosecuted, and prisoner pleaded guilty.

Mr. Pryor said prisoner was employed as a farm labourer, and on January 31st, for no apparent reason, he went to a farm belonging to Mr. Thoday, a farm on which he had no business and on which he was not employed, and there quite deliberately set fire to a stack of beans and peas.

The stack was entirely consumed and damage to the extent of £20 was done. Apparently prisoner had no grudge against the farmer. He appeared to be somewhat feeble-minded, but when tackled he made a clean breast of the matter.

"I came home," he told the police, "with W. W. and A. P. A. P. was smoking. W. W. asked me if I dare set fire to Mr. Thoday's stack. I said 'No.' We came walking away home. I went to the stack and lit it when I got up to it. I only had one match. I lit it on the box, and then caught W. and P. up again.

"W. W. asked me if I had lit it and I said 'Yes.' W. asked me if it was all right. I said 'Yes, it is going.' He said, 'You will get in trouble now,' and I was afraid to tell anyone what happened."

OTHERS NOT IMPLICATED.

Both the young men P. and W. were bound over to appear at that court, but he was instructed that there was no ground whatever for the suggestion that either of them was in any way implicated.

The Chairman: I think they both denied it on oath? – Yes, sir, and I believe the police are also quite satisfied in the matter.

Dr. Frank Robinson, county medical officer of health, said he had known the boy from his school medical reports, had interviewed him, and the parents, and had received information from his employers.

He was regarded as a backward child at school, and the general opinion of his employers was that he was a willing worker, but requiring a good deal of supervision. The general view was that he was easily led by others, and did not associate much with boys of his own age, because he had been made their butt.

"FEEBLE-MINDED AND EASILY LED."

On his own examination he had no hesitation in making up his mind that he was a feeble-minded boy, easily influenced by others. He believed that the act of burning had rather a fascination for the feeble-minded.

He suggested that prisoner should be sent to the Dungates Institution, Sussex, where there was, he had ascertained, a vacancy.

Asked if he had anything to ask the witness, prisoner again burst into tears, and said, "Have I got to be sent away?"

The Chairman: You have got to go away, I'm afraid.

Supt. Allen said that there was no question as to P. or W. having instigated him to this. In fact prisoner had told witness so himself.

The Chairman said the Clerk had pointed out that if the lad was sent to a home the County Council would not be liable to pay unless he were certified as mentally defective.

After some discussion of the legal point involved, the case was put back until the afternoon, and when prisoner was brought back he was bound over.

The Chairman (His Honour Judge Farrant), addressing the prisoner, said he had pleaded guilty to committing a very serious offence. In view of all the circumstances they were going to bind him over for two years in his own recognisances of £10 and his father in a similar amount. During that time he would be under the probation of Pastor C. J. Bird, of the Manse, Over.

ADVERT. 10th April 1931

WALLPAPERS now in full swing. We have bargains from 4d. per roll, splendid quality and assortment of patterns. – Prior's Stores.

VESTRY MEETING. 10th April 1931

At the annual Vestry meeting, held under the tower of the parish church on Monday evening, Mr. C. F. Banks and Mr. Harry Wells were re-appointed churchwardens. There was a larger attendance than usual.

MR. F. J. BEALES. 10th April 1931

Our readers in the Swavesey district will, no doubt, be interested to learn that Mr. F. J. Beales has been elected a member of the Walsoken Urban District Council. Fourteen candidates were nominated for the eleven seats, and the poll resulted in Mr. Beales coming out sixth. Mr. Beales, it will be remembered, succeeded the late Mr. W. Perry as stationmaster at Swavesey, and he held the position until November, 1921, when he was promoted to the stationmastership of Wisbech. He retired from the railway service two or three years ago.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 10th April 1931

The annual Good Friday tea and service took place on Friday last, when about 70 persons partook of the social meal, at which Pastor Smith, of London, gave a brief address. The service which followed was well attended, the preacher being Rev. J. K. Thorpe, of Willingham, who delivered an interesting sermon from the words "Nigh unto the city." Good congregations attended the Easter Day services, when the ex-pastor, Rev. T. B. Field, officiated. A number of boys from the camp at Lolworth attended the morning service, and two of their officers read the lessons. Mr. W. Chapman assisted at the evening service.

PARISH CHURCH. 10th April 1931

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins and Table Prayers 10.30 a.m., Litany and meditation on some of the Seven Words from the Cross 1 – 3 p.m., children's service 6 p.m., evensong and sermon 7 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, etc., for Easter Day. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral), Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., children's service at 3 p.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. Peals were rung on the bells between 5 and 6 a.m., and again before Mattins and evensong. All the services on both days were well attended, and the number of communicants was quite up to the average for Easter Day.

CARNIVAL DANCE. 10th April 1931

A successful carnival dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday last, under the management of Mr. James Prior, assisted by Mrs. Walter Thorp and Mrs. J. T. Pettett, who catered admirably for the large number who attended. The real carnival spirit was predominant throughout the evening. The winners of prizes were as follows: Lucky spot, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jellings; correct carnival example, Miss M. Anderson and Mr. S. Culpin; veleta, Miss E. Utteridge and Mr. Robert Smith. Mr. Prior acted as M.C. throughout the evening, and Jack Vivian's Prize Band provided the music. The hall was most effectively decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Pettett. Half the net profits have been devoted to Addenbrooke's Hospital, and half to the Hall Fund.

THE LATE MRS. PEARCE. 10th April 1931

The funeral of Mrs. Kate Pearce, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Thorp, of Swavesey, whose death occurred at her residence, 46, Knapmill-road, Bellingham, S.E. 6, took place on Wednesday week, the Rev. H. T. Hurst, late of St. Mary's, Eaton Socon, Beds., officiating at the services in St. Cyprian's Church, Brockley, and at the interment in Ladywell Cemetery, Lewisham. The mourners included Mr. George Vincent Pearce (husband), Misses Margaret E. and Katherine V. Pearce (daughters), Mr. Roger Thorp Pearce (son), Misses Annie and Clara Thorp (sisters).

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 17th April 1931

The treasurer of the Swavesey District Nursing Association has received a contribution of £7 from the Over Women's Institute, the proceeds from a recent whist drive and social.

RENOVATIONS. 17th April 1931

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday a greatly appreciated talk on renovations and dry cleaning for all sorts of materials was given by Miss McKay, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Aldred. It was agreed to have another egg collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital, under the supervision of Mrs. Canham. Miss B. Banks did brisk trade at the quarterly stall, many useful articles being brought by members. A sandwich competition (made to a given recipe), judged by Mr. Isgrove, was won by Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Visible man's buff and musical arms formed the social part of the evening. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Budge were the hostesses.

BIBLE SOCIETY. 17th April 1931

The annual meeting of the local auxiliary of the Bible Society took place on Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church, the Rev. T. B. Field (local secretary) occupying the chair. The Rev. H. J. Cossar (eastern district secretary) gave an interesting address, in course of which he mentioned that the society issued 12 million volumes last year in 630 languages, and assists every missionary society in the British Isles and employs 1,000 colporteurs, who last year sold 8,000,000 volumes. Friends who desire to help so great a work were urged to take boxes, which might be obtained from the local secretary. A vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, on the motion of Mr. J. Day, seconded by Mr. A. Day. A collection was taken for the society, and boxes were brought in by Masters G. Laverack and D. Canham.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th April 1931

There was a large attendance at the social arranged by Mrs. and Mr. C. S. Hephher in aid of the Cricket Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. A well-varied programme included several competitions, which were won as follows: Ladies' ankle competition, Miss Joyce Turner; drawing tail on donkey (blindfolded), Mr. J. Hodson, bun eating (suspended), Mr. J. Mitham; extinguishing candles (blindfolded), Mr. W. Wright; nail driving (blindfolded), Mr. E. Mitham, jun. The music for the dancing was supplied by Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Miss K. Stubbings, and the excellent refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. E. Mitham, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. T. Froment. At the close of the enjoyable evening a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. L. Day, and seconded by the Rev. A. Beaumont, was accorded to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the effort.

PARISH COUNCIL. 17th April 1931

The first meeting of the recently elected Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, when there were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hepher, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, A. P. Payne and C. Savage, with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. The first business was the election of chairman. The late chairman, Mr. C. W. H. Cole, was proposed for the office, but the Clerk stated that Mr. Cole had informed him that he was not prepared to act, and Mr. C. H. Parish, who had been vice-chairman was unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman. The following were appointed members of the Memorial Hall Management Committee: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hepher, P. Parish, C. Savage (Parish Council representatives) and Messrs. H. H. Berryman, F. F. Norman, F. W. Pontefract and Mr. Spolton. It was agreed that the whole of the Council should form the Fire Engine Committee, and Messrs. C. H. Parish, and A. P. Payne were elected the Council's representatives on the Board of Galon's Charity. The only tender received for the collection of unburnable rubbish in April and October was from Mr. P. Godfrey, who offered to do the work for £6, £1 less than last year. His tender was accepted unanimously. There was a short discussion respecting the Burwell resolution protesting against the extension of the boundaries of the Borough of Cambridge. Mr. Savage suggested that the Council should join in the protest, but on the proposition of Mr. Payne it was agreed that consideration of the question should be deferred for the present. The Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1931, were read and passed. A letter was submitted from the secretary of the Hospital Parade Committee, inviting the Councillors to take part in the parade on Feast Sunday, and it was agreed that the clerk should reply that some of the Councillors would attend. Before the meeting closed the clerk read the following letter from the clerk of the Swavesey Rural District Council respecting the resolution passed at the annual parish meeting, calling attention to the bursts in the public water supply pipes, and to the unsatisfactory method of disposing of the sludge from the drain at Turn Bridge: "I read your letter to the Council, and was instructed to write to the engineer, and the water rate collector was instructed to give notice should it be necessary at any time for the water to be cut off. With regard to Turn Bridge brook cleansing, the Surveyor agrees that the sludge should in future be thrown on the opposite side of the brook to that of the cottages, and expressed regret that the workmen employed were not familiar with the neighbourhood to realise this. The Council understand that the position of the drain is somewhat awkward for cleansing."

DANCE. 24th April 1931

The inclement weather on Saturday evening did not prevent a good company from attending the dance held in the Memorial Hall to augment the prize fund of the annual horticultural show and sports. The Over Dance Orchestra provided an excellent programme of music, which kept the dancing going with a rare zest. Mr. P. J. Watts was an indefatigable M.C., the refreshment were in the capable hands of Mrs. Turner, Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mrs. H. W. Whitehead, and the general arrangements were carried out by Messrs. C. S. Hephher and H. W. Whitehead.

GROUP CONFERENCE. 24th April 1931

The spring conference of the Over group of Women's Institutes was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. Fraser presiding, supported by Miss Warrington (secretary of the County Federation), Mrs. Vinter (treasurer County Federation), the Presidents and Convener of the group. A large number of members from Over, Swavesey and Willingham were present. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Mine ain countree," after which reports of work during the last six months were read by the secretaries of the institutes, and Mrs. Vinter gave the county news and a concise statement of the finance of the Federation, Miss Warrington following with an interesting talk on "The Federation: past, present and future." She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Miss G. Smith. Refreshments were also served by Swavesey members, who were also responsible for the entertainment. This consisted of games, community singing, dancing and an amusing sketch, "Valentine's Day" well acted by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Marriott. At the close a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Swavesey W.I., on the proposition of Mrs. R. Smith (Over) seconded by Mrs. Clark (Willingham).

CONCERNING PUBLICHOUSES. 24th April 1931

A correspondent writes: As there is often discussion respecting the number and names of the publichouses that used to exist in the parish of Swavesey, perhaps the following information obtained from old records may be read with interest. In 1820 there were seven publichouses fully licensed under an Act of Parliament passed, or at any rate operative, during the reign of George III., viz., "The Swan with Two Necks" (or more properly "Two Nicks"), "The Chequers" at Church End, "The White Horse" and "The George and Dragon" in Market-street, "The Black Horse" in High-street, "The Blue Bell" in Middle Watch, and "The Rose and Crown" at Boxworth End. Under a subsequent Act the following houses were licensed, some of them bringing the total number up to 21: "The Golden Lion" at Church End, "The Bird in Hand" and "The

Railroad Hotel" in Taylor's-lane, "The Little Rose," "The King William IV," "The Sir Harry Smith," "The Sun" and "The Cricketers" in High-street, "The Middle Watch" and "The Green Man" in Middle Watch, "The Wheatsheaf," "The Black Bull" and "The Red Lion" at Boxworth End, and "The New Inn" on the Cambridge-Huntingdon road (built after the Enclosure Act, 1841). All have now been closed with the exception of "The White Horse," "The Sun," "The Blue Bell" and "The New Inn."

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS. 1st May 1931

The following children attending the National School have passed the first part of the County Minor Scholarship examination held recently: Lily May Hepher, Gladys Melbourne and Joan Wood.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st May 1931

The following members of the Girls' Life Brigade (captain, Mrs. Isgrove) connected with the Bethel Baptist Church have successfully passed the advanced examination in First Aid: - Joan Williams, Winifred Godfrey, Yvonne Lee, Elsie Godfrey and I. Holmes. The district nurse, Miss A. E. Cottrell, S.R.N., was the examiner. The Rev. T. B. Field has been representing Bethel Church at the Baptist Union Assembly in London this week. He has also been elected by the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union to the National Sunday School Conference to be held in London from May 4th to 8th.

THE LATE MR. EZRA WILLIAMS. 1st May 1931

The funeral of Mr. Ezra John Williams, of Glen Aplin, Queensland, whose death on March 9th was announced in the "Press and News" on March 13th, took place at the Church of England cemetery at Southport, Queensland. The mourners included Mrs. Williams (widow), Mr. Jack L. Williams (only child), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams, Brisbane (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abraham, Brisbane (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. Edward Williams (youngest brother), although also in Queensland, was unable to attend as the distance he would have had to travel would have made it impossible for him to arrive in time. As already stated, Mr. E. J. Williams was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Williams, of Swavesey. He went to Australia 25 years ago, and from 1905 to 1920 was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Abraham and Williams, marine store dealers, motor engineers, etc., at Sydney, New South Wales. When his health began to fail he became proprietor of the hotel at Glen Aplin, and his death occurred suddenly while he was away from home at Southport. His wife and son were present. During the 25 years, at one time or another, he was a municipal councillor, a member

of three Masonic lodges, president of the N.S.W. Benevolent Society (two years), secretary of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Australia (two years), member of the N.S.W. Cricket Association and of the Selection Committee of the Rugby Union. He also belonged to several other societies, in some of which he held office.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 1st May 1931

Ald. J. Frohock Re-elected Chairman

THE RATE FIXED

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at the Poor Law Institution, St. Ives, on Friday morning. There were present: Mr. J. Frohock (in the chair), Messrs. F. Johnson, R. Mailer, F. Stanton, A. Day, and W. I. Hemington, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

Mr. J. Frohock was again elected chairman for the ensuing year.

The Clerk said Mr. Frohock had been chairman of the Council since its formation and a member of the Local Government Board prior to that. He (the Clerk) had received a letter from Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), who was lying ill, expressing his appreciation of the Council's good wishes, and stating that he hoped soon to join his colleagues in the work of the Council.

It was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of the Chairman that Mr. Kirby should be re-elected vice-chairman, and that a letter should be sent to him.

THE RATE.

The Clerk reported that at a special meeting on April 20th general and special rates for the several parishes comprised with the rural district were fixed as follows: Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth, each 4s. 1d in the £ for general rate; Over, 4s. general and 1s. special rate; Swavesey, 4s. 5d. general rate and 1d. for additional items.

SWAVESEY BY-WAYS.

The Clerk further reported that the time for receiving objections to the draft order in relation to the Swavesey by-ways had expired, and that no objections had been received. He had accordingly written to the Ministry and asked for a sealed copy of the order.

The County Accountant had written, the Clerk said, stating that a cheque for £15 12s. 1d. had been forwarded to the treasurer, being the grant in respect of the Sanitary Inspector. The net amount realised from the letting of the Swavesey by-ways, roadsides, and droves amounted to £5 7s.

THE CEMETERY. 8th May 1931

At their meeting on Monday, the Trustees of Swavesey Cemetery decided to open a building fund for the erection of a small chapel in the cemetery, so that

funeral services can be held under cover. This convenience will be much appreciated, especially during the winter months. Mr. H. H. Williams, of High-street, has been appointed hon. treasurer of the fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. 15th May 1931

Of the 14 candidates from Bethel Sunday School who sat for the Sunday School Union Scripture examination in March, 11 passed, seven gaining 1st class certificates and four 2nd class. One of the Union prizes was also secured.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 15th May 1931

The following members of the 1st Swavesey Girls' Life Brigade have won certificates for elementary first aid: Honours, Mabel Godfrey, Joyce Lee, Elsie Dodson, Hilda Walker; passed, Margaret and Avery Wagstaff. On Tuesday evening, with Capt. Mrs. Isgrove in the chair, these certificates were presented by Miss Easter, who also gave an interesting address. The senior members, whose names have already been reported, were presented with Red Cross badges for efficiency in first aid.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL EFFORT. 15th May 1931

The Swavesey Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee are holding their fourth annual parade on Sunday next, when collections throughout the day will be made in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The Somersham Town Band are kindly giving their service during the afternoon and evening. During the earlier part of the week a series of "Daily Mail" push-ball matches has been arranged to take place in the evenings, culminating in the final for the Challenge Cup on Wednesday at 7 o'clock. A good number of teams have signified their intention of competing, including two teams of ladies. The effort will be brought to a close on Thursday with a whist drive in the Memorial Hall, when the push-ball challenge cup will be presented to the winning team.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th May 1931

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Monday, the President occupying the chair and a good number of members being present. It was decided that the outing to Bourneville by bus should take place next Wednesday, and it was announced that 1,370 eggs had been collected by members, for which a letter of appreciation had been received from Mr. Head. After a short report by Mrs. Banks on a lecture by Miss Armes on the craft exhibition which is to be held in 1932, Dr. Fraser, who kindly filled in the gap

left by the absence of Miss Nicholls, gave an instructive talk on "Skin and its functions and infectious diseases." The roll-call on favourite dinners brought many varied menus. Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Carrier were the hostesses.

CHURCH BELLS. 15th May 1931

Now that the repair of the south aisle roof of the church has been completed, the members of the Parochial Church Council are turning their attention to the bells, which are sadly in need of repair. At a well-attended meeting held in the schoolroom last Wednesday evening arrangements were made for a garden fete to be held in the Vicarage grounds in July in aid of a fund for that purpose. When so many willing helpers meet together to exchange ideas, the result seems bound to be very successful, and an interesting afternoon, with improvements in the old features and the addition of attractive new ones. Mr. Wood kindly promised to be responsible for entertainments. The Vicar having expressed his disapproval of raffles and lucky numbers, the meeting decided by a large majority to dispense with anything of the kind this year, but there will be numerous interesting competitions and novel side-shows.

TWO ACCIDENTS. 22nd May 1931

As Mr. H. H. Williams, of High-street, was returning home about 10.30 p.m. on Sunday his car came into collision when near Bethel Chapel with another car driven by Mr. Harry Lawrence, of Papworth. Both cars were damaged, but none of the occupants was injured. On Monday evening, Mr. Stanley Lawrence, son of Mr. Harry Lawrence, was riding his motor cycle very slowly between the backs of the feast stalls and the cottages in Market-street, when Mary Rooke, aged 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rooke, Askew-row, ran from between the stalls into the motor cycle. She was knocked down, and, unfortunately, her right leg was broken below the knee. The child was taken into Mrs. John Williams' house near by, and, after being attended to by Dr. Fraser, was conveyed by car to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where she was detained.

THE FEAST. 22nd May 1931

The annual village feast has been celebrated this week. On Sunday the services at the parish church were well attended, especially that in the evening, when the music included the anthem "The Lord is loving" (Garrett). On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Market-street was occupied by stalls, cocoanut shies, swinging boats, Manning's roundabout, etc., and in the evenings push-ball matches were played on the Recreation Ground. The competition attracted many entries. In the final L. Carter's (Over) team

defeated Godfrey's (Swavesey) team by two points to nil. A competition for ladies ended in the Swavesey Hockey Club team defeating Over by two points to nil. The proceeds, which amounted to £7 6s., will be handed to the Hospital Sunday Fund.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 22nd May 1931

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mr. Charles Crisp, who passed away on the 14th inst. after five months' painful illness. Born 78 years ago, the son of the late Mr. William Crisp, of Swavesey, he was for a long period a hay dealer well known in Cambridge and the surrounding district. He leaves a widow and one daughter. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Monday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiating. The mourners included Mrs. C. Crisp (widow), Mr. and Mrs. F. Prior, (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burling, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. C. Prime (nieces and nephews), Miss H. Poulter (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Warboys (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 22nd May 1931

The fourth annual parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund was held last Sunday (Feast Sunday). The weather was dull and cold, and threatening clouds hovered overhead, but fortunately the rain held off. The procession started from Boxworth End shortly after two o'clock. At the head were Mr. W. H. Whitehead (hon. secretary) and other members of the organising committee, representatives of the Parish Council, Mr. R. Mailer (County Councillor for the division) and P.C. Badcock. They were followed by the Somersham Town Band, and then in succession came detachments of V.A.D.'s, Boys' and Girls' Brigades with banners, B.W.T.A. (with banner), British Legion (with standard), members of the Hockey Club (in their bright coloured frocks) and the Cricket and Football Clubs, representatives of the National Deposit Friendly Society (with banner), and of other village societies. At the rear were the Sunday School children, the smaller ones riding in wagons. With them was the Parish Church children's banner. The procession made its way through the village to the swan pond, halting on the way at Longstanton Road's end and the Memorial Hall, and also at Market-street on returning to the Recreation Ground, where a meeting was held. The Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) presided, and with him on the extemporised platform were Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent of Addenbrooke's

Hospital), Mr. R. Mailer, Dr. Fraser, Mr. H. Smith (Willingham), Mr. C. Dean and Mr. Prime Godfrey (Parish Council representatives). The Rev. T. B. Field, who had been in the procession, was unable to remain for the meeting, owing to ill-health. After a short introductory address by the Chairman, Mr. Head spoke of the urgent needs of the hospital and how its beneficent work had extended. In 1766, when the hospital was founded, 129 patients were treated, whereas in 1930 the in-patients numbered 4,175 and the out-patients 12,289. Last year the expenditure amounted to £32,600, which meant that the cost of running the hospital worked out at 1s. a second, or £3 an hour. Including legacies the income totalled £31, 794, rather more than £600 less than the expenditure. During 1930 22 in-patients and 39 out-patients from Swavesey were treated at a cost of just under £160, and the hospital received from the village about £130. Mr. Head then proceeded to refer to the contributory scheme. The average weekly contribution, he said, would be 2d., and this would entitle patients to free treatment, whereas non-contributors would have to pay. Dr. Fraser and Mr. H. Smith also spoke, the latter making his usual forceful appeal for £1 and 10s. notes. Starting with £1 from himself and another £1 from his wife he succeeded in raking in £13, and this sum was increased to £18 by a £5 note handed in on behalf of Mr. John Warboys. A drum-head collection also brought in £2 0s. 1½d. The band played selections during the meeting and also gave a concert on the Recreation Ground after the church and chapel services in the evening, when short addresses were given by the Vicar and Dr. Fraser. The total sum collected during the day amounted to £51 1s. 1d., viz., collectors' boxes £31 0s. 11½d., Mr. Smith's collection £18, drumhead collection £2 0s. 1½d. To this sum will be added the proceeds from the push-ball matches and from a whist drive held yesterday.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 29th May 1931

The large congregations attending the anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday in last week included friends from neighbouring villages and from Cambridge, St. Ives, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Chatteris, and Bedford. The special preacher in the afternoon and evening was Mr. S. Pack, of Tunbridge Wells. Between the services there was a well-attended tea, the tables being presided over by Mrs. A. Day, sen., Mrs. J. Parish, Miss M. Parish, Mrs. J. W. Parish, Mrs. J. Linford and Mrs. Frost. The collections were devoted to the Chapel Fund.

THE LATE MRS. C. HEPHER. 29th May 1931

After a long and very trying illness, Mrs. Ann Hepher, widow of the late Mr. Charles Hepher, of High-street, passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital on

Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hephher, who was in her 73rd year, was a daughter of the late Mr. James Coulson, a well-known Swavesey blacksmith. Of her family of three sons, only the youngest is living, the other two having made the great sacrifice in the war, her eldest son being reported "missing, believed killed" in April, 1917, and the second desperately wounded in September, 1918, died two months later in hospital at Wimereux. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th May 1931

The Feast Sunday Hospital Parade Committee brought their effort for Addenbrooke's this year to a close on Thursday week, with a whist drive in the Memorial Hall, at which 20 tables were in play. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. H. Culpin, Mrs. C. Dean, Miss W. Williamson; gentlemen, Mr. J. Tasker, Mr. W. Savage, Mr. C. Unwin, Mr. P. Prime; knock-out, Miss K. Banks and Mr. B. Prime. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. During the evening Dr. Fraser presented the push ball challenge cup to L. Carter's (Over) team.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. 29th May 1931

A very pleasant time was spent at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Whit-Monday, when a Faith tea was given by the Sisterhood. The Rev. Harrison and many friends from St. Ives sat down and did justice to the excellent repast provided. The programme for the enjoyable social that followed included solos by Mr. Kester, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Ivatt and Mrs. Haslop, recitations by Denis Ivatt and Ronny Smith, a reading by Mrs. Ivatt, choruses by the Sisterhood, and a capital recitation by Mrs. W. Savage, who occupied the chair. At the close Mr. Harrison thanked all who had contributed to the success of the effort, which had resulted not only in clearing off the debt, but leaving money in hand. Mrs. Ivatt had charge of the arrangements, being ably assisted by Mrs. Kester.

SWAVESEY R.D.C. 29th May 1931

Medical Officer Reports a Healthy Year.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at the Poor Law Institution, St. Ives, on Friday morning. There were present: Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), F. Kirby (vice-chairman), A. Day, sen., F. Stanton and W. I. Hemington, with the Acting Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day).

Mr. Kirby was welcomed back to the Council after his illness and he briefly returned thanks.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1930.

The report of the Medical Officer and the Sanitary Inspector for 1930 showed that the area of the district was 14,445 acres and the population (estimated) 2,830. There were 38 births during the year, of which 24 were males, and this was a birthrate of 15.0 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 16.3 for the whole of England and Wales.

Twenty-seven deaths were registered, being at the rate of 10.6 per 1,000, the corresponding rate for England and Wales being 11.4. Fifteen deaths, or 55 per cent. were of persons over 65; nine were due to malignant disease. Of children under one year there were two deaths.

Progress was being made towards the abolition of ashpits, ash heaps and privy vaults. It would be better, it was suggested, if the larger villages were provided with sanitary carts. All ponds had been inspected and where necessary instructions had been given for cleaning.

VERY HEALTHY YEAR.

The Medical Officer said it had been a very healthy year. There had been no deaths from infectious disease or tuberculosis, and the children under one year were quite satisfactory.

HOUSING SATISFACTORY.

The Vice-Chairman said he noticed that according to the report there were six houses that were reasonably unfit for habitation.

The Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. G. Yeandle) said there were a number of houses where minor repairs were necessary, and these had been carried out after the tenants had been spoken to.

The Vice-Chairman said he was pleased to see so many noughts under the heading of "housing." It showed that the district was in a very satisfactory condition.

SWAVESEY BYWAYS ORDER.

The Clerk read a letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of the Order which had been made with reference to Swavesey byways. He also reported that instructions had been given to the Surveyor of taxes to prepare a list of schedule A assessments, of which there were about 700. The cost would be £1 15s.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Clerk also submitted a statement showing the amount of rent and rates payable by tenants of Council houses for the ensuing six months, viz: Conington, rate portion 3s. 1d., amount payable monthly £1 2s. 7d.; Boxworth End, Swavesey, 3s. 4d. and £1 5s.; School-lane, Swavesey, two houses, 5s. 4d. and £1 17s. 10d., four houses 5s. 4d. and £2, two houses, 5s. 4d. and £2 2s. 2d.; Over 6s. and £2 0s. 8d.

THE HOSPITAL PARADE. 6th June 1931

Including the collections on Feast Sunday and at the push-ball matches, and the proceeds from the whist drive on May 21st, the gross amount raised by the Hospital Parade Committee was £65 18s. After payment of expenses the sum of £59 0s. 3d. is available for Addenbrooke's Maintenance Fund. A detailed balance sheet will shortly be on view at the Post Office.

THE LATE MRS. C. HEPHER. 6th June 1931

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Hepher, widow of the late Mr. Charles Hepher, of High-street, whose death at the age of 72 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiating. The mourners included Mr. A. C. Hepher (son), Mrs. Maltby (sister). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

WEDDING. 6th June 1931

The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated at the marriage of Miss Agnes Mary Linford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, of Swavesey, and Mr. Leslie Harold Symonds, eldest son of Mr. James Symonds, of Over, which took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday afternoon. Owing to the sudden illness of her father, the bride was given away by her brother, P.C. Jethro Linford. She wore a pretty dress of ivory suede georgette, trimmed with silver lace, a silk veil and orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids, Miss Bessie Linford (sister of the bride) and Miss Florrie Symonds (sister of the bridegroom) were attired in figured ninon, with black hats, and they carried bouquets of lemon roses and fern. They wore strings of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Albert Lambert was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a cheque from Dr. and Mrs. Bowen, the bride's late employers, a silver cruet from Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirby, the bridegroom's employer, gold cuff links from the bride to the groom, and a gold wrist watch from the bridegroom to the bride.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 12th June 1931

Born on June 10th, 1853, Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, father of the County Council, celebrated the 78th anniversary of his birth on Wednesday.

THE EARTHQUAKE. 12th June 1931

Many people in the village were startled by the earth tremor early on Sunday morning, and some of them, it is reported, came out of their houses with

flashlights to ascertain what was the cause, or the result, of the disturbance. No material damage, however, was done.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 12th June 1931

There was a special Camp Day in connection with the Primitive Methodist Chapel last Sunday, open-air meetings being conducted in Market-street and on the Recreation Ground by the Rev. Harrison (circuit minister) and friends from St. Ives. In the evening there was a "Love Feast" in the chapel, at which Mr. H. Garner, the ex-boxer, was the speaker.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th June 1931

The 91st anniversary of the founding of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday week. The special preacher at the services in the afternoon and evening should have been the Rev. Dr. Norman Dunning, of Cliff College, Sheffield, but he was unable to be present owing to the death of his wife at the beginning of the week. His place was taken at very short notice by the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Trinity Church, Huntingdon, whose eloquent addresses were greatly appreciated. In the afternoon he based his sermon on the second verse of the 3rd chapter of the 1st epistle of St. John, and in the evening took as his text "Upon this rock I will build my church" (St. Matthew xvi, 18). The congregations were good, especially that in the evening, many friends coming from neighbouring villages. The public tea at 5.15 p.m. was also well attended, and the collections throughout the day for church funds were satisfactory.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th June 1931

"Electricity in the home" was the subject of an interesting talk by Mr. Francis at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday. He compared the present system with the old, and instanced the various uses and advantages to which electricity can be put. Mr. Francis was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. J. Cain. Mrs. C. S. Hepher then presented her report of the annual meeting of the N.F.W.I., after which Mr. U. Thixton judged a competition for the best window plant, awarding the prize to Mrs. C. S. Hepher. Subjects for winter classes were discussed, household jobbery and drama being the most popular, and arrangements were made for a garden party to be held later in the month in Mrs. Fraser's garden. Country dancing, for which Mrs. Budge presided at the piano, brought the pleasant evening to a close. The hostesses, in conjunction with the usual ladies, were Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. J. Coulson.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 12th June 1931

Owing to other attractions in the district there was a smaller attendance than usual at the annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which was held on Thursday last in the beautiful grounds of Swavesey Manor, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The proceeds, approximately £36, were also slightly less than last year, and this was unfortunate, as the association is in need of increased financial support. A prominent feature of the fete has hitherto been a baby show, but this had to be abandoned, as not enough infants born in the three parishes had been entered. The opening ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Owen, of Ipswich, to whom a bouquet, given by Mrs. Banks, was presented by Nurse Cottrell. The stalls, sideshows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: New work stall, Mesdames J. Norman, C. Dean and Aldred; jumble stall, Mesdames Chew and Taylor; pound and produce stall, Mesdames G. Burling and H. Ellwood; sweets, Misses G. and E. Dodson; gift stall, Mrs. Banks; refreshments, Mesdames J. T. Daintree, H. H. Berryman, W. Kester, B. Hodson, Misses Ethel Garner and Peggy Robertson; ices, Mrs. Lee; Japanese washing, Miss Banks; clock golf, Mrs. Fraser, who gave the prize, which was won by Vic Wilderspin; gramophone, Misses Yvonne and Joyce Lee; candle lighting, Miss Edna Page (prize given by Miss Crouch, won by Eric Williamson); bran tub, Mrs. Jellings; Miss Cox was in charge of the doll given by Miss Beaumont, the cost of which, including the clothes, had to be guessed. The doll was secured by Mrs. C. S. Hephher. A cake, given by Mrs. Cooksey, the weight of which had to be guessed, was taken round by Misses A. Wilderspin and N. Mustill. This was won by Miss R. Gaunt, after a draw with three other ladies. Popular items in the day's programme were provided by Swavesey school children and Over Girl Guides. The Swavesey children, under the supervision of Mr. C. Wood (headmaster), with his daughter Jean as producer and stage manager, gave admirable performances of a pretty little play.

SCHOLARSHIPS. 19th June 1931

As a result of the recent examinations held by the Cambs. Education Committee, Jean Wood has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship, tenable at the Cambridge and County High School for Girls, and Nora Peppercorn and Robinson Mitham free studentships at the School of Arts and Crafts. They are pupils at Swavesey National School.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 19th June 1931

The garden fete at Swavesey Manor on June 4th resulted in £37 7s. being raised for the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. A notable and most welcome visitor during the afternoon was the greatly respected vicar of Swavesey from 1895 until 1912. He was accompanied by his elder daughter.

HOME FROM AFRICA. 19th June 1931

Mr. Christopher Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, who has been working at Bie, Angola, Portuguese West Africa, in connection with a medical mission for the past eight years, has come home on furlough, accompanied by his wife and little son. They are now paying a visit to Swavesey. Mr. Day, who is in excellent health, has received a hearty welcome from his relatives and many old friends in the village and surrounding district.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 26th June 1931

Revision of County Districts

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday. The Chairman (Mr. J. Frohock) presided, and there were also present: Messrs F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and J. Scambler.

The Acting Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day) reported that the treasurer's balance on the general account was £735 4s. 5d., housing account £20 5s. 9d., and rating account £922 5s.

REVISION OF DISTRICTS.

A letter was also read from the Cambs. County Council with regard to the revision of the county districts, together with a copy of the report which had been sent to the Ministry showing the alterations that were considered desirable.

The Clerk said the proposal was that they should go into another district, and there would be only four representatives on the Council instead of eight as at present.

Mr. Kirby thought four members would be quite sufficient.

MEMORIAL HALL. 26th June 1931

There was a poor attendance at the dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, and the proceeds, which were for the Hall Maintenance Fund, were negligible. The Over Dance Band provided the music.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 26th June 1931

The services at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday had special reference to the anniversary of the Sunday School. The preacher in the morning and evening was Mr. Blunt, of Spurgeon's College. During the afternoon service, which was conducted by Pastor J. K. Thorpe, of Willingham, portions of Scripture were recited by some of the children, and prizes and certificates were presented to the successful candidates in the Sunday School Union examination held in March. Two boys also received certificates for collecting money for native preachers. Special hymns were sung throughout the day.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th June 1931

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, P. Parish, A. P. Payne and C. Savage. Arising out of the minutes the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) stated that the quantity of unburnable rubbish collected recently was even larger than on previous occasions. The Clerk also reported that the footbridge leading from the Cow Fen end of Market-street to Church Green had completely fallen in. On the proposition of Mr. Cole it was decided that a new bridge should be provided, well creosoted wood only to be used, and that Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons, and Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons be invited to tender for the work. Messrs. Burton and Dean and the Clerk were authorised to deal with the tenders and have the work put in hand as soon as possible. After Mr. A. L. Parish had been re-appointed the Council's representative on the board of the school managers, a letter was read from the Postmaster of Cambridge regretting that the Council's request for a posting box at Boxworth End could not be complied with as there was already a box in Middle Watch within about 650 yards. The Council considered that the refusal was unreasonable, and it was agreed that further steps should be taken in the matter.

FOR THE HOSPITAL. 3rd July 1931

Mr. Cecil Symonds, of Over, who gave an excellent film display at the Memorial Hall last Friday evening, has handed the whole of the proceeds, amounting to £3, to the hon. secretary of the Swavesey Feast Sunday Parade Committee (Mr. H. Whitehead) for transmission to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

SCHOOL TREAT. 3rd July 1931

Bethel Baptist Sunday School treat was held on Thursday week, when 75 children enjoyed a good tea in the schoolroom, after which a very happy evening was spent in the field adjoining the chapel, by kind permission of the superintendent, Mr. A. Day, jun. The customary games and races were

entered into heartily by the older scholars, whilst the juniors availed themselves of the swings which were provided for their benefit. Mrs. Isgrove regaled the children with ice creams, and Mr. Canham supplied sweets for the scrambles. The singing of the Doxology and a prayer brought the happy evening to a close.

W.I. GARDEN PARTY. 3rd July 1931

A most enjoyable time was spent at the party in Mrs. Fraser's garden on Thursday week. Tea was served at 4 p.m., and there were many competitions, which caused a deal of amusement. A whist drive added to the pleasure of the evening although this had to be held indoors owing to the chilly weather. Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Freestone kindly undertook the duty of gatekeepers. Competitions were won by the following (names of ladies in charge in brackets): Egg and spoon race (Miss D. Godfrey), Miss K. Banks; fish pond (Miss Freestone), Mrs. S. Hepher; balls in pail (Mrs. Berryman), Mrs. Key; pegs on line (Mrs. A. Whybrow), Mrs. C. S. Hepher; potato race (Miss Banks), Mrs. Marriott; clock golf (Mrs. Lee), Rev. C. E. O. Finch; weight of cake (Nurse Cottrell), Nurse Cottrell; weight of chocolates (Miss K. Banks), Mrs. J. Cain; nail driving (Mrs. Aldred), Miss K. Banks; mystery parcel (Mrs. Canham), Mrs. W. Kester. The prizewinners at the whist drive were: Ladies – Miss Banks, Mrs. Fraser, booby Mrs. Marriott; gentlemen – Mrs. Sheldon, Dr. Fraser, booby Mrs. Brown (playing as a gentleman), highest score at half-time Miss D. Godfrey. All the prizes were provided by the members. The arrangements for tea were in the capable hands of Mrs. W. Kester, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. G. Froment, while Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Banks were in general charge of competitions, etc. The members greatly appreciated Dr. and Mrs. Fraser's kindness in lending them the garden for the party.

BRITISH LEGION RALLY. 10th July 1931

Thirty members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, accompanied by friends, the party numbering between 50 and 60 in all, journeyed in motor cars and two motor buses to Newmarket on Sunday, to attend the great Rally of the East Anglia area of the Legion.

ANOTHER BURST. 10th July 1931

A pipe in connection with the public water supply burst in High-street on Saturday and flooded the roadway. When the defect was attended to on Monday residents complained that notwithstanding the resolution passed at the annual Parish Meeting in March, a copy of which, it is understood, was sent to

the engineer by the Rural District Council, no notice was given that the water would be cut off for some hours. Considerable inconvenience was, therefore, caused.

THE PECKOVER VAN. 10th July 1931

The Peckover van made its first appearance in Market-street, Swavesey, the purpose being to illustrate the benefits of total abstinence from alcohol from both economical and physiological points of view. The van was in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, of the County Band of Hope Union, and during its stay attracted many to inspect the exhibits. Unfortunately the weather was unsettled, but a brief meeting was held, at which the Rev. T. B. Field gave a short address. One thing was evident, viz., the absence of local abstainers, who ought to have backed up the effort.

SUNDAY EXCURSION. 17th July 1931

One hundred passengers booked from Swavesey station on Sunday morning by the special half-day excursion to Skegness. Except during a very severe storm in the afternoon a very pleasant time was spent.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 17th July 1931

The cricket match between Swavesey and Willingham schoolboys, played at Swavesey on the 9th inst., resulted in a win for the home eleven, Swavesey boys scoring 28 runs and Willingham boys 16.

LOST ON THE ROAD. 17th July 1931

Two Swavesey men taking a 14 stone pig in a motor lorry to Cambridge market on Monday morning were greatly surprised when they were told by the driver of another lorry which overtook them that they had dropped the pig a considerable distance behind. They at once turned back in search of the animal, and after going something like two miles they eventually found it in the ditch by the side of the road. As it was injured by the fall it was taken on to Cambridge – not to the market for sale, but to a butcher for immediate slaughter.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th July 1931

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday, an interesting lecture on a holiday in the Tyrol was given by Mr. W. P. Baker, in course of which he showed some excellent pictures of the places he had visited. Mrs. Banks, in a few well chosen words, thanked Mr. Baker for his very pleasant talk. Mr. Paskett's gardening notes were then read, and were much

appreciated. Miss K. Banks was in charge of the quarterly stall and did fairly good trade. A roll call on "My favourite vegetable" clearly showed the popularity of the green pea. Refreshments, followed by community singing brought the evening to a close.

BAND OF HOPE EXCURSION. 24th July 1931

A large contingent from Swavesey, consisting of 60 children and 37 adults, joined the Cambs. Band of Hope excursion to Skegness at Swavesey station yesterday morning.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES. 24th July 1931

It is understood that Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P., has informed the Parish Council that the question of providing a letter posting box at Boxworth End has, on his representation, been reconsidered by the authorities of the Post Office, and that a box will shortly be placed in that part of the village.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. 24th July 1931

In the examination held recently at Cambridge by the Trinity College of Music, London, Miss Q. Spolton passed the senior division (pianoforte) and George Laverack the intermediate division (violin). Miss Spolton is a pupil of Miss Teversham, and Master Laverack of Mr. A. W. R. Jones.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 24th July 1931

The return match between Swavesey National and Willingham Council schools, which was played at Willingham on Tuesday, resulted in the crushing defeat of the home eleven. Batting first, Willingham were dismissed for 16 runs. When Swavesey had scored 25 for four wickets (Denyer 17 not out), the Willingham lads and their umpire retired from the field, too tired or too disheartened to continue the game.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 24th July 1931

Water and Drainage Matters.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held on Friday at St. Ives Union, the members attending being: Mr. F. Kirby (in the chair), Messrs. Day, Mailer and Stanton, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The Clerk reported that the treasurer's credit balances were as follows: General account, £655 1s. 8d.; housing account, £38 10s. 2d.; rating account, £779 12s. 9d.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Paine, of School-lane, Swavesey, stating that the water supply was out of order.

The Rate Collector (Mr. J. Bullen) said Mr. Paine obtained water without difficulty, but there was a noise in the pipe.

The Chairman: Does it make a noise when he is not drawing water?

The Rate Collector: It doe at night. I think it occurs mostly when he turns off the water. He gets plenty of water and the pipe serves its purpose.

The Council took no action in the matter.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 31st July 1931

The annual meeting of the Football Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Dr. S. J. Fraser; vice-presidents, Rev. T. B. Field, Rev. A. Beaumont, Major O. Papworth, Messrs. H. Blinkhorn, C. F. Banks, R. Barwell, F. W. Pontefract, J. Parish, W. D. Isgrove, B. Thorp, G. E. Canham, C. Northrop, H. Whitehead, E. Day, A. L. Parish, J. Mustill, W. Spolton, A. J. Willson, D. Wilderspin and E. Thixton; captain, S. Godfrey; vice-captain, J. Sutton; hon. sec., H. Bridgeford; treasurer, A. Hephher. The satisfactory announcement was made that the club has a balance in hand.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 31st July 1931

In a letter to the head teacher of Swavesey National School, Mr. A. Hounsell, head teacher of Willingham Council School, takes exception to what he describes as “a most unwarrantable slur on the sportsmanship” of the Willingham team in our report last week of the cricket match between Willingham and Swavesey school boys. He says: “The facts are these. When the Willingham score had been well passed by the Swavesey boys I consulted with the other umpire as to the possibility of concluding the match, as the weather was very threatening, and I wanted to avoid the chance of your boys having to cycle home in the wet. Another reason was that I had an important engagement at 4.15, and after discussing these matters with your very efficient umpire, we both agreed to conclude the match. The boys had nothing to do with this decision, and to say they were too tired and too disheartened to carry on is to cast (in my opinion) upon them a nasty slur which is neither true nor deserved.” – It may be observed, adds our Swavesey correspondent, that play had only been in progress about an hour when the game was concluded by the umpires. At that time the Willingham boys had been dismissed for 16 runs, and the Swavesey lads had replied with 25 for four wickets. There was therefore a possibility that the remaining Swavesey wickets might have fallen cheaply, and that if a second innings had been played a different result would have been recorded.

CROP NEWS. 31st July 1931

Wheat an average crop, about 3½ qrs. per acre. Barley very little grown, a light crop owing to wet in the month of May; yield 4 qrs. per acre. Beans very few grown, about 3½ qrs. per acre. Potatoes a fair crop, especially the earlies. A good crop of roots, especially the sugar beet, which should yield a good percentage of sugar if plenty of sunshine. A fair crop of soft fruit, but not much top fruit. An abundant crop of hay, which, however, will barely pay for harvesting if sold. This is a very poor district for arable farming, which is not surprising when good wheat is sold for less than 30s. per qr. On the whole the crops are rather better than last year, but it is doubtful whether the farm balance sheets will show a profit. – C. W. H. Cole.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 7th Aug. 1931

The annual house-to-house collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital, which has recently been made in the village under the auspices of the County Organisation Fund, realised £18 4s. 9d., £1 6s. 9d. more than in 1930. Mesdames Beaumont, Cooksey, C. Dean, F. Hemington, Misses Bessie Day and F. Gaunt were the collectors. The eight villages comprised in the Swavesey district, of which Mrs. Cooksey is the vice-president, viz., Childerley, Conington, Dry Drayton, Fen Drayton, Knapwell, Over, Swavesey and Willingham, have this year contributed £76 15s. 1d. to the hospital through the County Organisation Fund.

WEDDING. 7th Aug. 1931

The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated at the marriage at the Parish Church on Monday of Miss Evelyn May Prime, youngest daughter of Mrs. D. Prime of High-street, Swavesey, and the late Mr. David Prime, and Mr. Arthur William Baker, son of the late Mr. William Baker, of Great Abington. The bride, who was given away by her youngest brother, Mr. Stanley Prime, was charmingly attired in white silk celanese, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss Mary Prime (sister of the bride) and Miss Elsie Houghton, both of whom wore dresses of peach silk and black crinoline hats, and carried bouquets of pink carnations, and by three little maids, a cousin of the bride and two nieces of the bridegroom. They wore very pretty ankle-length frocks of forget-me-not blue ray de chine, and white mob caps, and carried posies of sweet peas. Mr. J. Andrews (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where about forty guests were entertained. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many useful presents, will reside at Babraham.

SWAVESEY SHOW. 7th Aug. 1931

Notable Athletes and Cyclists.

HORTICULTURAL AWARDS.

An excellent programme of sports proved a very popular feature of the ninth annual show and sports arranged by the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society and Athletic Association, and held in the Manor Fields yesterday.

The uncertain weather which has been so predominant of late appeared to detract very little from the attendance in the afternoon, while in the evening there was the usual large after-tea influx of visitors.

A splendid display of colour greeted the eye on entering the large horticultural marquee, and all through the afternoon a steady stream of people surged between the tables, pausing now to admire the beauty of the roses, now to comment upon the size of some of the vegetable exhibits.

The cup given by Mr. Walter Dodson, for the best collection of vegetables, was won by F. Parrish, Over, while G. Bath won the "Amateur Gardening" medal for the best exhibit in the show.

CONTINUOUS SPORTS.

After seeing the exhibits, everybody made their way across the ground to line the large sports track, where a practically continuous programme of cycle and athletic races, which included some notable entries, was kept up from three o'clock until the dancing started in the evening.

All through the afternoon a running programme of music was kept up by loudspeaker equipment provided by Messrs. Cheesewright, of Sutton, and this also provided music for dancing.

Arrangement for both sporting and horticultural sides of the show were carried out by the officials who made such a success of last year's function, and Mr. R. C. Cole, J.P. (the President), again proved himself an enthusiastic supporter. In addition, Mrs. Cole helped materially to stimulate interest by presenting two cups, both to be won outright – one for the exhibitor with most points in the horticultural section and the other for the athletic meeting.

SWAVESEY CHURCH BELLS. 7th Aug. 1931

Garden Fete for Their Restoration.

The leaden sky and ominous clouds early on Thursday morning in last week, following the heavy down-pour of rain during the previous 24 hours, gave every promise of bad weather for the annual garden fete in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage, but happily before the proceeding opened in the afternoon the sun was shining, and for the rest of the day the weather was on its best, or approaching its best, behaviour.

The attendance, however, was not so large as usual, visitors from neighbouring towns and villages being very few in number. This may have been due partly to the uncertain state of the weather and partly to the inadequate publicity given to the fete. Among the few visitors was the Rev. A. C. Vidler, whom his old parishioners were only too glad to welcome amongst them again. He was accompanied by his elder daughter, Miss Vidler.

OPENING CEREMONY.

In introducing Sir Frederick Hiam, the High Sheriff for the County, who performed the opening ceremony, the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, apologised for the absence, owing to illness, of Mrs. Finch. The proceeds of that day's undertaking would, he said, be devoted to the fund which was being raised to put the Church bells in condition to be rung again, and for this a lot of money was needed. He expressed appreciation of the hard work the people of the village had put in to ensure the success of the fete, and on their behalf warmly thanked Sir Frederick for coming to help them.

Sir F. Hiam, in course of his brief speech, said that as years ago he had been in Swavesey for skating, he was not totally unacquainted with the village. He wished the fete every success, and hoped that they would very soon be able to have their bells in fit condition to be rung once more.

After Sir Frederick had declared the fete open, Jean Wood gracefully presented him with a bouquet.

In addition to stalls, side-shows, competitions, etc., the attractions included a ladies' cricket match, and two performances of a pastoral play entitled "The Capture of Spring," in which 27 school children (24 girls and three boys) took part. The children on whose training their headmaster, Mr. C. Wood, had been engaged for some weeks, were admirable, their singing especially being excellent; the dresses, designed and made by Mrs. Wood and Miss Branson, were most effective; and the setting, arranged by Mr. Wood on the tree-surrounded lower lawn was entirely appropriate. Miss Gertrude Thoday was the pianist. The two performances added £4 12s. to the day's takings.

STALLS AND SIDE-SHOWS.

The well-stocked stalls were under the charge of the following: Work stall, Mesdames Barwell, Cooke, C. Dean and Pettitt; refreshments, Mesdames Cooksey, W. Thorp, J. T. Daintree, H. H. Berryman, D. Williams, Misses Cole, G. Dodson and Ethel Garner; produce, Mesdames W. Kester and Martin; handkerchiefs, Mesdames Brown and Fraser; sweets, Misses K. Banks and Betty Day; jumble, Mesdames Meads and C. Walker; soap, Mesdames G. Burling and H. Ellwood and Miss Banks; cigarettes, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; crockery, Mesdames Harry Wells, E. J. Linford and E. J. Mitham; ice cream, Mrs. and Miss Lee; bran tub, Mrs. Cain and Miss Beaumont.

Side-shows were superintended by: Museum, Mr. D. Williams; shooting gallery, Mr. H. Prime; cricket match, Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Miss Williamson; Chinese washing, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; clock golf, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Paine and Mrs. Burleigh (winners Dr. Fraser and Victor Wilderspin).

COMPETITIONS.

The following had charge of the competitions, the names of the winners being given in brackets: Guessing weight of a dinner in basket, Mrs. Whitehead (won by Mrs. Fraser); skipping, Misses G. Hephher and Prior (Miss J. Wilderspin); weight of cake, Misses Wilderspin and Carrier (Mrs. H. Wilderspin and Mr. Lose); picking up pins, Misses Page and Wilderspin (Miss J. Smith); postcard jig-saws, Misses M. and C. Wells (Miss G. Thorp); ping pong, Mrs. G. Howlett (Mr. W. J. Hephher); animal race, Mrs. Banks and Miss Cole (Mr. F. Aldred and Miss G. Thorp tied with Mr. L. Day and Miss W. Godfrey); film titles, Mrs. H. Prime and Mrs. Jellings (Miss Page); lengths of tape, Miss J. Willson (Mrs. Cooksey); halfcrown in bucket, Misses Daisley and G. Froment; pennies on square, Mr. H. H. Berryman; kum bak, Miss Banks.

The Chatteris Band played during the afternoon, and also for dancing in the evening.

The general arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. C. F. Banks, hon. secretary of the Parochial Church Council, the Churchwardens, Messrs. C. F. Banks and Harry Wells, assisted by sidesmen, being in charge of the gate.

The net proceeds amounted to £66 4s. 1½d., about £4 less than last year, when the fete was in aid of the Church Roof Repair Fund.

MEMORIAL CROSS. 14th Aug. 1931

The large cross in the churchyard, on which the names of the men of Swavesey who died in the war are recorded, has been cleaned this week by two members of the British Legion, Messrs. F. F. Norman and J. A. Turner.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 14th Aug. 1931

The prizes won at the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's Show last week were distributed at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. T. Day, of Boxworth, received the handsome cup given by Mrs. R. C. Cole, wife of the President, for the competitor who gained the most points in the show.

BOXWORTH END LETTER BOX. 14th Aug. 1931

The letter posting box for which the Parish Council applied at the request of the residents at Boxworth End, has now been fixed to a telegraph pole on the main road near Rose and Crown-lane, and collections are being made on

week-days by postmen at 1.15 p.m. and at 6.35 p.m. by the driver of the mail van from Cambridge. There will be no collection on Sundays. It will be remembered that when the Parish Council applied in the spring for the erection of a box, the Post Office authorities, after some delay, replied that the request could not be complied with. The Council were not satisfied with this reply, and they decided to ask Captain R. G. Briscoe, M.P., to intervene in the matter. This he did, with the result that a box was provided very speedily.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th Aug. 1931

Owing to the weather, the members of the Women's Institute were again unable to avail themselves of Mrs. Banks' kind invitation to her garden, at their monthly meeting on Monday. After the usual business, Mrs. C. S. Hephner presented her report of the Summer Council meeting at Cambridge, and then the Matron of the Papworth Village Settlement gave her lantern lecture, for which part of the hall had been reserved. The lecture was very interesting, and was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Berryman proposed a vote of thanks to the Matron and Mrs. Banks thanked Mr. C. Symonds for so ably manipulating his lantern. Members then proceeded to the other part of the hall for refreshments, and the sweets' competition was judged, Mrs. W. Symonds being declared the winner. The sweets were then auctioned and brought in 4s. 4d. to augment the sick fund. Musical parcels (won by Mrs. Marriott), and an enjoyable game of round tag, brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. Froment and Miss G. Froment were the hostesses.

SWAVESEY RURAL COUNCIL. 21st Aug. 1931

Conferences Respecting Housing and Water.

NEW TREASURER.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at the Poor Law Institution, St. Ives, on Friday morning, there being present Mr. J. Frohock (in the chair), Messrs. Stanton, Hemington and Johnson, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The Clerk reported that the treasurer's balances were £590 7s. 7d. and £50 16s. (on housing).

PAYMENT OF PRECEPTS.

A letter was read from the Cambs. County Council as to payment of precepts and suggesting that they should be paid in eight instalments.

The Clerk said the suggestion was that sums of money for the rating authority under the precept be demanded in future in eight instalments. At present the Council paid in four instalments. The idea of the County Council was, of course, to get money and to get it quicker. He thought that he should reply

that the R.D.C.'s arrangements had been made on the existing basis, and if there was an alteration fresh arrangements would have to be made, which would mean an increase in the rate.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write as suggested.

RURAL HOUSING.

Another letter from the County Council had reference to rural housing and the desirability of a conference between members of their committee and representatives of the Rural District Council.

The Chairman and Mr. Stanton were appointed representatives to this conference.

WATER SUPPLY.

A third letter was read from the County Council suggesting that a conference should be held in the autumn with regard to water supplies.

The Clerk said as far as Swavesey was concerned there was a water supply, but Over had none. There was an adequate supply at Lolworth, and the main went through Conington. Boxworth and Fen Drayton were not catered for so well.

The Chairman was appointed the Council's representative in this matter.

The L.N.E.R. has wrote (sic) as to a supply of water for locomotives at Swavesey, stating that it was not necessary for the pipe to go under the railway line because the pump could be placed at the south end of the level crossing.

This matter was left with Mr. A. Day, sen., one of the Swavesey representatives, to consult with the railway company's representatives.

HUMANE SLAUGHTERING.

The Swavesey Women's Institute sent a letter stressing the importance of the humane slaughtering of animals in the district.

It was pointed out that the humane killer was used in the Swavesey district, and so long as that was the case the Council thought they could not see their way to make it compulsory for reasons stated on previous occasions.

The resignation of Mr. J. M. Parker as treasurer was received and Mr. W. B. Carter was appointed his successor.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 21st Aug. 1931

From Monday next, August 24th, the district nurse will be living at Mr. Harry Prime's house in High-street, Swavesey.

LEFT BEHIND. 21st Aug. 1931

The small party of holiday makers, including two or three children with spades and pails, who had assembled on the platform of Swavesey station shortly before 8 a.m. on Wednesday, with the intention of going to Clacton by the

L.N.E.R. excursion, were greatly surprised when the train ran through the station without stopping to pick them up. Fortunately the 8.23 a.m. ordinary train to Cambridge goes on to Ipswich, so by travelling by that train and changing at Ipswich and Colchester they were able to get to Clacton about five minutes after the excursion. Some of the party saw the Graf Zeppelin on its way to London, though at the time they did not know it was the famous German airship.

INAPPROPRIATE NAMES. 21st Aug. 1931

A correspondent writes: "In the list of Secretaries of Football Clubs in last week's 'Press and News' I noticed that the address of the Swavesey Secretary was given as '5, New Town.' May I inquire whether the District Council gave this title to the group of six Council houses at Boxworth End, and, if not, who did, and on what authority? There has already been re-naming of roads in the village, presumably by irresponsible people – for instance, Station Road for Church End, and Priory Road for Dodson's Lane – and if the practice is to be extended to groups of houses built by a public authority, I venture to suggest that it is about time it was stopped. A dictionary defines a town as a collection of houses larger than a village; how, then, can six small cottages forming an integral part of a fairly large village – not separated from it – be designated a town? As regards the two roads mentioned, the second (the road from the school to Fen Drayton), it is true, leads to a modern house named 'The Priory', which was built on the site of an old farm house (Dodson's farm, I believe), whereas it is understood the ancient Swavesey Priory was situated on the north side of the church, at the extreme northern end of the village. And as to 'Station Road,' could a more commonplace name have been found. Furthermore, does not the naming of streets and roads come within the purview of the Parish Council?"

AN EXHAUSTED RACING PIGEON. 28th Aug. 1931

A blue checker racing pigeon fell exhausted in the yard at the back of the Rising Sun inn about four o'clock on Monday afternoon. Its rubber ring bore the mark F 730, and the metal ring N.U.R.P., 31 H.P.L. 73. A wing feather was stamped very indistinctly, "Hendon (?) Park, H. 8, T.D.C. -----ood (Cricklewood?) Ave., N.W." The landlord, Mr. T. C. Heasman fed and cared for the bird, and on Wednesday, when it was fit to fly again, released it at 8.30 a.m. after inserting a note under the rubber ring stating where it had been found. After flying about the village for an hour or two the bird returned to the Rising Sun, and there it remained.

THE LATE MR. J. WEBB. 28th Aug. 1931

The funeral of Mr. John Webb, whose death at the age of 77 years occurred at Highfield Farm, Swavesey, on August 16th, took place at the cemetery on Thursday week. The Rev. T. B. Field officiated, and during the service the hymn "There is a gate that stands ajar" was sung. The immediate mourners were Mr. G. Spearman, Mrs. F. Hepher (Lolworth), Mr. G. Spearman, jun., Mrs. Spearman, Mr. J. Spearman, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. J. Froment, Misses L. and W. Spearman (nephews and nieces). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. George Mitham and Sons. Mr. John Webb was foreman at Highfield Farm for about 16 years for the late Mr. W. W. Warner and the late Mr. J. B. Ellis and subsequently occupied a similar position with the late Mr. Francis at Longstanton. He had been in failing health for the past two years, and about 19 months ago returned to Highfield Farm to reside with his nephew, Mr. G. Spearman, sen.

INAPPROPRIATE NAMES. 28th Aug. 1931

A communication in most admirable typescript has reached us from a correspondent who failed to furnish his name and address, both of which are required, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Our rule is to ignore anonymous communications, but as in this instance the subject appears to be of some public interest, we make an exception and publish the letter. The anonymous correspondent writes: "'Sandy Lane' begs to make the following retort to a correspondent in the 'Press and News' of the 21st inst.: Does this correspondent consider himself well cultured in mentioning in connection with the address 'New Town' the name of one individual only? Would it not have been better to have been less offensive and used the address 'New Town' collectively, rather than have this whole matter reflecting on the Football Club secretary? I have no idea what title the District Council have given to the six Council houses at Boxworth End, and would like to suggest that the responsible people have the necessary signboards affixed in the several divisions of the main road through the villages and all other roads, streets, etc. Does the average person in the village realise where Church End, High-street, Middle Watch and Boxworth End commence and finish? I might add that signboards are affixed in other villages in this district, viz.: Dry Drayton and Cottenham, and as this is a fairly large village I venture to make what would no doubt be a very welcome suggestion. It might be pointed out that neither of the blocks of Council houses erected in the past few years have been numbered. What more can one do than either number or name them themselves? Commonplace names we do not mind, but we do think it is the duty of the Parish Council to give residents in this village some idea of where

they really do live. No doubt, if it is considered necessary, they will name or number the two blocks of Council houses, at their expense. Swavesey, 24th August."

WEDDING. 4th Sept. 1931

The marriage of Miss Sally Daintree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Daintree, of Swavesey, and Mr. Reginald C. Wilderspin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilderspin, of Madingley, took place at Swavesey Parish Church yesterday afternoon. The Vicar, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of ivory charmeuse satin with a veil and orange blossom. She also wore a drop pearl necklace and brooch, the gift of Mrs. Harding, of Madingley Hall, and carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Florence Daintree, and Miss Kitty Markell, both of whom were attired in pretty dresses of green figured ninon with hats to match. They carried bouquets of coffee coloured roses. Mr. E. L. V. Mapey, of Shelford, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, and later the happy couple left by car for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

INAPPROPRIATE NAMES. 4th Sept. 1931

"The only part of 'Sandy Lane's' retort to my communication headed 'Inappropriate Names' in the 'Press and News' of August 21st, with which I am immediately concerned," writes C.R.V., "is his suggestion that I was lacking in culture in mentioning in connection with the address 'New Town' the name of one individual only. The first and only intimation I had had that this group of Council houses had been named 'New Town' was in the list of Secretaries of Football Clubs published in the previous week's issue of the 'Press and News.' I was careful to avoid saying anything that would suggest that the F.C. Secretary, whose name I did not mention, was in any way responsible for naming the houses. In fact, if what I have been told is correct, quite another individual was the author of the inappropriate title. The District Councillors, I venture to think, ought to give each group of houses erected under their auspices a distinctive name. We have Council houses all over the County. Why label them as such? Are there no old names in Swavesey that could be perpetuated. As regards the rest of 'Sandy Lane's' letter, the Parish Council will no doubt take his suggestions into consideration at their next meeting. In the meantime will someone kindly divulge where in the parish of Swavesey Sandy Lane is to be found, or is it a new name for an old road or street?"

TELEPHONE. 11th Sept. 1931

It may be of interest to some of our Swavesey and Over readers to know that a telephone has been installed at the house of the police constable in Church End, Swavesey.

NEEDLEWORK. 18th Sept. 1931

In connection with the needlework competition organised by Horrockses, four children, Hilda Walker, Lucy Mitham, Joan Wilderspin and Avery Wagstaffe, obtained cash prizes.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE. 18th Sept. 1931

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Billiards League was held in the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, when only a few representatives were present. It was decided to continue the League on the same lines as before. Five different teams have now signified their intention of competing in the League, three of them running "A" and "B" teams, and fixtures will shortly be arranged for the coming winter. The hon. treasurer reported a favourable balance in hand, larger than the preceding year, which was considered very satisfactory.

WEDDING. 18th Sept. 1931

The wedding took place at Welwyn, Herts., on Saturday, of Gladys Lilian Knight, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Knight, and Thomas Daintree, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Daintree, of Swavesey. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. V. J. Knight) wore a dress of powder blue georgette and a beige hat. She was attended by one bridesmaid (Miss Joyce Sibley, of Wimbledon, who wore apricot georgette and a black hat) and a page, Master Philip Knight. Mr. B. Daintree was best man. A reception was held at the bride's home, and the honeymoon is being spent at Eastbourne.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 18th Sept. 1931

There was a large attendance of members on Monday evening, when the President was in the chair. Two delegates were chosen to attend the programme conference in Cambridge next week. It was also decided to run a social towards the end of October for W.I. funds. The ever useful garden notes from Mr. Paskett were read by the secretary. After the business, the President spoke in a few well-chosen words of her departure from the village, which all members were very sorry to hear. Mrs. Aldred (vice-president) then presented Mrs. Fraser with a blouse case, handbag and small album, containing the names of subscribers, as a small token of the appreciation of her

services to the Institute. She will be greatly missed, both because of her genial manner and her great willingness to help in all ways, both great and small. A lantern lecture showing the intricacies of the London Underground, was much enjoyed, for which members were indebted to Mr. U. Thixton and Mr. C. Symonds for kindly lending and working his lantern. Mrs. Marriott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to these two gentlemen, and was supported by Mrs. Laverack. Tea was then served by the usual competent ladies, assisted by Miss D. Godfrey, Miss G. Hephher and Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Much amusement and originality was brought forth by "A child's funny sayings," and the game competition – jumbled villages – was won by Miss Cole.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Sept. 1931

It is announced that the Right Rev. Bishop Price (Archdeacon of Ely) will preach at evensong at the parish church on Sunday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 25th Sept. 1931

The inaugural meeting of the 1931-32 session of the Young People's Fellowship took place on Monday, when the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an interesting lecture upon "Animal friendship." The Rev. T. B. Field presided. Thanks were accorded to the speaker, on the motion of Messrs. Pontefract and G. Day. The speaker next Monday is Mr. Field, whose subject will be "Wanted, a man."

ADDENBROOKE'S CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME. 25th Sept. 1931

The interest shown in the contributory scheme for Addenbrooke's Hospital was apparent when Major Wallington addressed a crowded audience at the Memorial Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. O. Finch) occupied the chair. Major Wallington, in his opening remarks, thanked the people of Swavesey for their magnificent response to the appeal for the Building Fund, when £170 was asked for, but in less than 12 months over £200 was subscribed. The Hospital authorities, he said, much appreciated the effort. He then thoroughly explained the rules of the new scheme in detail, pointing out that everyone could join, and that with a minimum of 2d. a week any amount could be contributed, either weekly, monthly or yearly, payments to be in advance. Several questions were put to the speaker and answered. On the proposition of Mr. C. Savage, seconded by Mr. A. P. Payne, it was agreed that Mr. H. W. Whitehead should be hon. secretary. The following were then elected to serve upon the committee: Messrs. John Parish, A. Turner, H. Unwin, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Miss Banks, Mrs. T. Savage, Mrs. W. Thorp, Messrs. E. J. Mitham, F. Hephher, F. Prior, S. F. Mitham, and H. H. Berryman. The meeting closed with

a vote of thanks to Major Wallington. The committee are rapidly completing the necessary arrangements to ensure the smooth running of the scheme, and have arranged to canvas the whole village, explaining the details at each house, leaving contribution cards, and instructing each household where contributions may be paid. The following members of the committee have agreed to receive contributions at their own homes: Mrs. T. Savage, Mr. W. Thorp, Messrs. A. Turner, F. Prior, H. H. Berryman, H. Unwin, J. Parish and E. J. Mitham. The committee have chosen the Vicar to be their chairman and Mr. S. Mitham to act as treasurer.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 25th Sept. 1931

We have received the following letters respecting the bells of Swavesey parish church: - "Sir, I think it is high time that the attention of Swavesey people was drawn to the question of the church bells, concerning the repairing of which a perfunctory notice has appeared in the Parish Magazine. It is, perhaps, not generally known that when asked for particulars of the meeting a member of the Church Council evasively replied that 'he wasn't at liberty to say,' yet this same person found the atmosphere of the hairdresser's shop in a neighbouring village so congenial that Over people were given full particulars. Unfortunately, Swavesey people were present. Now, sir, the facts are these. A meeting of the Church Council was held, and it was decided that Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, should be given the contract. Unfortunately, this resolution did not fall in with the preconceived notions of certain members of the Council, one of whom stated that he would resign if Messrs. Taylor were given the contract, and a second meeting was held. At this meeting the contract was given to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Messrs. Taylor, it may be mentioned, said there was no necessity to remove the bells; Messrs. Gillett and Johnston say it is essential that the bells should be removed to a foundry. If the bells only need re-hanging, why take them to the foundry? Does the Council imagine that they will return with the same lovely tone as that with which they went? Why was not the opinion of the ringers asked before a meeting was held? How many of the Council know anything about bells or bell-ringing? Assuming that the church people will be asked to pay for the bells, why was not their opinion anent the removing of the bells invited? Finally, to add insult to injury, a councillor asked a villager the question: 'If we have the bells done, is there anyone in Swavesey who can ring them?'

Yours, etc., Lucilius."

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 2nd Oct. 1931

Dr. Hart, who has taken over Dr. Fraser's practice this week, and Mrs. W. D. Isgrove, of High-street, have been added to the local Hospital Contributory Scheme Committee. Mrs. Isgrove has consented to receive contributions in her district.

WANTED, A MAN. 2nd Oct. 1931

At the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field gave an interesting lecture on "Wanted, a Man," for which, on the proposition of Mr. Pontefract, seconded by Mr. W. Chapman, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The chair was occupied by Miss Savage.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 2nd Oct. 1931

We have received the following further letter respecting the bells of the parish church: "Sir, - Might I through the medium of your excellent paper heartily thank 'Lucilius' for his enlightening letter? He, at least, has the courage of his convictions. If, however, he thinks that he can rouse Swavesey people up to take any action, I am afraid he is doomed to disappointment. The amount of talk going on is enormous, but what action is forthcoming? Is the village afraid of its own Church Council? Wake up, Swavesey, and do something. Don't wait until the bells have been removed under your nose. - Yours, etc., Ichabod."

BRITISH LEGION. 2nd Oct. 1931

The annual dinner of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was a very happy and successful function, the company including visitors numbering about fifty. Mr. R. Barwell, chairman of the branch, presided in the absence of the President (Mr. W. A. Bignell), from whom a letter was received regretting his inability to be present. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast provided by Mr. T. C. Heasman, and the toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and social enjoyment. The programme included songs by Messrs. P. Lee, H. G. Topham, R. Scambler, E. Smith, R. Barwell, G. Prior, W. J. Hepher, G. Holmes and J. Townsend, war-time yarns by Mr. W. Nicholls and war-time choruses. During an interval the Chairman, in course of a brief speech, referred to the approaching departure from Swavesey of Dr. Fraser (vice-president), and spoke in terms of warm appreciation of his many services to the branch, and he asked him to accept a cigarette cabinet as a farewell gift from the members. Mr. H. H. Berryman (hon. secretary) added his tribute of appreciation. Dr. Fraser, after thanking the members for their gift, which, he said, he should

greatly value, gave various reminiscences of his experiences during the war. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Heasman and his assistants, the visitors who had contributed to the entertainment, the accompanist (Mr. Raymond Thoday), and to Mr. Lee for arranging the programme.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 9th Oct. 1931

At the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday, Miss Easter read an interesting paper on "The gifts which all Christians possess and the need for utilising them to the utmost." She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Miss Savage and Mr. Day. Rev. T. B. Field presided. Next Monday the Rev. G. Bird will be the speaker.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th Oct. 1931

The harvest festival at the parish church on Thursday week opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. There was a large congregation at evensong, when the music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and the anthem "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" (Maunder). The Vicar preached. The church was beautifully decorated by ladies of the congregation with flowers, corn, etc., which, with the gifts of fruit and produce, were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, there was a children's flower service in the afternoon, the young people's contributions of flowers, fruit, eggs, etc., being forwarded, as usual, to St. Ives Infirmary. A large congregation attended evensong, when the pulpit was again occupied by the Vicar, and Thursday evening's music was repeated. The collections on Thursday and on Sunday morning and afternoon were for Addenbrooke's Hospital. They amounted to £6 6s. 6d., sixpence more than last year. On Sunday evening the offertory was devoted to church maintenance.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 16th Oct. 1931

Water Supply Questions Considered.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday morning, there being present: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), Messrs. A. Day and Stanton, with the clerk, Mr. G. D. Day.

The Clerk stated that the treasurer's balances were: General account £768 11s. 5d., housing account £79 8s. 7d., rating account £273 0s. 1d.

SWAVESEY WATER MAIN.

The Clerk said he had an interview with Mr. Day with regard to laying the water main at Swavesey, which was a special charge to the parish. The Swavesey representative thought that it was necessary to carry the main under the railway line, as previously arranged. He (the clerk) therefore wrote to the Railway Company accepting the terms, and saying that the Council would be responsible for the expense of supervising the work, and to the Insurance company informing them of the fact that labourer would be required temporarily.

Mr. Day said that the water main had been connected up and the company were ready to go under the line. A point the Council would have to consider was the desirability of extending the main up to those people who had made application for it.

The Clerk: You are perfectly entitled to extend it as far as you like. It is a matter which concerns Swavesey parish. If the Swavesey representatives think the expense justifiable they are perfectly entitled to continue the main into the parish.

The question of further extension of the main was deferred until the next meeting.

A SWAVESEY DITCH.

Mr. C. F. Banks, of Swavesey, wrote to the Council with respect to the parish ditch, which separated Mr. Barwell's property from the Council field and his (Mr. Banks') grass land. He stated that the ditch had been cleaned out as far as Mr. Barwell's boundary, and asked for the work to be continued for another 200 yards to clear the sewerage, as at present the mud was above the outlet.

The Surveyor (Mr. Haggart) said it was the duty of the Council to clear out the ditch. They had cleaned it out before.

The Clerk was instructed to write to say that the matter would be dealt with as soon as practicable.

The Accounting Officer (Mr. B. Mason) presented a statement showing the amount of rent and rates payable by tenants of Council houses in the various parishes for the ensuing six months. The statement was as follows: Conington, rate portion 3s. 1d., amount payable monthly £1 2s. 7d.; Swavesey (Boxworth End), 3s. 2d. and £1 4s. 10d.; Swavesey (School-lane) two houses 5s. 1d. and £1 17s. 7d., four houses 5s. 1d. and £1 19s. 9d., two houses, 5s. 1d. and £2 1s. 11d.; Over, 5s. 7d. and £2 0s. 3d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 16th Oct. 1931

Bethel Schoolroom was crowded on Monday evening for the meeting of the Young People's Society, when the Rev. G. E. Bird, of Over, gave an interesting address on "Certainties" illustrated by the life of Faraday. Thanks

were accorded to the speaker on the motion of Mr. G. E. Canham, seconded by Mrs. Savage. The Rev. T. B. Field occupied the chair. Mr. Batstone, of Histon, is expected next week.

THE ART OF RECITING. 16th Oct. 1931

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Monday, Mrs. Aldred (vice-president) in the chair. After the usual business an interesting talk on "The art of reciting" was given by Mrs. Jackson, L.C.M., for which she was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. C. S. Hepher, seconded by Miss Cole. Mrs. Jackson also judged the competition for the best plate of bread and butter, awarding the prize to Miss Cole. Miss K. Banks was in charge of the stall, which did fairly good business. Nominations were taken for the new committee for 1932, and a round table conference was formed to discuss items for next year's programme. The meeting concluded with community singing, in preparation for the coming contest. Mrs. Peter, Miss G. Hepher and Mrs. G. Howlett were the hostesses.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 16th Oct. 1931

Good congregations were present at the harvest thanksgiving services which were held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday in last week. The special preacher was the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Trinity Church, Huntingdon, whose address in the afternoon was based on the miracle of the loaves and in the evening on the text, "Sow them among the nations" (Zachariah x., 9). The chapel was nicely decorated, although, owing to the general shortage, the contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables were not as large as in previous years. The public tea between the services was well attended. The services on Sunday also had special reference to the harvest. The collections throughout the festival were devoted to church funds, the gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., being subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

PARISH CHURCH. 16th Oct. 1931

Recent efforts to improve the efficiency of the Sunday School received a strong impetus from the visit, during the week-end, of the Rev. J. D. Stewart, director of religious education in the Diocese of Ely. He conducted a devotional afternoon for Sunday School teachers on Saturday in the church, his addresses being based on the life of vocation to which St. Paul was called, with its example and inspiration for those who give their service in the Sunday School. There followed in the evening a talk and discussion on children's worship, and ways of leading the little ones to make their religion a real part of their life. Several visitors from Over and Boxworth availed themselves of the

opportunity of re-dedicating and increasing the value of their work amongst young people. Mr. Stewart watched the classes of the Sunday School at work at 9.45 on Sunday morning, and has made valuable suggestions. His sermon in the evening was preached from the text, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken," and he stressed, in particular, the need of parents, teachers and children working together in regard to religious development.

WEDDING. 23rd Oct. 1931

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Josephine Enfield Carrier, daughter of Mr. Josiah Carrier, and Mr. Alfred George Prime, son of the late Mr. David Prime, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiating. The bride was given away by her father. Her pretty dress of ivory petal crepe de chine was trimmed with orange blossom, and she wore a veil and wreath and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Violet Carrier, and Miss Mary Prime (sister of the bridegroom), both of whom were attired in bronze satin, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. They also wore bronze necklaces, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Stanley Prime (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The presents were numerous and useful, the bride's gift to the bridegroom being a gold albert, and the bridegroom's to the bride a gold expanding wristlet watch. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon at Pinner, Middlesex.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Oct. 1931

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, F. Hepher, P. Parish, A. P. Payne and C. Savage, with the clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Burton reported that the special committee appointed to arrange for the repair of the footbridge leading from Market-street to Church Green had received tenders for the work from Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons (£5 17s. 6d.) and from Messrs. George Mitham and Sons (£3 14s. 6d.). The committee accepted Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons' tender, and the work had been done satisfactorily. With regard to the letter posting box at Boxworth End, the erection of which was due to the kindly intervention, at the request of the Parish Council, of Capt. Briscoe, it was stated that the box provided by the Post Office authorities was not large enough to take with safety the numbers of letters frequently posted there. The application for a stamp machine had been refused, but a licence to sell stamps had been granted to Mr. Crouch. A letter was read by the clerk from Mr. H.

A. E. Wright, of "Madeline," Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, stating that his father, Mr. Alfred Jonas (Fred) Wright, before his death last January expressed his wish that a permanent memorial of his parents, the late William and Mary Wright, both natives of, and life-long residents in, Swavesey, should be placed somewhere in the village, and he had suggested that it should take the form of a public seat. He (Mr. H. E. Wright) asked that if the proposal met with approval, the Council should select a suitable site for the seat. On the motion of Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. F. Hepher, it was agreed that Mr. Wright should be informed that in the opinion of the Council a suitable place for the seat would be on the grass verge of the high road between the church bridge and the swan pond, but that the sanction of the County Council would have to be obtained. The only other business was the appointment of Mr. William B. Carter, of Lloyds Bank, St. Ives, as treasurer of the Council, in succession to Mr. J. M. Parker, who had resigned.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 30th Oct. 1931

The Band of Hope connected with Bethel Baptist Church opened the winter session on Monday with a well attended meeting, at which Mr. W. Chapman gave an interesting address upon John the Baptist. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 30th Oct. 1931

The speaker at Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday was Mr. W. Chapman, whose subject was "These times." He was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. J. Day, seconded by Miss Savage. The Rev. T. B. Field, who occupied the chair, will be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 30th Oct. 1931

Eleven tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on the 22nd inst. in connection with the W.I. County Federation Tournament. The prizewinners were: - Ladies, Mrs. H. Culpin, Miss K. Banks, Mrs. G. Froment, booby, Mrs. Holmes; gentlemen, Miss Cole (playing as gentleman), Mr. F. Martin, Mr. H. Culpin, booby, Mr. E. Marshall. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C., and Mr. F. W. Pontefract as doorkeeper.

ADVERT. 6th Nov. 1931

MR. P. J. TODD, of Todd and Son, Scale-makers, 118, East-road, Cambridge, will attend "White Horse," Swavesey, on Monday and Tuesday, 9th and 10th, and will be pleased to give Estimates for Any Repairs. New Scales Supplied.

IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW. 6th Nov. 1931

Twenty-six passengers left Swavesey station by the special L.N.E.R. excursion at 5.35 a.m. yesterday, 24 booking to Manchester for the Imperial Fruit Show and two to Sheffield.

HONEST HUGH LATIMER. 6th Nov. 1931

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the Rev. T. B. Field gave his popular lecture on Honest Hugh Latimer, and the great part this lion-hearted man took as a leader in the Reformation in the 16th century. Hearty thanks were accorded the speaker. Miss Savage (vice-president) occupied the chair.

HOCKEY PLAYER HONOURED. 6th Nov. 1931

Swavesey hockey players will be interested to learn that at the Kent County women's hockey trial, played at Folkestone last Saturday, Miss Marjorie Scard was again chosen to represent East Kent at left wing, the position she filled last year. Miss Scard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scard, who some years ago had a successful baker's and confectionary business in High-street, Swavesey, but who now reside at 84, King-street, Ramsgate.

B.W.T.A. 6th Nov. 1931

The first meeting of the winter session of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A., which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Tuesday, took the form of a social, in which the Girls' Life Brigade joined. An enjoyable programme of vocal and violin solos, recitations, etc., was provided, and members of the G.L.B. gave a capital gymnastic display under the leadership of Mrs. Isgrove. Tea, coffee and biscuits were served during the interval. There was a good attendance, the room being quite full.

STACK FIRE. 6th Nov. 1931

Another mysterious fire took place in the parish of Swavesey during Saturday night. About midnight a cyclist returning home along the Fen Drayton-Swavesey-road noticed that an isolated stack belonging to Mr. A. L. Parish was alight. He immediately gave the alarm, but as no water was available nothing could be done to subdue the outbreak, and the whole of the stack, which contained about 10 tons of new hay, was destroyed. The stack, it is understood, was insured.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 6th Nov. 1931

The winter session of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society should have been opened last Friday evening, with a lecture by Mr. J. A. McMillan (county agricultural organiser) on the use of home-grown foods. Mr. McMillan was duly in attendance at 7 p.m., but could not give his lecture, as after waiting half an hour or more only five members had put in an appearance. The next meeting should take place on Friday, November 13th, when Mr. H. Robinson, M.C. (county poultry instructor) is announced to deal with the "Culling of Poultry."

A JOLLY EVENING. 6th Nov. 1931

In spite of the inclement weather the W.I. social on Thursday week was well attended. A full programme of dances, competitions, games, etc., arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Banks was thoroughly enjoyed, and Mrs. Budge provided music for dancing for which Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C. Mr. S. Godfrey acted as doorkeeper. The following were the winners of competitions, all prizes for which were given by members of the committee: Rice and knitting pins, Mrs. F. Martin; jelly and skewers, Mrs. Marriott; paper dress (paper and pins), Miss Millard; shoe buttons and bent pins, Miss K. Coulson; peas and macaroni, Mr. L. Peters; spot dance, Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin. A few of the old dances brought a jolly evening to a close.

FUNERAL. 6th Nov. 1931

The funeral of Miss Madeline Frances Woolley, of 32, Selborne-road, Hove, Sussex, who passed away on October 28th at a Nursing Home in Wilbury-road, Hove, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. Born 57 years ago, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Sarah Maria Woolley, and she was laid to rest in her mother's grave in the churchyard, her father's grave adjoining. The Rev. C. E. O. Finch, vicar of Swavesey, officiated. The mourners included Lieut.-Col. J. M. Woolley, I.M.S., and Mrs. Woolley (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. R. M. Woolley, Minting, Lincs. (sister-in-law). Messrs. Hanningtons, Ltd., Brighton, were the undertakers.

REMEMBRANCE. 13th Nov. 1931

Ex-Service men, 24 in all, assembled on the Recreation Ground at 2.45 p.m. on Sunday, under the command of Capt. R. Barwell, and headed by the standard of the local branch of the British Legion, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a service was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Field (Baptist minister). During the service a portion of Scripture was read by Mr. C. Wood, and the Roll of the men who made the supreme sacrifice was recited by Mr. H. H. Berryman, after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Capt. Barwell. An

appropriate address was given by Mr. Field, and the following hymns were sung: "Fight the good fight," "O valiant hearts" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul," the service concluding with the National Anthem. Mrs. C. S. Hephner presided at the piano. The collection in aid of Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £1 11s.

The memorial service at the parish church in the evening was attended by a large congregation, including 34 ex-Servicemen, who paraded at the churchyard gates, and, led by the standard bearer, marched into the church, where seats had been reserved for them.

ADVERT. 13th Nov. 1931

IF YOUR FURNITURE NEEDS RE-UPHOLSTERING or Repairing, see Jas. Prior, of the Furniture Stores, who specialises in that work. Also Bedding Re-Made.

ACCIDENT. 13th Nov. 1931

When cycling home from his work at Fen Drayton, Mr. William Symonds, of Boxworth End, came into collision with a car driven by Mr. E. W. Warboys, his left leg being injured.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Nov. 1931

Mr. Westrop, of Willingham, gave an excellent address on "The importance of little things" at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday. The Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 13th Nov. 1931

By the sale of Flanders' poppies on Armistice Day, £8 17s. 2½d. was raised for Earl Haig's Fund, 1½d. more than last year. The collectors were: Mrs. Turner £2 5s. 7d., Miss Joyce Lee £2 3s. 4½d., Miss D. Banks £1 12s., Miss C. Prior £1 10s. 8½d., Miss K. Banks £1 5s. 6½d. Including the collection at the parish church on Sunday, £3, and the collection at the service in the Memorial Hall, £1 11s., £13 8s. 2½d. has been contributed by Swavesey this year to the Haig Fund, about 12s. less than in 1930.

SKATING TRIALS. 13th Nov. 1931

Two members of the Over and Swavesey Skating Association participated in the Olympic Games speed-skating trials at Richmond Ice Rink on Wednesday night. In the first heat of the 1,500 metres trial, R. G. Saint gained second place to S. Edgington (N.S.A.), after falling while in the second heat L. B. Carter was runner-up to J. Spry (Aldwych), also after a fall. In the 500 metres event Carter was third in 59 4/5 secs., and Saint seventh in 68 secs.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Nov. 1931

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was well attended. Mrs. Aldred (vice-president) took the chair. After routine business an interesting lecture on China was then given by Colonel Tebbutt, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. C. S. Hepher. A soft toy competition, judged by Miss Parish, was won by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, for a doll made of crepe paper. Gifts of toys were also received for Addenbrooke's Hospital. After this the hall was cleared and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and being the Institute's third birthday, every member was allowed to invite a friend. Vocal items were contributed by Mrs. Hind, Mrs. Rudge, and Miss Seymour, and there were games and competitions, for which Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C. Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Hepher and Mr. Adams provided music for dancing, Sir Roger de Coverley bringing a very happy evening to a close. The winners of the competitions were as follows: Pegs on a line, Mrs. W. Whybrow; jam jars and sticks, Mr. G. Prime; scissors and pin-cushion, Miss K. Coulson; mystery parcels, Mr. Ansell.

SWAVESEY R.D.C. 13th Nov. 1931

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives there were present: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), Messrs. Day, Hemington and Mailer, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day). The amount of business was comparatively light.

Amongst other things the Clerk reported that the Swavesey water main had been extended beyond the railway station, and the question now was whether they could extend the main any further. An estimate had been submitted by Mr. Chevill, an engineer, for carrying the main a further 180 yards at a cost of £49 17s. 6d.

Mr. Day said the estimate was very reasonable. He did not think they would get the job done more cheaply if they took more trouble over it. He proposed that the tender be accepted, and Mr. Chevill asked to proceed with the work. The proposition was carried.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 20th Nov. 1931

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. O. C. Austin gave a searching exposition of "Free Grace Gospel." The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

LORD HAIG'S FUND. 20th Nov. 1931

Including the collections at the services on Remembrance Sunday at the parish church, £3, and the Memorial Hall £1 11s., and £8 17s. 2½d. realised by the sale of poppies on Armistice Day, £13 8s. 2½d. has been raised in Swavesey this year for Earl Haig's Fund. By the sale of poppies in Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth, other villages comprised in the area covered by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, the total sum contributed to the Haig Fund amounted to £20 2s. 7d., £1 9s. 10d. less than last year.

ACCIDENT ON HUNTINGDON ROAD. 20th Nov. 1931

While motor cycling along the Cambridge-Huntingdon road about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, Mr. T. Day, jun., of Boxworth, dazzled by the bright lights of an approaching motor car, collided with two pedestrians, Mr. Daynes, of Fen Drayton, and a lady. All three were thrown to the ground, Mr. Day sustaining a nasty cut over his right eye and Mr. Daynes a badly bruised ankle. The lady escaped injury, but was considerably shaken. They were conveyed by a passing motor car to Dr. Hart's surgery, where the men's injuries were attended to, Mr. Day's wound necessitating the insertion of stitches.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 20th Nov. 1931

Mr. R. Mailer, president, occupied the chair at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society, held in Swavesey School on Friday evening, when Mr. H. Robinson, M.C. (county poultry instructor) gave an interesting lecture on the culling of poultry. There was a much improved attendance, the audience, among whom were several ladies, numbering 25. At the next meeting on Friday, 27th November, at 7 p.m. the speaker will be Dr. J. Stewart of the Institute of Animal Pathology, Cambridge, who is due to lecture on "Mineral Deficiency Diseases of Animals." This is an extremely important subject in its relation to the feeding and management of livestock, and it is hoped that there will be a large and representative attendance of members.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th Nov. 1931

Sermons on behalf of the National Society were preached at the Parish Church on Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. W. H. Davies.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 27th Nov. 1931

The report of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association for the year ended 31st October, shows that the receipts amounted to £172 7s. 4½d., and the expenditure to £182 0s. 0½d. A balance of £39 4s. 8d. remained in the bank, and the treasurer had 2s. 6d. in hand. The receipts included: Subscriptions, donations and fees £95 14s.; from garden fete, entertainment,

W.I socials, and from Over Town Lands trustees £60 3s. 4½d.; maternity and old age pensioners' services £13 10s.; public gift (1st instalment) £3. During the year 2,723 visits were paid by the nurse.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME. 4th Dec. 1931

The annual house-to-house collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, which was made last week in Swavesey, amounted to £2 1s. 9d. Misses Doris Cole, Lucy, Mary and Joan Mitham and May Shepperson were the collectors.

THE REV. T. B. FIELD. 4th Dec. 1931

Having sold their property in Swavesey, the Rev. T. B. Field and Mrs. Field will be leaving the village about the middle of January and will take up their residence at Crewe, where for 12 years Mr. Field was minister over 20 years ago.

BETHEL Y.P.S. 4th Dec. 1931

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Society on Monday evening, when the Rev. J. K. Thorpe, of Willingham, gave an interesting address on "Paul's Friends." The Rev. T. B. Field occupied the chair.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 4th Dec. 1931

At the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society, held in Swavesey School last Friday evening, an instructive lecture was given by Dr. J. Stewart of the Institute of Animal Pathology Cambridge, on mineral deficiency diseases of animals, an extremely important subject in its relation to the feeding and management of livestock. About 20 members were present.

SWAVESEY MAN'S DEATH IN CANADA. 4th Dec. 1931

Miss Wilderspin, of Leytonstone, London E11, has received a cable message from Canada stating that her nephew, Mr. Jack Wilderspin, died on November 26th, as the result of a fall three days previously while engaged in his work as a telephone linesman. Deceased, who was the second son of the late Mr. John Wilderspin, bootmaker, of Swavesey, leaves a widow and one little girl. He emigrated to Canada upwards of 20 years ago, and from October, 1914, until the end of the war, he served with the Canadian infantry, gaining promotion and the Military Medal.

MISSION WORK IN CHINA. 4th Dec. 1931

A lantern lecture was given on Thursday week by Miss Townsend, who for the last thirty-two years has been working in China with the Church of England Zenana Mission. The Schoolroom was well filled, and her account of the Mission's work amongst the women of the province of Fukien, where she had been stationed, was listened to with the greatest attention. The slides showed some beautiful scenery, the enjoyment of which, alas, must be spoilt by the ever-present possibility of bandit. Of particular interest was a picture of "the bird's nest," the Mission orphanage for little girls who have been abandoned by their parents and left to die, an occurrence sadly common in China. Miss Townsend hopes to return next February, though her old school at Dong Kau is now in the hands of bandits. The lantern was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Symonds, of Over.

A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL. 4th Dec. 1931

The social evening which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, with the object of raising money to provide matting for the billiard room proved a great success. The hall had been gaily decorated by Mr. H. Hemington, there was a very large attendance, and everyone spent a most enjoyable time. The programme included many amusing items. Songs were contributed by Miss Y. Lee, Miss J. Lee, Miss I. Holmes and Mrs. Bishop, all of which were received with great applause. Other popular items were the sketches, "The Lost Ticket" by Miss Lucy Key, and "Our Herbert's in the River" by Miss Q. Spolton and Mr. Stanley Prime, both being admirably acted. Messrs. S. Prime and A. Kester also caused much fun when they appeared as Orientals (latest type). Miss Q. Spolton (piano), Mr. Sutton (violin) and Mr. H. Unwin (drums) provided music for dancing. Mrs. W. Kester had charge of the excellent refreshments, and Messrs. A. E. W. Melbourne and A. Garner were efficient M.C.'s. Before the proceedings closed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the organiser and to all who had contributed to the evening's enjoyment, on the proposition of Mr. Walter Thorp, seconded by Mr. Savage.

BETHEL Y.P.S. 11th Dec. 1931

The Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday, gave an address, which was much appreciated, and also sang two solos. He was cordially thanked, on the motion of Mr. W. Chapman, seconded by Miss Savage. The Rev. T. B. Field presided.

BRITISH LEGION. 11th Dec. 1931

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, was well attended.

Mr. P. Lee (treasurer) submitted the balance sheet, which showed a small sum in hand, and the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report, in course of which he stated that ten new members had been enrolled, and four had left the district. The members were congratulated, he said, on the way in which they had turned out for the rallies and dedication of standards in the county. No claims for relief had been received during the twelve months, but two cases of sickness had been helped. Both the balance sheet and the report were adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks were accorded the treasurer and secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: President, Dr. Hart; vice-presidents (subject to their consent), Rev. A. F. Royston and Mr. Stinton (Swavesey); chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. A. C. Garner; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Messrs. W. Nicholls, A. W. Melbourne, F. Hephner, T. Savage; delegate for county committee, Mr. A. W. Melbourne. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the branch could start a club, several pounds being now in hand for this purpose.

FILM DISPLAY. 11th Dec. 1931

The meeting of the Band of Hope, in conjunction with the local branch of the B.W.T.A., was held in Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, when a good audience assembled to welcome Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, and their programme of moving pictures. After the Rev. T. B. Field had offered a hearty welcome to the visitors, the audience followed with deep interest the story which suggested the picture of "Hope," by Geo. Frederick Watts. Mrs. Moore showed a picture of Mammon, and deplored the fact that the gambling spirit was so rife in the land. She appealed for purer motives in getting of money, and pleaded for the removal of all stumbling blocks from the pathway of the child, the hope of the race. A scientific film of great educational value was described by Mr. David Moore. This showed the narcotic effect of alcohol, and how, in the words of Professor Sir German Sims Woodhead, to whose memory the film was shown, "a man cannot do his best if he takes alcohol." The pictures of the Skegness excursion gave great delight, as many members of the audience saw themselves on the screen. Pictures were also shown of beautiful Cornwall, a garden party in Christ's College, and the colleges in their winter mantle of snow. The Rev. T. B. Field, in thanking the visitors, said that owing to his pending removal to Crewe, it would be the last time he should preside for Mr. and Mrs. Moore, but he wished them God-speed in the splendid work they were doing. The local arrangements were carried out by Mr. Pontefract.

SALE OF WORK, ETC. 11th Dec. 1931

The sale of work which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, in aid of the fund for the repair of the bells of the parish church, was a great success. The Vicar, in course of a short introductory address, explained the object of the fund for which the sale was organised, and he asked all present to tell their friends that the bells need not go away unless the people really wished it, but both firms who had been in the running for the repairs spoke of the much better facilities for doing the work at their foundries at less expense, than bringing the necessary machinery to the church. The Vicar also stated that the reason the estimate of one firm was being entertained by the Church Council was because it was much below that of the other firm, and he had every reason to believe they would do their work well. He thanked the many helpers for their work, and then introduced Mrs. Cane, of Willingham, who, in a happy little speech, declared the sale open. Business then was quite brisk at the many stalls. The Rural Dean was among the visitors, and his presence was much appreciated. The hall had been tastefully decorated.

SWAVESEY R.D.C. 11th Dec. 1931

A meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council took place on Friday morning at St. Ives. Mr. J. Frohock was in the chair, and there were also present: Mr. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), Mr. Hemmington, Mr. A. Day, the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) and the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. G. Yeandle).

The council discussed the state of the Boxworth water supply.

There was a further letter from Mr. H. W. Chevall, the engineer, asking whether a new fire hydrant should be installed at Swavesey before the water main was carried further.

The Council considered an additional hydrant should be put in so that the distance between the hydrants would be consistent throughout the parish.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 18th Dec. 1931

The Treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a very welcome donation of £5 5s. from the Over Town Lands Trustees.

CAROLS. 18th Dec. 1931

The Swavesey and Fen Drayton carol singers will visit Fen Drayton next Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., Boxworth End, Swavesey, on Wednesday, and the remainder of the village on Thursday. Collection for Nursing Association.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 18th Dec. 1831

Notwithstanding that £19 had been paid out in sick benefit during the year, every member of the "Rising Sun" Share-out Club received 19s. 8d. at the annual distribution of surplus funds yesterday evening. The meeting to re-open the club will be held on Saturday, 2nd January.

BAND OF HOPE. 18th Dec. 1931

The address at the meeting of Bethel Baptist Church Band of Hope on Monday was given by the retiring President, Rev. T. B. Field, who, taking for his subject, "Goliath," compared alcohol with that giant, and the work for temperance with David and his stone.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th Dec. 1931

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. T. B. Field gave an address on "The widow's mite." Miss Savage, who presided, expressed the regret of the young people that Mr. Field was leaving the village, and Mrs. Savage and others bore testimony to the valuable services he had rendered during his residence in Swavesey. Miss Savage was unanimously elected President in succession to Mr. Field.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 18th Dec. 1931

Instead of the usual lecture Mr. J. A. McMillan (County Agricultural Organiser) opened an interesting debate on the cost of growing various crops at the fortnightly meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Society held in Swavesey School on Friday evening. Over 20 members were present, and several of them took part in the discussion. The President, Mr. R. Mailer, of Boxworth, was in the chair.

THE LATE MR. JACK WILDERSPIN. 18th Dec. 1931

The funeral of Mr. Jack Wilderspin, M.M., whose death as the result of a fall from a telephone pole was announced in the "Press and News" on December 4th, took place at Acton, Ontario, Canada, with full military honours on November 28th. In addition to the escort and firing party, comrades from several posts of the Canadian Legion, members of the I.O.O.F. (of which deceased was a member) and fellow-employees of the Bell Telephone Company were present, six of whom acted as pall bearers. The "Last Post" was sounded at the grave in the cemetery. The large number of floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which deceased had been held by the community generally.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 18th Dec. 1931

The greater part of the evening at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday was occupied in the receiving of reports of last year's work and the election of the committee and officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Newport Willson gave an interesting talk on the work of the W.I., and a prize for the best recitation of a poem by A. A. Milne was awarded to Mrs. Laverack. Community singing occupied the "social half-hour." The following were elected for 1932: President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; vice-president, Mrs. Aldred; treasurer, Miss Cole; secretary, Miss Banks; committee, Mrs. Banks, Miss K. Banks, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Freestone, Miss Freestone, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. W. Thorp.

FOOTBALL CLUB SOCIAL. 18th Dec. 1931

There was a very good attendance at the annual social in aid of the Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The programme arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, included games of various kinds, dancing and songs by Misses Y. Lee, J. Lee, and J. Holmes and by Mr. W. J. Hepher (humorous). Mrs Budge and Mr. S. Adams were the accompanists and also played for dancing. During the interval the draw for the Christmas prize distribution was made by Miss Banks. Mrs. Turner, Mrs. G. Oakman and Miss D. Godfrey were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. C. S. Hepher was an efficient M.C. At the close at the call of Mr. L. Day, three hearty cheers were given for all who had contributed to the evening's entertainment. The net proceeds amounted to £13 17s. 1½d.

HOCKEY. 25th Dec. 1931

A good game resulted when Swavesey Ladies met Histon Ladies on the Manor Field on Saturday. Swavesey went ahead through Miss K. Banks, but Histon managed to equalise, and the game ended in a draw of a goal each. Miss F. Abbs was referee.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 1st Jan. 1932

At the school examinations of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., held recently at Cambridge, Grace Thorp passed in grammar of music, division III, and Joan Hepher in pianoforte playing, elementary grade. Both are pupils of Miss E. M. Naylor, of Over.

MEMORIAL HALL. 1st Jan. 1932

Seventeen tables were in play at the whist drive organised by the Memorial Hall Committee on December 22nd, the prizewinners being as follows: -

Ladies: Mrs. C. Dean, Miss Betty Day, Mrs. P. Burton, booby, Mrs. W. Burton. Gentlemen: Mr. E. Day, Mr. E. Loades, Mr. G. Brooks, booby, Mr. A. Holmes. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. The Christmas prize distribution took place after the drive.

CAROLS. 1st Jan. 1932

A party of Swavesey and Fen Drayton carol singers toured Swavesey last week, half of the village being visited on Wednesday evening and the remainder on Christmas Eve. A collection in aid of the local Nursing Association, made at the time by Messrs. W. Brooks and A. C. Hephher, resulted in £5 11s. being raised, and this sum added to the amount collected by the party when Fen Drayton was visited on December 22nd (£1 13s.) made a total contribution to the Association of £7 4s.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 1st Jan. 1932

The services at the Parish Church on Christmas Day were as follows: - Holy Communion, 6 a.m., 7.30 and 11. 15 a.m. (choral), Matins, 10.30 a.m., and Evensong 3 p.m., when the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bunnett), the anthem, "The Prince of Peace" (Edwyn A. Clare), and carols. The services were well attended, the communicants numbering 104. The collections, which as usual were devoted to the Waifs and Strays Society, amounted to £4 2s. 8d. The bells were rung for a short time before the 6 o'clock service.

BOXING DAY SOCIETY. 1st Jan. 1932

The social, arranged by Miss Q. Spolton, at the Memorial Hall on Boxing Day, was a success and an enjoyable evening was spent. The hall was gaily decorated with flags, balloons, etc. Songs were sung by Miss Y. Lee, Miss J. Lee, Miss I. Holmes, Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Lee and Mr. D. Scambler, and an amusing sketch, "The Schoolmaster," was played by Mr. Stanley Prime, Misses Lee, Miss Holmes and Mr. J. Sutton. Dance music was supplied by Miss Spolton (pianist), Mr. Anderson (violin), Mr. Sutton (violin). Mrs. W. Kester and Mrs. Melbourn were responsible for the refreshments. Mr. E. Melbourn and Mr. A. C. Garner acted as M.C.'s.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. 1st Jan. 1932

The annual Christmas party for the children was held at the school on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd. Owing to illness among the staff and children it had been found impossible to have the concert usually held to raise the money needed, but owing to the generosity of numerous friends in the

village the necessary amount was forthcoming and the children showed their full appreciation of the abundant fare provided. Games, singing, etc., were enjoyed until 7 p.m., when the youngsters were dismissed, each with apples, oranges and nuts. Hearty cheers were given for the donors of the feast, to whom also the school staff tender their thanks, as without their aid the children must have been disappointed of their usual Christmas treat.

WEDDING. 1st Jan. 1932

The marriage of Mr. Herbert William Peppercorn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peppercorn, of Swavesey, and Miss Annie Lillian Marriott, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marriott, of Wellington-street, St. Ives, took place at St. Ives Parish Church on Saturday, the Rev. Jefferies (curate) officiating. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of beige crepe suede, was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. George Marriott, and she was attended by Miss Winifred Marriott (sister of the bride), and Miss Violet Peppercorn (sister of the bridegroom), both attired in green crepe suede. Mr. Ernest Mortlock was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home. The presents, about 80 in number, included a wedding cake from Mr. H. G. Key, of Swavesey, the bridegroom's employer, and a mirror and table cutlery from the bride's fellow employees at Messrs. Enderby and Co., St. Ives.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 8th Jan. 1932

At the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, held recently at Cambridge, Miss Q. Spolton was successful in passing in theory of music. She is a pupil of Miss Teversham, Cambridge.

OBITUARY. 8th Jan. 1932

Mrs. Anne Matilda Linford, of High-street, widow of the late Mr. Edward Joseph Linford, sen., passed away on Wednesday afternoon, after a long illness, aged 82 years. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 8th Jan. 1932

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the following welcome donations: Collected by the carol singers in Fen Drayton and Swavesey £7 4s., proceeds of social at Fen Drayton on Boxing Day £6 7s. 11½d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 8th Jan. 1932

The Rev. T. B. Field, supported by Mr. W. Chapman, presided at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an interesting address was given by Mr. Idris Jones, of Over, a student at the Strict Baptist Training College, London.

FUNERAL. 8th Jan. 1932

The funeral of Mr. Ernest Walker, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen Walker, of High-street, Swavesey, whose death occurred at his home in London on December 27th, took place at St. Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, on New Year's Eve. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Walker (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Douglas Walker (son), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. Charles Walker and Mr. James Walker (brothers). In addition to a large number of wreaths, etc., from relatives and friends, many floral tributes were sent by deceased's old colleagues in the Metropolitan Police, with which force he had served for 27 years. He leaves four sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

BRITISH LEGION. 8th Jan. 1932

A successful and largely attended social and dance was held by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on New Year's Eve. About 200 people were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The programme consisted of a series of dances, interspersed by songs and two sketches. The first, "Aunt Matilda's Collar" was admirably given by Mesdames Marriott, Melbourne, Laverack, G. Froment, Whybrow and Miss Lee; the second "Our Herbert" (by request), was again ably performed by Miss Q. Spolton and Mr. Stanley Prime. Latest songs were sung by Mrs. H. Bishop, Misses Lee and Miss Renie Holmes; an old-time song by Mr. James Prior, who was accorded a great ovation, and humorous songs by Messrs. W. J. Hepher and P. Lee. The music was supplied by the new orchestra, those taking part being Mrs. Budge, Miss Spolton and Mr. "Bobbie" Adams (pianists), Messrs. J. Sutton and A. Anderson (violinists) and Mr. Harry Unwin (jazz band operator). A vote of thanks was given Miss Spolton for so kindly leaving the beautiful decorations up from the previous social, the artists, Mrs. Berryman and assistants for the refreshments, and for all others who helped to make the evening such a success. Mr. Barwell also gave an address on the good work of the British Legion. The total receipts were £5 4s., which amount will be added to the funds of the branch.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 8th Jan. 1932

The following letter, dated 15th November, has reached the “Press and News” from Edward Williams, who prior to his leaving England for Australia nearly two years ago was clerk and sexton at Swavesey Parish Church, an office held previously by his father and other members of his family without a break for upwards of 100 years: “I have read with interest several letters that have appeared in your columns respecting the bells of Swavesey Church. I do not want to pass any remark on them, except that I hope the Parochial Church Council will not make the grave error of having them recast. But I must reply to a remark made about the ringing of them, referred to in your edition of 25th of September, 1931. ‘Lucilius,’ writing about a conversation says: ‘A councillor (I presume he means a church councillor) asked if the bells are rehung is there anybody in Swavesey who can ring them?’ As far as I am aware no one has answered the question, but I can say that at the time ‘Lucilius’ wrote his letter there was not a team of ringers living in Swavesey who could ring a full peal of 720 changes. Although that is the case, it must not be thought that the Swavesey youths have not the intelligence; or that they are not willing to learn; or that there is no one in the village who could and would teach them; but the condition of the bells has been so bad, that it has not only been a physical strain on the ringer, but very dangerous. Very few full peals have been rung on the bells for the past 20 years, but that is not to say the spirit is dead. Ringers from neighbouring villages have in times past been glad to go to Swavesey for instructions, and they have gone away and developed the art planted by the Swavesey ringers. Nor does it stop in the near surroundings, for I am 13,000 miles away and I have done my best to arouse interest in the art of campanology with a set of handbells I brought with me. Perhaps the despondent enquirer would be glad to know that there is a team of men in Rockhampton, Queensland, who can now ring half a peal on right hand bells, not one of whom four months previous to my writing this letter had ever seen a handbell or had any idea of ringing.” Mr. Williams is now in training for Holy Orders at St. Francis College, Nundah, Brisbane.

BAND OF HOPE. 15th Jan. 1932

At the fortnightly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday, the Rev. T. B. Field, who presided, gave an address on Nabal. Several young people also took part in the meeting and Mrs. Nichols was the pianist.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 15th Jan. 1932

The Rev. T. B. Field, who is leaving Swavesey for Crewe on the 19th inst., preached his final sermons at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday, his text in the morning being “My Grace is sufficient for thee,” and in the evening “A man

of God.” Although the day was wet and there was much sickness in the village, both services were well attended.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 15th Jan. 1932

The 1st Swavesey Co., Girls' Life Brigade, held their fourth annual New Year's party on Thursday week in Bethel Schoolroom, the company including the Rev. T. B. Field (late Pastor), Mrs. Field and friends introduced by members, numbering in all about 45. After tea, which was provided by the members, games were indulged in until 9 p.m., when the enjoyable evening concluded with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th Jan. 1932

There was a very good attendance at the weekly meeting of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday. Miss Savage (vice-president) occupied the chair, Miss I. Spearman read the lesson, and Mr. G. Day presided at the piano. The Rev. T. B. Field gave an address, at the close of which Miss Savage, in the name of the members, asked his acceptance of a copy of “Bishop Moule on the Romans,” and of a beautiful desk calendar, as tokens of their regard and in recognition of his tireless service on their behalf. Mr. W. Chapman, secretary, also expressed his indebtedness to Mr. Field.

MINCE PIES. 15th Jan. 1932

A well attended meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. C. S. Hepher presiding. During routine business the agenda for the county annual meeting was discussed, and Mrs. Marriott was appointed delegate. An interesting lecture on Cadbury's, illustrated by excellent slides, was read by Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Aldred, Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Banks manipulating the lantern. Mr. Isgrove judged the competition for the six best mince pies, and awarded the prize to Miss K. Banks. The mince pies were then sold, the proceeds helping to swell the “Sick Fund.” Community singing, conducted by Mr. F. Aldred, brought the evening to a close.

THE LATE MRS. E. J. LINFORD. 15th Jan. 1932

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Matilda Linford, of the Cottage, Swavesey, widow of the late Mr. E. J. Linford, sen., whose death at the age of 82 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The immediate mourners were Miss Laura M. Linford (only daughter), Mrs. E. J. Linford

(daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. William Peppercorn (nephew and niece). Mr. E. J. Linford (only son) was unable to attend owing to ill-health. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 15th Jan. 1932

Mr. Dennis Williams, clerk and sexton at Swavesey Parish Church, has received the following interesting letter from the Rev. A. C. Vidler, who was vicar of Swavesey from 1895 to 1912, and rural dean of North Stowe 1908-12: "I read with much interest your brother Edward's letter about the Swavesey bells, which appeared in the 'Cambridge Independent Press' last Friday, and I can remember the time when a peal of 720 changes was rung before the six o'clock service on Christmas morning. Your father was then the leader of the ringers, and they always rang a peal both at Christmas and Easter before the service at 6 a.m. – always trying for the 720 changes, and often succeeding. Your father used to milk his cows, go home to change and get to church by five o'clock. There are not many records which exceed this, I imagine, for enthusiasm about bell ringing."

MODERN WAYS IN AFRICA. 15th Jan. 1932

The 60th annual missionary tea in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts took place in the School on Wednesday evening. There was a large gathering of parishioners, several of whom have attended the tea on sixty occasions. After the tea the Vicar introduced the Rev. A. M. Peckham, F.R.A.S., F.Z.S., who gave a lantern lecture on "Modern ways in Africa and elsewhere." He contrasted the work of missions to-day with that of thirty years ago and earlier, and by means of slides showed what was being achieved in mission hospitals, schools and churches. An enthusiastic lecturer, Mr. Peckham aroused the interest of his audience; he emphasised the many privileges English churchmen possessed, and urged all to be unselfish and to assist Christian missions abroad by their prayers and increased personal effort. The collection taken during the evening, and the contents of the missionary boxes amounted to £3 8s. 4½d.

DEATH OF MRS. C. BURLING. 15th Jan. 1932

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest and most respected inhabitants by the death on Saturday at the age of 87 years of Mrs. Elizabeth Burling, wife of Mr. Charles Burling, the well-known local blacksmith. She was a native of Swavesey, being a daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Crisp. At least 200 villagers and friends attended the funeral which took place on Tuesday afternoon, the Vicar officiating at the service in the Parish Church, and the

Rev. J. F. Cooksey at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. George Burling (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. W. M. Hodson, Mrs. A. Butterworth, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mr. B. Hodson, Mrs. J. Holliday, Mrs. F. Burling, Mrs. H. Burling, Mr. W. Gaunt (nephews and nieces), Mrs. H. Dodson (sister-in-law), Mr. C. Dean (cousin). Mr. C. Burling (husband) was unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Jan. 1932

At the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, an address on "Faith Invincible" was given by Miss Easter. Mr. W. Chapman occupied the chair. The speaker next Monday will be Capt. I. Jones of the Willingham Salvation Army.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Jan. 1932

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, P. Parish and C. Savage. The agenda was unusually brief. A precept for £15 was issued on the Rating Authority for the expenses of the Council during the six months ending the 30th September next, and the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) reported that he had received a cheque for £31 8s. 4d. from the Memorial Hall Committee, being the half-yearly instalment due in repayment of the loan of £550 on the Hall, and that that sum had been remitted to the Public Works Loan Board. In reply to a question, the Clerk stated that the amount owing on the loan had been reduced to £133, and that this had been done without any held from the rates.

THE LATE MRS. C. GARNER. 22nd Jan. 1932

The village has lost another old inhabitant by the death on Friday, 15th inst., after about three week's illness, of Mrs. Marianne Reynolds Garner, widow of the late Mr. Charles Garner, the well-known Swavesey harness-maker, and daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth Maris of Swavesey. Mrs. Garner, who was 75 years of age, leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at the parish church, the vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The mourners included: Miss Garner (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Garner (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Farr, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hephher (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. A. C. Garner (son), Mrs. H. M. Hephher (granddaughter), Mr. E. R. Papworth, Mr. A. Gall (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Papworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Muncey, Mrs. H. Brassnett, Mrs. J. Nicholus (nephews and nieces), Mrs. Le

Velle, Mrs. H. Beaumont (cousins). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

CAMBRIDGE FIRM'S PROSECUTIONS. 22nd Jan. 1932

Conviction and Dismissal.

Two men, formerly employed by Messrs. J. A. Sturton, Ltd., wholesale grocers, of Cambridge, appeared at the Borough Police Court on Friday on charges relating to the unauthorised despatch of 17s. worth of bacon from the firm's premises.

The defendants were F. P., Albion House, Swavesey, who was charged with stealing the bacon while in the employ of the firm, and A. B. C., Russell-street, Cambridge, formerly a traveller for Sturton's who was charged with receiving the bacon, knowing it to have been stolen.

The Bench – with the Mayor (Ald. W. L. Raynes) presiding – took the cases together.

P. elected to be dealt with summarily and pleaded guilty.

DIRECTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Charles Bond, a director of the firm of J. A. Sturton, Ltd., said defendant had been employed as a warehouse hand by the firm up to Saturday, January 2nd.

As a result of a communication made to him by another director, he called for a search of the books of the firm. It was discovered that there was no entry relating to the parcel produced.

Witness interviewed a driver named Skipp, and then interviewed defendant. At first he would not answer any questions, and then he said he believed the parcel contained a coat or apron belonging to Mr. C., who was leaving their employ.

Witness visited the house of C., where he saw the parcel and the contents produced, and took possession of it.

Alfred Lionel Skipp, van driver, Mawson-road, Cambridge, said he loaded his van at the firm's premises with parcels, including one given him by defendant for delivery to Mr. C. at Russell-street.

P.C. Davidson spoke to visiting P. at Swavesey and inquiring about some bacon which had been delivered to C. Defendant asked, "Are they going to make a case of it?" On being told that the matter had been reported to the police, P. said "I will tell you."

Witness then read a statement, in which defendant explained that he knew C. as a traveller for Messrs. Sturton, who was under notice to leave. On December 31st, while he (P.) was in the warehouse, C. came in. He (defendant) expressed the hope that he would soon get another job and would

not starve. C. then said “What about a bit of bacon?” P. replied, “I will see what I can do.”

CASE AGAINST TRAVELLER.

He went to the provision department and took pieces of gammon and back bacon, put them in a carton and addressed them to C. “I received nothing from C. for this parcel,” added P., “and I made no arrangement for any money for same. I did it to do him a good turn.”

Defendant added in court that he was very sorry for what he had done.

The Court then heard the case against C., for whom Mr. Henderson (Messrs. Taylor, Garrard and Henderson) appeared, and pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by Joseph Colin Sturton, managing director, who said that on Saturday, January 2nd, he went in company with Mr. Bond, to the house of C. C. had been employed by the firm as a traveller and had left their employ that day.

C. answered the door, and witness said: “Mr. C., a parcel has been left at your house, without a trace of any entry, and I should be glad if you will tell me what it contained.”

C. took him in the house and witness asked him to produce it. He opened it in his presence, and it contained two pieces of bacon. Witness asked him if he had packed it himself, and he said “No, but P. said he was sending me a parcel.”

Defendant said, “I hope you won’t prosecute me, as it makes me a receiver.”

Mr. H. E. F. Pateman (on the Bench): How long had C. been in your employ? – About seven or eight years.

Mr. Few: Was he leaving through redundancy? – The directors decided they had no further use for his services.

In answer to Mr. Henderson, witness said that when he saw it the parcel was unopened. Two parcels were sent out that day without invoices.

“MISCONSTRUED MY WORDS.”

P.C. Davidson said that when he interviewed C. on January 6th defendant described P.’s statement as “not quite right,” and asked, “Are they going to make a case of it?” Witness told him that he would be proceeded against, whereupon defendant made a statement. He described how Mr. Colin Sturton asked him to open a parcel in his presence, and whether he had asked P. to send it. He (defendant) answered “No,” but, since recollecting the affair, remembered their conversation. When P. and he were talking, there were other persons within hearing. He thought he passed the remark to P., “I hope I won’t starve,” and P. laughed it off. Until Mr. Sturton asked for the parcel he (defendant) forgot about the incident.

In the witness-box, C. said that on January 1st he went to King's Lynn for the firm and returned next day. His wife told him that a parcel had been left, but as he had been busy with the accounts he took no notice. Later he asked the lorry driver about the parcel, which he had at no time ordered. Nothing was said about bacon, and witness's remark was: "Nothing will see me starve." He had sufficient confidence in himself to get a job, and, subject to the decision of the court, he would get another job.

In reply to the Chief Constable, defendant said the conversation at the warehouse was "purely business." He denied making any reference to bacon. P. misconstrued the meaning of his words.

BENCH'S DECISION.

After a retirement, the Mayor announced, in the case of P., that there were no previous convictions, and defendant would be dealt with relatively leniently. He would be bound over for twelve months in the sum of £10, with one surety of £10.

Mr. Sturton, remarking that he bore neither of the defendants ill-will, undertook to become surety for P., though he could not take him back into his employ.

Addressing C., the Mayor said; "The Court have paid every attention to the evidence which has been put forward, and the circumstances connected with this case are full of suspicion. As there is a certain conflict of evidence, and the rule is that if we are not absolutely satisfied as to the evidence of guilt, you have the benefit of the doubt, therefore the case will be dismissed. Let it be a serious warning."

FINE EGGS. 29th Jan. 1932

During the past week an R.I.R. Pullet belonging to Mrs. J. Day has laid a succession of exceptionally large eggs, one of which weighed 4½oz.

B.W.T.A. 29th Jan. 1932

The meeting of the Swavesey Branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U., held in Bethel Schoolroom on the 21st inst., was well attended. Mrs. W. Savage presided. Mrs. Golding, of Cambridge, gave an interesting address, and friends who accompanied her contributed a dialogue entitled "Who's Who."

BETHEL Y.P.F. 29th Jan. 1932

There was a good attendance at the meeting on Monday of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church, when Captain I. Jones, of the Salvation Army, gave an address on "The Blessing of Friendship." Lieut. Demain, who was the soloist, and Mr. G. Jeffries (S.A.), also took part in the

meeting. Next Monday a lantern lecture will be given by the Rev. A. E. Willings, of Cottenham, on "Ur of the Chaldees."

WHIST DRIVE. 29th Jan. 1932

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, in connection with the County Conservative Tournament. The prizewinners were: - Ladies, Mrs. E. J. Warboys, Mrs. Holmes, hidden number, Mrs. Clowes; gentlemen, Mr. T. C. Heasman, Mr. A. G. Thoday, hidden number, Mr. W. Spolton. Mr. H. H. Berryman was M.C.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL HEPHER. 29th Jan. 1932

We have to record the death of Mr. Samuel Hepher, a very well-known and highly respected inhabitant of Swavesey, who passed away shortly before midnight on Monday after 18 months of suffering. Born 73 years ago, a son of the late Robert and Jane Hepher, he lived in the village all his life. For 45 years he was the carrier between Swavesey and Cambridge and St. Ives, retiring about six years ago. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Swavesey parish church.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 5th Feb. 1932

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity was distributed last week-end by the churchwardens, 22 widows receiving 3s. each in lieu of the tea, sugar, etc., which was originally given.

WEDDING. 5th Feb. 1932

The Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiated at the marriage at the parish church on Saturday of Miss Caressa Kathleen Matilda Peppercorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peppercorn, of Swavesey, and Mr. Leslie Jack Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Wilson. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue dress and fawn hat, her bridesmaids being attired in white, with blue hats. Mr. Arthur Wilson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD HEPHER. 5th Feb. 1932

Early on January 28th, the day on which his brother was buried, Mr. Richard John Hepher, third son of the late Mr. Robert Hepher, passed away at his home in Goswell-road, London, E.C., after being laid up for about a fortnight. He left Swavesey for London when a young man and worked there for the rest of his life. For some years he had been yard foreman for Messrs. Farmiloe

and Co. Mr. R. Hephher, who was 63 years of age, leaves a widow, one son and a daughter. The funeral took place in London on Wednesday at Southgate cemetery.

HOCKEY CLUB. 5th Feb. 1932

There was a large attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week in aid of the funds of the Hockey Club. An enjoyable time was spent in dancing, games and competitions, for which prizes were given by members of the club. The evening's programme also included much appreciated songs by Mrs. Hind and Mr. H. G. Topham, a recitation by Miss Helen Burleigh and a sketch admirably performed by Over ladies. Mr. P. Watts and Mr. P. Banks acted as M.C.'s. The net proceeds amounted to £4 16s. 4d.

UR OF THE CHALDEES. 5th Feb. 1932

A good attendance of members of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday heard with great interest and profit the lecture on "Ur of the Chaldees," given by the Rev. A. E. Willings, of Cottenham. Using the official slides of the British Museum Archaeological Expedition, Mr. Willings greatly enlightened the company concerning the home of the patriarch Abraham. On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by the Vice-President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. Next week's meeting of the Fellowship will be conducted by the leaders of the Swavesey Friends' Meeting House.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL HEPHER. 5th Feb. 1932

The funeral of Mr. Samuel Hephher, whose death at the age of 73 years was announced in our last issue, took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. S. Hephher (widow), Messrs. W. J., C. S. and F. Hephher (sons), Mrs. C. S. Hephher (daughter-in-law), Mr. H. L. Blunt (son-in-law), Misses Hilda, Lily and Joan Hephher (granddaughters), Mr. J. Hephher (brother), Mrs. J. Payne, Mrs. Easton (sisters), Mr. and Mr. R. Hephher (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Daintree, Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. G. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. T. Day, Mr. J. Topper, Mr. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Payne (nephews and nieces). Mrs. H. L. Blunt (only daughter) and Mrs. W. J. Hephher and Mrs. F. Hephher (daughters-in-law) were unable to attend owing to illness.

SWAVESEY AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE. 5th Feb. 1932

SWAVESEY B. v ST. IVES BRITISH LEGION A.

Swavesey	St. Ives Legion
J. L. Kester 80	J. Ryves 120
A. E. Melbourne 120	S. W. Dunster 92
E. B. Smart 120	R. Todd
L. Johnson 99	L. Heaford 120
A. Holmes w.o.	

BAND OF HOPE. 12th Feb. 1932

The address at the fortnightly meeting of the Bethel Band of Hope on Monday was given by Mr. G. E. Canham. Five of the members also took a part in the proceedings. There was a good attendance.

Y.P.F. 12th Feb. 1932

A well attended meeting of the Young People's Fellowship took place on Monday, when an excellent address on "Witnessing" was given by Miss Philips, who also gave an effective rendering of a solo. The chair was taken by Mrs. W. Savage. Next week's meeting will be addressed by Mr. Whitehead, of Cottenham.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 12th Feb. 1932

An interesting lecture on "Farm Machinery" was given by Mr. G. W. Chapman (county assistant instructor in agriculture) at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society held in Swavesey School on Friday evening. Mr. R. Mailer (president of the society) occupied the chair, and about 20 members were present.

CHORAL SOCIETY. 12th Feb. 1932

An enjoyable and well arranged social was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Choral Society. The arrangements for the entertainment were in the hands of Mrs. C. Hephher, while Mrs. D. Banks, assisted by many willing helpers, was responsible for the refreshments, which were served during the interval. Games, dancing and competitions were keenly enjoyed, and the evening went with gusto. Mrs. Budge, Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mr. R. Adams provided music for dancing, many of the old dances being revived. Songs admirably rendered by Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Muncey, of Cottenham, were greatly applauded, and each lady gave an encore. Mr. C. S. Hephher was an efficient M.C., and Mr. S. Godfrey undertook the duties of doorkeeper. Competitions were won as follows: Weight of box of chocolates, Mrs D. Godfrey; mystery number (box of

sweets) Mr. J. Bull; mystery parcel, Mr. Milner; spoon and balloon race, Miss K. Banks; potato race, Mr. A. Hephher.

Y.P.F. 19th Feb. 1932

A helpful address was given by Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, Mr. W. Chapman presided. Mr. W. Savage also taking part in the proceedings. There was only a small attendance. The Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon, will be the speaker next week.

OBITUARY. 19th Feb. 1932

We have to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Howlett, of Turn Bridge Cottages, widow of the late Mr. William Howlett, who passed away early on Tuesday morning while on a visit to her daughter at Histon. Mrs. Howlett, who was 65 years of age, had been ill for six or seven weeks. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

CRICKET CLUB. 19th Feb. 1932

At the annual meeting of the Cricket Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. G. Carter (Harpenden); vice-presidents, Mr. C. Dean, Dr. Hart, Capt. Briscoe, M.P., Mr. Canham, Mr. J. Parish, Mr. C. Walker, Mr. J. Wilderspin, Mr. R. Barwell, Mr. Paine; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Mitham; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; captain, first XI., Mr. F. Hephher; vice-captain, Mr. F. Aldred; captain 2nd XI., Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; vice-captain, Mr. G. Brooks. It was decided to run two teams, one in the Milton and District League and Cup and the other for friendly matches.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th Feb. 1932

Community singing played a large part in the programme at the February meeting of the Women's Institute, Mr. Frank Aldred's conducting of the practice for the competition being greatly enjoyed. Much disappointment was, however, felt at the absence of Mrs. Pryor, of Cambridge, who was to have lectured. A Roll Call on "The noise I most dislike" caused amusement, and the Stall did good business. Mrs. C. Hephher (President) was in the chair, and the hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Carrier and Mrs. Berryman. A game called "Musical Story" was enjoyed, Miss Freestone being the winner, after a cut with Miss Cottrell. Mrs. Marriott gave a good report of the annual W.I. Federation Meeting in Cambridge.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 19th Feb. 1932

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society and Athletic Association was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Mr. C. W. Hines occupying the chair. There was only a small attendance of members. The accounts presented by Mr. C. S. Hephher, showed a satisfactory balance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. R. C. Cole, J.P. (subject to his consent); vice-presidents, with the exception of those who have left the district, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. F. J. Anderson, Dr. Hart, and Rev. A. F. Royston; chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. Whitehead; general secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey, Swavesey; treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Swavesey, auditor, Rev. C. E. O. Finch (subject to his consent). The Finance and Horticultural Committee were re-elected en bloc, as also was the Sports Committee, except that Mr. F. C. L. Richardson resigned his post as secretary. All the officers were heartily thanked for their work during the year, coupled with the name of Mr. A. Watts for very kindly lending his field for the show.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th Feb. 1932

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, P. Parish, A. P. Payne, and C. Savage, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). The following were nominated as fit and proper persons to hold the office of Parish Constable during the ensuing twelve months: Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, G. Burling and C. Eason. The Clerk read a letter from the County Council stating that no objection would be raised to the erection of a suitable seat by Mr. Wright on the grass verge of the high road opposite Church Green, provided the site was approved by the County Surveyor and subject to certain conditions. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Wright in the matter. After the Clerk had been authorised to pay all salaries, etc., due for the year ending 31st March, the Chairman said he had been asked by parishioners to bring the question of the withdrawal of a resident police constable from the village before the Council. In the subsequent discussion, several Councillors spoke of the inconvenience caused by the absence of a constable, and reference was made to the possible dangers that might result and to numerous lightless bicycles ridden about the streets after dark. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Chief Constable urging the necessity for a resident constable in the village. With regard to the Church Army Van, which has been standing on the Recreation Ground since the beginning of last week, the Chairman said the Vicar had seen him in the matter, and he had told the Vicar

that he (the Chairman) could not give the necessary permission, but that he would bring the matter before the Council. Unfortunately, the meeting of the Council could not be held as soon as he had expected. In the circumstances the Council agreed to allow the van to remain on the Recreation Ground for the remainder of this week. During the discussion it was stated that a parishioner had been seen exercising his horse on the Recreation Ground, and it was decided that his attention should be called to Bye-law No. 5, prohibiting the practice.

BAND OF HOPE. 26th Feb. 1932

An interesting address was given by Mr. E. Leigh, of Fenstanton, at the meeting of the Band of Hope on Monday evening. Several of the members also took part in the proceedings.

Y.P.F. 26th Feb. 1932

Mrs. Savage presided over a good attendance of members at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an interesting address was given by Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon. Next week's speaker will be Miss Aldred, of Over.

B.W.T.A 26th Feb. 1932

Members of the B.W.T.A. held a joint meeting with "The Friends" at the Friends' Meeting House on Tuesday afternoon, in memory of a great leader, Frances Willard, an account of whose life was given by Mrs. Savage. Miss Gaunt also gave a short address and a duet was sung by two young ladies residing at the Friends' Meeting House. Tea and biscuits were handed round during the interval.

CHURCH MEETING. 26th Feb. 1932

The combined Vestry and annual parochial church meetings were held in the schoolroom on Tuesday, the vicar in the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. Banks resigned the office of churchwarden, and Mr. W. J. Hepher was appointed in his place. The Vicar and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey both spoke highly of the way in which Mr. Banks briefly responded. Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Banks were re-elected representatives to the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences. The new Council elected were: Mrs. Finch, Mrs. C. Hepher, Messrs. C. Banks, B. Hodson, H. Prime and H. Whitehead, and the following were appointed: Sidesmen, Messrs. C. Arnold, C. Banks, J. Cain, C. Dean, T. Froment, A. Garner, J. Daintree, B. Hodson, W. Kester, E. J. Linford, R. Mitham, C. Hepher and E. Prior. All the church accounts were presented in a

satisfactory condition. Mr. H. Whitehead was elected vice-chairman of the Council and Mrs. Banks secretary. Mr. Whitehead was also appointed treasurer of the Bell Repair Fund.

THE LATE MRS. W. HOWLETT. 26th Feb. 1932

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Howlett, widow of the late Mr. William Howlett, whose death at the age of 65 on February 16th was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiating. The mourners were Messrs. P., G. and T. Howlett (sons), Mrs. Parker and Miss Howlett (daughters), Mr. A. Brasher (brother), Mrs. C. Walker (sister), Mesdames P. and G. Howlett (daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Parker (son-in-law), Mrs. Albert Day (sister-in-law), Messrs. C. Walker, Albert Day and S. King (brothers-in-law), Mrs. A. Robinson (niece). Mrs. S. King (sister) was unable to attend owing to illness. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th March 1932

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an interesting paper on John Paton, the missionary, was read by Miss Aldred, of Over. Next week Mr. and Mrs. Moore (Uncle David and Aunt Flossie) will be the speakers at a united meeting of the Band of Hope and Y.P.F.

FUNERAL. 4th March 1932

The funeral of Miss Ann Mitham, daughter of "Shepherd" Mitham, a native of Swavesey, who died at Fenstanton on February 27th, aged 83 years, took place at Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Camp conducting the service at the Particular Baptist Chapel and at the grave in the parish churchyard. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. William Brickwood, of Fenstanton, and their son and two daughters and Mrs. Peate of Fenstanton. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

CRICKET CLUB. 4th March 1932

A grand Leap Year social was held in the Memorial Hall on February 29th, at which there was a large attendance. The well varied programme, admirably arranged by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, included a number of competitions, which were won as follows: Bun eating (suspended) – Mr. D. Nightingale; wheelbarrow race – Miss Y. Lee and Mr. J. Sutton; marble race – Mr. D. Nightingale; picking up peas with macaroni – Mr. L. Wright; mystery parcels – Mrs. G. Oakman and Mr. H. Unwin; lucky number parcel – Miss N. Mustill,

after a draw with Mrs. G. Oakman. The music for the dancing was supplied by Mrs. Budge (piano), Messrs. J. Sutton and A. Anderson (violins) and Mr. H. Unwin (drums). The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Berryman. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and towards the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. L. Day, and seconded by Mr. J. Mitham, to all who had in any way contributed to make the social a success.

PRESENTATION. 4th March 1932

The managers, staff and children of the Swavesey School gathered together on Monday afternoon, to bid goodbye to Miss C. Scott, who had been in charge of the infants' department for the past eight years, and who was leaving to take up a post in the St. Ives' Boys' School, and to present her with a small token of the regard and esteem in which she was held by them all. The presentation was made by the Vicar, who in a few well chosen words expressed the regret of all at Miss Scott's leaving, and in handing to her the present, a beautiful clock with Westminster chimes, hoped it would remind her of her days at Swavesey. Miss Scott, in reply, thanked all for the present, and said how happy she had been at the school. The headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) expressed his regret at Miss Scott's leaving, thanked her for the work she had done, and wished her success in her new sphere. Miss Scott, while at Swavesey, he said, had won the love and respect of all the children who had been under her care and they were very sorry to say goodbye to her.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 4th March 1932

Rearrangement of Districts.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday. Mr. J. Frohock was in the chair, and there were also present: Messrs. F. Kirby, Hemington, Stanton, Johnson, Day, Norman, and Scambler, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The Council first discussed Boxworth water supply.

THE COUNCIL'S "FINALE."

With regard to the proposed absorption of districts, the Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Council stating that when a change was made in the nature of absorption of the Swavesey Council it would not come into effect until April 1st next year. The County Council had also written respecting the review of county districts, the Clerk stating that the Ministry of Health appeared to have now decided to confirm the absorption, which would come into effect next year. The Swavesey district would go partly into Chesterton and partly into Caxton districts. He had received formal notice of

this, but the Council would have a little “breathing space” before the change was made.

RAIL v. ROAD.

A circular letter from the L. and N.E. Railway Company, together with a copy of a statement submitted to the Ministry of Transport, asking for action to be taken to balance fairly the trade between motor transport and the railway, was explained by the Clerk. He said the railway companies were hard pressed at the present time. Railway traffic had decreased and motor traffic on the road was taking a portion of what was left of the companies’ business. They felt they were under a grievance and had submitted their case to the Ministry. That, the Clerk added, was as far as the Council was concerned in the matter.

ADVERTS. 11th March 1932

I HAVE not got a Good Large White Boar for Service. – J. Prior, Swavesey.

GOLD. – Make a profit on your Sovereigns and turn your Old Scrap Gold into cash immediately at James Prior’s, Swavesey.

MRS. SWAINSTON, Trinity Cottages, Swavesey, now Booking Appointments for Ladies’ and Children’s Hairdressing, Marcel Waving and Setting. All charges moderate.

A REGRETTED DEPARTURE. 11th March 1932

After nearly nine years’ service as senior clerk at Swavesey railway station, Mr. Albert Edward Clarke has this week been transferred to Newport, Essex, where he will hold the position of residential clerk. He takes with him the best wishes of all with whom he came in contact at Swavesey for his future success and happiness.

GIRLS’ LIFE BRIGADE. 11th March 1932

The 1st Swavesey Company, Girls’ Life Brigade, held their fourth annual concert in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The programme provided entirely by members of the Company consisted of a drill display, songs, choruses, sketches by the senior girls, a fairy play by the juniors, and several recitations. The musical items were ably accompanied by Pte. J. Williams and Lance-Corpl. J. Holmes. All the items were applauded by the crowded audience.

ACCIDENT TO A RAILWAYMAN. 11th March 1932

A somewhat nasty accident happened to a railwayman named Alfred Geoffrey, while employed with the relaying gang at the station on Friday. Two trolleys were being used to convey some 60ft. lengths of rails and it appears while Geoffrey was assisting he slipped and one of the trolleys passed over his arm. First aid was rendered, and Dr. Hart, who was 'phoned for, ordered his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, fearing a broken arm. An X-ray examination, however, showed a badly crushed muscle, and after treatment, it is understood, Geoffrey was allowed to go home.

CONFIRMATION. 11th March 1932

Forty-seven candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Ely at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, viz., 12 from Swavesey, 11 Over, 8 Lolworth, 7 Girton, 6 Oakington, 2 St. Andrew's, Chesterton, and 1 from Holywell, Hunts. The Bishop was attended by his chaplain, Rev. V. H. E. Ritson, and the other clergy present were: Rev. C. E. O. Finch (vicar of Swavesey), Rev. F. G. Weston (Over), Rev. A. F. Royston (Lolworth), Rev. H. T. N. Palmer (Girton), Rev. L. Galley (Oakington), and Rev. W. L. Mackennal (St. Andrew's, Chesterton). There was a large congregation. The Bishop afterwards confirmed a bedridden candidate at her own home.

WEDDING. 11th March 1932

Pastor O. C. Austin, of Cottenham, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Alfred Day, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, sen., and Miss Beatrice Alice Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, which took place at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Wednesday afternoon. The service was choral, and included the hymn "Love divine and golden." The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in blue crepe de chine, with hat to match, and she carried a sheaf of arum lilies, the gift of Mrs. G. E. Canham. She was attended by Miss Vera Blunt, and by little Sylvia May Brickwood (niece of the bride), the former attired in raisin delysia and the little maid in lemon satin. Miss Blunt carried a bouquet of pink tulips, and Sylvia a silver basket of yellow daffodils. Mr. Cyril Day, D.C.M., (brother of the bridegroom), was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a handsome clock and a pair of ornaments from Mr. and Mrs. Canham and family, by whom the bride had been employed, and many gifts from the employees of the bridegroom.

ADVERTS. 18th March 1932

NOTICE. – A. C. Garner's old-established business of Harness Maker is being carried on at Swavesey as usual.

THE WALLPAPER SEASON IS HERE! – Bargain cash prices of last year's stock, also John Line's Merchants' prices for 1932. – Prior's General Stores.

POTATOES. – Prior's General Stores have in stock for Sale all Leading Varieties of Certified Scotch Seed Potatoes, earlies and main crops. Also Once-Grown Majestic and Edwards. Eating Potatoes, any quantity, to order.

THE MYSTERIOUS NOTICE. 18th March 1932

“An Occasional Passer-by” writes: - May I ask why the notice board inscribed “Drive slowly” was affixed to one of the lamp-posts at Boxworth End? It has been there for a long time, and we motor drivers would like to know the reason we should slacken speed and also by whose authority such an instruction was issued.

BAND OF HOPE. 18th March 1932

The last meeting of the session of the Band of Hope Society was held at Bethel Baptist Church on Monday. After an excellent tea, at which a good number of members and friends were present, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union, gave a display of their popular electric pictures. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 18th March 1932

There was a large attendance at the final meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an address was given by Mr. Raynor, of Cambridge, on “Sacrifice.” Mr. Canham was in the chair. Afterwards refreshments were served and the report for the year was presented, showing an excellent financial position. Solos were sung by Miss Easter and Miss Godfrey, and Miss G. Dodson recited. A few words were spoken on the session's work by Mr. Chapman and Mr. J. Day.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 18th March 1932

The March meeting of the Women's Institute was a “member's night,” Mrs. Cain occupying the chair. The proceedings opened with the singing of “The Blue Bells of Scotland,” after which Mr. Paskett's monthly gardening notes were read, Mrs. Banks gave a talk on “Garden produce and how to dispose of it,” and Mrs. C. S. Hephner reported on the agenda for the annual meeting, to which she was appointed delegate. There was also an excellent exhibition of dresses, rugs, stools, boxes, cupboards, upholstery, gloves, knitting, etc., all the work of members, as a result of classes and demonstrations. Mrs. Marriott

and Mrs. Laverack gave a capital performance of an amusing sketch, and Mrs. A. Whybrow sang songs in character, the evening concluding with a community singing practice, conducted by Mr. F. Aldred. A competition, the prize for which was given by Mrs. E. Mitham, was won by Mrs. Marriott.

RE-LAYING THE RAILWAY. 18th March 1932

“Some excellent British workmanship was witnessed between Swavesey and St. Ives on Sunday,” writes a correspondent, “when the Morris tracklayer was at work. Like a huge crane, this machine picks up lengths of track, some 60ft. long, and has what might be termed two runners which take the lengths of lifted track and place them on the wagons made specially for that purpose. On their return journey these runners bring new track, and what takes hours to accomplish by hand power is done in minutes by this machine. Some idea of the great saving can soon be estimated when it is known that this machine did in about four hours, with 33 men assisting, what it would take 150 men to do in 12 hours. Great credit is due to Inspectors Woodbine and Westland for the way in which they handled the men. Not a minute was lost, and everyone seemed cheerful. Among those present were the chief engineers from London and Cambridge, Mr. Morris, of the tracklayer firm, also the inventor. Much local interest was aroused, there being visitors from St. Ives, Fen Drayton, Swavesey and Over. One item of special interest was the ‘closing up’ of the road, how the metals were cut in a few seconds, holes drilled in, plates fastened, and the train going over to test in less than 15 minutes. Visitors to the scene must come to this conclusion – that although we hear a lot of what is done in America, British workmanship is, after all, second to none.”

ADVERT. 25th March 1932

HATCHING EGGS. – White Wyandottes, heavy laying strain. – Day, Mill Farm, Swavesey.

SOCIAL AND DANCE. 25th March 1932

A successful social and dance was held on Thursday week in aid of the Swavesey and District British Legion funds. The attendance was most gratifying and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed, a novel feature being the introduction of old-time songs, which proved very popular. The programme included the following songs: “Roses of Picardy” and “I’ll sing to you,” Mrs. Hines; “I don’t know why” and “My mystery girl,” by Mrs. H. Bishop; “Let’s all go down the Strand” and “Everybody’s doing it now,” by the Three Bobs; “Never been there before” and “Why did I leave my little back room,” by Mr. Harry Cole; “I want to be happy” and “Drake goes West,”

by Mr. James Prior; "I'm Henry the Eighth" and "The Spaniard that blighted my life," by Mr. Lee; duet, "Darby and Joan," by Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. A. Whybrow; and the sketch, "The New Servant," by Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Laverack. Mrs. Budge presided at the piano throughout the evening, being accompanied for the dancing by Messrs. Joe Sutton and A. Anderson (violins) and Mr. Harry Unwin (jazz set). Mrs. Berryman prepared the refreshments in her usual able manner, assisted by Mesdames Turner, Savage and Mitham. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Lee. The net proceeds amounted to £3 17s.

PRESENTATION. 1st April 1932

Mr. A. E. Clarke, who, as recently reported, has been transferred to Newport, Essex, after a stay of nine years at Swavesey Station, has been presented with a handsome oak clock by the station staff, assisted by contributions from the public using the station.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st April 1932

There was a large congregation at the special service at Bethel Baptist Church on the evening of Good Friday, when the Rev. J. Snitch, of Houghton, was the preacher. During the service members of the Swavesey Choral Society gave excellent renderings of "The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn's "Creation") and of a Te Deum. A collection was taken for church expenses. The service was preceded by a well-attended public tea.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st April 1932

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins and Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., addresses on the Seven Words from the Cross by the Rev. C. G. Poynder, Rector of Boxworth, 1 – 3 p.m., evensong and sermon by the Vicar 7 p.m. The collections were for the Jerusalem Mission. Notwithstanding the early season, the church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, etc., for Easter Day. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m. (choral), 7.30, and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., children's service at 3 p.m., and evensong and sermon 6.30 p.m. The music included Hall's setting for the mid-day celebration, and at evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (G. J. Bennett) and Caleb Simper's anthem "Christ being Risen." The collections throughout the day were, in accordance with custom, devoted to an Easter offering for the vicar. Owing to their unsafe condition, the bells were not rung, but merely chimed. All the services on Good Friday and on Sunday were well attended.

CRICKET CLUB. 1st April 1932

The social in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday attracted an exceptionally large attendance. The programme, arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, included songs by "The Three Bobs," and by Mr. Stanley Braybrook, of Elsworth, and the sketch "When Richard told the Truth," admirably acted by Miss Y. Lee, Mr. L. Day and Mr. J. Mitham. The music for dancing was supplied by Mrs. Budge (piano), Mr. J. Sutton and Mr. A. Anderson (violins) and Mrs. Budge's friend and Mr. H. Unwin (drums). Mr. C. S. Hephher officiated as M.C. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Turner. At the close of the enjoyable evening a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne, to all who had helped to make the social such a success. Announcement was also made that Mr. A. Watts had very kindly granted the club the use of the Manor Field, adjoining the station, for the forthcoming season.

ADVERTS. 8th April 1932

WE ARE SHOWING a Fine Range of Wallpapers, 1d. per roll off original prices. – Prior's General Stores.

SEED POTATOES. – Scotch, Class 1, Main Crop, Majestic once grown (Isle of Ely), Edwards, ditto. Eating Potatoes. Any quantity as ordered. – James Prior, 'phone Swavesey 3.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 8th April 1932

Mr. and Mrs. Seekings, of Wallman's-lane, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage next Sunday.

THE SPORTS SECRETARY. 8th April 1932

At a meeting of the Sports Committee of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. L. B. Carter, of Over, was appointed sports secretary, and his brother, Mr. A. Carter, assistant secretary.

ANNUAL HERBAGE LETTING. 8th April 1932

By order of the Rural District Council, the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening. The feed of the Recreation Ground was also offered under instructions from the Parish Council, and was let to Mr. C. H. Parish for £2 10s. The auctioneer, Mr. Cyril Watts, by direction of Miss S. J. Mitchell, afterwards let the following grass (feed or mow) to Christmas next: 5a. 3r.

17p. in Cow Fen at £1 17s. 6d. per acre; 3a. 2r. 25p. in Middle Fen at £1 7s. 6d., and 4a. 3r. 10p. in Mow Fen at £1 17s. 6d.

THE HOSPITAL PARADE. 8th April 1932

The Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) presided at a meeting attended by 42 parishioners, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening to decide whether there should be a parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital this year. He was supported by Mr. H. Whitehead. After a short explanatory speech by the Chairman, Mr. Charles Savage proposed that a parade be held as usual on Feast Sunday. Mr. James Prior seconded, Mr. Frank Hephher moved as an amendment that if the parade takes place the proceeds should be divided equally between the hospital and the local Nursing Association. This was seconded by Mr. Harry Prime. In the subsequent discussion, Mr. F. Prior, a collector under the contributory scheme, said that many people in his district were against any parade being organised, and Mr. E. J. Mitham raised the question whether a parade was necessary, now that the contributory scheme was in operation. On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost by eight votes to 12, and Mr. Savage's resolution was carried by 15 votes to 11. Officials were then elected as follows: Secretary, Mr. H. Whitehead; treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. C. Savage. Before the meeting closed various suggestions were made for raising money in connection with the parade.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 15th April 1932

At the recent Local Centre Examinations held by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Olive Wilderspin, a pupil of Mrs. Farren, A.T.C.L., passed in the rudiments of music.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 15th April 1932

Mr. Walter Thorp celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday. Although advancing years and health not as good as it used to be have compelled him to abandon most of his many activities of bygone days, he still takes a keen interest in the affairs of the parish.

ATHLETIC HONOURS. 15th April 1932

The Royal Air Force Athletic Association's Diploma of Honour has been awarded to A. A. Lionel Wood, who attained standard in the 100 yards, 220 yards and long jump. He has also been awarded the medal of the R.A.F. Athletic Cross-Country Association. The diploma bears the signature of Air Marshal Sir E. L. Ellington, K.C.B. A./A. Wood, who is the third son of Mr.

Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey School, is stationed at Cranwell. He is an old County High School boy.

AN ALARMING EXPERIENCE. 15th April 1932

Mrs. Crouch, sen., of Boxworth End, had an alarming experience on Saturday morning while being conveyed in the Borough Police ambulance to the Infirmary at Cambridge. The ambulance was proceeding along Huntingdon-road, and when near the junction of the Huntingdon and Victoria roads it came into collision with a Citroen car coming out of Victoria-road. No one fortunately, was injured. The right-hand back mudguard of the car was twisted, and part of the running board on the same side torn off. The car was taken to a nearby garage. The ambulance was damaged in front, and had to be towed back by a lorry. The patient was transferred to another ambulance.

“A TRIP TO HOLLAND.” 15th April 1932

A series of excellent lantern slides, depicting the beauties of Holland, was shown at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Aldred read the descriptions. The work shown at the recent homecrafts exhibition in Cambridge was on view, all the entries from Swavesey having passed the standard. Miss K. Banks gained a certificate for a beautiful picture in needlework, being awarded 94 marks. The final practice for the community singing competition was conducted by Mr. F. Aldred, and a roll-call of “my worst cookery blunder” caused much amusement. Tea was served by the committee. The president, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, was in the chair.

SOCIAL FOR NURSING ASSOCIATION. 15th April 1932

The social in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was attended by a very large company, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. An outstanding item in the programme was a children's fancy dress parade, prizes for which were awarded by the judges, Mrs. Scammell and Miss Ekins, of Over, as follows: Girls – 1 Nora Smart (Mother Hubbard), 2 May Kester (Window), 3 Mary Lee (Bride), and Joan Hephher (Venus); boys – 1 Victor Smart (Micky Mouse), 2 Ray Oakman (Tramp), 3 Dennis Spolton (Spring Cleaning). The prizes were presented by Miss Rose Gaunt, who deputised for Mrs. Cooksey. The programme also included songs by Mrs. Harold Asplin, Mrs. Hinds, Misses Y. and J. Lee, Miss Holmes, Mr. James Prior and Mr. P. Lee, a duet by Mrs. C.S. Hephher and Mr. J. W. Williams, and a sketch admirably performed by Mrs. Scammell and Miss Ekins. Mrs. Asplin, Mrs. Hinds, Miss Scarfe and Master John Mitham were the accompanists. A capital selection of music for dancing

etc., was provided by Miss Q. Spolton and Mrs. Budge (piano), Mr. J. Sutton and Mr. Anderson (violins) and Mr. H. Unwin (drums). The piano was kindly lent by Mrs. Harry Prime. Excellent refreshments were supplied under the capable management of Mesdames E. J. Mitham, Turner and E. Prior. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher were the indefatigable M.C.s, and Mr. H. H. Berryman and Mr. H. Prime were in charge of the door. At the close a vote of thanks to the organisers, entertainers and helpers, proposed by Mr. C. S. Hephher, was carried amid loud applause. Including the proceeds from competitions for a cake made and given by Miss R. Gaunt, £2 3s., and a mystery parcel given by Mrs. J. Coulson, 6s. 7d., the total takings for the evening amounted to £10 1s. 9d., and as all expenses were defrayed by members and friends this sum has been handed over to the treasurer of the association.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 22nd April 1932

The treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received £10 1s. 9d., the proceeds of a social organised Nurse Claydon, and £4 0s. 6d., the proceeds of a whist drive given by the Over Women's Institute.

APATHETIC PARISHIONERS. 22nd April 1932

Only four Local Government electors took the trouble to attend the annual parish meeting which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. They were Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council), who presided, Mr. Prime Godfrey (the clerk), Mr. William Burton (a parish councillor), and Mr. C. Wood (the schoolmaster). The only business attempted was the reading of the audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March, 1931, and the accounts of Galon's Charity.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd April 1932

The annual meeting of the Parish Council, which was held after the Parish Meeting on Monday, was attended by all the members, except one. There were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, C. H. Parish and Mr. C. Dean, respectively. Arising out of the minutes the clerk reported that nothing further had been heard from the County Council respecting the proposed memorial site near the church. The accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1932, which had not yet been before the Government auditor, were read and approved, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the tender of Mr. Prime Godfrey – the only tender received – for the collection of unburnable rubbish in April and October this year at £3 10s. each collection. Messrs. C. Dean and J. Linford were appointed a committee to inspect the roof of the fire engine house, and to have the necessary repairs carried out, or, if

likely to be expensive, to report to the Council. On the proposition of Mr. C. Savage, seconded by Mr. F. Hephher, it was decided that a notice board be placed on the recreation ground inscribed: "No vehicles are allowed on this Recreation Ground except by permission of the Parish Council." Permission was given for a van to be drawn on the Recreation Ground on the occasion of the Hospital Parade on Feast Sunday.

DEATH OF MR. T. METCALFE. 22nd April 1932

It was with sincere regret that the people of Swavesey received the news on Saturday that Mr. Thomas Metcalfe had passed away that morning at the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. Mortlock, in Cambridge. Born 66 years ago, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metcalfe, he was a member of an old Swavesey family. For some years he carried on the business of tailor in the village, and in February, 1898, was appointed Sub-Postmaster, in succession to the late Mr. John Rogers, and he held the appointment until he retired on 30th April, 1926, after 28 years' service. Some time ago he slipped on some frozen snow outside his house in High-street, and in falling fractured his thigh. From this injury he never recovered. After a time, owing to the illness of his wife, he was removed to his sister's house in Cambridge. The funeral took place at Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch), the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, and the choir. During the service the hymns "Jesus lives! No longer now" and "Christ will gather in His own" were sung, Mr. G. H. Skeeles presiding at the organ, and the Nunc Dimittis was chanted as the mourners left for the grave in the churchyard. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey said the committal prayers. The principal mourners were: Mrs. J. Mortlock (sister), Mr. Dennis Metcalfe, Whittlesford, Mr. S. J. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spolton, Mr. B. Hodson (cousins). Mrs. Metcalfe (widow), and Messrs. William and Joseph Metcalfe (brothers) were unable to attend, owing to illness.

SWAVESEY STACK FIRES. 22nd April 1932

Sunday Morning Blaze.

During the early hours of Sunday morning six stacks of hay, clover or lucerne, and also a partly cut stack, in separate fields on either side of Scotland Drove, Swavesey, were destroyed by fire.

Scotland Drove runs from the main Cambridge-Huntingdon road to Rose and Crown-lane, a road leading from Boxworth-end, Swavesey, to Fen Drayton.

Starting from the Rose and Crown-lane end of the drove, the following stacks were destroyed: Left-hand side – two stacks, containing about 22 tons, belonging to Mr. Bert Hodson, of Swavesey. Then missing a field, a stack

belonging to Mr. Ezra Day, of Swavesey, and in a field nearer the main road a stack and part of another belonging to Mr. Harold Dodson, of Swavesey. On the right-hand side of the drove two stacks, the property of Mr. Christopher Britton, of Hilton. A stack of hay, belonging to Mr. Walter Johnson, of Friesland Farm, Huntingdon-road, in an adjoining field, was not touched.

The blaze lit up the neighbourhood, the stacks burning fiercely, despite the large amount of rain which had fallen on Saturday.

The police were quickly on the scene and continued active throughout Sunday. Those present included Supt. Allen, Sergt. Keep, P.C. Bell (Boxworth) and P.C. Draper (Swavesey).

MAN IN COURT.

An occasional court was held at the Cambs. Police Station on Monday, before Mr. H. F. Cook, when J. K., 1 Council Houses, School-lane, Swavesey, was charged with maliciously setting fire to a stack of hay, the property of Bert Hodson, at Swavesey, on April 17th.

Supt. Allen stated that he received information of stack fires at Swavesey, and on visiting the scene saw six stacks on fire. He returned to the County Police Station, where prisoner was in custody.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL 29th April 1932

Rate for Ensuing Half-Year.

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council was held at St. Ives on Friday. There were present: Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington, A. Day, F. Stanton, R. Mailer, H. Norman, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

Mr. Frohock was re-elected chairman, a position he has held since the inception of the Council, and Mr. Kirby was re-appointed vice-chairman.

THE RATE.

The Rating Officer (Mr. B. Mason) presented the rate for the ensuing half-year. He said the actual net amount in the £ would be higher this year, but in the next half-year it might be possible to make a reduction. These reductions, however, were very difficult to make, because they did not know quite what was coming along. Last year the Council had to spend £100 on the maintenance of patients in the Isolation Hospital.

The seal of the Council was affixed to the rates as follows: Boxworth, Conington and Lolworth 4s. 8d., Fen Drayton 4s. 7d., Swavesey, 4s. 9d., Over 4s. 11d.

Mr. Kirby observed that in five parishes there was a charge of half-a-crown for the insurance of parish constables, and in five other parishes there was a charge of 9s. 6d. He wondered why Lolworth was omitted.

The Rating Officer said there never had been a parish constable appointed for Lolworth.

Mr. Kirby: What is the 9s. 6d. for in respect to the other parishes?

The Rating Officer: For court fees.

RAIN THROUGH THE ROOF.

Mr. Norman asked if there had been complaints at Swavesey about rain getting into the houses at the Boxworth end of the village.

The Chairman said complaints had been made.

Mr. Kirby said there was no doubt that the roofs of the houses were not linked over enough. If the trouble caused by the rain got very serious the houses would have to be re-roofed.

The matter was left in the hands of the Swavesey representatives to investigate.

HELPING ADDENBROOKE'S. 29th April 1932

The collection of eggs made recently in the village by members of the Women's Institute resulted in 1342 being sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Mr. G. E. Canham kindly conveyed them to Cambridge.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 29th April 1932

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of the Women's Unionist Association was held at The Priory on April 20th. There was a fair attendance. The following were elected officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Banks; chairman, Mrs. Cain; secretaries, Miss Beaumont and Miss Paine; treasurer, Mrs. Cain; committee, Miss Banks, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Pettitt, Mrs. Prior, and Mrs. W. Thorp. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £2 5s. 10d. Miss Sperling (County Organising Secretary) gave an instructive address on current politics, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 29th April 1932

A successful social was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the Football Club. The attendance was good, and the excellent programme arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher was well carried out. Songs were sung by Miss Ingle (Over), Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, and Mr. Anderson. Master George Laverack played violin solos, and Mrs. Laverack gave a recitation. The music for dancing was provided by Mrs. Budge (piano), Messrs. J. Sutton and Anderson (violins), and Mr. H. Unwin (drums). Mrs. E. Mitham, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Turner were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. C. S. Hepher officiated as M.C. At the close of an enjoyable evening Mr. A.

Hepher, on behalf of the club, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had so kindly helped to make the social such a success. The gross receipts amounted to £5 7s. 4d.

WEDDING. 29th April 1932

The marriage of Miss Grace Linford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Linford, and Mr. Arthur Bullen, of Over, took place at the parish church on Saturday, the vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a pretty dress of shell pink crepe suede, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of lilies and pale pink carnations. She was attended by her niece, Miss Joan E. Wright, who wore a dress of red silk with head-dress of gold leaves, and carried a bouquet of red and cream carnations. Mr. Steward Hilton Johnson (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man. A reception was held after the ceremony at the bride's home, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in London. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a handsome cheque from Dr. and Mrs. Bowen, of Cambridge.

STACK FIRING CHARGES. 29th April 1932

Sequel to Sunday Outbreaks.

CAMBRIDGE COURT STORY.

Four charges of maliciously setting fire to stacks at Swavesey on April 17th were preferred at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday. It was stated that six stacks, to the total value of £234, were destroyed on that date.

Prisoner was J. K., of School-lane, Swavesey, and he was defended by Mr. M. C. Henderson (Messrs. Taylors, Garrard and Henderson).

The first witness was George Sapsford, of Comberton, a Fellow of the Institute of Highway Engineers, and at present improvement surveyor to the Cambridge County Council. He said that on April 22nd he went with P.S. Keep to Scotland-drove, Swavesey, and saw the burnt residue of six stacks. Witness gave details of the location of the stacks, and put in an ordnance map.

In reply to Mr. Henderson he said he would consider the green part of Scotland-drove atrocious for cycling.

Re-examined by Supt. Allen, he said he would expect to find a bicycle filthy if it were pushed down the wet part of the drove.

Harold Dodson, of King-street, Over, a milkman, said his father was the owner of a hay stack in Scotland-drove, Swavesey, valued at about £40.

Evidence of the value and position of the other stacks was given by Ezra Day, Dairy Farm, Swavesey; Frederick Askew, Buckhurst Hill, Essex; and Bert Hodson, of Market-street, Swavesey.

James William Scott, of 74, Humberstone-road, Cambridge, a photographer, produced photographs of a left boot and of casts of boot prints, which were also shown in Court.

“SAW FLAMES.”

P.C. Draper said that on the night of April 16th he was on duty at Swavesey. At 11.45 p.m. he was at the New Inn, and from there went to the school, next door to which prisoner lived, and to the memorial. He did not meet anybody. He returned later, the same way, and had got as far as the Ramper-road turning when he received information, in consequence of which he cycled down Rose and Crown-lane towards Fen Drayton. He saw flames on the left, which afterwards proved to be down Scotland Drove.

Just before reaching Scotland Drove, however, he noticed a bicycle being ridden towards him without a light. When the cycle got nearer witness recognised the rider as the prisoner. Witness shouted to him to stop, but the prisoner merely said “Good night, sir,” and rode on. Witness turned round, rode after prisoner, and caught him up in about 150 paces.

“When I got to the side of him,” said the witness, “we both got off. By now the fires were showing plainly, and he must have seen them. I said ‘You can’t do this, where is your light?’ He said, ‘I am sorry; I know it is a poor light..’

“I told him I should report him, and he said ‘All right, mister.’ It was 12 55 a.m. at that time, and prisoner, who smelt of drink, seemed slightly intoxicated. I noticed that his bicycle was very muddy and that the prisoner’s hands were very muddy. His jacket and trousers also had wet mud on them, and his boots were wet and muddy.”

“CAME OFF HIS BIKE.”

Witness added that when asked where he got the mud from, prisoner replied: “I came off my bike. I often do when I have had a pint or two.” Witness asked, “Do you know anything of this lot?” and pointed to the fires. Prisoner said “No, I have just come from Fen Drayton.”

Witness went on to say that when asked where he had been, prisoner replied “Round about, and at St. Ives.” He (prisoner) said he had not passed anyone going the other way (towards Fen Drayton). He had just come out to meet his folks, who had been to a dance at Fen Drayton, and was just having a ride round. He was going to call at his poor old mother’s.

Prisoner then said, “I’ll be getting home now,” but witness said “Don’t go yet. The sergeant will soon be here, and he may want to see you.” About that time, 1 a.m., P.C. Bell arrived, and asked what was the matter.

P.C. Bell then said, “Do you know anything of that?” (pointing to the fire). Prisoner replied, “No, I don’t, I was just having a ride round, like I often do at nights.” Prisoner then turned to witness and said, “You often see me at nights,

don't you?" Witness replied "Yes, between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., but you always have your dog. Where is it to-night?" Prisoner said he had not brought it with him.

P.C. Bell asked where prisoner had been, and prisoner answered, "I have been to Cambridge." Witness remarked that prisoner had told him St. Ives.

AFTERNOON'S EVIDENCE.

Continuing his evidence in the afternoon, P.C. Draper stated that P.C. Bell asked prisoner if he would make a statement as to his movements that night. Prisoner replied: "I am making no ----- statement. I have a perfect right to be on the King's highway, and you have no ----- right to stop me. I am going home."

Witness added that he put his bike down and stepped in front of prisoner, saying: "You will wait a little bit longer; the sergeant will soon be here." Prisoner declared he was going home, saying he was not frightened of the ---- police force, and would fight any man on it. Prisoner turned to P.C. Bell and said, "You are a cunning -----, you are. You are one of Brooks' ----- pals."

Prisoner also said to witness: "As for you, Draper, you are a ----- fool, a half-brained -----, to accuse me of this, you having to live in this village too."

MATCHES FOUND ON PRISONER.

After further conversation, at about 1. 45 a.m., Sergt. Keep arrived, and questioned prisoner as to whether he had any matches. Prisoner handed over a box, after which he was taken to the Police Headquarters. There he was searched, and on him was found another box of matches, muddy, and containing two matches. One of those matches had wet mud on it.

When cautioned and charged with the offence, prisoner made the statement: "I have nothing to say whatever, and know nothing about them (the fires)."

The time then was 3. 32 a.m. – winter time.

Prisoner was wearing a black felt hat, and there were seven grass seeds adhering to it. There was wet mud at the back of prisoner's boots, which were studded with Blakeys of two sizes, four rows to the sole of each boot.

Witness stated that he went back with Sergt. Keep to Swavesey and took possession of prisoner's bicycle, which had been left in a yard. Witness examined the machine and the lamp, and found mud and grass in the front forks, mudguard and frame. There was some oil in the lamp.

Witness later went with P.S. Keep and P.C. Bell to Scotland Drove, and noticed footprints similar to prisoner's, leading from Huntingdon-road to the fields where the fires were, and in the gateways leading to the fields. There were also tyre marks similar to those of the prisoners' bicycle.

"TOOK FOOTPRINTS."

“On 17th and 18th,” continued witness, “I went with Supt. Allen, Sergeant Keep, and P.C. Bell, and on the 19th, with Supt. Allen and Sergt. Keep, and assisted in taking impressions of the footprints in the fields and gateways where the fires were. They also took impressions of the cycle tyre marks, which could be traced practically continuously from the Huntingdon-road end of the drove to the Rose and Crown-lane and the other end. Near Rose and Crown-lane the tyre track of the bicycle turned towards Swavesey – the direction in which witness had stopped prisoner.

Further replying to Supt. Allen, witness said in some places there were boot prints near the tyre marks.

The zig-zag boot studs on prisoner’s right boot were similar to the marks near the cycle tyre marks.

Witness stated that at headquarters prisoner told them he did not smoke during the day, but chewed tobacco, and liked to smoke late at night in bed.

At this point the Chairman announced that the magistrates had heard sufficient evidence to justify a remand for a week.

Prisoner was accordingly remanded in custody until next Saturday.

CAMBS. LABOURER FOR TRIAL. 6th May 1932

Sequel to Stack Fires.

LENGTHY HEARING.

Story of Footprints in a Drove.

J. K., of School-lane, Swavesey, was committed for trial at the Assizes by the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday, after an adjourned hearing lasting about 5½ hours. He was charged with four offences of arson.

Mr. M. C. Henderson (Messrs. Taylors, Garrard and Henderson) appeared for the prisoner.

STUDED BOOTS.

John Brown, 12, Aylestone-road, Cambridge, manager of Messrs. Freeman, Hardy and Willis, Market-hill, Cambridge, said that on April 26th he was shown a pair of boots (produced), and they were Army boots, known to the trade as the “B 5.” When bought they were bradded, and witness would say that, from their present condition, they were worn from three to six months before the large studs were added. In his opinion the large studs were put in by a boot repairer.

Some of those studs fell out, owing to the condition of the soles, and were replaced by very much smaller studs, put in by an absolute novice. Considering the irregularities of the studs and their different size, it would be impossible to find another pair of boots studded in the same manner.

Witness stated that he had compared the photographs of the boot and boot prints (produced), and was certain they were exact copies of the sole and studs of the left boot.

P.C. DRAPER CROSS-EXAMINED.

Following the evidence of this witness, Mr. Henderson commenced his cross-examining of P.C. Draper, which was deferred from last week.

He stated, in answer to the first question, that when he first saw prisoner, he (prisoner) was 350 yards away from nearest burning stack.

In reply to further questions, witness said he did not know that prisoner had a stack in his own field, and had never seen prisoner in his own field.

FOOTPRINTS COVERED WITH TWIGS.

Witness first saw the footprints in Scotland Drove at about 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. To his knowledge, nobody else had been along the drove at that time, and the footprints he had seen were the only ones there at the time. He took the footprints on Monday and Tuesday morning, having covered them with twigs to preserve them.

Questioned about his conversation with prisoner, witness said prisoner did not tell him he had been to Cambridge, or that he had been to his field.

Re-examined by Supt. Allen, witness said that if prisoner had cycled home as he had said he would have passed witness. But he did not do so. Witness had no light when he met prisoner, having turned it out on entering Rose and Crown-lane.

When the Court resumed after the lunch adjournment, P.C. Bell went into the box to give evidence. At 11.35 p.m. on April 16th, he said he was cycling on duty on the Huntingdon-road towards the King William IV. When, near Cat's Hole Drift, he met the prisoner cycling towards the New Inn. Prisoner had an oil lamp on his bicycle which gave a dim light. Witness looked round to see whether prisoner would turn towards Swavesey, but owing to the darkness and the rain witness could not see.

"I proceeded to the King William IV.," continued witness, "and left that place at 12.35 a.m., going towards the New Inn. At the end of the Lolworth Plantation, I noticed a fire to the right of Fen Drayton. I rode as fast as I could, and then, when at Soldier's Drift, I noticed a second fire in the same direction. When at the New Inn I saw the third fire a little farther away. I cycled down to Swavesey, turned down Rose and Crown-lane, where I saw P.C. Draper standing with the prisoner.

"P.C. Draper said, 'I have just stopped this man for riding a bicycle without a light.' I asked prisoner where he had been, and he replied 'I have been to Cambridge.' P.C. Draper said, 'You told me St. Ives.' I asked the prisoner what time he left Cambridge, and he said, 'When the pubs shut.' I asked

where he had been since then, and he replied, 'Home, but there was no one at home, so I went to Fen Drayton to a dance to meet my wife and children.

"NO THIRD DEGREE."

"I asked him which way he had come back from Fen Drayton, and he said, I did not go any farther than the Plough corner." Witness added that he asked prisoner if he knew anything about the fires, and prisoner replied, 'No.' Prisoner also declared that he had not been up Scotland Drove, saying, "If I had I should not ----- well tell you, and you have no right to ask me that question under the third degree.

Witness told prisoner it was his (witness's) duty to question any person or persons that he met on the road near a fire.

P.C. Bell gave further evidence of the conversation between prisoner, P.C. Draper and himself, and of Sergt. Keep's arrival. When the sergeant came, witness fetched a car, and prisoner was conveyed to the County Police Station. Witness went back to the scene of the fire and waited for P.S. Keep and P.C. Draper.

They searched the drove for footprints, which they found from one end to the other. There was also the mark of a bicycle tyre on the left-hand side of the drove as far as the first fire; there the marks crossed over the gateway entrance, into the field where the first fire was. There was a mark on the grass where a bicycle had been lying, and footprints over the gate to the first fire, and also to the second fire, which was in the adjoining field.

"FOOTPRINTS FROM FIRE TO FIRE."

Footprints could be traced from the second fire to the next fire, and on the opposite side of the drove were the prints of bicycle tyres, where it had been leaning against a gate. They traced the same prints of a cycle tyre as far as Rose and Crown-lane. On the 17th and 18th casts of the footprints and the tyre marks were taken.

Replying to Supt. Allen, witness said the footprints and tyre marks were all fresh, and there were no other marks down the drove. He noticed there was some irregularity in the stud marks in the right foot print, and also in the right boot (produced). There were three zig-zag marks in the print and in the studs of the boot. In the left footprint there was the mark of large and small studs alternately, and there was a similar irregularity in the left boot (produced).

When witness first saw prisoner, he smelt strongly of drink, but was not actually drunk.

"HEARD SOMEONE SHOUTING."

P.S. Keep was the next witness. He spoke to going to Swavesey after receiving certain information. In Rose and Crown-lane he heard someone shouting, and recognised the voice as that of the prisoner. There then followed

the conversation described by the other police witness. Witness added that he noticed prisoner's clothing, boots and bicycle were very muddy, and when asked the reason for that, prisoner replied that he had fallen off his bicycle two or three times.

After further talk witness said to prisoner, "I suspect you of firing those stacks, and shall detain you on suspicion." Prisoner said, "On suspicion?" and witness answered, "Yes, at present." When told he would have to go to the police station, prisoner said he would not come, and would fight all the ----- police force. He continued to threaten to fight them, and near the Swavesey main road said: "I am going to take my bicycle to my people." He was told that he could not do that, and that the police would look after his bicycle. Prisoner then said: "I am going to take the bike to my mother's house."

Prisoner was permitted to do that, but when he called out to his sister to open the door she called out, "No, don't you know you have nearly killed your mother now?" Prisoner was then taken to the police station, where he was searched, cautioned, and charged. He was found to have another box of matches containing two matches, one of which had wet mud on it. The inside of the box also had wet mud on it, and the prisoner's boots (produced) had a lot of mud on the back.

There were a number of hay seeds in prisoner's hat, another witness found wet mud and grass sticking to prisoner's bicycle.

Percival James Watts, Sycamore Farm, Over, an insurance inspector, stated that he was at a social at Fen Drayton on April 16th, and left at about midnight in his car. He returned homewards, and by the junction of School-lane and Rose and Crown-lane stopped his car. Shortly afterwards he noticed a fire, apparently in Scotland Drove.

He watched the fire for several minutes and then noticed another fire. That was at about 12.40 a.m., and he then drove down to Boxworth End, Swavesey, passing nobody on the road. Later, he saw P.C. Draper and received a communication from him, as a result of which he (witness) informed Sergt. Keep.

WHAT THE CYCLIST SAW.

Arthur Reginald Bullen, King-street, Over, clerk, said that after leaving the social at Fen Drayton at about 12.10 a.m., he cycled as far as Swavesey. He reached Swavesey School at about 12.35 a.m., and did not meet or overtake any pedal cyclist or pedestrian between Fen Drayton and Swavesey School. Near St. John's Farm, however, a car overtook him and stopped to pick up some people, but it passed him again in School-lane.

Near to the junction of Rose and Crown-lane and School-lane he saw another car, stationary.

Arthur William Benjamin Adams, a smallholder, of Fen End, Over, said he attended a social at St. Ives on April 16th and returned home through Fen Drayton. On reaching St. John's College Farm he stopped to give a lift to some ladies he knew who were walking by the side of the road. They were Mrs. Kester (wife of the prisoner), her two daughters, and Mrs. Oakman. Witness drove as far as prisoner's house, arriving at about 12.20 a.m., where the ladies all got out of the car.

Witness declared that he did not see the prisoner on the road that night.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Henderson said that prisoner did not desire to give evidence or to call any witnesses, and prisoner was committed for trial at the next Assizes for the county. Mr. Henderson said the plea was not guilty, and prisoner reserved his defence.

Prisoner made application for bail, and this was granted in his own recognisance of £50 and two sureties of £50 each.

He was, however, unable to find the sureties, and was remanded in custody.

DANCE. 13th May 1932

There was a very large attendance at the dance arranged by the committee of management, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The Nibs' Dance Band provided an excellent selection of music, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The proceeds were in aid of the Hall Fund.

THE FEAST. 13th May 1932

The annual village feast has been celebrated this week, and has attracted large numbers of visitors, particularly on Sunday, when the parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital took place, and on Tuesday evening. On Sunday the services at the parish church were: Holy Communion 6.45 and 8 a.m., Mattins and sermon 10.30 a.m., and evensong 6.30 p.m., when the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Edwyn A. Clare) and Elvey's anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord." All of the services were well attended, especially that in the evening. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Market-street was occupied by stalls, Manning's roundabout, swinging boats, etc. Three cricket matches were arranged to be played on Manor Field. Swavesey defeated a March and Whitemoor eleven on Monday by 52 runs to 14. On Tuesday the match between Swavesey and Over for the Swavesey Hospital Challenge Cup took place, and was won by Swavesey by one run. Scores: Swavesey 29, Over 28. A charge of 3d. was made for this match, the sum realised £2 9s. 8d., being added to the amount collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital at the parade on Sunday. On Wednesday, when Boxworth were the visitors, the match had to

be abandoned owing to rain. Other festivities included a dance in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the latter under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion.

SWAVESEY HOSPITAL PARADE. 13th May 1932

A vigorous reply to the allegations of "poaching" made against Addenbrooke's Hospital came from the Secretary-Superintendent (Mr. W. H. Head) on Sunday afternoon, when he addressed a meeting at the Swavesey Hospital Parade.

Considerable interest was shown in the event, and a good crowd followed the procession from Boxworth End into the village. On the green several hundreds more assembled for the meeting. Headed by members of the committee, and heralded by the Somersham town band, the procession marched through the village, the collectors working busily the whole time.

The procession consisted of members of the British Legion, Women's Institute, Girls' Brigade, National Deposit F.S., Parish Council, the cricket and football clubs, the Sunday Schools and a decorated nursing waggon.

Short halts were made at the Longstanton turn, the recreation ground, the Memorial Hall and Market-street.

THE MEETING.

At the meeting on the recreation ground the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. O. Finch) presided, and was supported by Mr. W. H. Head, Mr. J. Prior, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. R. Mailer and others.

In introducing Mr. Head, the chairman said he heard that there were some, particularly the young people, who were getting behind with their 2d. a week contribution. Both from the commonsense and the charitable point of view he would urge them to keep up their contributions week by week.

Mr. Head opened his remarks by thanking the committee for holding that parade, and by expressing the hope that other villages which had not yet made up their minds to have a parade this year, would emulate Swavesey's example and carry on as usual. If the hospital had to depend only on weekly contributions the weekly rate would have to be 4d. instead of 2d., and he therefore appealed to all who organised entertainments for the hospital to continue to do so.

NOT CONFINED TO CAMBS.

Mentioning that part of last year's deficiency in maintenance had been paid off by nearly £3,000 in legacies, he pointed out that they could not depend on legacies, and they must get the money from people in the surrounding districts. He recalled that the hospital was not confined to this county only, because the

Act of Parliament decreed that it should take patients from any town or county in England.

They tried to get money from the surrounding district which used the hospital, and because of that the hospital had been accused of "poaching." "The fact is," he declared, "that we are trying to get money from places outside Cambridge from which patients are sent to the hospital, I have never heard of adjoining hospitals grumble at our taking in patients; I cannot see why the people of Cambridge and Cambridgeshire should pay for hospital treatment for patients from other counties. All parts use the hospital and I think all parts should give towards it."

STILL WANT HELP.

Alluding again to the £800 deficiency of last year, which had to be wiped out by drawing on the capital, he stressed the fact that the hospital still wanted help, despite the fact that the contributory scheme was going so well.

Paying a tribute to the Workers' Hospital Fund, he said the hospital would have been in "Queer-street" but for their help. Partly owing to the contributory scheme, and partly to the Building Fund the receipts from Hospital Sundays fell by £1,267. They were all the more grateful, therefore, to the Workers' Hospital Fund, which had paid in £2,267 more than the previous year.

Mr. Head spoke briefly of the Building Fund, and said that the work on the extensions is going on apace. The big X-ray department, provided for by an extra anonymous donation of £5,000 is being built and the new block for the children's ward is to be opened by the Duke and Duchess of York in July. The quarters for the servants and nurses are also being extended as, when the other extensions are completed, there will be 315 beds, instead of just over 200.

Mr. J. Prior, who also addressed the meeting, referred to Swavesey's raising of £200 in under 12 months, and mentioned that not one per cent. had fallen out of the contributory scheme once it commenced.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 20th May 1932

By the sale of flags in the Swavesey district on Thursday week £15 10s. was raised for the British Red Cross Society.

HOSPITAL PARADE. 20th May 1932

The net amount realised by the parade on Feast Sunday and the cricket match on Tuesday was £26 11s., and this sum has been duly forwarded to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The committee who carried out the arrangements consisted of Rev. C. E. O. Finch (chairman), Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher,

Messrs. Pontefract, H. H. Berryman, C. Savage, P. Banks, F. Prior, F. Hepher, A. W. Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, J. Prior, Miss Banks, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss E. Dodson (treasurer), and Mr. H. W. Whitehead (hon. secretary). Last year's effort resulted in £65 18s. being raised for the Hospital.

BRITISH LEGION. 20th May 1932

For the social and dance on Thursday week the Memorial Hall was packed, thus proving the great popularity of these social events run by the Swavesey branch of the British Legion. A good programme of dancing was arranged, interspersed with songs and monologues. Those taking part in the vocal half of the evening's entertainment were Mesdames Hind and H. Bishop; the Three Bobs; Messrs. James Prior, H. Topham, H. Cole and P. Lee. The music for dancing was provided by Mrs. Budge (piano), Mrs. H. Bishop (banjolele), Messrs. Joe Sutton and A. Anderson (violins) and H. Unwin (jazz set). The draw took place at the interval, the prizes being very widely distributed. The proceeds were: Draw £14, social £7, making a total of £21 to be allocated to the club fund. At the conclusion all present, including those who so kindly helped to make the evening such a success by providing the programme and the refreshments, were warmly thanked by the M.C., Mr. Lee, for their support.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 27th May 1932

The following amounts were collected for the Red Cross Society on Flag Day in the villages in the Swavesey district: Willingham £4 4s. 9d., Swavesey £3 1s. 5½d., Over £3 0s. 5d., Longstanton £2; Fen Drayton £1 1s. 3½d., Boxworth 19s., Lolworth 15s. 8d., Conington 7s. 5d.; total £15 10s.

PROPERTY SALE. 27th May 1932

The brick-built and slatted freehold dwelling house in High-street, occupied and owned by the late Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, which was offered by auction, by direction of the executors, by Messrs. Catling and Son, at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening, was bought by Messrs. Hepher Bros. for £240. Messrs. A. A. Walker and Co., Cambridge, were the vendors' solicitors.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 27th May 1932

Good congregations attended the anniversary services which were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week, friends being present from Cambridge, Oakington, Longstanton, St. Ives, Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Chatteris and Barford, Beds. Mr. Seth Pack, of

Tunbridge Wells, was the special preacher. The public tea between the services was also well attended.

PARISH COUNCIL DEFIED. 27th May 1932

Our local correspondent writes: Notwithstanding the publicity which has recently been given to the by-law prohibiting wheeled vehicles on the Recreation Ground, a motor car and a motor cycle combination were parked there while cricket practice was in progress last Friday evening, and at the close of play the motor cycle and sidecar, carrying, in addition to the driver, three or four young men, was driven at racing pace round the green. A parish councillor, who was passing by, reminded the young men that wheeled vehicles were not allowed on the green, but was met with the retort that the notice board which the Parish Council had recently ordered to be put up had not been erected, and, further, that the Church Army van had been permitted to stand there. The young men, however, overlooked the fact that the Church Army van was drawn on the green in ignorance of the by-law, and that the Council, in the special circumstances gave permission for it to remain for a few days.

SWAVESEY WATER WASTAGE. 27th May 1932

Farmers Blamed for Heavy Increase.

The enormous increase in the quantities of water supplied to the Swavesey rural district during the past quarter was the subject of a discussion at the meeting of the District Council at St. Ives on Friday. The members present were Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), F. Kirby, W. I. Hemington, A. Day, J. Scambler, R. Mailer, F. Stanton and R. Norman.

The question of the water supply arose on a letter from the Accounting Office with reference to the East Hunts. Water Company's account for the quarter ended March 31st. A total of 1,603,000 gallons of water were used at a cost to the Council of £80 3s. The company's accounts for the corresponding period last year was less. The Accounting Officer stated that he understood the increase to be due to loss of water through the bursting of a main.

“SOMEONE WASTING WATER.”

The Water Rate Collector (Mr. E. Bullen) said there was a burst in the main on Easter Monday, but he understood from Mr. Chevill, the engineer, that the loss of water was not great. The actual loss was, however, a large one, because the account was £32 more than the amount which he collected for water. Someone in the village was wasting water. Some of the farmers in Swavesey must apparently leave the water taps running for weeks on end.

The Chairman: And they don't pay for it.

The Collector: Some people are grumbling about the farmers. They think they are paying for the farmers' water, and you can't wonder at it. The cottagers have no reason to waste the water. They think it is the farmers.

Mr. Mailer: Why should the farmers have cause to waste the water?

The Collector said they did it by leaving the taps running. He thought some sort of notice ought to be given to show people the extent of the increase. Over half a million gallons of water had been wasted.

The Council agreed to put up notices in the village calling attention to the wastage of water, in the hope that this would remedy matters.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

The Medical Officers' report for the district for 1931 showed a total of 33 births, this being a rate of 13.7 as compared with a rate of 15.8 for England and Wales. There were 34 deaths, a rate of 14.1. The same rate for the whole country was 12.3. The population of the district was 2,405.

Dr. W. R. Grove, speaking on the report, said for the past six years the death and birth rate had been practically the same, which, of course, meant that the birth rate was not increasing. The great majority of the young men went into the towns, and the population was maintained by the immigration of older people.

The report was adopted, with thanks to Dr. Grove.

“PARISH COUNCIL DEFIED.” 3rd June 1932

“L.D.” writes: With reference to the paragraph under the above heading in the Swavesey news last week, I would like to draw your local correspondent's attention to the fact that the Parish Councillor who reminded the young men of the by-law prohibiting wheeled vehicles on the Recreation ground, rode up to the offenders himself on a wheeled vehicle on the evening of May 20th. How can the Council expect the young men to obey the by-law if a councillor himself breaks it?

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd June 1932

The 92nd anniversary of the founding of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday in last week, the special preacher in the afternoon and evening being the Rev. J. Wilson, D.D., of Woolwich Tabernacle, who also gave a short address on the Discipleship Campaign at the public tea between the services. The excellent congregations at both services included many friends from all parts of the surrounding district. The financial result of the anniversary was also satisfactory.

WEDDING. 3rd June 1932

The Ven. Dr. Knowles (Archdeacon of Huntingdon) and the Rev. F. H. George, R.D. (rector of Brampton, Hunts.) officiated at the marriage of Mr. Albert John Daintree, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Daintree, of Swavesey, and Miss Kathleen Mary Markell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Markell, which took place at Brampton parish church yesterday. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of ivory satin, with veil and wreath of orange blossom. She was attended by Miss G. Williams, who was attired in rose beige crepe de chine, with a golden headdress. Mr. Tom Daintree (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held in the small schoolroom.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd June 1932

A successful and well attended social and dance, arranged by the local branch of the British Legion, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The programme consisted of dances and songs, the following providing the vocal items: Mrs. Budge, "Home"; Mrs. R. Bishop, "You" and "Somebody loves you"; the Misses Lee, "Daisy bell"; Mr. Topham, "Apple Dumpling"; Mr. H. Cole, "When we went to School together"; and Mr. Lee, "In the twi-twi-twilight" and "Come and cuddle me." The music for dancing was supplied by Mrs. Budge (piano), Messrs. Sutton and Anderson (violins) and Mr. Harry Unwin and friend (jazz set).

PENAL SERVITUDE FOR ARSON. 3rd June 1932

Swavesey Man Sentenced.

CAMBS. ASSIZE STORY.

Police Evidence of Career.

Sentence of three years' penal servitude was passed on J. K., of Swavesey, by Mr. Justice Roche at the Cambs. Assizes on Friday. He was charged with setting fire to two stacks of hay, value £100, the property of Frederick William Askew; two stacks of hay, value £40, the property of Bert Hodson; a stack of hay to the value of £50, the property of Ezra Day; and a stack of hay to the value of £40, the property of John Dodson, at Swavesey, on April 17th.

Mr. Gerald Howard (instructed by Messrs. S. J. and S. T. Miller) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Grafton Pryor (instructed by Messrs. Taylors, Garrard and Henderson) for the defence.

Kester pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Case for the Prosecution.

Details of the various stacks were given by Harold Dodson, of King-street, Over; Ezra Day, of Dairy Farm, Swavesey; Frederick William Askew, of Buskhurst Hill, Essex; and Bert Hodson, Market-street, Swavesey.

CONSTABLE'S STORY.

P.C. Draper, stationed at Swavesey, said that at 11.45 on the night of the 16th he was on duty in uniform at the New Inn. He had his bicycle and went from there to the Swavesey Memorial Hall past the school. He reached the Hall about 20 past 12. He waited there, and on the way back met Mr. Watts, who was in a car.

As a result of what he said, witness went in the direction of the fires. He turned his lamp out as he entered Rose and Crown-lane. While going along there he saw the flames on the left, and before reaching Scotland-drove he met prisoner.

Prisoner was cycling towards him without a light on his bicycle. Witness shouted to him, "Where's your light? Stop." Prisoner cycled on, so he rode after him and caught him up.

Mr. Howard: At that time, was it easy to see those flames or not? – Yes, sir. You could see them plainly.

Witness said: "You can't do this. Where's your light?" and prisoner replied, "I'm sorry. I know it is a poor light." When told he would be reported, prisoner said; "All right, mister." Prisoner was very muddy and smelt of drink. His hands were covered with mud, and his jacket and trousers also had wet mud on them. The bicycle was also very muddy. Witness said: "You are in a mess; where did you get that lot from?" and prisoner replied, "I came off my bike. I often do when I've had a pint or two."

Pointing to the fires witness said: "Do you know anything about that lot?" and prisoner answered: "No. I've just ridden from Fen Drayton." When asked where he had been that night, prisoner said: "Oh, round about and at St. Ives." Witness then asked, "Did you pass anyone going the other way?" to which prisoner replied, "No, I didn't. I have just been to Fen Drayton to meet my friends, who have been to a dance there."

"MY SERGEANT MAY WANT TO SEE YOU."

Prisoner was going to move away, when witness said: "Don't go yet; my sergeant will be here shortly and may want to see you." P.C. Bell then arrived and said: "Hello, what is the matter?" Witness told him that he had just stopped prisoner for riding without a light, and P.C. Bell said; "Do you know anything about those?" pointing to the fires. Prisoner said he had been having a ride round, and turning to witness, asked if he often saw him riding at night. Witness said he did, but between 10 and 11 o'clock, and he generally had his dog with him, although he had not got it that night. Asked by P.C. Bell if he would make a statement, prisoner said: "I'm making no statement. I've a perfect right to be on the King's ----- highway." He made to go home, but witness stood in front of him.

When Sergeant Keep arrived, prisoner gave him a box of matches. He was taken to the police station and searched, another box of matches being found. One of the matches in it was wet.

“I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM.”

When charged and cautioned, prisoner said: “I’ve nothing to say whatever,” and added, “only I know nothing about them.” Some seeds were found on the crown of his hat.

At 6 a.m. on the following day witness went to Scotland-drove and saw the track of a cycle and footmarks. The cycle track which was on the left side of the road, turned by the first stack into the gateway. Further on it turned again into the gateway by the second stack.

The Judge: Is there any track of a bicycle in any of these fields? – Only in the third fire.

Having left Askew’s stacks, the tracks went over the gate. It looked as though the bicycle had been rested on the inside. There were a few footprints and not many were discernable. The tracks went on into the main road, and turned in the direction of Swavesey.

On the 17th and the following day witness went with Supt. Allen and other officers to the drove and took impressions of the footprints. The surface of Scotland-drove was very muddy.

In answer to Mr. Pryor, he said K. was slightly intoxicated when he saw him. Though he was muddy he did not appear to have fallen off his cycle.

Mr. Pryor: Did he tell you he had taken some hay from a stack on his holding at Catshole-drove? – No, sir.

Is it a fact that at Catshole-drove he has some hay? – There is a small stack on his holding. I don’t know whether it belongs to him or not.

He is a man who often rides about at night? – I have often met him at 10 or 11 o’clock.

Often after 10? – Not often after 11.

At this point the court adjourned for lunch.

“CYCLING WITH A DIM LIGHT.”

When the court resumed after lunch, P.C. Herbert Bell, stationed at Boxworth, was the first witness. He stated that while cycling towards Cambridge, near Catshole-drove at about 11.35 p.m. on April 16th, he met prisoner. He (prisoner) was cycling towards Huntingdon and had a dim light. Witness could not say whether prisoner turned towards Swavesey by the New Inn.

After going as far as the King William IV. Inn witness started back, and shortly afterwards noticed a fire, and later two other fires, in the direction of Scotland-drove. Witness cycled as fast as he could towards Swavesey, and met prisoner with P.C. Draper. When asked where he had been, prisoner replied:

“At Cambridge.” Asked when he left, he said, “When the pubs shut.” Prisoner added, in further reference to his movements, that he went home after leaving Cambridge, but finding no one at home, went to Fen Drayton to meet his wife and children from a dance. Prisoner said he had gone no further then the Plough corner, and had not noticed the fires. He had not been up Scotland-drove.

In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Grafton Pryor, witness said he remained on duty in Scotland-drove from the time prisoner was taken to the police station to the next morning, and during that time no-body else came into the drove. When it was light he covered various footprints in the drove with twigs and sticks.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said the footprints led from the Huntingdon-road end towards Rose and Crown-lane.

P.S. Keep, stationed at Longstanton, was the next witness. He said he saw prisoner with P.C.’s Bell and Draper in Rose and Crown-lane. Prisoner told witness that he knew nothing about the fire, but had been to meet his folks from Fen Drayton. He said he did not meet them, but must have just missed them.

“COAT AND HANDS MUDDY.”

Mr. Howard: Did you notice anything about his appearance? – His coat, hat and hands were very muddy. When I asked how they got muddy he said he had fallen off his bicycle.

Witness asked prisoner if he had any matches, and he produced a box, which was somewhat muddy.

“After a conversation with P.C. Draper,” said witness, “I said to prisoner, ‘I suspect you of firing those stacks, and I shall detain you on suspicion.’ I told him he would have to come with me to the police station.”

Prisoner was taken to the police station and when searched was found to have another matchbox, containing two matches in his possession. One of those matches was covered with mud.

FOOTPRINTS IN SCOTLAND DROVE.

Witness went on to give details of the footprints and the cycle tyre track in Scotland Drove. The footprints, he said, went into the field where Mr. Day’s stack was situated, and also where Mr. Dodson’s stack was. The cycle appeared to have been rested against the gate of Mr. Day’s field. The cycle track continued down to Mr. Askew’s stacks, and by the track were similar footprints to those in the first fields.

The track and footprints went down to Mr. Hodson’s stacks, where there were marks showing that a bicycle had rested against the inside of the gate. After

that the cycle tracks could be traced to the end of the drove, where they turned right to Swavesey.

Witness added that on the three subsequent days casts were taken of the footprints and the tyre tracks.

His Lordship: Does the tyre mark correspond with those which would be made by the tyre on the bicycle, produced? – Yes, sir.

Witness then produced casts of footprints taken by the stacks.

In reply to further questions by Mr. Howard, witness said the footprints of which cast were taken were the only fresh set in the drove, and there were no other tyre marks.

Questioned by Mr. Pryor, witness said the grass was growing in all the fields. Two and a half days elapsed before the two casts were taken. During that time there had not been any rain, and the footprints had dried a great deal. He protected the footprints with bushes and anything he could find. The boots were of an ordinary type used by men of prisoner's position.

James William Scott, of 74, Humberstone-road, a photographer, spoke to going to the County Police Station and taking photographs of the casts and soles of the boots.

“IRREGULARITY OF THE STUDS.”

Evidence was then given by John Brown, manager for Messrs. Freeman, Hardy and Willis, who said the boots were Army boots. The large studs had been added since the boots were new. He did not think there was another pair of boots in the country like those, because of the irregularity of the studs. He had compared the cast and the sole of the left boot, and in his opinion they were identical.

Witness was questioned by Mr. Pryor, and one answer caused laughter from the public at the back of the court.

His Lordship remarked: “If there is so much noise there will be nobody in court. There seem to be a number of Cambridge people who do not know how to behave in a court of law.”

Arthur William Benjamin Adams, of Over, said he had been to St. Ives in his car, and came back by Fen Drayton and Swavesey. He left Fen Drayton about a quarter past 12, and picked up four ladies and drove them to prisoner's house. He did not see anybody on the road. He passed two cyclists about a hundred yards from School-lane.

Percival James Watts, an insurance inspector, of Over, said he had been to a party at Fen Drayton and left about 12. He stopped his car at the end of School-lane and later saw some fires. He first saw them about half-past 12, and drove into Swavesey. He did not see anybody on a bicycle.

Arthur Reginald Bullen, of Over, said he had been to a party at Fen Drayton, and rode back through Swavesey. He did not overtake any cyclists.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

THE DEFENCE

THE PRISONER GIVES EVIDENCE.

Prisoner then went into the witness-box and said that on April 16th he had been to Cambridge and had several drinks. After he left one publichouse he went to others and had more. He set out to cycle home about 11 o'clock. His condition was "pretty normal," and he was not drunk.

He went to his holding to get some hay to take home to the goat. He remounted his cycle and went home, where he fed the goat. His wife and daughters had gone to a dance at Fen Drayton, so he rode in that direction. At the end of School-lane he turned to Fen Drayton. Thinking he had missed his wife and daughters he decided to turn round, but skidded and was thrown off. Wondering if his wife had gone home the Rose and Crown-lane way, he went there and saw P.C. Draper.

"I SWEAR I DID NOT."

Mr. Pryor: You've heard the suggestion made against you that you set fire to the six stacks. What do you say to that?

Witness: I never did set fire to those stacks. I swear by Almighty God in this court those fires were never set alight by these hands.

Mr. Howard: What were you doing riding with your light out? – My light went out when I fell and my hands got all wet, and I could not light it because my hands were wet and the matches got wet.

That road is tarred. – Not very well.

You say you got all that mud on your clothes from the tarred road? – Yes.

This is the bicycle you were riding that night? – Yes.

These were the boots you were wearing? – Yes.

Did you see the fires? – Yes, after I turned back from the Old Plough corner.

Further replying to Mr. Howard, he said that the grass and mud came on his bicycle as he went into his garden.

Witness denied telling P.C. Draper that he had been to St. Ives.

Mr. Pryor, addressing the jury, said the nearest that prisoner was seen to the stacks was a quarter of a mile.

Commenting on the evidence that nobody visited the fires, Mr. Pryor said it was somewhat strange to find an event where six stacks were on fire in groups that nobody had the curiosity to go and see whether they could assist in saving any of those stacks. It was improbable in the extreme that nobody went near the stacks during the whole of the time they were blazing. If anybody did go near they would leave footprints. It was usual in such cases that some cause

like a grievance or malice was advanced, but that had not been done. Although there might be suspicion and lots of it, he submitted that there was no evidence on which to find prisoner guilty.

After a retirement of 25 minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

PRISONER'S CAREER.

Supt. Allen, who was then called, said that prisoner was a native of Swavesey, he was fifty years of age and was a small-holder. He had been discharged from the Army with ignominy.

His Lordship: In war time? – Long before the war. About 30 years ago.

He had been convicted 17 times, witness continued, with 24 offences on two charges of inflicting grievous bodily harm, 12 charges of assault, one of malicious damage, and twice for threats. He was last charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police. He could only suggest that the present offence had been committed from general malicious intent. He was a good workman, but on the least possible occasion he became most violent.

Asked if he had anything to say, prisoner said, "My conscience is clear as far as the charge is concerned. The police are malicious towards me."

His Lordship remarked that it would have been more to prisoner's credit if he had said he was sorry for what he had done. The jury had quite properly found him guilty, and he agreed with that verdict. Prisoner would go to penal servitude for three years.

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Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis, "Father" of the County Council, is 79 years of age to-day.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 10th June 1932

Lucy Mitham, elder daughter of Mr. R. Mitham, jun., a pupil at Swavesey National School, has been awarded a free studentship at the Arts and Crafts School, Cambridge.

RECREATION GROUND. 10th June 1932

"A Parishioner" writes: With reference to L.D's letter in last week's "Press and News," I should like to ask whether the Parish Councillor who reminded the young men that wheeled vehicles are not allowed on the Recreation Ground is the only member of the Council who has been guilty of a breach of the by-law. Further, may I inquire when the notice board ordered by the Council about two months ago will be erected?"

LOCAL SUCCESS AT COUNTY SHOW. 10th June 1932

A team consisting of three members of the Swavesey Young Farmers' Club were successful in winning the Alderman Jackson Cup for stock judging at the County Agricultural Show held at Wisbech on 2nd June. The team consisted of Messrs. E. P. Parish, S. J. Wright and W. Parish, and was successful by a margin of 15 points over the next best team which was composed of competitors from Milton. E. P. Parish won first prize in the individual judging scoring a total of 180 points out of a maximum of 200. It is all the more notable in that he is only 12 years of age, and was competing in a class open to those up to 24 years of age.

EASTERN COUNTIES' BUSES. 10th June 1932

Some inconvenience is caused by the Eastern Counties' buses between Cambridge and St. Ives passing through Swavesey occasionally before the scheduled time. Swavesey is a long village, and apparently the only recognised "stop" is at the local agent's shop at Church End, about a mile and a half from Rose and Crown-lane, Boxworth End, where the buses turn off for Fen Drayton. It is suggested that there should be three "stops," viz., at the Agent's, the Memorial Hall in High-street, and at Rose and Crown-lane turning. These "stops," if adopted, would probably often obviate stoppages to pick up and set down passengers at other points en route.

BRITISH LEGION. 17th June 1932

The Swavesey branch of the British Legion held another of their popular socials on Saturday. A large number of people were present, and a very enjoyable programme was provided by the committee. The following were those taking part in the programme: - Mrs. H. Bishop, the Misses Lee, Mr. H. H. Cole, and Mr. P. Lee (vocal items), with Mrs. Budge, Messrs. J. Sutton and A. Anderson, Mr. Unwin and a friend (dance band). The proceeds amounted to £5 16s. 6d. It is hoped to have another social shortly, this being the unanimous wish of those present.

FRUIT BOTTLING. 17th June 1932

Miss Hassall, of Cambridge, gave an interesting demonstration on how to bottle fruit by various methods, at the June meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of members and one visitor. A considerable amount of business was got through, including arrangements for visiting the Flower Show at Papworth, and for a garden party on June 28th. Mrs. Hephew and Mrs. Marriott gave reports of the annual N.F.W.I. meeting at the Albert Hall and of the Summer Council meeting at Cambridge, which they had attended as delegates. Miss K. Banks was

presented with a certificate gained at the Homecrafts Exhibition. She also won a prize kindly given by Miss Cole for the best jar of home-made marmalade. The exhibits in this competition were afterwards sold for the benefit of sick members of the W.I.

SWAVESEY WATER WASTAGE. 24th June 1932

R.D.C. Find a Remedy.

More was heard about the water wastage at Swavesey at the monthly meeting of the Rural District Council held at St. Ives on Friday. The members present were: Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), F. Kirby, W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and A. Day.

Figures obtained from the East Hunts. Water Company showed that during the month ended April 30th, 56,000 gallons of water were consumed, whereas for the corresponding period last year the total was 34,000 gallons. The corresponding cost of the water was £26 16s., and £17 respectively, an increase over last year of £9 10s. The figures for May were not available, but it was understood that there had been a decrease in the wastage.

Mr. Kirby said the only remedy to stop the wastage was to have meters installed on the farms.

The Clerk said that would be a very expensive matter, as the meters cost about £6 each.

Mr. Bullen, the water rate collector, said he went to a field on the Fen Drayton-road, Swavesey, and examined the taps. The tank was full and the water was running over, and it was difficult to reach the tank.

Mr. Day said it was probably the fault of the workpeople, and not the farmers, in failing to turn the taps off.

The Council decided to inform the engineer that any case where repairs were necessary he should receive instructions to carry them out, failing which the offender should be reported.

COUNCIL HOUSE DEFECT.

A complaint was received from a tenant of a house in School-lane, Swavesey, stating that a pipe between his and the next house was not connected to a drain, and as a result of the fall of water from the two roofs his garden resembled a pond. He asked that the repairs should be carried out in the autumn and not during the summer, as he did not wish his garden to be disturbed.

It was left to the water rate collector to see that the work was carried out in the early autumn.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP. 24th June 1932

Betty Culpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Culpin, of High-street, a pupil at Swavesey National School, has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship, tenable at the Cambridge and County High School for Girls.

OBITUARY. 24th June 1932

A telephone message reached the village on Thursday week, announcing the death that morning at Purley, Surrey, of Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, a member of an old Swavesey family. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metcalfe, and brother of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, for many years the local sub-Postmaster, who died in Cambridge on April 16th last.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 24th June 1932

Notwithstanding the somewhat smaller attendance due no doubt to the cold and dull day, the takings at the annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, held on Thursday week in the beautiful garden of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) amounted to £34 1s. 3½d. (about £3 less than last year), and as all expenses had been borne by people interested in its welfare, the whole of this sum went to the Association. The fete was opened by Mrs. Peeling, better known to Swavesey people as Miss Ella Cole, elder daughter of the late Mrs. W. C. Cole, the original president and a keen supporter of the Association. Mrs. Peeling made a brief but graceful speech, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet, given by Mrs. Banks, by little Pamela Ladds, of Over. The stalls, side-shows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: Useful work, Mesdames J. Norman and C. Dean; fancy and jumble, Mesdames Aldred and Chew; sweets, the Misses Dodson; pound and produce, Mesdames Burling and W. Thorp; ice creams, Mrs. Lee; refreshments and teas, Mrs. J. Dean, Mrs. J. T. Daintree, Mrs. Berryman, Miss P. Williams and helpers; clock golf, Miss Cole, who gave the prize which was won by Mr. H. Moyne; Chinese washing, Miss Banks; bran tub, Miss P. Parish. Competitions – Cost of doll, dressed and given by Miss Beaumont, Miss Cole (won by Mrs. H. G. Key); weight of cake, given by Mrs. Cooksey, Misses Doris and Mable Godfrey (won by Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Miss P. Willson); candle lighting, Miss Freestone and Mrs. Jellings (won by Mr. H. Moyne); coin in water, Mrs. Cooke (not won); counting beads, Miss K. Banks (prize given by Mrs. Banks, won by Mrs. W. J. Hepher; ping pong balls in pail, Miss Parsons (won by Miss K. Banks); pins on cushion, Mrs. W. Kester (prize given by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, won by Mrs. H. G. Key); darts, Mr. F. W. Pontefract (won by Mr. W. J. Hepher); bowls, Mr. Uriah Thixton (won by him); egg and spoon race (prize given by Miss Beaumont), won by Mrs. Geo. Prime. A baby show, under the

management of Nurse Claydon, was a feature of the afternoon's proceedings, and for this eleven babies were entered. Dr. F. Robinson (County Medical Officer) and Miss Graham (Lady Supt., Cambs. Nursing Association) officiated as judges, their awards being as follows: One to nine months, 1 Avis Sutton (Over), 2 Marjorie Isgrove (Swavesey); 9 to 18 months, 1 George David Hendry (Swavesey), 2 Keith Roger Garner (Over); 18 months and over, 1 John William Symonds (Over), 2 Gerald L. Cogman (Fen Drayton). All of the babies exhibited, Dr. Robinson announced, would be awarded certificates. There were also children's races, kindly arranged by the Misses Burleigh, who kindly gave the prizes. In the evening a variety entertainment, organised at very short notice by Miss Elsie Dodson, was a great attraction. The programme included songs by Mrs. Hind, violin solos by Master Laverack, monologue by Miss E. Dodson, and an amusing sketch entitled "The New Servant," capably acted by Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Laverack. A gramophone, in charge of which were the Misses Lee, provided music during the afternoon.

SCHOOL TREAT. 1st July 1932

The children attending Bethel Sunday School had their annual summer treat on Thursday week. The proceedings started with a sumptuous tea in the schoolroom, to which 55 young people sat down. They afterwards adjourned to Mr. A. Day's field, where a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st July 1932

The Sunday School anniversary was celebrated at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, the services in the morning and evening being conducted by the Rev. E. Milnes, of Broadstairs. In the afternoon there was an egg and flower service, at which Mr. G. Milnes officiated, and recitations and special singing were rendered by the scholars. The Rev. E. Milnes presented certificates and prizes to the children, who sat for the Sunday School Union Scripture examination last March, and also certificates to collectors for native preachers. Miss Joan Williams presided at the organ.

WATER WASTAGE. 1st July 1932

A correspondent writes: From the report in last week's "Press and News," the Rural District Council would appear to hold the farmers responsible for the serious wastage of water at Swavesey. No doubt some of them, or their employees, have been to blame, but are they the only people in the parish who have been guilty of wasting water from the East Hunts. Company's supply? I venture to suggest that if an inspection were made of fittings at private houses defects, resulting in a waste of water, would be discovered – defects that could

be remedied at practically no expense. A new washer can be obtained for about a penny.

DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER. 1st July 1932

Some of our older Swavesey readers will no doubt remember Mr. Alfred (Fred) Bowd, son of the late Mr. Tom Bowd. He was born in the village 82 years ago, and died early last month at his home in Muswell Hill, London. Enlisting in the Royal Artillery in 1867, when he was 17, he served in three campaigns – the second Afghan war, the Egyptian campaign, being present at the battle of Tel El Kebir, and the South African War, during which he was at Mafeking with Methuen's Horse. Mr. Bowd saw Sir George White win the V.C. in 1879, when, as Major White, he took part with his regiment, 92nd Highlanders, in the advance on Kabul. Finding that the artillery and rifle fire failed to dislodge the enemy from a fortified hill, Major White led the attack in person, himself shooting the enemy commander. This act so intimidated the rest that they fled, and the position was taken. Mr. Bowd twice volunteered for service in the Great War, but was refused on account of his age.

GARDEN SOCIAL. 1st July 1932

There was a good attendance of members of the Women's Institute and their friends at the garden social, which was held on Tuesday in the beautiful grounds of The Priory, by invitation of Mrs. Banks. A gift stall was under the charge of Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Howlett, and a jumble stall of Mesdames S. and R. Hephher and Mrs. Williams. There was also a concert, the programme for which included songs by Mrs. H. Asplin and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, a recitation by Mrs. Laverack, and pianoforte duets by the Misses Hephher. Competitions were won by the following: Clock golf, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; pegs on line, Mrs. Martin; musical chairs, Miss Gaunt; smelling bags, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; weight of cake, Mrs. H. G. Key; weight of eggs, Mrs. W. Thorp; ankle competition, Mrs. G. Prime; mystery parcel, Mrs. Peppercorn; box of chocolates, Miss C. Prior; egg and spoon race, Mrs. G. Prime. All the prizes were given by members of the W.I., also the excellent refreshments which were ably managed by Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Martin and Miss E. Freestone. At 7.30 p.m. there was a whist drive, for which Miss Banks officiated as M.C. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. Jellings, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; gentlemen, Mrs. Banks, playing as gentleman, Mr. C. S. Hephher; most fives, Mrs. H. G. Key. The net proceeds of the very pleasant afternoon and evening amounted to over £7.

ARSON CHARGE SEQUEL. 8th July 1932

Swavesey Man's Appeal.

APPLICATION REFUSED.

In the Court of Criminal Appeal on Monday, J. K. applied for leave to appeal against his conviction at Cambs. Assizes and sentence of three years penal servitude on a charge of arson at Swavesey.

K. was not represented in court and did not appear.

Giving the judgement of the court, Mr. Justice Swift said K. was found guilty at Cambridge Assizes of setting fire to four stacks of hay. On April 16th, shortly after midnight, a man named Watts saw six stacks of hay on fire at Scotland-drove. He met a police constable and told him of what he had seen and the officer went towards the stacks, turning out his bicycle lamp before he went. As he approached the fire he met K. riding away from the direction of the stacks. There was no light on his bicycle.

“CONSTABLE GAVE CHASE.”

The constable called on him to stop, but he went on and the constable gave chase. When he came up with K. the constable found that the bicycle was muddy and had hay on it. When he asked K. whether he knew anything about the fire he said he did not. On his being taken into custody a wet and muddy box of matches was found on him. He was also found to be wearing boots which were studded in a peculiar manner and the police traced imprints of bicycle tyres and prints of boots similarly studded near to the hay stack.

K., added his Lordship, gave evidence denying that he had anything to do with the fire, but the jury thought that he had and he was convicted. In 1924 K. was convicted of unlawfully wounding, and he had been sixteen times summarily convicted. “We think,” the judge concluded, “that the conviction was clearly supported by the evidence, and we do not think the sentence of three years penal servitude was too long for the very serious offence of which he was found guilty.

The application was therefore refused.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB. 8th July 1932

A joint meeting of the Swavesey Young Farmers' Club and the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society was held in the School on Wednesday. During the proceedings the Ald. Jackson Cup for stock judging was presented to the successful team by Mr. R. Mailer (chairman of the Agricultural Discussion Society). The members of the successful team were: E. E. Parish, S. J. Wright and W. Parish.

BRITISH LEGION. 8th July 1932

Another successful social and dance was held by the Swavesey branch of the British Legion on Saturday evening. The Memorial Hall was packed to overflowing, which proves the great popularity of these Legion functions. The programme was, as usual, a very good one, and says much for the enterprising committee, who are working in perfect harmony. A little more variety was introduced this time. Prizes were offered for the lucky spot dance, the statue dance, and a competition for the best turn given by anyone present. The lucky spot dance was won by Miss F. Kester and Mr. Joe Sutton; the statue dance by Mr. A. Kester and partner, and the best turn competition by Ernie Whybrow, who sang "Show me the way to go home," and was given a great ovation. The dance music was played by the Crackjack's Band, and the refreshments were ably served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and T. Savage. Mr. Lee was the indefatigable M.C., and Mr. Berryman, cashier. The gross receipts were £5 5s. 1d. This makes the sixth social held by this go-ahead branch this year, and the total gross receipts up to date from these alone now amount to the useful sum of £32 2s. 3d., plus £14 12s. 7d., obtained from the draw.

SWAVESEY LAND DISPUTE. 13th July 1932

Action at Huntingdon County Court.

His hon. Judge H. G. Farrant at Huntingdon County Court yesterday (Tuesday) adjourned until August 9th an action between Swavesey parties over a disputed piece of land, after they had failed to reach an agreement in the court.

The plaintiff, William Daisley, is the owner of a dwelling house, premises and a close of pasture land at Swavesey, and the defendants, Messrs. William Parish and John Wallis Parish, owners and occupiers of orchard land which abuts the property of the plaintiff.

The plaintiff alleges that on or about January 14th the defendants trespassed upon his hedges and ditches, cut down a small part of the hedge, affixed wire thereto and obstructed the plaintiff's right of way over and along the ditches. He claimed £1 damages for trespass, a declaration that the hedges and ditches separating the land of the plaintiff from the land of the defendants are the property of the plaintiff, and an injunction restraining the defendants from trespassing on the hedges and ditches and obstructing the right of way.

Before hearing any part of the case, his Honour together with counsel, namely Mr. Martin O'Connor (for the plaintiff) and Mr. S. L. Elborne (for the defendant) went to inspect the property and, having done so, he had a private discussion with the parties. A further talk with counsel brought no satisfaction in the way of a settlement, and his Honour adjourned the case until August 9th.

SCHOOL CRICKET. 15th July 1932

The cricket match between Over Council School and Swavesey National School, played at Over on Friday, resulted in a win for the home eleven by 20 runs to 15.

BRITISH LEGION RALLY. 15th July 1932

Twenty members of the local branch of the British Legion from Swavesey, Boxworth and Lolworth attended the great East Anglia Area Rally at Bury St. Edmunds on Sunday. Some of the men were accompanied by their wives, and with friends the party altogether numbered 39.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 15th July 1932

The amount received by the Swavesey Hospital Aid Committee, under the Contributory Scheme, during the quarter ended 30th June, was £32 4s. 6d., bringing the total contributions for the nine months during which the scheme has been in operation up to £121 7s. 2d.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY. 15th July 1932

Mr. G. J. Paine celebrated the 89th anniversary of his birthday on Thursday week by giving a garden party at his residence, Wayside, in School-lane, to which he invited a number of the older villagers. On the following day he entertained a party of his young neighbours to tea at the Swiss Cafe, Fenstanton.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 15th July 1932

The following alterations in the train services at Swavesey station take effect as from Monday next, 18th inst. The 10.1 a.m. train to Cambridge is re-timed to leave at 9.49 a.m., giving improved services for the Colchester, Ely and Mildenhall lines. The 3.48 to Cambridge will run seven minutes earlier and leave at 3.41 p.m., and the 6.22 to Cambridge will leave at 6.19 p.m. To St. Ives the 10.49 a.m. is altered to leave at 10.38 a.m., thereby giving a greatly improved service to Peterborough, and the 1.55 p.m. to St. Ives is re-timed to leave at 1.52, except on Saturdays, when it will run eight minutes later, leaving at 2 p.m. The 9.24, Saturdays only, to St. Ives and March will leave at 9.34 p.m. On Sundays the services are as follows: To Cambridge at 4.19 p.m.; to St. Ives 5.43 p.m.

SWAVESEY WATER SUPPLY. 22nd July 1932

Reports More Satisfactory.

Reports of a more satisfactory nature were received in connection with the Swavesey water supply at the monthly meeting of the Rural District Council at St. Ives on Friday. The members present were: Messrs. J. Frohock (chairman), F. Kirby, W. I. Hemington and F. Stanton, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

A letter from the engineer stated that he had examined the water taps on various premises and fields at Swavesey as instructed and he reported two cases – Fletcher, of Fen Drayton-road, Swavesey, and Johnson, College Farm, Fen Drayton.

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. Hawkes, the owner of the land, in respect of the case of Fletcher, and also to Johnson asking him to have the necessary work done by Mr. Chevill or some other engineer.

Figures in respect of water obtained for the East Hunts. Company showed a substantial decrease during the last two months. During April the consumption of water was 536,000 gallons, while during both May and June 237,000 gallons, a decrease of 299,000 gallons.

Mr. Kirby: There have been one or two letters in the “Cambridge Independent Press” and no doubt it has made people a little more careful.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. 22nd July 1932

The village school will break up this afternoon for the summer holidays, and will not be re-opened until Monday, September 5th.

A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT. 22nd July 1932

A correspondent writes: Can any reader of the “Press and News” tell me whether farthings have ceased to be coins of the realm, or, if not, have recently been excluded from the “coppers” which are deemed to be legal tender up to one shilling. Shopkeepers, no doubt, have the right to refuse to serve customers, no matter whether they tender “Bradbury’s” or farthings in payment, but it was a big disappointment to a little child the other day when he found that two farthings would not purchase a ha’porth of sweets.

A HOUSEWIFE’S BUGBEARS. 22nd July 1932

The President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Women’s Institute on Tuesday week, when the outstanding feature of the evening was a demonstration on the boning of fowls by Mr. Robinson (county poultry instructor). This was most interesting, and on the proposition of Miss D. Banks, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robinson. A roll call on “The job I most detest” brought forth many of the bugbears of the

housewife's life. The rest of the evening was devoted to country dancing, which was greatly enjoyed.

SCHOOL TREAT. 22nd July 1932

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School were given their annual treat on Thursday week. The proceedings opened with a short service in the church, after which the young people did full justice to an excellent tea on the Vicarage lawn. They then adjourned to the Manor Field for cricket, races and games, the smaller children after a time returning to the Vicarage grounds for other amusements. Shortly before 8 o'clock all assembled on the lawn for the presentation of the prizes by Mrs. Finch, and when this was over the children, after giving round after round of lusty cheers, dispersed for home, tired but happy.

THANKS FROM AUSTRALIA. 22nd July 1932

Mr. Edward Williams, who left Swavesey two or three years ago for Australia, and is now in training for Holy Orders at St. Francis College, Nundah, Brisbane, writes: "I should be greatly obliged if I may be permitted, through your columns, to thank the anonymous donor, or donors, who so thoughtfully sent me in March two lots of English Church literature and also a small bundle of "Punch." The parcels bore the Swavesey postmark. The 'Press and News' of which I receive a copy every week, keeps me in touch with home events, and I can assure you that I read the paper with great interest. Although Australia is to a large extent made up of people from England or of people descended from English stock, it is surprising how little news concerning the old country is given in Australian papers. Hence one reason for my appreciation of the 'Press and News.'"

SWAVESEY CHURCH FETE. 22nd July 1932

Dedication of Bells To-morrow.

AMUSEMENTS AND SIDE-SHOWS.

To-morrow afternoon Bishop Price is to dedicate the new bells in Swavesey Church. Yesterday, appropriately enough, a fete in aid of the Bell Repair Fund was held in the Vicarage grounds. As last year the Parochial Church Council, who were responsible for the organisation of the function, arranged an attractive programme of amusements, and the Somersham Town Band enlivened the afternoon proceedings with musical selections, besides playing for dancing later.

The Vicar (Rev. O. Finch) presided at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, and was supported by members of the

Church Council. After being introduced by the Chairman, the opener made a short speech, in the course of which he alluded to the history of Swavesey bells. He was thanked cordially by Harry Wells, and the vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Will Hepher.

Among the numerous diversions for visitors was a children's fancy dress parade, the judges being Mrs. Honey, of Houghton, and Miss Francis, of Longstanton. Miniature concerts in the afternoon and evening also proved very popular, and the artistes were Mrs. Hind, Mr. R. Thoday, and Mr. H. Topham (songs). At each of the concerts a sketch, "Housemaids in a Fix, was presented, the performers being Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. J. Mitham, Misses E. L. Dodge and Burleigh.

In the early evening the scholars of Cambridge Technical School presented a play, "Sally's Peppermints," also with great success.

(Full list of officials and stallholders in newspaper.)

BAND OF HOPE EXCURSION. 29th July 1932

About 100 children and adults joined the Cambs. Band of Hope excursion to Skegness at Swavesey station yesterday morning.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 29th July 1932

The return cricket match between Swavesey and Over Schools, played in heavy rain on Swavesey Recreation Ground on Friday, was won by Over by 52 runs to 44.

AIRCRAFTSMAN WOOD. 29th July 1932

Air Apprentice Stanley Wood, second son of Mr. C. Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School, who passed out at Halton Camp on Tuesday as an aircraftsman, has been posted to No. 19 Fighting Squadron, R.A.F., at Duxford. He arrived in Swavesey on Wednesday on three weeks' leave, bringing with him the Barrington-Kennett inter-wing cricket trophy medal, presented to him the previous day as a member of the winning XI.

LAST WEEK'S FETE. 29th July 1932

The following were the winners of the competitions at the fete which was held on Thursday week in the grounds of Swavesey Vicarage in aid of the Church Bells Fund: - Shooting gallery, Mr. Joyce; length of string, Mrs. H. G. Key; quoits, Mr. Brudenell; weight of dinner, Miss Williamson; basket of fruit, Miss C. Thorp; weight of cake, Mrs. Hard; clock golf, Mrs. Hard and Mr. A. Godfrey; rabbit, 1 Mrs. Banks, 2 Mr. P. Banks; ping pong, 1 Mrs. Key, 2 Mr.

Brudenell; hat making, Mr. S. Prime and Mrs. Smith; farthings in bran, Mr. P. Banks. The day's effort resulted in over £70 being added to the Bells Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th July 1932

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, P. Parish, A. P. Payne, and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. The accounts of the Council, the Clerk said, had been audited by the Public Auditor, who passed them as correct. Mr. Linford reported that the repairs to the roof of the fire engine house, ordered by the Council at the previous meeting, had been carried out at a cost of 12s. 2d., including labour and materials. Mr. Cole asked whether Mr. C. Savage, a Councillor, had been employed to do the work, and, if so, whether that was in order. The Chairman replied that no doubt it was wrong in principle. Mr. Cole then moved that the money should be repaid to the Council. He did not, however, desire that Mr. Savage should lose the money, and after considerable discussion the matter dropped. With regard to the notice board prohibiting wheeled vehicles on the Recreation Ground, Mr. F. Hephher said that Mr. E. Mitham, of Middle Watch, had had the order for some time, and he understood the board would be put up very shortly. The Clerk announced that a cheque for £30 15s. 4d., the half-yearly instalment in the repayment of the loan on the Memorial Hall, had been received from the Hall Management Committee, and that this sum had been remitted to the Public Works Loan Board. This repayment reduced the amount owing on the loan to £110. The Chairman mentioned that the stile leading from the Recreation Ground to Brickhill Drove had been broken, and that he had tied it up temporarily with wire. This led to a discussion on the stiles and footpaths in the parish, but eventually it was agreed that the stile should be repaired.

SWAVESEY BELLS. 29th July 1932

Re-dedication After Re-hanging.

A RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

At a simple service the old peal of six bells of Swavesey parish church was re-dedicated on Saturday afternoon by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, assistance bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a large congregation, amongst whom were ringers from far and near.

The service opened with the dedication of the bells, and for this the Bishop, Clergy and Choir proceeded from the choir vestry to the West (or tower) end of the nave. The hymn "We love the place, O God" having been sung, the

Bishop on the formal request of the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) solemnly dedicated the bells and all work carried out in connection therewith. A short peal was then rung by the Swavesey ringers, and the Bishop, Clergy and Choir moved on to the Chancel for the remainder of the service, which included the 84th and 150th psalms, a Lesson read by the Rural Dean (Rev. A. Campbell Hair) prayers said by the Vicar and hymns. The Bishop also gave a short address. After the Blessing the service concluded with the hymn "Now thank we all our God." The Vicar of Over (Rev. F. G. Weston) was present in addition to the clergy already named.

Mr. C. Johnston, head of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who was unavoidably absent, was represented by Mr. W. Dyer, who had carried out the work.

THE BELLS.

The bells, which have been in the church for about 180 years, have been 8th turned so as to give a new striking place for the clapper, and have been re-hung in the latest modern method on a steel and iron frame with ball bearings, which lessen the work of the ringers very considerably. Beyond the turning they have not been interfered with in any shape or form, as they have been fitted by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known bell-founders of Croydon, Surrey, to whom the work was entrusted, with the firm's pattern of cannon retaining the headstock. A new floor has also been laid under the bells which makes their tone more pleasant in the church.

All the work on the bells has been done in the church. It may be of interest to mention that on the tenor bell are the names of John Warham, Vicar of Swavesey from 1731 to 1754, and Berry Dodson, the donor.

MANY METHODS RUNG.

In addition to a good muster of the Swavesey ringers, including the following, who rang the round during the service: H. G. Key 1, E. Prior 2, B. Hodson 3, T. Froment 4, F. Hemington 5, R. Mitham, jun., tenor, ringers were present from Buckden, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cherryhinton, Harlow (Mr. G. Dent, District Ringing Master, Essex Association), Histon, Oakington, Over, Springfield, Chelmsford, Sutton, Somersham, Trumpington, Willingham.

At the close of the service, tea was provided for the ringers in the Vicarage, after which Mr. F. Warrington (Over), acting on behalf of the Swavesey Captain, Mr. B. Hodson, selected the following representative band for the opening touch of Stedman Doubles: Miss K. Willers (Trumpington) 1, G. Dent (Harlow) 2, E. Runter (Springfield, Chelmsford) 3, A. J. Abrams (Chatteris) 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, W. Dyer (Croydon Bell Foundry), tenor. Everyone was very pleased with the "go" of the bells, their action being described as "perfect."

Ringin was kept up continuously until 9.20 p.m., the methods rung including Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise and rounds for the beginners. A great day was brought to a successful conclusion by the 1st 720 peal on the bells in their present form by the following: R. Smith 1, B. Hodson 2, D. Adams 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, Mr. Ginn 5, R. Mitham 6.

SWAVESEY SHOW. 5th Aug. 1932

Big Crowds at Show

FINE SPORTS PROGRAMME

Horticultural Entries Down.

Brilliant sunshine drew several thousand spectators from all parts of the country to the Manor Field, Swavesey, yesterday afternoon and evening. The occasion was the annual show and sports arranged by the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society and Athletic Association, and a lengthy programme of sports, with many well-known names among the competitors, and a comprehensive list of horticultural classes, were the attractions. A popular feature again was the really excellent musical programme given by Messrs. Cheesewright.

The sports track was in good condition, despite the weather of late, and some interesting and thrilling races, both cycle and athletic, were seen. In the horticultural section, although numbers showed a decrease on last year, a good display of fruit and vegetables was shown.

As before the popular president of the Society (Mr. R. C. Cole) came down from Blackpool, with his wife, who presented two silver cups to be won outright at the show. One cup was for the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the horticultural section, and the other for the winner of the flat race for men over 35.

After the conclusion of the sports there was dancing on the field and also in the Memorial Hall.

HORTICULTURAL ENTRIES.

In the horticultural section the numbers showed a decrease on last year, both from the point of view of exhibitors and their entries. The average standard, was, however, much about the same, except in the flower classes, which were decidedly poor. Potatoes, carrots, peas and beet were about the best classes in the members' section, but certain of the apple classes, raspberries and tomatoes were poor. Bramley's Seedlings, however, had such a good entry among the apples that the judges decided to award an extra prize. The Lord Derby class, too, had a particularly large number of entries.

Gooseberries and cucumbers were classed as fairly good, while marrows also came up to average. In the cottagers' classes things were much about the same, and the agricultural classes did not meet with the success that could have been wished for.

The judges in the horticultural section were Messrs. A. T. Paskett and George Hart. Other officials who were responsible for the show were as follows: Chairman of committee, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. general secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher; sports secretary, Mr. L. B. Carter, Over, and various sub-committees.

(Full prize list in newspaper).

THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY. 5th Aug. 1932

Although the burst in the public water main in High-street was attended to with commendable promptitude on Tuesday, the users of water in the area affected were put to considerable inconvenience through the water supply being cut off from about noon until 4 p.m. without any warning being given.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 5th Aug. 1932

At the annual meeting of the Cricket (sic) Club held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week it was decided to rung two teams during the forthcoming season and to enter the 1st eleven for the Cambs. League Minor Cup and Cottenham Nursing Cup competitions, and the second eleven in the Histon and district League. Messrs. A. Hephher and S. Godfrey intimated that they were unable to again accept office as treasurer and captain respectively, the announcement being received with much regret, as both had rendered valuable services to the club. The following officers were appointed: Hon. secretary, S. J. Wright; treasurer, H. Bridgeford; captain, 1st eleven, W. Kester; vice-captain, J. Sutton; captain 2nd eleven, O. Walker; vice-captain, D. Sutton. Mr. Jack Mustill, the old Cambridge soccer Blue, was elected President.

FUNERAL. 5th Aug. 1932

The funeral of Mr. Leonard Kester, son of Mrs. Kester, of Boxworth End, and the late Mr. James Kester, who passed away last Friday, after a long and painful illness borne with great patience, took place on Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. Harrison, of St. Ives (Primitive Methodist Circuit minister) conducting the service at the house and also officiating at the interment in the cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Frank, Charles and Fred Kester (brothers), Mrs. Waling and Mrs. W. Coulson (sisters), Mesdames C., J., and F. Kester (sisters-in-law), Mr. F. Waling (brother-in-law), Mr. F. Coulson (nephew),

Miss Kester Waling, Mrs. Duce, Misses F. and M. Kester (nieces). Deceased, who was 59, worked for 30 years at Highfield Farm under the late Mr. W. W. Warner, the late Mr. J. B. Ellis, and Mr. R. Ellis Long, and later for two years at the Hill Farm, under Mr. R. Norman, and four old fellow employees, Messrs. E. Dodson, E. Prior, W. Savage, and G. Spearman, bore him to the grave.

SWAVESEY LAND DISPUTE. 12th Aug. 1932

Neighbours in Court Action.

A SECOND ADJOURNMENT.

The adjourned Swavesey case arising out of a dispute over certain property came up for hearing at the Huntingdon County Court on Tuesday. Only part of the evidence was, however, given and the case was again adjourned until the next court. The parties concerned were W. D., the plaintiff, and Mr. P. and J. W. Parish, the defendants.

The plaintiff is the owner of a house, premises and pasture land at Swavesey, and the defendants are the owners and occupiers of land which abuts the plaintiff's property. Plaintiff alleges that on or about January 14th, 1932, the defendants trespassed upon his hedges and ditches, cut down a small part of the hedge and fixed wire thereto, and obstructed his right of way over and along his hedges and ditches. Plaintiff therefore claimed £1 damages for trespass; a declaration that the hedges and ditches separating the land were his property, and an injunction restraining the defendants from trespassing on the hedges and ditches and obstructing the right of way.

Counsel were Mr. Martin O'Connor (instructed by Dr. S. J. Peters, M.P.) for the plaintiff, and Mr. S. L. Elborne (instructed by Messrs. Maule, Sons and Winter) for the defendants.

EARLY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEWED.

Mr. O'Connor said that in 1908 Mr. D. purchased the Rose and Crown Inn at Swavesey and a field belonging to it. He was a man who had owned agricultural land previously. The field had been cleared prior to the sale and the plaintiff saw on all sides adjoining what was now defendant's property the excavated earth which had been dug up in cleaning the ditches and had been thrown round the roots of the hedges and on to the banks of the land which plaintiff purchased. Up to that time all these ditches were recognised as the property of the plaintiff's predecessors in title. Within two years of plaintiff taking possession he cleaned up all the ditches and threw the excavated earth on to his land.

At that time the defendant's land was in the occupation of a man named Worboys, and D.'s land was in the occupation of a man named Osborne.

From the time of purchase by the plaintiff in 1908 up to 1932 he cleaned the ditches every eighteen months all through. In 1932 some arguments arose about the trespass of chickens from the property of one of the defendants. Plaintiff complained about this. He went to cut his hedge and clean his ditch for the purpose of keeping the land drained and at one part of the work which he was doing the defendants objected. As a result of that objection the plaintiff thought it best to have the matter determined by the court. The dispute having begun the defendants put wire on their side of the ditch, leaving the ditch between the wire and the hedge. Subsequently they altered the position of the wire, bringing the wire right up against the hedge and inside the ditch, attaching the wire to plaintiff's trees and hedges, and cut down part of the hedge.

The question was: Had the defendants the right to bring this wire and attach it to the hedge and also cut down part of the hedge? Mr. D.'s land was private property for two hundred years before the award and defendants gave no notice to their predecessors in title that this land had been dealt with.

“PLAINTIFF’S PROPERTY.”

Peter Bovill Grain, a surveyor, of Cambridge, said he had inspected the hedges and ditches in question at Swavesey. There was strong evidence that soil had been taken from a ditch and placed on the sites of the whole of the hedges. The hedge in dispute was a younger hedge than the others. There were trees in one of the hedges over one hundred years old. He had no doubt whatever that one of the ditches had been excavated and he was certain that the soil had been thrown on to Mr. D.'s property. From his inspection of the spot he was of the opinion that the hedges and ditches belonged to Mr. D.

PLAINTIFF’S EVIDENCE.

W. D., the plaintiff, said he bought the Rose and Crown Inn with the adjoining property in 1908 and pulled down the inn and built a private residence. He examined the property minutely when he purchased it. The hedges had been trimmed by the vendor and the ditches dug out, the soil being thrown into the hedges as was customary. From that time he cleaned the ditches every eighteen months or two years and there was never any interference in the work. He found that on one occasion one of the defendants had interfered with one of the ditches and he told him he had no right to do it. Defendant said the water was standing there and he had let it off. He assured defendant that the boundaries belonged to him (plaintiff) and defendant promised he would not meddle with them again.

In December, 1931, he had trouble with poultry trespassing on his land and he found one of the defendants. Plaintiff said there was a host of chickens on his property and they must be kept off. Defendant said he knew they had been

there and he would endeavour to keep them off. He said he intended to put up some wire, and he told defendant he must not interfere with the ditch when erecting the wire. On January 4th, 1932, the senior defendant appeared when plaintiff and his son had been cutting the hedge and he asked: "Do you think that hedge (meaning the one on the south) is your property?" Plaintiff replied "I do not think so, because I know it is." He repudiated this interference. On the following day he was cutting the hedge again and the senior defendant came up and said "Can you give proof that that hedge is your property?" He replied "Can you give me proof that the property you have purchased is yours?" I paid him in his own coin," plaintiff added.

With that remark defendant became angry and pushed plaintiff, saying "You get off here. I will show you whose property it is." He told defendant to cease interfering with him, and the other defendant prevailed upon him to stop. The junior defendant said "If he will do what he has not business to do he must take the consequences." Plaintiff said he was not going to quarrel and went on cutting the hedge, with the assistance of his son and an employee. The senior defendant said "You continue until you are finished and we will begin."

The defendants erected wire three or four feet from the edge of the boundary on the three sides near their fruit trees. About January 14th they fixed strands of wire from their trees across plaintiff's ditch around one of his trees, and then a knitted wire was conveyed across the ditch and attached to the tree. Plaintiff nailed some boards to the tree on the other sides of the strands of wire to prevent his cattle breaking through the weakened hedge. He then went to his solicitors in Cambridge and charged trespass against the defendants.

"AN AWKWARD PRECEDENT."

Mr. Elborne asked plaintiff if he was right in saying that the only dispute between the parties was over the younger of the three hedges and a shallow ditch.

Plaintiff: The dispute between us is that my title is being assailed.

He had been on defendant's property scores of times to clean the ditch. He objected to defendant's chickens straying on his property because it created an awkward precedent.

Counsel intimated that the case could not possibly be concluded that day and his Honour Judge Farrant asked to hear the evidence of Walter Burton, an employee of the plaintiff.

Burton, who lives at Fen Drayton, said he had cut the hedges and dug the ditches for several years. He lived in the fields twenty years ago when defendant's property belonged to Mr. Warboys. He did not work for Mr. D. before the defendants took the adjoining property. He had helped him to do the ditches and hedges and had put the dirt from the ditches into the hedges of

Mr. D.'s land. About ten years ago he heard P. say "When are you coming to cut that hedge, Mr. D., because it is damaging my fruit trees?" All the time he was with the plaintiff he had never known the defendants to touch the hedges or ditches.

During a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. E., a letter written by Burton to Mr. D. with reference to the matter in dispute was read and Burton admitted that the plaintiff was present when he wrote it.

Mr. Elborne: Did he tell you what to write?

Burton: No, not all of it. (Laughter.)

Before adjourning the case until the next court, his Honour suggested that Mr. O'Connor might recall the plaintiff into the witness box at the next hearing.

COOKING AND POETRY. 12th Aug. 1932

The activities of the Women's Institute are very varied, and last Tuesday's meeting was a good example. After business verses on the W.I. written by members, were read and judged by Miss Naylor, of Over, who awarded the prizes as follows: 1st Miss Banks, 2nd Mrs. W. Thorp. Then Mrs. Humphrey, of Arrington, gave an interesting demonstration on "Supper dishes," which was much enjoyed. An amusing round game brought the meeting to a close.

CAMPANOLOGY. 12th Aug. 1932

By kind permission, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers rang the first full peal on the Parish Church bells on Saturday, the festival of the Transfiguration. The band stood as follows: - G. Whybrow, treble; 2 E. J. King, 3 F. C. Ginn, 4 M. Ginn, 5 A. J. Ginn, F. Warrington (conductor) tenor. The peal contained 5,040 changes in the Cambridge Surprise Method, being seven different 720's, and occupied 3 hours. Mr. E. J. King, who hails from London, is a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Giles', Camberwell. The bells recently rehung were rung with much ease.

OBITUARY. 12th Aug. 1932

Mr. James Coulson, son of the late Mr. Thomas Coulson, died at his home in Boxworth End early on Monday morning, aged 68 years. Some years ago he injured his leg through slipping off the step of a ploughing tackle engine, and since then has been in Addenbrooke's Hospital several times, leaving that institution for the last time only a week before his death, when as nothing more could be done for him, he returned home. He leaves a widow, four sons and four daughters. The funeral took place yesterday at the parish church.

PARISH CHURCH. 12th Aug. 1932

The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, and his family, are having a month's holiday in Yorkshire, where it is hoped the moorland air will complete his son's restoration to normal health and strength. The services at the parish church are being taken by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor.

NOTICE. 19th Aug. 1932

The Blacksmith's and Shoeing Business of the late Mr. Charles Burling will continue to be carried on by his son, George Burling.

A DANGEROUS BRIDGE. 19th Aug. 1932

A local fisherman writes: "I have made inquiries, but cannot learn who is responsible for the upkeep of the bridge which crosses 'Webb's Hole.' The bridge is in a most dangerous condition, the footboards are rotten and in places completely crumbled away, and unless repairs are made an accident will happen in the very near future. I am not very heavy, but I dare not cross the bridge without holding fast to the handrail as a safeguard."

A SUMMER "SOCIAL." 19th Aug. 1932

There was a good attendance at the "Summer Social," arranged by Miss Queenie Spolton, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. The programme included the game of musical parcel, which was won by Mr. S. Wright, jun., and plenty of dancing, the music for which was provided by the Super Four Dance Band: Miss Q. Spolton (piano), Mr. H. Unwin (drums), and Messrs. J. Sutton and A. Anderson (violins). Miss B. Scarge also assisted at the piano. Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were for the Band Funds.

THE LATE MR. J. COULSON. 19th Aug. 1932

The funeral of Mr. James Coulson, whose death at the age of 68 years was reported last week, took place at the parish church on the 11th inst., the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Coulson (widow), Mr. T. H. Coulson (son), Mrs. Butcher, Miss K. M. Coulson (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. C. Lyon (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. George Coulson, London, (brother), Mrs. E. Bull, Mrs. R. Bedford (sisters), Mrs. W. Coulson (grandson), Mrs. O. Duce (niece). Other friends also attended. There were several beautiful floral tributes. Messrs. George Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES BURLING. 19th Aug. 1932

By the death of Mr. Charles Burling, who passed away on Thursday week after a short illness, Swavesey has lost another old and highly respected inhabitant. The son of the late Mr. William Burling, of Over, he was born in that village 79 years ago. When a lad he was apprenticed to a blacksmith at Sutton, and afterwards followed his trade at Needingworth and Longstanton and subsequently at Swavesey, where he worked for the late Mr. J. Rule, whose business he purchased 46 years ago and carried on until his death. Ten days before the end he was at work. Beyond being parish constable for many years, Mr. Burling held no public office, nor did he take an active part in parish affairs. The death of his wife early last January, after a married life of more than half a century, was a great blow to him. He leaves an only son, his other child, a daughter, having died when quite young. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating. The principal mourners were: Mr and Mrs. George Burling (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Burling (brother), Mrs. Green, Mrs. H. Dobson (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. F. Burling, Mrs. Prior, Needingworth, Mr. W. Gaunt, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hodson (nephews and nieces). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 19th Aug. 1932

Very little business came before the Swavesey Rural District Council at the monthly meeting on Friday. The members present were: Mr. J. Frohock (chairman), Messrs. F. Kirby, R. Norman, W. I. Hemington, F. Johnson and R. Mailer.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) reported that the balance of the general account was £31, on the housing account £88, and on the rating account £1,134.

The L. and N.E. Railway Company had written agreeing to the assessment of £351 with regard to the Swavesey by-ways, subject to an adjustment when the railway assessment authority had finally determined the value.

Other business concerned Boxworth and Over.

BAKER'S SUCCESSES AT SANDY SHOW. 26th Aug. 1932

At Sandy show yesterday, Mr. W. D. Isgrove, baker and confectioner, High-street, Swavesey, was awarded first prize for currant cake, third prize for sultana cake, and third prize for slab cake.

TWO IMPROVEMENTS. 26th Aug. 1932

Both anglers and bathers are most grateful to the authority responsible for so thoroughly cutting the weeds in the River Ouse at Swavesey. An

improvement has also been effected at the bathing place by the erection of an additional diving board higher than that already in use.

ACCESS TO THE RIVER. 26th Aug. 1932

A correspondent writes: In reply to the local fisherman who asked in last week's "Press and News" who is responsible for the bridge at Webb's Hole, which he said is in a dangerous condition, I would suggest that the Swavesey R.D.C. are (unless I have been misinformed) responsible for the banks and public drains in the parish, it is only reasonable to assume that they are also liable for the upkeep of the bridge. Moreover, I believe, the Council repaired it some years ago. But for a long time past the R.D.C. appear to have been lax – to put it mildly – in looking after the bridges and other ways of getting to the river. How many of the old rights of way between the village and the Ouse are now available to the public? Where are the stiles? The remains of some may be found overgrown by hedges. How much is left of the footbridge over Covill's drain on the right of way to Holywell Ferry, and is it possible to get to Overcote across Middle Fen, as in days gone by? These are a few questions that might with advantage be put to the rural district councillors by people who are interested in preserving the amenities of village life – the Rural Community Council for instance.

A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL. 2nd Sept. 1932

A good number of people attended the social arranged by Miss Spolton, which was held last Saturday in the Memorial Hall, in aid of the funds of the "Super Four" Dance Band, who supplied music for dancing, of which the evening's programme chiefly consisted. Owing to the illness of the drummer (Mr. H. Unwin), the band was somewhat depleted. Songs were also contributed by the Misses Lee and Mr. H. Cole. Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. A. E. Melbourne officiated as M.C.

ACCESS TO THE RIVER. 2nd Sept. 1932

"Fair Play" writes: "While admitting that there is a great deal of truth in what a correspondent said last week about the gradual disappearance of ways of access to the river, I cannot help thinking that he is rather unfair in suggesting, as I infer he does, that the Swavesey Rural District Council are mainly responsible for the present state of things. The local representatives on the Council have been re-elected unopposed time after time, and this surely could not have happened if the ratepayers had been dissatisfied with the way in which they were looking after the interests of the parishioners generally. Very few residents are interested in fishing, and as for evening rambles by the river,

is it not far better for parents to take their children along the high-roads, where they can have plenty of fun, combined with exercise, dodging motor cars, omnibuses, lorries and motor cycles? Bathers are not entitled to special consideration for are not baths provided in the new Council houses? And, moreover, swimming is a dangerous pastime – more especially now a higher diving board has been provided, which every mother careful of her offsprings' safety should discountenance.”

SUNDAY TRIP TO SKEGNESS. 9th Sept. 1932

The 55 passengers who booked from Swavesey station on Sunday by the L.N.E.R. excursion to Skegness were given the opportunity of spending many hours by the sea. The train left Swavesey at 10.40 a.m., and did not get back again until after midnight.

CYCLES IN CHURCHYARD. 9th Sept. 1932

In a note in this month's North Stowe Deanery Magazine recording the proceedings of a recent meeting of the Church Council, the Vicar says: “The Council asked me to make it known through the magazine that bicycles must not be left in the churchyard all day long while their owners go about their business. Will offenders please note?”

THE LATE MR. T. R. PAYNE. 9th Sept. 1932

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Robert Payne, eldest son of Mrs. James Payne, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, and the late Mr. James Payne, took place at Bedford Cemetery on Aug. 31st. Deceased, who some years ago took a business in Bedford, had recently been in failing health, and he passed away on August 28th at the age of 56. In addition to his widow, he leaves a son and a daughter to mourn their loss. The mourners included: Mrs. Payne (widow), Miss M. Payne (daughter), Mr. F. Payne (son), Mrs. J. Payne (mother), Mr. A. P. Payne (brother), Miss Woodruff (sister-in-law).

BILLIARDS LEAGUE. 9th Sept. 1932

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Billiards League was held in the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on Thursday week, the following clubs being represented: Swavesey, Somersham and Fenstanton. The accounts presented by the treasurer (Mr. H. J. Culpin) showed a balance in hand of £1 5s. 11d., and were passed without discussion. On the election of officers for the forthcoming season Mr. C. Wood read a letter from Mr. W. A. Bignell stating that he wished to resign the presidency of the League. After some discussion it was resolved to ask him to reconsider his decision. Mr. G. J. Jacobs and Dr.

Hart were elected vice-presidents, subject to their acceptance. Mr. G. Green (Fenstanton) was elected chairman, and Mr. Harding (St. Ives) vice-chairman. Mr. Wood announced that he was unable to continue as secretary of the League and Mr. R. Coles (Swavesey) was appointed in his place. Mr. H. J. Culpin was re-elected treasurer. A discussion took place respecting running the League on the aggregate number of points scored, instead of two points per game as hitherto, and it was decided to refer the question to the teams concerned. A few minor alterations having been made in the rules, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Wood for his services as secretary since the foundation of the League.

WEDDING. 16th Sept. 1932

The marriage of Miss Ruby Williams, of Swavesey, and Mr. Kenneth William Goodman, of Fen Drayton, took place quietly at St. Ives on Saturday.

STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th Sept. 1932

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Strict Baptist Chapel yesterday afternoon and evening, when Mr. J. Kemp, of Luton, was the special preacher. The collections were divided between the Cause and the G.S. Poor Relief Society. There was a public tea between the services.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 16th Sept. 1932

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the Football Club. A local band, known as "The Crackerjacks," played a capital selection of music for dancing, and at intervals much appreciated songs were sung by Mrs. H. Bishop and Mr. H. Cole. Mr. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C., and Mesdames A. Turner and G. Oakman were in charge of the refreshments. At the close, on the proposition of Mr. A. Hepher, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had contributed in any way to the success and enjoyment of the evening. The takings amounted to over £4.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Sept. 1932

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) occupying the chair. There was quite a good attendance of members. During the business proceedings two delegates were appointed to attend the forthcoming programme conference, and arrangements were made for the vegetable competition to be held at the group meeting on Tuesday next. Miss Cole (treasurer) presented the quarterly accounts, which showed a good balance in hand. The outstanding feature of the evening was

an interesting demonstration on fancy stitching by Mrs. Hind, in course of which some beautiful work was shown. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Hind, proposed by Mrs. Aldred, and seconded by Mrs. Cain, was carried amid applause. After this a round table conference was held to discuss subjects for next year's programme, and tea was served by the tea committee, augmented by Mrs. Aldred and Mrs. A. Whybrow. A roll-call on "My grandmother's reaper" and a game, "Fill in the gap," brought the meeting to a close.

HUSBAND & WIFE'S DIFFERENCES. 16th Sept. 1932

Lodger Who Intervened.

SWAVESEY "SCENE."

A "scene" between a husband and wife and the intervention of a lodger led to the husband being locked out of his mother-in-law's house at Swavesey on August 31st. There was a sequel at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday, when the lodger summoned the husband.

Defendant was G. L., a labourer, of Fen Drayton, and he was summoned for assaulting W. D., Askew-road, Swavesey, at Swavesey, on August 31st. A plea of not guilty was entered.

Complainant, in evidence, said he was a labourer lodging at Askew-road, Swavesey. On August 31st he was just in the house having tea, after coming home from work. Mrs. L., who was the daughter of his landlady, Mrs. N., was not there, but her husband (the defendant) and baby were.

A few minutes later Mrs. L. came for her baby to put it in the pram outside the back door. Her husband stood there, and started bullying Mrs. L. They started fighting, and Mr. L. threw his wife to the ground. She lay there practically unconscious, and Mrs. N. remarked that they had better get her inside.

Witness picked Mrs. L. up after a minute or two, and Mr. L. began threatening him. He (defendant) threatened to kill witness, and so witness and the others locked themselves in the house. The crowd outside of between 20 and 30 people still kept making a noise, and Mrs. N. said she had better fetch the policeman. She went out the front door with her other daughter, V., and her son C. After they had gone witness bolted the front door and remained inside with Mrs. L. and the baby.

LADDER AGAINST WINDOW.

While witness was in the house a ladder was brought and placed against the back bedroom window of the house. Defendant came up the ladder with a stick and poked the stick about in the window. He then went down the ladder and the crowd went round to the front. They forced open the front room window, and defendant stood in the window with the stick in his hands, saying, "Where is my wife? Let my wife out."

Witness replied that he would let her out, and then, opening the front door, went out himself. As he got outside defendant struck him across the face and the head with his fists. Witness did not retaliate, but went away.

Replying to the defendant, witness denied that he had ever previously locked the door against defendant whilst with Mrs. L.

M. M. L., wife of the defendant, High-street, Fen Drayton, gave evidence that her husband knocked her down and she remained unconscious for two hours. She also described seeing her husband strike D. with his fist.

Cross-examined, witness agreed that she did bite defendant on that day. She did not go home with him because she was frightened of him.

Mrs. E. N., mother of the previous witness, also gave evidence.

A statement written by defendant was read to the magistrates by the Acting Clerk to the Court (Mr. H. F. Shaw). In the statement defendant said D. hit him on the jaw and he (defendant) hit him back. D. had always been a trouble to him.

The Chairman of the Bench (Col. L. Tebbutt) said the case should never have appeared before the court, but as defendant admitted striking D., he would be bound over for 12 months in the sum of £5. "We hope," added Col. Tebbutt, "that Mr. D. will not interfere between husband and wife. Their differences should not be decided by Mr. D., but by this court or another court."

SOCIAL. 23rd Sept. 1932

A social arranged by Miss Q. Spolton was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday last. The attendance was quite good, but not quite up to the usual standard on account of similar attractions. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Super Four Dance Band, and the programme also included songs, which were well rendered by Mr. H. Cole, and imitations and impersonations by Mr. S. Prime. Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 23rd Sept. 1932

Members of the Willingham and Over Institutes were entertained by Swavesey members at the group meeting held at Swavesey on Tuesday. There were over 100 members present, Mrs. Edwards presiding. Small reports of activities in the three institutes were given by the respective secretaries. During the business Mrs. Edwards was re-elected chairman and Mrs. C. S. Hephew convener for the ensuing year. Mrs. Newport Milson was warmly welcomed, and she gave an interesting account of institute affairs generally. Mr. Baker, well known to Swavesey members, gave an interesting talk on local history, bearing on the forthcoming pageant. Both speakers were accorded a hearty

vote of thanks. A competition for the best collection of vegetables from one institute was won by Over. The prize for this was a charming cloth to be used at institute meetings. The judge for this competition was Mr. Cramp, who spoke of the excellence of the vegetables and also the arrangement. The vegetables were afterwards sold to augment the Group funds. The social part of the programme consisted of dancing, games and a well rendered sketch, entitled "Our Jumble Sale," all those taking part being members of the Swavesey W.I. Music for dancing was provided by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss O. Coote. At the close of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was given Swavesey W.I. for the pleasant evening given to the visitors.

BARNARDO DAY. 30th Sept. 1932

The annual collection in the village in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes resulted in £2 1s. 6d. being raised. Misses Mary and Joan Mitham, Mary Shepperson and Myrtle Prior were the collectors.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 30th Sept. 1932

Members of the Women's Institute and a few friends, the party numbering about 20 in all, on Tuesday went by motor coach to Reading to pay a visit to Huntley and Palmer's Biscuit Factory. On their way they stopped at St. Albans, where they looked round the Abbey, and also at Windsor. At the latter place the party had a tour round the Castle, including the State Rooms. Home was reached about 9.30 p.m. – The Swavesey W.I. were placed first in their class for a Co-operative exhibit of bottle fruits at the recent Autumn Show in Cambridge.

THE LATE MRS. LETCH. 30th Sept. 1932

The death took place on Wednesday week of Mrs. Sarah Ann Letch, at the Manor, Swavesey, the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Norman, with whom she has been living for the past eight years. Deceased was the widow of the late Mr. Humphrey Alfred Letch, of Toppersfield, and had lived for some time at Tiptree, Essex, prior to coming to Swavesey. The funeral took place on Saturday at the Over Cemetery, the Rev. G. E. J. Bird, of Watford, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. H. Letch, Caterham (son), Mrs. J. Norman, Mrs. G. A. Smith, of Newark, and Miss A. Letch, Cambridge (daughters), Mrs. J. Letch (daughter-in-law), Mr. F. F. Norman (grandson). The polished oak coffin bore the inscription: "Sarah Ann Letch, died Sept. 21st 1932, aged 89 years." The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. B. and W. R. Wayman, Over.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 7th Oct. 1932

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received from the Over Parochial Church Council the sum of £3 3s., part proceeds of the offertory at the harvest festival.

STOCK CLUB. 7th Oct. 1932

The annual meeting of the Swavesey Stock Club was held at the White Horse Inn on Monday. Only a few members attended. This club has been in existence for very many years, and its meetings have always been held at the White Horse.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL. 7th Oct. 1932

The social evening organised by the local band, now known as the Blue Riviera, which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was a great success. The excellent programme provided included songs by Mrs. H. Bishop and Mr. H. Cole, and dancing, for which the music was supplied by the band. A waltz competition was won by Mr. P. Banks and partner. Mr. C. S. Hephner acted as M.C.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 7th Oct. 1932

During the year ended September 30th, £141 16s. 7d. has been contributed by the members of the Swavesey branch of Addenbrooke's Hospital Contributory Scheme. Members should obtain new cards for the ensuing year from the collectors. Provision has now been made for special contribution cards to be issued to those persons whose income exceeds the limits, and who wish to become honorary members. Major Wallington has promised to attend the annual meeting of the branch, to be held on October 19th.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 7th Oct. 1932

Good congregations attended the harvest thanksgiving services at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, when the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, was the special preacher in the afternoon and evening. There was a larger company than usual at the public tea between the services. The festival was continued on Sunday, Mr. R. Garlick, of Spurgeon's College, conducting the services. The collections were devoted to church funds, the offerings of fruit, produce, etc., being sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

LATE REV. W. FISHER. 14th Oct. 1932

Funeral at Swavesey.

The funeral took place on October 6th of the Rev. William Fisher, M.A., (Cantab), who for 19 years was district secretary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and for 20 years Rector of Kingham, Oxford, from which benefice he resigned owing to failing health in September, retiring to Cambridge.

The interment was at Swavesey Parish Church, the service being conducted by the deceased's son-in-law, the Rev. C. E. Finch, Vicar of Swavesey.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Fisher (widow), Miss D. M. Fisher, Mr. J. M. Fisher, Mrs. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fisher.

The deceased was in his 77th year.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT. 14th Oct. 1932

Rate Remains the Same.

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday, Mr. J. Frohock presided, and there was also present: Messrs. F. Kirby, F. Stanton, and A. Day, with the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The Clerk reported the treasurer's credit balances to be: General account £259, housing £108, rating £358.

CHURCH COUNCIL'S APPLICATION.

A letter was read from the Swavesey Parochial Church Council with regard to repairs to the church clock, for which an account of nine guineas had been received, asking the Council to make a grant towards the improvements.

The Clerk said damage was done to the clock in removing part of the apparatus, and the Church Council were liable.

Mr. Kirby said if a grant was made it would be a charge on the public fund, and he wondered if the parishes would be agreeable.

The Clerk said it did not seem unreasonable to make a grant, and he suggested a sum of three guineas. It would, however, be a special charge on the parish.

Mr. Day thought that three guineas was a reasonable amount, and it was agreed that a cheque should be drawn.

Application being made, it was agreed to purchase six yards of gravel for the houses at Boxworth End, Swavesey.

A SWAVESEY DITCH.

The Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. G. Yeandle) said complaints had been made by the tenants at Turnbridge, Swavesey, about the ditch there, and he had carried out an inspection. In his opinion the bank had become too heavy for the ditch, and was repeatedly falling in and choking it up. It either meant removing the bank or shoring it up, and that would be an expensive business. The bank was continually cracking and sliding into the dyke.

Mr. Day thought that nothing could be done except to clean the ditch out every two or three years.

The Inspector also thought it best to leave the ditch as it was and ask Mr. Hagger to keep a watchful eye on it.

THE RATE.

In presenting the rate for the half-year Mr. J. B. Mason, the accounting officer, said he understood that no further information had been received about the proposed amalgamation of Swavesey with Chesterton R.D.C. He believed that the Ministry generally gave six months' notice of these changes, so probably the amalgamation would not take place before March 31st. Working on that basis, the rates he proposed to make were the same for the last half-year, less a reduction of approximately 6d. to reduce the money in hand. During the past half-year the parish of Over had expended approximately £84 on a new sewer, incurring a special rate of 1s., and at Swavesey a rate of 4d. had been incurred, which was partly the penalty of water wastage.

Mr. Kirby said sometimes the water wastage could not be avoided.

The Rate Collector (Mr. E. J. Bullen) said the engineer inspected the pump at College Farm, Fen Drayton in April and tested the pipes. He estimated that the pump was losing 5,000 gallons a day.

Mr. Day wondered if it would be possible to have a periodical inspection of the pumps to avoid water wastage, and he was asked to confer with the Swavesey Parish Council with a view to the appointment of the engineer as inspector at a small salary.

The rate estimate was approved.

WEDDING. 14th Oct. 1932

His old friends in Swavesey will be interested to learn that Mr. Frederick George Clarke, of 1, Cecil Parade, High-road, Ilford, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke, of Swavesey, was married to Mrs. Daisy Vandy at Ilford parish church on Sunday. They are spending the honeymoon at Bournemouth.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Oct. 1932

There was a large and appreciative audience at the opening meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, at which the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, gave a very thoughtful and searching address, his subject being "That they may all be one." Mrs. W. Savage and Miss D. Godfrey rendered valuable service in recitation and song. The chair was taken by Mr. Chapman, who, in his remarks, expressed the pleasure felt by all the members at the presence of the Vicar amongst them. Next week the Fellowship will be addressed by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH. 14th Oct. 1932

Dr. Leslie Cole, of Cambridge, gave a most interesting talk on children's health at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday night, every subject relating to the bringing up of children being dealt with in a thoroughly practical manner. Miss Grace Dodson acted as judge in a competition for the best knitted vest for a baby, awarding the prize (given by Mrs. Canham) to Miss K. Banks. Mrs. Banks reported on the Market Stall Conference, and arrangements were made for the forthcoming whist drive and birthday party. A jolly game of "vacant place" concluded the evening.

SWAVESEY INSTITUTE. 14th Oct. 1932

The annual meeting of the Institute was held in the Billiards Room at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday week. There was a good attendance of members. The balance sheet, which showed a small sum in hand, but larger than that brought forward from the previous year, was read and adopted. The following officials were elected: President, Mr. W. A. Bignell; Vice-Presidents, Mr. B. Thorp and Dr. Hart; Chairman, Mr. R. H. Coles; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. C. Wood; Committee, Messrs. Hawkes, Hind, H. Culpin, W. Thorp and E. Smart. It was decided that subscriptions should remain as before, that coal and oil be supplied by the same tradesman as last year, and two teams to be run in the Swavesey and District Billiards League, Mr. Coles being captain of the first and Mr. E. Peters the second. Mr. E. Prior was unanimously re-appointed caretaker.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th Oct. 1932

The harvest festival at the Parish Church opened on Thursday week with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. A large congregation attended evensong at 7 p.m., when the special preacher was the Rev. L. Galley, Vicar of Oakington, and the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (G. J. Bennett) and the anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" (J. H. Maunder), excellently rendered by the choir. On Sunday the services were as follows: Holy Communion 6.45 a.m., 8 a.m., and midday. Mattins 10.30 a.m., children's gift service 3 p.m., and evensong with sermon by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) at 6.30 p.m. At this service Thursday's music was repeated. The Church was beautifully decorated with the parishioner's contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables, which, it was noticed, were larger than they had been for some years past. The collections on both days, except on Sunday evening, were as usual for Addenbrooke's Hospital, £6 8s., being realised. The flowers, produce, etc., used in the decorations, and the children's gifts,

which included eggs, and toys as well as flowers, etc., have also been sent to the Hospital. The bells, which have recently been overhauled and re-hung, were rung before evensong on Sunday.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 14th Oct. 1932

On Friday last, the day on which her eldest son, Mr. Joseph Kester, was buried at Mill-road Cemetery, Cambridge, Mrs. Maria Kester, widow of the late Mr. James Kester, senior, passed away at Boxworth-end, Swavesey. The daughter of the late Mr. Philip Johnson, she was born in Swavesey 86 years ago. For the past 2½ years her health has been failing. She leaves four sons and three daughters. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. J. Harrison, of St. Ives, officiating at the service in her house, during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung, and at the interment in the cemetery. The mourners included: Messrs. Frank, Charles and Fred Kester (sons), Mrs. Waling and Mrs. W. Coulson (daughters), Mrs. J. Kester, Mrs. C. Kester, Mrs. Fred Kester (daughters-in-law), Mr. F. Waling (son-in-law), Mrs. O. Duce, Miss L. Waling, Mrs. W. Kester (grand-daughters), Messrs. Fred Coulson, Jim and Alec Kester (grandsons), Mr. G. E. Canham and Mr. J. Day representing Bethel Baptist Church, of which deceased was one of the oldest members, and members of the Swavesey branch of the B.W.T.A. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. George Mitham and Sons.

THE LATE MRS. KESTER. 21st Oct. 1932

The names of Mr. W. Kester (grandson) and Mr. and Mrs. Ingle (nephew and niece) were inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in our report of the funeral of Mrs. James Kester, sen., last week.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 21st Oct. 1932

The treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received a cheque for £11 10s., part of the proceeds of the fancy dress parade, W.I. whist drive and fancy dress dance during Feast week at Over, and also a donation of five guineas from the Trustees of the Over Town Lands.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT. 21st Oct. 1932

During the football match on the Recreation ground on Saturday between Swavesey Reserves and Elsworth, James Hendry, one of the Swavesey team, fell and injured his head. He resumed play almost immediately, but collapsed, and had to be taken in a car to his brother's house. Medical aid was summoned, but Hendry did not regain consciousness until the evening. He has now completely recovered.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Oct. 1932

There was another good attendance at Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the speaker was Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton. Basing his address on the Raising of Lazarus, the speaker gave a helpful talk, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. W. Chapman presided, and Mr. Canham rendered valuable assistance. The Fellowship will be addressed next week by Mrs. Letch, of Over.

THE SUPER FOUR BAND. 21st Oct. 1932

The social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Super Four Dance Band, was a great success. The programme consisted of humorous songs by Mr. H. Cole, games, including a ladies' musical parcel won by Mrs. Pettitt, and dancing, for which the band provided the music. Excellent refreshments were also supplied under the management of Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

SOCIAL. 21st Oct. 1932

A very pleasant time was spent at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, at the first of a series of social evenings arranged by a committee appointed by the Parochial Church Council. The programme consisted of songs by Miss Seymour, monologue by Miss Dodson, sketch by Mrs. Scammell and Miss King, and a monologue by Mrs. King, interspersed with games and competitions. A scissors and tape competition was won by Mr. Braybrook, and dressing up a clothes-peg by Miss D. Banks. The Vicar, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the evening. The Blue Riviera Band (Mrs. Budge) provided an excellent selection of music for dancing. Mr. C. S. Hepher kindly undertook duties as M.C., and Messrs. B. Hodson and T. Froment doorkeepers. Abundant refreshments, all given by friends, were in the capable hands of Mrs. H. Wells, Miss G. Froment and Miss D. Banks. The takings amounted to £4 10s. 5d.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 21st Oct. 1932

The first annual meeting of Swavesey subscribers to Addenbrooke's Hospital under the Contributory Scheme was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance. The Rev. C. E. O. Finch presided, supported by Major Wallington, who during the proceedings gave an address on the working of the scheme generally. The treasurer, Mr. S. F. Mitham, reported that the number of contributors on the books was 386, and that £141

16s. 7d. had been collected during the year, and that the arrears amounted to £1 12s. 8d., most of which had since been paid in. The collectors were as follows: Parish £14 9s. 2d., Mr. F. Prior £14 15s. 6d., Mr. A. Turner £17 4s. 8d., Mr. H. Unwin £18 4s., Mr. H. Whitehead 8s. 8d., Mrs. Isgrove £15 6s. 2d., Mrs. Savage £12 17s. 6d., Mrs. Thorpe £19 6s. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; hon. sec. Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Mitham; committee, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, J. Parish, F. Prior, A. Turner, H. Unwin, Mrs. Isgrove, Mrs. T. Savage, Mrs. W. Thorpe, Miss Banks, Mr. E. J. Mitham, Mr. F. Hephher, Dr. Hart.

IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW. 28th Oct. 1932

Fourteen passengers booked from Swavesey station on Thursday morning by the L.N.E.R. excursion to Birmingham for the Imperial Fruit Show.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 28th Oct. 1932

Owing to the accidental dropping of a line, the name of Mr. H. H. Berryman was omitted from the list of collectors in our report last week of the meeting of subscribers to Addenbrooke's Maintenance Fund. He collected £29 2s. 11d. The following name in the list should read Mr. J. Parish £14 9s. 2d.

Y.P.F. 28th Oct. 1932

Another successful meeting of the Baptist Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday evening, when the speaker was Mrs. Letch, of Over, who gave a helpful and suggestive address on "Leaders." Mrs. A. Prior recited, and Master Roy Godfrey read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. W. Savage and Mr. W. Chapman also took part in the proceedings. – Next week the Fellowship will be addressed by Rev. H. W. Batstone, of Histon.

DANCE. 28th Oct. 1932

The carnival dance which took place in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, under the auspices of the Blue Riviera Band, was a great success. The band provided an excellent selection of music and Mr. C. S. Hephher was an indefatigable M.C. Prizes offered for the spot dance were won by Miss Marjorie Nightingale and Mr. F. Murfett, and for the fox-trot competition by Miss Abbs and Mr. Bob Unwin, of Over. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

WHIST DRIVE. 28th Oct. 1932

In spite of the very wet evening there were 42 players at the whist drive in connection with the Women's Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Mr. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The winners, who qualified for the final at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge, were: Ladies – Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cain. Gentlemen – Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. Webb. Mr. S. Rickard and Mrs. Warboys won the carrying prizes. All the prizes and refreshments were given by members of the Women's Institute.

B.W.T.A. 28th Oct. 1932

Considering the wet evening there was a good attendance at the social which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week to open the winter session of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A. Recitations, solos, and dialogues were contributed by members, and refreshments were handed round. At the business meeting held after the social, the following officers were elected for the session: President, Mrs. W. Savage; vice-president, Mrs. Nicholls; secretary, Miss H. Dodson; treasurer, Mrs. J. Day; committee, Mrs. T. Savage, Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Mrs. P. Godfrey, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Melbourne, Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. Frost, and Mrs. A. Prior.

BRITISH LEGION. 28th Oct. 1932

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, was well attended. Mr. P. Lee (treasurer) submitted the accounts, which showed a steadily increasing balance in hand, and the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report, in the course of which he stated that five new members had been enrolled, two old members had left the district, and one had died. The members were to be congratulated, he said, on the way in which they had turned out to the rallies and the dedication of standards in the county. No claims for relief had been received during the 12 months, but three cases of sickness had been helped. Both the balance sheet and the report were adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the treasurer and secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months: President, Dr. Hart; vice-presidents (subject to their consent), Rev. A. F. Royston and Capt. L. H. Swann (Lolworth); chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Nicholls; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Messrs. S. Bath, W. Bentley, T. Savage, H. Topham, A. C. Garner, H. Turner, F. Hephher, J. Prior, A. W. Melbourne, and E. Prior; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and W. Nicholls; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; delegate for County Committee, Mr. A. W. Melbourne.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Oct. 1932

There was very little business for the parish councillors to deal with at their quarterly meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. F. Hephner, J. Linford, P. Parish, A. P. Payne and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. After two or three small accounts had been passed for payment, including a claim for £3 15s. for income tax on the Memorial Hall, Mr. Payne called attention to an asbestos tile, or tiles, which had fallen from the roof of the Hall. It was stated that one tile had been replaced, but that owing to a misunderstanding another had not. This would, the Clerk said, be attended to without delay. Reference was also made to the cedar trees at each end of the Swan pond, the lower branches of which had recently been lopped by the County Road Authorities. The trees with two others in Market-street, had been planted as a memorial to Queen Victoria on the day of her funeral in January, 1901. The Chairman said the trees had been lopped without any reference to the Parish Council, to whose care they were committed. The Clerk announced that the family of the late Mr. Wright had decided not to erect a seat near Church Bridge, but, provided permission be granted, to place it in the cemetery. A short discussion respecting an overgrown hedge and ditch by the Constable's Rood, and certain by-roads in the parish more or less blocked by overgrown blackthorn hedges, matters over which the Chairman said the Council had not control, concluded the meeting.

Y.P.F. 4th Nov. 1932

The Rev. H. W. Batstone was the speaker at the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, taking for his subject "The Words of Jesus." Roy Godfrey read the Scripture portion. Mrs. Duce and Mr. Chapman also took part in the meeting. Next week the Fellowship will be addressed by the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham.

PERSONAL. 4th Nov. 1932

Mr. Joseph Smith, of 4, Market-place, Wisbech, son of Mrs. Smith, of Willow House, Boxworth End, Swavesey, and the late Mr. James Smith, has been re-elected unopposed, a member of Wisbech Town Council. Mr. Smith, who is a Conservative, was first returned to the Council in 1929, after having been narrowly defeated at the election held three years' previously.

SOCIAL. 4th Nov. 1932

Considering the unpleasant evening, the attendance at the social in the Memorial Hall on Saturday was very gratifying. The Super-Four Dance band

provided an excellent selection of music for dancing. Musical parcels were won by Mrs. S. Wright (ladies) and Mr. J. L. Kester (gentlemen). Refreshments were supplied under the management of Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt, and Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

WEDDING. 4th Nov. 1932

The Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, officiated at the marriage at Bethel Baptist Chapel yesterday afternoon of Miss Eva Freestone, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freestone, and Mr. Leslie Richard Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prime Godfrey. The service was choral and included the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O love, divine and golden." The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of white georgette with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and fern. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Eunice Frodsham and Iris Spencer (cousins of the bride) and Misses D. and E. Godfrey (sisters of the bridegroom), all charmingly attired in lemon crepe suede with pale green crepe suede crinoline hats. They carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr. S. Godfrey (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where a large number of guests were entertained. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon at Leicester.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 11th Nov. 1932

Thirty members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion assembled on the Recreation Ground at 2.45 p.m. on Sunday, under the command of Captain R. Barwell, and headed by the branch standard, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a service, largely attended by the villagers, was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Royston, rector of Lolworth, who served in the war with the Cambs. Regiment. The lesson, Ecclesiasticus xlv. ("Let us now praise famous men") was read by Captain L. Swann (Lolworth), and the roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who made the supreme sacrifice was recited by Mr. H. H. Berryman, after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Captain Barwell. An appropriate address was given by the Rev. A. F. Royston, and the following hymns were sung: "O God, our help in ages past," "God of our fathers" (Kipling), "O, valiant hearts" and "Fight the good fight," concluding with the National Anthem. Mrs. C. S. Hepher presided at the piano. The collection, in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, amounted to £1 12s. 6d.

The large congregation at the parish church in the evening included 33 ex-Servicemen, who paraded with the Legion standard at the church gates. The roll of the men of Swavesey who fell in the war was read by the Vicar, who conducted the service and preached. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to a setting by G. J. Bennett. The National Anthem, the "Last Post" sounded by Captain Barwell, and the hymn "Fight the good fight" sung as the recessional concluded the service. The collection for Lord Haig's Fund amounted to £2 9s. 6d.

ADVERT. 11th Nov. 1932

AUCTION SALE of Sawn Timber, 2,000 Ft. Fencing Rails, Stakes, Oak Posts, New Field Gates, Tool Sheds, Four Buildings (various sizes), Tools, etc., etc., Wednesday next, 2 p.m., by Mr. C. Watts, in Mr. Chas. Cole's Meadow.

RASPBERRIES IN NOVEMBER. 11th Nov. 1932

Mr. Stanley Prime, during the last few weeks, has been gathering a few ripe raspberries in the garden attached to his house in High-street. Last Sunday morning he succeeded in picking ½lb. of exceptionally fine and ripe fruit.

Y.P.F. 11th Nov. 1932

Another excellent meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when the speaker, the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave an address on "A Threefold Friendship." Miss M. Easter presided. Mr. G. Laverack read the Scripture portion, and also played a violin solo, prayer was offered by Mrs. W. Savage, and Mr. W. Chapman voiced the thanks of all present to the speaker. The Fellowship meets on Tuesday next week, when the Rev. W. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, will be the speaker.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 11th Nov. 1932

A social in aid of the Football Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent, mainly with dancing, for which the Blue Riviera band provided a good selection of music. Songs were also sung, by request, by Mrs. H. Bishop. Mesdames A. Turner, G. Oakman, and Miss D. Godfrey were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne acted as M.C. Mr. H. V. Carter was the winner of the lucky number competition. The total takings amounted to over £4.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 11th Nov. 1932

The fourth birthday party of the Women's Institute was celebrated in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The ordinary business having been concluded, Mr. E. Papworth, of Cambridge, gave a practical demonstration on icing a cake, which was greatly appreciated. At eight o'clock members' friends arrived, and a social evening was spent, the entertainment including dancing, games, competitions, etc. Master George Laverack played a violin solo, Mr. Papworth told amusing stories, and Mrs. Budge played for the dancing. After the usual refreshments, all of which were given by members, a beautiful birthday cake, decorated with roses and fern in W.I. colours, was cut and handed round, and this was the gift of the President, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who was warmly thanked for her kindness. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C. Members of Over W.I. committee were present.

ONE MAN MEETING! 11th Nov. 1932

Swavesey R.D. Council Comedy.

The Swavesey Rural District Council has had dwindling attendances at its monthly meetings for some time past, but the appearance on Friday of only one member, Mr. F. Kirby (the vice-chairman) was a happening without precedent in its history over nearly forty years.

Fortunately Mr. Kirby had no intricate matters to deal with, and what little business there was the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) said would be confirmed at the next meeting. Both seem to sense the slight humour of the situation, for when at the outset the Vice-Chairman asked to whom he was to appeal to verify the correctness of the minutes, the Clerk aptly replied, "Yourself, sir."

THE TRANSFER TO CHESTERTON.

A letter from the Clerk to the Cambs. County Council intimated that the Ministry of Health had practically agreed to the scheme for the merging of Swavesey with Chesterton, but gave no information as to when the actual transfer would take place. So far as the valuation was concerned, the District Council was instructed to proceed with this work as though no transfer was contemplated.

Mr. Kirby said the County Council were apparently still in the dark as to what was to happen.

RATING ARREARS.

The Rating Officer (Mr. J. B. Mason) stated that for the half-year ending September the outstanding arrears of rate amounted to £151 8s. 8d. Since that date £32 16s. 9d. had been collected, leaving a sum of £118 11s. 11d. outstanding. He had given seven days' final notice in some cases and in others had seen the ratepayers as to rates unpaid.

The Clerk said the only course open for the Council was to take proceedings to enforce the payment of the arrears.

Referring to a list of defaulters, the Chairman remarked: I cannot understand some of these names being down here. It is ridiculous. There are some, however, who are deserving of sympathy.

The Clerk: Not all of them. There is Christ College, for instance.

The Rating Officer said the general rates were 4s. 3d. for Boxworth, Conington, Lolworth and Swavesey, 4s. 2d. Fen Drayton, 3s. 8d. Over, and special rates of 1s. at Over and 4d. at Swavesey.

CHORAL CLASS. 18th Nov. 1932

It has been decided, owing to lack of support, to discontinue the Choral Class, which for the last year or two has been held in the National School under the auspices of the County Education Authority. Mr. J. G. Milner has been the conductor.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 18th Nov. 1932

Under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, poppies were sold in Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth on Armistice Day. In Swavesey the collectors were: Miss Y. Lee £2 1s. 2½d., Miss C. Prior £1 17s. 2s., Miss J. Lee £1 11s. 5½d., Miss K. Banks £1 10s. 5½d., Miss D. Banks £1 2s. 10½d.; total £8 3s. 2½d. In the other four villages £6 12s. was raised, making with the collections at the remembrance services at Swavesey on Sunday, Nov. 6th, viz., Memorial Hall in the afternoon £1 12s. 6d., parish church in the evening £2 9s. 6d., a total contribution of £18 17s. 2d. to Earl Haig's Fund.

SOCIAL AND DANCE. 18th Nov. 1932

The social and dance arranged by the Super Four Dance Band, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was quite a success. The attendance was good in spite of the fact that this was the third social of the week, and the weather on Saturday night was unpleasant. The programme consisted of popular songs by Mr. H. Cole, and also plenty of dancing, the music for which was supplied by the Super Four (Miss Q. Spolton piano, Mr. H. Unwin drum, Mr. J. Sutton cornet, and Mr. A. Anderson violin), with Mr. C. Cole (ukulele). Miss C. Prior and Mrs. L. Whybrow (Over) were in charge of the refreshments, and Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

BRITISH LEGION. 18th Nov. 1932

A very successful social and dance was held on Saturday evening in the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion. The hall was filled to its fullest capacity, but in spite of this a most enjoyable time was spent. The programme consisted of dances, interspersed with vocal items by Mesdames Hinds and Bishop, the Misses Lee and Messrs. Topham and P. Lee. A special feature of the evening was the singing of war period songs, the choruses of which were lustily sung by all present. The dance music was supplied by the Blue Riviera Dance Band, and the refreshments were served under the capable management of Mesdames Berryman, Turner and T. Savage. During the evening thanks were tendered by the M.C., and to all who had helped by attending and supporting the branch. The net proceeds, which amounted to £4, go to the general funds of the branch.

LANTERN LECTURE. 25th Nov. 1932

An interesting lecture on mission work in India, illustrated by lantern slides, was given in the School on Tuesday evening by the Rev. G. Hibbert Ware, of Girton, who was formerly a missionary in Delhi.

B.W.T.A. 25th Nov. 1932

There was a good attendance at the Friends' Meeting House on Wednesday afternoon at the meeting which the local branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. held in conjunction with the Friends. Miss Phillips presided, and Miss Govan gave a helpful address, in course of which she made special reference to this week being "Temperance Week."

WHIST DRIVE. 25th Nov. 1932

Thirteen and a half tables were in play at the whist drive, which was held at the Memorial hall on the 17th inst. in aid of Parish Church funds. The prizewinners were: Ladies: Miss D. King (Fen Drayton), Miss K. Hartley (Fen Drayton); consolation, Mrs. H. J. Culpin. Gentlemen: Mr. H. Bartle, Mr. D. Williams; consolation, Mr. W. J. Hephew. Mr. H. H. Berryman was the M.C.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 25th Nov. 1932

There was a good attendance at the opening meeting of the winter session of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society on Friday, when the subject for discussion was the report of the Re-organisation Commission for Pigs and Pig Products. Mr. McMillan opened the discussion, and many of the members took part in the debate which followed on breeds of pigs suitable for various pig products. After the debate the winter's programme of

discussions was announced, and the next meeting was fixed for this evening. Before the Discussion Society met a meeting of the Young Farmers' Club was held. The number of members attending was disappointing, but it was decided to continue this year, with pigs as before.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 2nd Dec. 1932

The balance sheet in connection with this year's show and sports, which was presented by the joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held recently in the Memorial Hall, showed that the expenditure had exceeded the receipts by about £13. The balance sheet was passed, but it was decided to arrange a dance or social in the near future with the view of wiping off some of the deficit.

SOCIAL EVENING. 2nd Dec. 1932

A successful and enjoyable evening was spent at the social and dance which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, the room being comfortably filled. The programme consisted chiefly of dancing, for which the Super Four Band provided an excellent selection of music. The following songs were also sung by Mr. H. Cole: "The Yo-Yo Song" (by request), "They all start whistling Mary" and "I'm shy, Mary Ellen, I'm shy." The refreshments were in the capable hands of the usual ladies. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION. 2nd Dec. 1932

At the annual meeting of the workers in the District Nursing Association, held to go through the accounts and hand to the treasurer the subscription for the year beginning November 1st, 1932, it was announced that as a result of strenuous efforts in the three villages, there was a balance from last year of £37 8s. 9½d., whereas in the five previous years there was a deficit amounting in all to £61 11s. 2d. The subscriptions, donations etc., totalled £94 12s. 6d., and receipts from other sources, such as the Over Town Lands Trustees, socials, carol singing, whist drives, fancy dress parade and dance, Over Church harvest thanksgiving, garden fete, public assistance grant for old age pensioners and those in receipt of Poor Law relief, Ministry of Health for maternity services, etc., amounted in all to £102 8s. 10d., making the total receipts £197 1s. 4d. The expenditure was £159 12s. 6½d., leaving a balance in hand of £37 8s. 9½d. The accounts have been duly audited. The nurse during the year paid 3,106 visits.

WRONGFUL REMOVAL. 2nd Dec. 1932

Whybrow v. Crisp. – This was a claim by Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Whybrow against Marshall Crisp for damages for wrongful removal of certain corrugated iron fencing, plants, bulbs, rose trees and various other trees in a garden known as Mayleigh, Swavesey. Her claim was for the sum of £2 11s. 9d.

Mr. J. W. Winter, of Huntingdon, appeared for the plaintiff, and Major O. Papworth, of Cambridge, for the defendant, who was formerly the tenant of the house now owned and occupied by the defendant.

Defendant's was one of two houses, and Mrs. Whybrow stated that it was agreed two years ago to erect a partition between them. She supplied the wood for the posts and the door and Crisp paid for the corrugated iron. When defendant left his house he took the iron fence with him. She claimed that he had no right to take down the fence because he had given her a written agreement not to do so. A lot of the plants and trees in the garden were found to be cut down when defendant left the premises.

William Whybrow, the plaintiff's husband, also gave evidence as to the damage done to the fruit canes and rose trees. The fence was put up at the wish of Mrs. Crisp, and it was for defendant's benefit and to the disadvantage of the neighbours on the other side.

Covell Bishop, of Askew-road, Swavesey, a labourer, said he dug the garden after plaintiff went into the house. He found nothing in the garden only rubbish that had been buried. There were a few raspberry canes cut down, there were no rose trees or bulbs and there was no fence.

Richard Jacklin, Dean's Cottages, Swavesey, said he went to the garden at Mayleigh Cottage about three years ago, and the garden was then in a very good state. Mr. Smith was the tenant then. He did not see the garden during the tenancy of Crisp.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

Defendant said he left plaintiff's house in January. He was the tenant before Mrs. Whybrow purchased it. The fence was put up in 1930. Plaintiff bought the wood for the fence and he bought the iron sheets, which he took away when he left. He always maintained that when he left the house the fence would go. He did not take away any of the canes, trees, bulbs or plants. He merely took the fence because he had paid for it.

Mrs. Crisp said nothing was taken away from the garden when defendant left the house, only the fence which her husband had paid for. The fence was put up because of a little unpleasantness between them and their neighbours.

Cross-examined, Mrs. Crisp said a note was brought to her from Mrs. Whybrow asking her to consent to the fence remaining if she and her husband

left the house. She signed the paper, but her husband did not see it. Plaintiff told her several times she would not turn her out of the house.

Miss Latimer, of New-square, Cambridge, said she stayed with defendant when he moved from Mrs. Whybrow's house. He did not take any of the trees and plants from the garden. Mr. Crisp did not want anything that was not his. His Honour said he was not satisfied that defendant was responsible for the removal of the trees, plants and shrubs, but found that he was liable to compensate the plaintiff in respect of the removal of the iron fence. He awarded plaintiff a guinea damages.

SWAVESEY DISPUTE CASE.

In the case D. v. P., relating to a dispute over the ownership of certain hedges and ditches at Swavesey, His Honour heard the final arguments on the part of counsel, and reserved his judgement until another Court.

SUPER FOUR DANCE BAND. 9th Dec. 1932

Another successful social and dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday under the auspices of the Super Four Dance Band, when a good crowd spent an enjoyable evening. The band provided an excellent selection of music for dancing, and Mr. H. Cole contributed two of his popular songs. The refreshments were supplied under the usual management. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne acted as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the Band Funds.

MOVING PICTURES. 9th Dec. 1932

Under the auspices of the B.W.T.A.U. and the Band of Hope, an excellent programme of moving pictures was given by Uncle David and Aunt Flossie, of the Band of Hope Union, in Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week. Members of the B.W.T.A. were keenly interested in the garden party at Magdalene College, as many friends were featured in the film. The Skegness excursion was lived over again, the excitement being the greatest when Swavesey friends appeared on the screen. Mrs. Moore stressed the importance of making new homes temperance and Christian, and urged young people with matrimonial intentions to build on the right foundations. The meeting was arranged by Miss Gwen Payne and Mrs. Allpress, and the vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Moore was moved by the President, Mrs. Aldred.

SUDDEN DEATH. 9th Dec. 1932

While on the way to the railway station to catch the 8.42 a.m. train on Saturday, Mrs. Maria Bird, aged 66, of Boxworth End, collapsed near the Vicarage gateway. Mr. H. J. Culpin, who was a short distance behind, seeing

that she had fallen, hastened to her assistance, but beyond placing her in as comfortable a position as possible, he found he could do nothing. Leaving her, therefore, in the charge of others who had come up, he went to Mr. Hind, who lives nearby, and asked him to convey Mrs. Bird in his car to Mr. and Mrs. Isgrove's (her son-in-law and daughter) in High-street. This he did, after telephoning for Dr. Hart. As Dr. Hart unfortunately was not at home, Dr. Cane, of Willingham, was also telephoned for, but the former soon arrived, followed very quickly by Dr. Cane. They could do nothing, for Mrs. Bird had passed away. The sad occurrence was reported to the Coroner, who decided that an inquest was not necessary, as Dr. Hart was able to certify that death was probably due to heart failure. Mrs. Bird was the widow of the late Mr. Joseph Bird, of Wednesbury, Staffordshire. For the past 11 years she had resided in Swavesey, where she soon made many friends, and was greatly respected. A large number of Swavesey friends, as well as many from the surrounding district, attended the funeral, which took place at the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, officiated. The immediate mourners were Mr. J. Bird (son), Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Isgrove (son-in-law and daughter), and Mr. G. Bird (grandson). There were several beautiful floral tributes. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

INTERESTING WEDDING. 9th Dec. 1932

There was a large congregation at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon to witness the marriage of Miss Elsie Vera Williamson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williamson, and Mr. Philip Arthur Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks, of The Priory. The Rev. C. F. Stebbing, rector of Tewin, Herts., officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. C. E. O. Finch. The service was choral, and included the hymns "How welcome was the call" and "O Father, all creating," and Mr. G. H. Skeeles who presided at the organ, played the Bridal March from Lohengrin (Wagner) as the bride entered the church, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March at the close of the service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming ankle-length gown of turquoise ring velvet, with picture hat of perfect tone in soleil velour, and she carried a bouquet of golden roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Doris Williamson (sister of the bride), Miss Kathleen Banks (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Dorothy Bradford (cousin of the bride) were attired in ankle length chrome panne velvet gowns with coatees to match and hats of French felt to tone. Their bouquets were of bronze chrysanthemums, the chief bridesmaid also carrying a muff with a Victorian posy attached. All wore diamante clips, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Sidney Banks was best man.

As the happy couple left the church a merry peal was rung on the bells, and other peals followed during the afternoon. The reception after the ceremony was held at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge, where about 100 guests were entertained, and later Mr. and Mrs. Philip Banks left by car for an unknown destination for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a marron French silk cordaline model gown trimmed with white and brown hand embroidery, a brown felt hat appliqué design in autumnal tints to tone, and a musquash coat. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a silver gong from the Swavesey Hockey Club, of which the bride was a member for many years.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 9th Dec. 1932

The annual Christmas sale in aid of church funds was held on December 1st in the Memorial Hall, which had been tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and presented a most attractive appearance. Owing to the regrettable absence of the Vicar, through illness, Mrs. Finch, in a bright little speech, declared the sale open, and the various stalls were soon busy. The refreshments were capably managed by Mrs. Cooksey, whose principal helpers were Mesdames J. Dean, W. Thorp, Berryman, J. T. Daintree, Hodson, C. Walker and R. Gleaves. The other stalls were: Produce and Christmas presents – Mesdames Finch and C. Hephher; work, plain and fancy – Mesdames Banks, Barwell, Cooke, C. Dean, Levett and Pettitt; china – Mesdames E. J. Linford, E. J. Mitham, H. Wells; gifts – Misses Daisley and G. Froment; sweets – Misses C. Dodson and Page; Sunday School – Misses Banks and B. Day. Competitions were run by Mrs. W. J. Hephher, weight of cake (won by Miss M. Wagstaff); Mrs. Symonds, weight of pudding (won by Mrs. W. Maltby); Miss K. Banks, guessing names (won by Miss Beaumont); Miss C. Prior, counting game (won by Mrs. C. Hephher); Mrs. Lee, farthings in bran (won by Miss L. Cox); Miss Daisley, length of tape (won by Mrs. H. Carter). Miss B. Day made a large profit on the sale of photographs of the Vicar. In the evening a very good concert was arranged, and the large audience greatly appreciated every item, both serious and comic, awarding many encores. The play by small children, “The Fairy’s Gift,” was much enjoyed and the 12 performers reflected great credit on their trainer, Mrs. C. Hephher. Others taking part in the concert were: Mrs. W. Hind, who as well as singing and reciting acted as accompanist; Miss E. Few (Willingham), Mr. R. Thoday (Over), Mr. Jack King, comedian, Cambridge, and Swavesey Quartette. The children who acted were Lily and Joan Hephher, Pearl and Ruby Wilderspin, Lenora Key, Betty and Marjory Culpin, Jean Wood, Jean Smith, Olive Nightingale, Billy Prior and Ted Brasher. The net proceeds of the day’s effort amounted to £30 4s.

SWAVESEY R. D. COUNCIL. 9th Dec. 1932

Valuation Question: Water Inspector Appointed.

The Rev. C. G. Poynder took his seat on the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday as the new member for Boxworth, and was welcomed by the Vice-Chairman (Mr. F. Kirby), who presided in the absence of Mr. Frohock. The other members present were Messrs. F. Stanton, A. Day, R. Norman and J. Scambler, with the clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The clerk said the treasurer's credit balances were: General account £250; housing £42; rating £589.

The Accounting Officer (Mr. B. Mason) said some time ago he reported that he had written to the Cambs. County Council with regard to the change over to Chesterton as affecting the valuation, and the reply received was that the County Council did not know on which date the valuation would take place. At the same time he wrote to the Cambs. Assessment Committee, and received a reply stating that the matter had been referred to the County Valuation Committee. No reply had yet been received from the Valuation Committee, and it seemed to him that the Rural District Council would have to decide what course it would pursue.

The Council discussed the matter at length and decided to ask for fresh returns from owners of property in the district.

The Clerk asked the Accounting Officer if he had any information about the change over to Chesterton.

The Accounting Officer: Nobody seems to know anything about it. The whole matter seems to be in the air so far as the County Council is concerned.

WATER INSPECTOR APPOINTED.

A letter from Mr. H. W. Chevill, the Council's engineer, was read with regard to his appointment as water inspector at Swavesey.

The Council agreed to appoint Mr. Chevill at a salary of £5 a year.

Mr. Stanton said he thought £5 was a reasonable sum.

Mr. Day: Yes, so do I. I think he should save us £25.

A letter from Mr. A. W. Melbourne, of School-lane, Swavesey, asking for a load of gravel for his paths, was received. It was decided to leave this matter to the parish representatives.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 16th Dec. 1932

The annual distribution of surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club took place yesterday evening, when each of the 37 members received £1 0s. 3d. The receipts for the year amounted to £47 3s. 5d., and the expenditure to £9 14s. 1d., including £8 18s. 1d. paid out in sick benefit.

WHITE RIBBONERS. 16th Dec. 1932

For the Little White Ribboner's annual tea on Thursday week Bethel Schoolroom was filled with mothers and babies and with children of the Band of Hope, who were specially invited this year, and some of whom recited and sang during the evening. Games were played, and a happy time spent, and on leaving for home every child received a bag of sweets and an apple.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 16th Dec. 1932

A dance to augment the funds of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. There was a large crowd of dancers and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Blue Riviera Band played an excellent selection of modern and old time dance music. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, who also carried out duties of M.C. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Laverack were in charge of refreshments, helped by members of the committee, and Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Hendry were the door keepers. The net proceeds amounted to £3 16s. 5d.

DEATH OF MRS. C. WOOD. 16th Dec. 1932

The sad news that Mrs. Winifred Wood, wife of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey School, had passed away on Wednesday morning, was received in the village with great regret, and sincere sympathy is expressed with her husband and five sons and five daughters. Mrs. wood, who would have been 43 years of age had she lived until Christmas Day, had been ill for a long time, and had borne her sufferings with most exemplary patience and fortitude, always thinking of others and never of herself. The funeral will take place at the parish church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Dec. 1932

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The President, Mrs. C. Hepher, who was in the chair, after welcoming two new members, Mrs. Hind and Miss O'Rorke, thanked the retiring committee for the way in which they had worked during the past year. The secretary gave an interesting report of the year's work, and the treasurer read the accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Mrs. Banks, who attended as a member of the County Executive Committee, gave a short talk on Institute work. A competition for the best iced Christmas cake was judged by Mr. Isgrove, who awarded the prize to Mrs. Aldred. Then followed the election of the new committee, for which Mr. Pontefract and Mr. F. Aldred acted as tellers. After refreshments had been served by the tea committee,

games and dancing were much enjoyed by all the members, Mrs. Hind kindly playing for the dancing. The following are the officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. Hephher; vice-president, Mrs. Banks; treasurer, Miss Cole; secretary, Miss Banks; committee, Mesdames Aldred, Canham, Elwood, Freestone, Laverack, Lee, G. Prime and W. Thorp, Misses K. Banks and D. Godfrey.

CAROLS. 23rd Dec. 1932

Carols will be sung as usual in the streets this year, half of the village being visited this evening and the remainder tomorrow. The money collected will be divided equally between the District Nursing Association and St. Dunstan's.

ORDINATION. 23rd Dec. 1932

Mr. Edward Williams, youngest son of the late Mr. John Williams, of Market-street, who has been in training for the ministry in Australia for about three years, was ordained deacon last Sunday by the Bishop of Grafton, N.S.W.

AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY. 23rd Dec. 1932

An instructive lecture on the rearing of poultry was given by Mr. Robinson (County Poultry Instructor) at the meeting of the Swavesey and District Agricultural Discussion Society, held in the school on Friday evening.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 23rd Dec. 1932

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Mr. Letch, of Over, gave an interesting address. At the next meeting on January 2nd, Mr. I. Jones, of London, will be the speaker.

MUSICAL SUCCESS. 23rd Dec. 1932

At the recent examination held by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music at Cambridge, Lily Hephher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Market-street, passed in grammar of music, Div. II. She is a pupil of Miss Naylor, of Over.

BILLIARDS. 23rd Dec. 1932

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey Institute and Elsworth played at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week was won by the home team by 478 points to 378. Scores (Swavesey names first): J. Kester 100, F. Circus 54; M. Coutson 100, J. Desborough 87; L. Wagstaff 100, F. Fountain 87; W. Hind 78, S. Braybrook 100; L. Peters 100, L. Braybrook 50.

MEMORIAL HALL. 23rd Dec. 1932

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive organised by the Memorial Hall Committee of Management on Tuesday evening: Ladies, Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. E. Smart, Mrs. C. Dean, booby, Mrs. W. Thorp; gentlemen, Mr. Coulson, Mr. H. Peppercorn, Mr. G. Froment, booby, Mr. E. J. Warboys. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. Sixteen tables were in play. The annual Christmas prize draw in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund, which took place during the evening, realised a net profit of about £21.

SOCIAL. 23rd Dec. 1932

The Super Four Dance Band held another of their popular socials in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, when an enjoyable evening was spent by a good crowd. An excellent programme of dance music was provided by the band, augmented by Mr. C. Cole (ukulele). Master E. Whybrow sang two songs, "Amy" and "Show me the way to go home," for which he was heartily applauded. Mr. H. Cole was unfortunately unable to attend. Mrs. Pettitt was in sole charge of the refreshments, as her usual colleague, Miss C. Prior, was ill. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 23rd Dec. 1932

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday week, when the Football Club held their annual Christmas draw and social, the Memorial Hall being well filled. Excellent dance music was provided by the Blue Riviera Band, and songs sung by Mrs. H. Bishop and Mr. S. Braybrook (Elsworth), both being much applauded. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mesdames A. Turner, G. Oakman and Miss D. Godfrey. Mr. C. S. Hephew was M.C. After the interval Miss D. Banks drew the winning tickets in the annual prize competition, the proceeds from which were not as large as last year. After expenses had been paid the social and prize competition brought in about £8 for the funds of the club.

FUNERAL OF MRS. C. WOOD. 23rd Dec. 1932

There was an exceptionally large attendance of villagers, including many old pupils, and of friends from neighbouring parishes at the funeral on Friday of Mrs. Winifred Wood, wife of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey School. Mrs. Wood, who would have been 43, had she lived until Christmas Day, was a native of Derbyshire, and before her marriage she was a teacher at St. John's C. of E. School, Ripley, and at Codnor Park Infants' School, both in

the same county. Soon after their marriage Mr. Wood was appointed headmaster at Swavesey, and from 1911 until her breakdown in health Mrs. Wood was an assistant teacher in the school, except for about three years during the war. Not only was she the right-hand of her husband in the school, but she took a leading part in organising the children's entertainments, always designing and making the costumes, etc. All this in addition to bringing up her large family. She was also one of the founders of the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club, and in her younger days one of the keenest players. The service at the church and at the grave in the churchyard was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch). The principal mourners were Mr. C. Wood (husband), Messrs. F. C., Stanley and Lionel Wood (sons), Misses Winifred and Jean Wood (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss G. V. Thoday (representing the present staff of Swavesey School), Mrs. Levell and Mrs. C. S. Hepher (representing former colleagues), Rev. J. F. Cooksey (representing the School Managers), and Mr. and Mrs. C. Richards (Fenstanton).

A full list of others present and of wreaths and floral tributes is in the newspaper.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

REDUCED RAILWAY FARES. 30th Dec. 1932

Commencing on Sunday, January 1st, and until further notice, cheap day return tickets to Cambridge will be issued by any train from St. Ives, Swavesey, Longstanton, Oakington and Histon. From Swavesey the fares will be: First-class 2s. 6d., third-class 1s. 6d. The tickets will be available for return on the day of issue only.

CAROLS. 30th Dec. 1932

A party of carol singers toured Swavesey before Christmas, half of the village being visited on Friday evening and the remainder on Christmas Eve. A collection taken at the time by Mr. Bobby Mitham and Mr. Wilfred Parish amounted to £6 0s. 5d., and this sum, with £2 1s. 1d., collected by Mr. E. J. Warboys when the party visited Fen Drayton, has been divided between St. Dunstan's and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, viz., £4 0s. 9d. each.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 30th Dec. 1932

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (choral), matins 10.30 a.m., children's gift service 3 p.m., and evensong 6.30 p.m., when the music

included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bunnett), and the anthem "Goodwill to men" (Clare). The collections throughout the day were devoted to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and the gifts of toys, books, etc., brought by the children in the afternoon were sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home, Cambridge. All services were well attended, the communicants numbering 133 against 104 last year. The church was effectively decorated with evergreens, flowers, etc.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL. 30th Dec. 1932

The fourth event in the series of social arrangements made by the Parochial Church Council took the form of a "social" for children under 14 years of age, and if the amount of noise is a sign of enjoyment the children must have had a really topping time, for the committee found it very difficult to make themselves heard. The only time they were quiet was while they watched the performance of "The Fairy's Gift," which was repeated by special request. The cast was the same as when it was originally given at the concert on December 1st, except that Miss Jean Woods' part was taken by Miss Verna Smith. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, games and competitions, all of which were much enjoyed. The winners of the competitions were: Balloon race, Ruby Wilderspin, Norman Lee; potato race, Billy Prior, Joan Hepher, Mary Mitham, Annie Northill; peas and macaroni, Verna Smith, Joan Hepher, Edward Brasher, Percy Wright; musical parcel, Kathleen Carrier, Allan Lee. Thanks to the generosity of many church people, there were very few expenses, and the evening resulted in a profit of £2 2s. 8d. The next event will be a dance on January 19th.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 6th Jan. 1933

A well attended meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship, held on Monday evening, listened with great pleasure to an earnest address by Mr. I. Jones, of the Bible Institute, London. Miss L. Jones also took a part in the gathering. Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton, will be the speaker next week.

A COLLISION. 6th Jan. 1933

An alarming accident, fortunately not attended by serious consequences, occurred on Saturday at the junction of Market-street and High-street, when a float which was being driven from Cow Fen came into collision with a motor milk lorry belonging to Mr. Keith Wright, which was proceeding along High-street. Both shafts of the float were broken, and one of them ran through the handles of a perambulator in which were some children, badly bruising the

arms of one child. Two little boys in the float were also thrown out into the road.

COUNCIL MEETING. 6th Jan. 1933

Swavesey Rural District Council's last meeting of the old year at St. Ives on Friday, was attended by Messrs. F. Kirby (vice-chairman), W. I. Hemington and F. Johnson. Messages regretting their inability to attend were sent by the Chairman (Mr. J. Frohock) and the Rev. Poynder. There was a very light agenda. The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) reported that the treasurer's credit balances were £127 on the general account, £875 on the rating account, and on the housing account a debit of £44. He further reported that £100 from the repairs account had been invested in 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock as instructed at the last meeting, and that this had purchased £101 17s. 11d. worth of stock. Notice had been received from the Ministry of Health of payment to the treasurer of £139 Exchequer grant.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL. 6th Jan. 1933

The Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion held a very successful social in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a very large attendance; in fact, the largest yet known in connection with these events. The excellent and well-varied programme consisted of dancing, including the twilight waltz, and vocal items by Mesdames Hinds, H. Bishop, and the Misses Lee. Other items had been arranged, but owing to the dance numbers being encored several times, it was impossible in the time to carry out the full programme. The dance music was supplied by the Blue Riviera Dance Band. The refreshments were under the care of Mesdames Berryman, Turner, Pettitt and Mr. Turner; the doorkeeper was Mr. Berryman, and the M.C. Mr. Lee, who, together with the Hon. Secretary, was responsible for providing such a good programme. During the evening there was a competition for a box of chocolates, the lucky number being drawn in favour of Mrs. James Prior. The door receipts were £5 17s. 2d., the refreshments yielded 11s. 9d., and the box of chocolates 8s. 2d. profit. After allowing for expenses, the useful sum of £4 10s. has been carried to the Branch funds.

OBITUARY. 13th Jan. 1933

Her many friends in the Swavesey district will regret to learn that Mrs. James Moyne, the licensee of the White Horse Inn, passed away after a short illness, about midnight on Wednesday.

Y.P.F. 13th Jan. 1933

At the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, an interesting address on the five P's in St. John xx was given by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton. Mr. G. E. Canham occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. Next week Mrs. Blackaby, of Willingham, will be the speaker.

SOCIAL AND DANCE. 13th Jan. 1933

A successful social and dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Super Four Dance Band, when a good number of people spent an enjoyable evening. An excellent selection of modern music was supplied by the band for dancing, and greatly appreciated songs were contributed by Master E. Whybrow and Mr. H. Cole. Refreshments were provided under the capable management of Miss C. Prior and Mrs. Pettitt. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

LONDON'S HISTORY. 13th Jan. 1933

Beautiful lantern slides of historical places in London were shown at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening. These were kindly lent by the L.N.E.R. company, who also supplied the explanatory notes which were read by the President (Mrs. C. Hefher). The lantern was manipulated by Miss Banks (secretary). There was a good attendance, one new member, Miss Elsie Thorp, being welcomed. The Outing Fund was re-opened, and Mrs. Laverack was appointed delegate to the county meetings. Arrangements were also made for members' night. A competition – the most words made out of the letters of "Institute" was won by Miss Proud, the prize being given by Mrs. Banks (V.P.). The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games, "vacant chair" being a general favourite.

MISSIONARY TEA. 13th Jan. 1933

A large number of parishioners attended the annual Epiphany missionary tea, which was held in the schools on Wednesday evening. After tea Brigadier-General H. K. Woods, D.S.O., spoke on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. In his address, which was illustrated by beautiful lantern slides of village life in North India, he spoke of the self-sacrificing work of Christian missionaries among plague-stricken villagers; also of the erection of churches, and the work among the isolated tribes. He specially emphasised the fact that the Christian religion gives the power to bind the native states in India and Africa to the Mother Country, and

so prevents political disturbances. At the close the Vicar thanked General Woods for his interesting and enlightening address.

TITHE AND THE PARSONS. 13th Jan. 1933.

“Clergy Should Help Payers”

MR. H. W. GAME’S SUGGESTION.

A suggestion that the parsons should help the tithepayers in what he described as their fight for justice, was made by Mr. H. W. Game, the organiser in the Cambs. branch of the National Tithepayers’ Association, at a meeting held in the Swavesey Memorial Hall on Monday night. The meeting, which was well attended, was held under the auspices of the Cambs. branch of the National Tithepayers’ Association.

Mr. C. Cole was in the chair, supported by Mr. H. W. Game (organiser, Cambs. branch of the National Tithepayers’ Association) and Mr. A. M. McGregor (Cambs. delegate to the National Tithepayers’ Association).

“IF WE HAVE TO SMASH YOU.”

At the commencement, Mr. A. M. McGregor drew the meeting’s attention to a notice which had been put up before the meeting commenced. It was headed “Tithe,” and went on “Christmas messages delivered on Wednesday, 21st December 1932. ‘We are determined to get this tithe if we have to smash you. . . . I shall do my utmost to make you suffer for it.’ To farmers in Eltham, Kent, who protested against the plundering of their farms by persons who own no part of the freehold of the farms, and who have never contributed a penny of capital or rendered any service to the industry.”

The incident referred to, said the speaker, occurred at a tithe sale at Eltham, which was reported lately in the Press. It arose out of tithe due to Merton College, Oxford.

Mr. McGregor went on to give a short history of tithe. It was at the start more or less a charge upon the land, the revenue from which was largely used for the relief of the aged, sick and suffering. This continued until the time of Henry VIII., who broke with the Pope and did away with the power of the Roman Church. H. appropriated some of the tithe for his own use and gave the rest to his courtiers and favourites.

The next change was in the reign of Queen Anne, who during her reign instituted Queen Anne’s Bounty. She gave her share of the tithe to the Established Church. In 1836 the tithe was commuted, money being given in place of produce, and the amount depending on the price of the produce. Another change was made in 1896, and a further one in 1918, which fixed tithe at £109 3s. 1d. per £100 commuted value in 1836 for the following seven years.

“INJUSTICE.”

In 1925 another Tithe Act was passed, “probably one of the greatest injustices ever imposed upon British agriculture.” It established tithe on a basis which was a totally wrong basis to go on. The speaker did not think there would be any argument that prices in 1933 were anything like the prices in 1925. Owing to the fall in prices of agricultural produce, the Act had become iniquitous. Requests to discuss the matter had been met with blank refusals. The 1925 Act fixed the amount to be paid irrespective of what prices could be obtained for farm produce.

“We have had the Press behind us,” said the speaker, “and the Press of this country is not in the habit of taking up unjust causes. It has put our case in the plainest language, and the best language that it is possible to put it, before the British public. Our case is unanswerable. It is well known that the 1925 Act is iniquitous and unjust.” Why were the tithe-owners afraid of putting their case before the public? It was because in reality they had no case.

There were the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who included among their numbers the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and other Government officials. Tithepayers went to the Government and said they had a grievance. “Are they the proper body to have an unbiased opinion of our cause?” asked the speaker. “Is it fair to ask them to judge when they are sitting on the body which is compelling us to pay? Are they unbiased judges?”

QUEEN ANNE’S BOUNTY.

Dealing with Queen Anne’s Bounty, Mr. McGregor said that in a lot of cases, for their own benefit, they had granted remission. But in the view of the Association this remission was absolutely useless, because it was not legal. Queen Anne’s Bounty had no authority or right to grant remission, and yet to save the question being re-opened and to try and quieten down the agitation, they had granted remission. It was nothing more nor less than charity. The Association did not want charity. It demanded an alteration of the 1925 Act. That was what it stood for. That Act was a burden. No one in this country was prepared to go on to a public platform and argue the justice of its cause.

Tithe, said Mr. Game in his speech, was a relic of the dark ages, when a man could not call his soul his own. Tithe put people to mind of the late Russian Government, when Church and State ruled everybody. Could one wonder that Russia had no religion to-day? The people had had too much of it. What was the cause of the French revolution? Tithe was.

COMING TO A FIGHT.

It looked to-day as if it was coming to a fight between the Church and agriculture. There was no justice in tithe. The fight to-day was Right against Might, Poverty against Wealth, against vested interests.

One paper printed it that before the last Government and present Government took office a secret treaty was made that the tithe should not be touched.

The tithepayers to-day had public sympathy and opinion behind them. But titheowners said that tithepayers were tilting against windmills, for the owners were too firmly entrenched. But right and the will of the people would prevail. In the speaker's opinion the parsons should take up the fight for justice for the tithepayers.

A London daily paper had given the advice some time ago, "Stop that tithe war before it commences." But that advice had not been taken. The Tithepayers' Association was receiving applications for meetings to be held all over Britain.

PARSONS SHOULD FIGHT FOR JUSTICE.

The parsons were letting invaluable time fritter away. The sooner they came forward to fight for justice for the tithepayers the better for them.

Ignorance was not the cause, for he knew of some land being let tithe-free at 4s. per acre. The adjoining land had got 3s. 6d. tithe on it. The landowner could not keep the house, building, gates, etc., in repair for 6d. an acre, for that was what it came to.

The National Church Defence League had sent round a circular in defence of tithe, saying that it was a gift to the ancient Church. But take the fenland, in the days of the ancient Church that land was under water. The plea that it was a gift of the ancient Church was all bunkum, for had a man ever paid tithe willingly?

It had been said that tithe would be redeemed in 85 years. What would those present say if someone asked them to buy spectacles for their great-grandchildren? To make the money for the redemption in 85 years the tithepayers would have to grow £1,300,000,000 worth of produce. By that time they would have to grow 40 thousand million pounds worth of produce to pay the tithe due in the meantime.

TITHE AND ESTATES.

A daily paper had published an article on the disappearance of the squire in England. Although the writer had not mentioned the fact, tithe was helping to break up the estates. A certain landowner near Cambridge had sold a thousand acres, and the speaker had been told that it had been sold to get rid of the tithe on it.

"A letter has appeared in the daily Press about some of the statements I made at Cottenham," went on Mr. Game. "If I have said anything that is wrong I am

prepared to apologise, as every Englishman is prepared to do. But until that is proved I am not inclined to do so. I quoted at that meeting some of the hard cases, men whose circumstances I knew, men who, like me, have got their backs against the wall and are fighting.”

Questions were then invited, and answering one of these, Mr. McGregor said that the Association was not out for the confiscation of tithe. Their argument was that the stabilisation of tithe in 1925 was iniquitous.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was given.

THANK YOU. 20th Jan. 1933

Mrs. Blackaby, of Willingham, took “Saying thank you” as the subject of her excellent address to the meeting of the Bethel Young People’s Fellowship on Monday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Chapman, Miss Easter also taking part in the meeting. Unfortunately, owing to the inclement weather, there was a small attendance. The Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN’S CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. 20th Jan. 1933

Fifteen tables were in play at the whist drive arranged by the Swavesey Women’s Conservative Association in connection with the County Tournament, which was held in the Memorial Hall on the 12th inst. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss B. Linford, Mrs. E. J. Warboys, booby, Mrs. Bullen; gentlemen, Mr. F. J. Cook, Mr. C. Lyon, mystery Mr. T. Rolt, booby, Mr. F. Wilderspin. Mr. H. H. Berryman was M.C.

THE LATE MRS. MOYNE. 20th Jan. 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Moyne, widow of the late Mr. James Moyne, whose death on the 11th instant, at the age of 69 years, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Monday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. The immediate mourners were: Mr. H. H. Moyne (son), Mrs. H. W. Moyne (daughter-in-law), Mrs. and Mrs. Westwood (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. T. Froment, Mrs. Wagstaff, Mr. P. Lee and Mr. W. H. Senior (representing Dale’s Brewery). Mr. H. W. Moyne (elder son) was unable to attend owing to illness. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes, among which was a wreath from Mr. Dale. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers. The late Mrs. Moyne, who is survived by two sons and a daughter, resided in Cambridge for twenty years prior to her husband becoming landlord of the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, at Christmas, 1925, and since his death in June, 1929, she held the licence.

OBITUARY. 27th Jan. 1933

Swavesey has lost yet another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Eliza Payne, who passed away on Tuesday, aged 79 years. She leaves two sons and two daughters, one of whom is in Canada. The funeral will take place at the Cemetery at 2.30 to-day.

BILLIARDS. 27th Jan. 1933

The friendly match between the Swavesey B. and C. billiards teams, played at the Memorial Hall on the 19th inst., resulted in a decisive win for B. team. Scores (B. team names first):- S. Clark 100, M. Coulson 25; A. Holmes 100, L. Peters 56; F. Causer 100, L. Wagstaff 43; W. Spolton 100, W. Hinds 68; E. Peters 100, S. Wright 60.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 27th Jan. 1933

At last Monday's meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship an interesting address was given by the Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, who took as his subject "Under his own standard." Miss D. Godfrey was the soloist. Mr. J. Day also took part in the meeting. The speaker next week will be Dr. B. F. C. Atkinson.

DANCE. 27th Jan. 1933

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, at the dance arranged by Mr. C. S. Hepher, for the benefit of the Horticultural Society. The music was provided by the Blue Riviera Band. Old and modern dances were part of the programme, which was organised and carried out by the M.C. (Mr. C. S. Hepher). Refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. W. Thorp, assisted by Mrs. J. Smith. Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Hendry were the doorkeepers.

DANCE. 27th Jan. 1933

A successful and enjoyable dance, promoted by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, took place on Thursday at the Memorial Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by ladies of the committee. There was a good attendance, in spite of the disagreeable weather. Mr. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C., and the "Blue Riviera" Band supplied the music. The takings amounted to over £5. Excellent refreshments were provided under the management of Mrs. Harry Wells, Miss D. Banks and Miss G. Froment.

WHIST DRIVE. 27th Jan. 1933

There was only a small attendance at the whist drive in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, which was held at The Priory on Wednesday, but a very enjoyable time was spent by those who were there. The following were the prizewinners: - Ladies – Mrs. Hephher, Mrs. W. Thorp; gentlemen – Mr. C. Dean, Mr. W. J. Hephher; lucky number – Ladies, Mrs. Whitehead; gentlemen, Mrs. Jellings (playing as a gentleman). Mr. C. Dean acted as M.C. The proceeds amounted to 36s.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 27th Jan. 1933

There was a fairly good attendance at the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. W. Hines occupying the chair. Before the proceedings commenced Mrs. C. S. Hephher, on behalf of the Society, presented Mr. Prime Godfrey with a handsome gold hunter watch, the case of which bore the inscription: "Presented to Mr. P. Godfrey for valuable services rendered to the Swavesey Horticultural Society as hon. secretary 1928-32." After the presentation, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. C. Cole; chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. general secretary, Mr. P. Godfrey (Swavesey); joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher (Swavesey); sports secretary, Mr. Andrew Carter (Over); hon. auditor, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; Finance Committee, re-elected en bloc; Horticultural Committee, Messrs. A. Brasher, R. Jacklin, F. W. Pontefract, W. Symonds, U. Thixton, A. Turner, C. Walker, H. W. Whitehead (Swavesey) C. Adams, G. Doggett, W. Garner, C. Haddow, C. W. Hines, W. D. Lucas, H. Smith, W. Thorpe, G. Wayman (Over), J. Culpin (Fen Drayton), G. Bath, T. Day, H. Smith, Walter Taylor (Boxworth). The Sports Committee was also appointed. It was decided that the annual show should be held on Thursday 10th August, and that, as last year, the sports should be affiliated with the A.A.A. and N.C.U.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 3rd Feb. 1933

The Late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity was distributed by the churchwardens last Saturday, 22 widows receiving 5s. each in lieu of the tea, sugar, etc., which was formerly given.

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL. 3rd Feb. 1933

Prizes for regular attendance at the Sunday School during last year were presented by the Vicar at the children's service at the parish church last Sunday afternoon.

OBITUARY. 3rd Feb. 1933

Mrs. Sarah Jane Metcalfe, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, who for 28 years was sub-postmaster of Swavesey, died in Cambridge on Sunday, aged 71 years. She was buried by the side of her husband in Swavesey churchyard yesterday afternoon.

Y.P.F. 3rd Feb. 1933

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when, owing to the unavoidable absence through sickness of the appointed speaker, the address was given by the Secretary, Mr. W. Chapman. Mr. Canham was the soloist, Master Neville Canham accompanying. Mr. C. Day also took part in the meeting. Next week Mr. A. D. Raynor, of Cambridge, will be the speaker.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENT. 3rd Feb. 1933

His many friends in and around Swavesey will be interested to learn that the Rev. P. J. Beaumont, M.A., A.K.C., lately curate of St. Martin's Stamford Baron, and assistant master of Stamford School, has been appointed Rector of Edith Weston, Rutland (patron, the Earl of Ancaster). He is the eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who for over 40 years was headmaster of Swavesey National School.

FUNERAL. 3rd Feb. 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Ding, widow of the late Mr. Joseph Ding, whose death at the age of 74 years occurred on Sunday, took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. Peter and Fred Ding (sons), Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. E. Smith, Oakington (son-in-law), Miss G. Smith (granddaughter), four nephews and nieces from Haddenham. The coffin was covered with wreaths from deceased's children. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES WILLSON. 3rd Feb. 1933

We have to record the death of Mr. Charles Frederick Willson, of Market-street, Swavesey, which occurred at the Cambrian Nursing Home, Milton-road, Cambridge on Jan. 26th, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Willson was a farmer at Hilton, Hunts, and was well known in that county. On his retirement about 28 years ago he went to live at Swavesey. One son alone survives him. He was laid to rest by the side of his wife on Monday afternoon in Swavesey churchyard, where his two daughters were also buried, the service in the church and at the grave being taken by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch. The

immediate mourners were Mr. Charles Willson (son), Mr. J. H. Ringrow (son-in-law), Miss Ringrow (granddaughter). Messrs. Robt. Sayle and Co., Ltd., Cambridge, were the undertakers.

THE LATE MRS. J. PAYNE. 3rd Feb. 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Eliza Payne, widow of Mr. James Payne and daughter of the late Robert and Jane Hepher, whose death at the age of 79 years after about four days' illness was announced last week, took place at the Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the service being conducted by Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over. The principal mourners were: The Rev. J. B. Payne (son), Miss Grace Payne (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Payne (son and daughter-in-law), Misses Dora, Winnie and Gwen Payne (granddaughters), Mrs. A. Eason, London (sister), Mrs. T. R. Payne, Bulford (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hepher (brother and sister-in-law).

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL. 10th Feb. 1933

The football match between Swavesey School and Over Council School played on the Recreation Ground last Friday afternoon resulted in a win for the Swavesey boys by four goals to two. Mr. G. E. Canham was the referee.

Y.P.F. 10th Feb. 1933

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the address was given by Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge. Mr. Canham presided. Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, will be the speaker next week.

THE RECORD BREAKING AEROPLANE. 10th Feb. 1933

When a huge aeroplane flying very low passed over Swavesey about 7.40 a.m. on Monday, the villagers little thought that it was the giant R.A.F. monoplane on its world's record breaking flight to South Africa. They gazed and wondered while they watched it making its way towards Cambridge, and not until evening did they know that they had had the privilege of seeing the famous monoplane.

DEATH OF MR. T. C. HEASMAN. 10th Feb. 1933

His many friends and old customers in Swavesey and for miles around will learn with sincere regret that Mr. T. C. Heasman passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital yesterday morning. With the Royal Artillery he saw active service in the South African War and again in the Great War, during which he was promoted on the field to the rank of brigade sergeant-major. An

“Old Contemptible” he was the first man in the British Army to receive the French Medaille Militaire in 1914. After his retirement at the end of the war he became landlord of the “Rising Sun” Inn, Swavesey, and he remained there until last April, when he decided to devote himself entirely to his smallholding. Unfortunately his health immediately broke down. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

THE LATE MRS. T. METCALFE. 10th Feb. 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Metcalfe, widow of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, for many years subpostmaster of Swavesey, whose death at the age of 71 was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on February 2nd. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. She was laid to rest in the grave in the churchyard in which her husband was buried last April. The mourners were: Mr. Rudkin (brother), Mrs. J. Mortlock (sister-in-law), Mrs. W. Spolton (cousin), Mr. Sargeant (executor), Mr. and Mrs. Brittain. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey.

WEDDING. 10th Feb. 1933

The Rev. P. H. Crees, of Over, officiated at the marriage of Miss Gladys Vera Blunt, adopted daughter of Mr. Ed. Peppercorn, of Lolworth, and Mr. William Savage, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Savage, Boxworth End, Swavesey, which took place at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Thursday week. The service was choral and included the hymn “O Love, divine and golden.” The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. F. Blunt, Cambridge, was charmingly attired in white satin, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss W. Blunt (cousin of the bride) and Miss E. Peppercorn (cousin of the bridegroom), who wore dresses of pink georgette, black velvet coatees and silver headdresses, and carried bouquets of pink tulips, and by Miss Sylvia Brickwood, who wore a blue flowered dress with muff and mob cap. Mr. I. Peppercorn (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bridegroom’s home.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 17th Feb. 1933

Mr. and Mrs. John Loades, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday. They were married at Acle, Norfolk, parish church on 15th February, 1883. Both are in fairly good health.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 17th Feb. 1933

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an earnest address was given by Mr. Whitehead, of Oakington, who took for his subject "The Christian's responsibility towards the unsaved." Mr. Maskell, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

BILLIARDS. 17th Feb. 1933

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey "B" team and Boxworth played in the Memorial Hall on Friday resulted in a decisive victory for Swavesey by 500 points to 341. Scores (Swavesey names first): S. Clark 100, A. Wolfe 78; A. Holmes 100, W. Day 79; F. Causer 100, H. Pink 48; A. Willson 100, W. Peppercorn 41; E. Peters 100, L. Day 95.

BRITISH LEGION. 17th Feb. 1933

A successful social was held by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion on Saturday evening. On account of illness, the attendance was not so good as usual, but those who were able to be present had a good time. The programme included up-to-date dance music by the Blue Riviera Dance Band, and several vocal items, among them "Home" and "Love is the sweetest thing," by Mrs. Hinds; "Puss, Puss" and "Wheezy-anna" by the Two Nibs; and "On the silvery, silvery sands," by Mr. P. Lee. The refreshments, much appreciated, were served by Mesdames Berryman, and Pettitt, and Miss Vera Savage. Mr. Lee was M.C., and Messrs. Nicholls and Frank Hephher doorkeepers. The proceeds were devoted to branch funds.

THE LATE SERGT.-MAJOR HEASMAN. 17th Feb. 1933

There was a very large attendance at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon at the funeral of Mr. Thomas Charles Heasman, late Brigade Sergeant-Major, Royal Artillery, whose death at the age of 56 years was briefly announced last week. On leaving the house near Turn Bridge, the coffin, which was covered with a Union Jack, was preceded by 18 members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, who on arrival at the churchyard formed up on each side of the path leading to the church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch. The mourners were: Mrs. Heasman (widow), Mr. and Mrs. A. Heasman (son and daughter-in-law), Miss E. Heasman (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Heasman (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Payne, Mrs. J. Geeves (sisters), Mrs. A. Marsh (sister-in-law), Mrs. W. Smith (niece), Mr. A. Culpin (son-in-law). Mrs. A. Culpin (daughter) was unable to attend. A great many others were present, including representatives from the British Legion and the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out

Club. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 24th Feb. 1933

Another successful meeting of the Bethel Y.P.F. was held on Monday, when an interesting address on the characteristics of Elijah was given by Mr. Maskell, of Cambridge. A violin selection was also played by Mr. George Laverack, accompanied by Miss G. Williams. Mr. Chapman, on behalf of the Fellowship, thanked all who contributed to the success of the evening.

B.W.T.A. 24th Feb. 1933

The Rev. P. H. Crees, of Over, presided at the public meeting which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on February 16th, under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U., when Mrs. Sugden, of Saffron Walden, who came instead of Miss Midgley, who was ill, gave an interesting address on Joseph Livesey's life, one of the seven men of Preston who first started the total abstinence movement one hundred years ago. Miss Doris Godfrey was the soloist. The meeting was well attended.

WHIST DRIVE. 24th Feb. 1933

Twelve tables were in play at the whist drive arranged by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, which was held on Thursday week. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The following were the prize-winners: - Ladies, Miss Ivy Thorp; Miss V. Savage; most 5's, Mrs. C. Symonds. Gentlemen: Mr. J. H. Norman, Mr. F. Martin; most 5's, Mr. H. Careless (Over). All prizes and refreshments were given, Mrs. H. Wells and Miss G. Froment being in charge of the latter.

MEMBER'S NIGHT. 24th Feb. 1933

A very pleasant evening was spent at the February meeting of the Women's Institute, when the entire programme was in the hands of the members. Mrs. Hind presided, and Mrs. L. Godfrey acted as secretary. Mrs. Laverack presented an excellent report of the Annual Council Meeting in Cambridge; Mrs. Cain and Miss K. Banks were elected to serve on the Group Committee, and Mrs. Hind gave a clever demonstration of crazy china work and bead blind making. After refreshments had been served by Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Melbourne, the rest of the evening was devoted to games and dancing, prizes being won by Mrs. Brooks and Miss C. Prior. Three new members were welcomed, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Proud and Miss Silk.

THE LATE MRS. CROUCH. 24th Feb. 1933

Swavesey has lost yet another old and highly respected inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Crouch, wife of Mr. William Crouch, who passed away after about a year's illness on February 15th, aged 73. In addition to her husband she leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday, the Rev. P. H. Crees, Baptist minister, Over, conducting the service at the house and at the grave in the Cemetery. The mourners were: Mr. G. Crouch (son), Miss L. Crouch (daughter), Mrs. G. Crouch (daughter-in-law), Mr. F. Hagger, Mr. and Mrs. F. Blunt, Mrs. W. Savage and Mrs. Levett. Owing to ill-health the widower, Mr. W. J. Crouch (son) and Miss A. Crouch (daughter) were unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons.

INEQUALITIES OF SWAVESEY RATE. 3rd March 1933

“People Complaining Bitterly.”

Mr. A Day took the chair at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives on Friday, the other members present being: The Rev. C. G. Poynder, and Messrs. F. Stanton, F. Johnson and R. Norman.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) stated that the treasurer's credit balances were £48 on the general account and £993 on the rating account. The housing account showed a debit of £20.

A letter from Messrs. Greene, King and Sons, of Bury St. Edmund's, with regard to a water supply to the New Inn, Swavesey, was read.

The Clerk said previous applications had been made in 1926 and 1928, when the Council informed Messrs. Greene, King and Sons that they did not contemplate extending the existing mains, as the cost was prohibitive, but that they had no objection if they wished to lay a supply from the main.

The Clerk said he assumed that the Council would again reply in these terms and he was directed to do so.

SWAVESEY BY-WAYS RATE.

The Clerk stated that the Swavesey by-ways rate had not yet been made, and he thought it desirable that he should communicate with the rate collector (Mr. G. Harrison).

The Chairman said people in the parish were complaining bitterly because nothing had been done for four years.

Mr. Stanton: There are a few who pay this money and a great portion who don't pay a penny.

Mr. Stanton added that he knew cases where one man was only paying 2d., and another poor man was paying 6s. 6d.

The Clerk: There are all sorts of inequalities. The basis of principle upon which the rating was done was that the Enclosure Commissioners had to allot certain unallotted land in the parish of Swavesey, and they set out these by-ways, and those persons to whom the award was made had to keep them in repair. There are all sorts of inequalities, and you cannot avoid it.

Mr. Stanton: Then all I can say is that it ought to be altered and a general rate made for the whole of the parish.

The Clerk: You cannot alter; you have to accept the position.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the rate collector informing him that the matter should be attended to at once.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 3rd March 1933

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Fellowship on Monday evening, and an enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Cyril Day gave a helpful address, and the chairman, Mr. W. Chapman, also spoke a few words. A feature of the meeting was the hearty manner in which several choruses were sung, to the accompaniment of piano and violin. Next week the Fellowship will be addressed by Mr. W. Coles, of Cottenham.

SOCIAL EVENING. 3rd March 1933

The seventh and last of the church social evenings took place on Shrove Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, when the committee arranged a very good programme, which was enjoyed by over 90 people. The music for dancing was supplied by the Super Four Dance Band, songs were sung by Mrs. Hind, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch and Mr. W. J. Hephher, and the winners of prizes in competitions were Mrs. Hind, Mr. A. Anderson and Mr. L. Day. At the close the Vicar thanked the committee and helpers for their successful work. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C., and Mrs. H. Wells and Miss G. Froment were in charge of refreshments.

DEATH OF MRS. PHILIP COOKE. 3rd March 1933

We have to record the death of Mrs. Martha Cooke, widow of the late Mr. Philip Cooke, who passed away after a few days illness at her residence, "The Brooklands," in Market-street, on Saturday morning. She came to Swavesey about 16 years ago, when her husband, who had farmed at the Woolpack Farm, Hemingford Grey, had to retire from business in consequence of ill-health. He died on January 24th, 1920. At Swavesey Mrs. Cooke, notwithstanding her advancing years – she was 80 when she died – took a keen interest in all that concerned the parish church and in organisations for the benefit of women. Her body, enclosed in a plain oak coffin, rested in the

parish church on Monday night, and at 8 a.m. on Tuesday there was a celebration of Holy Communion. A large congregation was present at the funeral in the afternoon, at which the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. During the service the hymns, "O God, our help in ages past," and "We love the place, O God," were sung, the Nunc Dimittis chanted, and Mr. G. H. Skeeles, the organist, played appropriate music. On being borne from the church to the churchyard, the coffin was preceded by the choir and the churchwardens, Messrs. Harry Wells and W. J. Hephher, the latter carrying their wands of office. She was laid to rest in the grave in which her husband was buried thirteen years ago. The mourners were: Mrs. Law (sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trapps, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nicholls, Mrs. M. M. Ruddock, Mrs. C. A. Holmes, Mrs. B. Plevey (nephews and nieces) and Mr. J. Dowell (brother-in-law). There were several beautiful floral tributes. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

SWAVESEY LAND DISPUTE. 10th March 1933

Stay of Execution Ordered.

HIGH COURT ECHO.

What has become known locally as the Swavesey land dispute was mentioned in the Divisional Court (consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Humphreys, and Mr. Justice Goddard), on Monday, when Mr. Martin O'Connor (instructed by Mr. S. J. Peters, Cambridge) applied for a stay of execution on behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. W. D., of Rosedale, Swavesey, who is appealing against the judgement of His Honour Judge Farrant, delivered at the Huntingdon County Court on Jan. 26th last.

Mr. S. L. Elborne (instructed by Messrs. Maule, Son and Winter, of St. Ives) appeared on behalf of the defendants, Messrs. W. and J. W. P., of Swavesey, to oppose the application.

Addressing the Court, Mr. O'Connor said that at the conclusion of the judgement his junior applied for a stay of execution, which the learned judge refused. The application for a stay was renewed to his Honour at Peterborough by the solicitor for the plaintiff on Feb. 7th, but despite the fact that plaintiff offered to pay into Court, or to the defendants' solicitors, the full amount of the defendants' taxed costs, such costs to remain in court pending the result of the appeal, or if paid to the defendants' solicitors, payment to be made on an undertaking by the solicitors to return the costs in the event of the success of the appeal, the learned judge of the County Court still refused to grant a stay.

Mr. O'Connor drew the attention of the Court to Order 59, Rule 14, of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and informed their lordships that the attention of

the learned judge of the County Court had been directed to this rule at Peterborough.

After hearing Mr. Elborne in opposition to the application, the Lord Chief Justice said that the Court ordered a stay of execution on the terms that the costs be paid to defendant's solicitors on their personal undertaking to return the same in the event of the appeal proving successful. His Lordship said this was the practice invariably followed, and was in accordance with Order 59, Rule 14, of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

LAND UNDER WATER. 10th March 1933

As a result of the recent rains, following on the heavy fall of snow, much land around Swavesey is under water and all the large drains are full.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 10th March 1933

Another good meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when an address was given by Mr. W. Coles, of Cottenham, whose subject was "Ye are the salt of the earth." Mr. G. E. Canham, who occupied the chair, voiced the thanks of all present to the speaker. The Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, will be the speaker next week.

PROPERTY SALE. By direction of the executor of the late Mr. Charles Willson, Mr. Walter Driver on Wednesday evening sold by auction at the White Horse Inn the freehold residence known as "Graft House," in Market-street, Swavesey. The property, which includes a range of useful outbuildings and a walled-in garden, was knocked down to Mr. Waldo L. Flitton.

ZENANA MISSIONS. 10th March 1933

There was a good attendance at the school on Monday evening when an instructive lantern lecture on the work of the Zenana Missionary Society among the "purdah" women of the Far East and in India was given by Miss Pell, of London. The lecture was particularly interesting, as Miss Pell spoke from personal experience of the work. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the Vicar, who presided. The lantern was manipulated by Miss Banks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION. 10th March 1933

The annual prize distribution took place at Bethel Sunday School on Thursday week, a good number of parents being present, in addition to the children. The Superintendent, Mr. A. Day, jun., occupied the chair, and an address on the "Value of small things" was given by the Rev. R. Griffin, of Cambridge, who

also presented the prizes to 54 of the scholars. During the proceedings recitations were given by David Easter, Olive Isgrove, Annie Northill, and Greta Swainston.

BRITISH LEGION. 10th March 1933

The Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion held their annual dinner in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. The company, numbered 45 ex-Service men and visitors. At the commencement, Mr. Barwell, who presided, asked for a silence in memory of those members who had passed away, and particularly Mr. Tom Heasman, who had always been very keen in the affairs of the branch, and who had previously supplied the branch with the annual dinners. An excellent menu was provided by the caterers, Messrs. Matthew and Son, of Cambridge. After the tables had been cleared, vocal items were rendered by Messrs. Topham, E. Smith, Townsend, Barwell, Cole and Lee. Mr. Raymond Thoday was at the piano. Mr. Nicholls obliged with recitations and yarns, and war-time choruses were lustily sung by all present. During the evening a short survey of the work done at the Area Conference in Cambridge was given by Mr. Barwell. The toasts included "The King" and "The Over Branch." In responding for the latter, Mr. P. J. Watts stressed the work of the secretaries of the branches, and asked all members to bear with them and help them. Mr. Berryman (secretary of Swavesey branch), who replied, dealt with the work of the branch and the wonderful team spirit which prevailed among the members of the committee. The enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 11 o'clock with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

BILLIARDS. 17th March 1933

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey "A" team and Houghton, Hunts, played at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, resulted in a win for the home team by three games to two. Scores (Swavesey names first): R. H. Coles 61, S. Handscombe 120; E. B. Smart 120, C. Carter 53; H. Culpin 107, E. A. Childs 120; A. E. W. Melbourne 120, G. Lowerinson 85; A Hawkes 120, J. Green 75.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 17th March 1933

Another excellent meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when an earnest address was given by the Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, his subject being "How God sees us." During the meeting a solo was sung by Mr. Comley, and choruses by the members. Next week the meeting

will take the form of a pleasant evening, when solos and recitations will be given. This will bring the winter session to an end.

JUMBLE SALE. 17th March 1933

A highly successful jumble sale, organised by the committee of the Women's Institute on behalf of their funds, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Many good bargains were obtained by those who arrived early, and the proceeds amounted to nearly £3. Those in charge of the stalls were Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mrs. Banks, Miss Cole, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. Laverack, and Miss Banks. Mrs. Lee took charge of the entrance.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th March 1933

At the annual meeting of the Cricket Club, Mr. A. Hepher presiding over a good attendance of members, the hon. secretary read the report, which showed that the club had a balance in hand of £4 15s. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. Walker; vice-presidents, Capt. Briscoe, M.P., Messrs. F. J. Mustill (Upper Burma), W. J. Hepher, C. Hepher, G. E. Canham, C. Dean, A. L. Parish, J. Parish, R. Barwell, J. Scarpe, W. Burton and Blinkhorn; hon. sec., J. Mitham; assistant sec., E. Mitham; treasurer, A. E. W. Melbourne; captain, 1st team, N. Ellis; vice-captain, F. Hepher; 2nd team, captain, G. Brooks; vice-captain, J. Mitham.

NEW HATS FOR OLD. 17th March 1933

In spring, new hats have an attraction for most women, and the members of the Women's Institute are no exception to the rule. When Madame Danby from Cambridge came to the monthly meeting on Tuesday to give a demonstration on re-modelling hats, she was listened to with great attention, and several members produced hats which needed renovation. Mrs. C. S. Hepher presided over the meeting, two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Wright and Miss Abram, and one visitor was present. An outing to Windsor was decided on, and Mrs. Banks was elected as delegate to the National Federation annual meeting. After refreshments had been served, dancing was enjoyed, Mrs. Hepher playing the pianoforte accompaniment. During the evening sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mrs. Cooke, who had been an active member since the formation of the branch. The competition – the largest number of articles packed into a matchbox – produced a large number of entries, the prize given by Mrs. Lee being won by Mrs. Melbourne with 104.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 24th March 1933

The services at Bethel Baptist Church next Sunday are to be taken by the well-known evangelist, Gipsy Ezekiel Smith, of Cambridge, and it is hoped that large congregations will attend.

B.W.T.A. 24th March 1933

There was a good attendance at the social which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week, under the auspices of the local branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. Vocal solos, violin solos, recitations, and dialogue were contributed by the members, and during the interval refreshments were handed round. A pleasant evening was spent.

88 TO-DAY. 24th March 1933

Mr. William Henry Key, who was born on the 24th March, 1845, is 88 years of age to-day. He is in fairly good health, but, of course, not as active as he used to be, although he can still do light work in his garden. During the many years he has lived in Swavesey he has held nearly every public office in the parish, among them those of churchwarden, parish councillor, school manager, feoffee of Galon's Charity, and member of the Parochial Church Council. From most of them, owing to advancing years, he has retired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS. 24th March 1933

There was a good attendance at the annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, which were held at the School on Monday evening, the Vicar occupying the chair. The churchwardens, Messrs. Harry Wells and W. J. Hepher, were re-appointed, as also were the sidesmen and the representatives on the Diocesan and Ruri-decanal Conferences. The Parochial Church Council were re-elected, Mr. S. F. Mitham taking the place of Mr. Banks, who had retired. All accounts were passed as satisfactory, and it was announced that during the past year over £70 had been raised for missionary work. It was decided that the next money-raising effort should be for the electric lighting of the church, and that the proceeds from the garden fete on July 20th should be devoted to that object.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 24th March 1933

The closing meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, a most enjoyable time being spent. The programme included recitations by Mr. E. Dodson, Mr. W. Savage, and Mrs. A. Prior; solos by Mrs. Duce, Misses D. Godfrey and G. Dodson, and Messrs. Canham and G. Day, and a reading by Miss Easter. A feature of the meeting was the singing

of choruses. The gathering was addressed by the chairman, Mr. W. Chapman, who also voiced the thanks of the Fellowship to all who had helped to make the Session such a success. Messrs. Carter, C. Day, and J. Day also briefly spoke. During the evening the opportunity was taken of presenting Mr. Canham with a copy of Redemption Hymns, as a mark of appreciation of his greatly valued services to the Fellowship.

BRITISH LEGION. 24th March 1933

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday by members of the Swavesey branch of the British Legion, their wives and families. The programme was a good one, and included dancing for the adults, one for children only, also games under the capable management of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner. Songs were sung by Mrs. Hinds (who sang two war-time favourites, the choruses of which were taken up by all the company), Messrs. Harry Cole and Lee. Refreshments were plentiful, thanks to the efforts of Mesdames Berryman, Turner, Pettitt, T. Savage, and Miss Vera Savidge. The music for dancing was supplied by the popular Blue Riviera Dance Band. This was the first social to be arranged for members only, and it is hoped that it is the forerunner of others. Members from Boxworth and Lolworth were picked up by motor and taken home at the finish. This was much appreciated.

OBITUARY. 24th March 1933

We have to record the death of Mr. Frederick Robinson Mitham, a member of an old Swavesey family, who passed away at Chichester on March 16th, aged 63 years. The young son of the late Mr. James Mitham, he was born in Swavesey and spent his boyhood days there. When a youth he went with his parents to Stetchworth, where for some years he was employed, under his father, on the Earl of Ellesmere's estate. Later he went to London, and for the last three years has lived in Chichester while Clerk of the Works at Graylingwell Hospital. The funeral took place at Chichester on Tuesday, the service at the Sub-Deanery Church, during which the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" was sung, and at the grave in the cemetery being conducted by the Rev. Canon E. Mortlock. The mourners included: Mrs. Mitham (widow), Mr. J. Mitham (son), Mr. and Mrs. E. Mitham (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. James Cain (sister), Mrs. Gowans (sister-in-law). Among others present were representatives from the Regent Palace Hotel, London, where deceased had been Clerk of the Works, and Graylingwell Hospital. There were 35 beautiful floral tributes, among them wreaths from the Regent Palace Hotel and Graylingwell Hospital.

DEATH OF A CHILD. 24th March 1933

Much sympathy is expressed in the village with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wagstaff in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of their 14-years-old daughter, Avery Jane Wagstaff, who passed away on March 14th after seven weeks' illness. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon. Members of the Girls' Life brigade, under Mrs. Isgrove, headed the procession from the house to the churchyard, where they lined up on each side of the path to the porch. In the church were the Sunday School children, with two of their teachers, Mrs. E.J. Linford and Miss F. Daisley. During the service, which was taken by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, the hymns "Within the churchyard, side by side" and "There's a home for little children" were sung, and Mrs. Finch, who presided at the organ, played "O rest in the Lord" and other appropriate music. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff (father and mother), Miss A. Wagstaff (sister), Messrs. D., L., and C. Wagstaff (brothers), Miss E. Stockbridge, Mrs. F. Stockbridge (aunts), Miss M. Stockbridge, Mrs. S. Jacklin (cousins) and Miss D. Rooke. Miss M. Wagstaffe (sister) was unable to attend owing to illness. The beautiful flowers sent by relatives, villagers and playmates included wreaths from her father, mother and sisters; the Swavesey Girls' Life Brigade; and Mr. and Mr. T. Fensom, Elsworth. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

BIBLE SOCIETY. 31st March 1933

The lantern lecture "Peeps of many Lands," which was given in the School on Tuesday evening by the Rev. H. J. Cossar (local secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society) was greatly appreciated by the large audience. The lantern lent by the Vicar was operated by Miss Banks. A collection for the Bible Society, taken at the close, realised £1 0s. 1d.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 31st March 1933

Large congregations attended the services at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday to hear the well-known evangelist, Gipsy Ezekiel Smith, who was the special preacher for the day. There was a special message to the children in the morning, and many will long remember the evening address on the "Foolish Virgins." The preacher next Sunday will be Mr. A. Tilling, of All Nations Bible College, London.

BILLIARDS. 7th April 1933

The return match between the Swavesey A and Willingham (Public Hall) billiards teams, played at the Memorial Hall on Friday evening was won by

the visitors by three games to two. Scores (Swavesey names first): R. H. Coles 86, J. Hart 100; A. E. W. Melbourne 100. R. Raver 59; E. Smart 100. R. Denson 54; A. J. Wilson 65, B. Garner 100; H. J. Culpin 76, S. Dodd 100.

DROVE LETTING. 7th April 1933

The herbage of the droves in the parish which was let by auction by order of the Rural District Council at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening realised £1 10s. 6d., while the herbage of the Recreation Ground, offered by direction of the Parish Council, was let to Mr. B. Hodson for 5s. In pre-war days the droves were usually let for as many pounds as they realised shillings on Monday, and last year the Recreation ground brought in £2 10s. Miss Mitchell's grass offered after the drove letting realised from 35s. to 20s. per acre. This was also lower than last year.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 7th April 1933

A public meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday last to decide whether a parade should be held as usual on Feast Sunday. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. H. W. Whitehead. About forty parishioners were present. After much discussion it was decided that the parade should be held, and the proceeds divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association. The officers elected to carry out the arrangements were: Chairman, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Messrs. H. Hephher, C. Savage, F. Prior, F. W. Pontefract, H. H. Berryman, J. Prior, H. Prime, Miss Banks, Mrs. Whitehead, and Mrs. Cooksey. It was decided to invite the Somersham Town Band to provide the music, and also to arrange a cricket match on Tuesday in Feast Week between team representing Swavesey and Over, for the Hospital Cup. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

EGGS FOR HOSPITAL. 14th April 1933

This year 1,479 eggs have been collected in Swavesey for Addenbrooke's Hospital, as against 1,342 in 1932. The collectors were Mesdames W. Symonds, J. Coulson, A. Whybrow, R. Hephher, J. Cain, the Misses K. Banks, D. Godfrey, G. Hephher and G. Froment. Mr. G. E. Canham kindly took the eggs to the hospital and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who organised the collection, has received a letter of grateful appreciation from Mr. W. H. Head, the secretary-superintendent.

SPRING AND SUMMER FLOWER BEDS. 14th April 1933

An interesting lecture on spring subjects was given in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening by Mr. K. V. Cramp (county assistant instructor in horticulture) at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. The President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, was in the chair, and about forty members were present, a new member, Mrs. Williamson, being welcomed during the evening. Great interest was shown in Mr. Cramp's remarks, and numerous questions were asked. A roll call, "The funniest thing in my life" brought some very amusing stories, and games of dumb charades and subject and object were enjoyed by all. After refreshments, Mrs. Budge kindly played for dancing, which is always popular.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 21st April 1933

The usual tea was held on Good Friday in connection with Bethel Baptist Church, a moderate number of people being present. There was, however, a good attendance at the service which followed. This was conducted by Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over, who gave an earnest address on the "Centurion's Testimony." The preachers at the chapel next Sunday will be Mr. O. Smith in the morning, and Mr. Gordon Davis in the evening, both of Cambridge.

SUPER FOUR BAND. 21st April 1933

There was a good attendance at the dance organised by the Super Four Band in the Memorial Hall on Easter Monday. The programme of old and new dances included waltz and foxtrot competitions, which were won as follows: Foxtrot, Miss D. Willson (Longstanton) and Mr. J. L. Kester; spot dance (substituted for second waltz competition), Miss Reader (Dry Drayton) and partner. The band supplied an excellent programme of music. Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne officiated as M.C.

THE ODOURS OF SWAVESEY. 21st April 1933

"Anti-Odour" writes: - "There seems to be in Swavesey a steady increase in the foul odours that come from rotting meat, offal and certain drains, and if nothing is done about it soon conditions will be much worse in the hotter weather. Why should we have to put up with this when we have a sanitary inspector whose job it is to prevent nuisances of this kind? It is regrettable to think that with many people Swavesey has a reputation for smells, and yet how easily could the situation be altered if only the Parish Council saw fit to exercise a little of its authority in this direction."

PARISH CHURCH. 21st April 1933

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., addresses on the Words from the Cross by the Vicar 1 – 3 p.m., children's service 6 p.m., evensong and sermon 7 p.m. The collections were for the Jerusalem Mission. The church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of spring flowers, etc. for Easter Day. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m. (choral), 7.30 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (choral). Matins was at 10.30 a.m., baptisms at 3 p.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. The music included Hall's setting for the mid-day celebration, and at evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bennett) and the anthem "Christ being raised from the dead" (Hall). The collections throughout the day were, in accordance with custom, devoted to an Easter offering for the Vicar. All services on Good Friday and on Easter Day were well attended, the communicants on Sunday totalling 154, six more than the previous record number for the festival. The recently re-hung bells were rung before the 6 a.m., mid-day and evening services.

SWAVESEY DISTRICT COUNCIL. 21st April 1933

Mr. F. Kirby Elected Chairman.

Ald. Jacob Frohock, who had been chairman of the Swavesey Rural District Council since its formation 38 years ago, has ceased to hold the office. Originally, he represented the parish of Lolworth, and after he left that village to reside in Cambridge, he was co-opted chairman year after year, until at the annual meeting of the Council last Friday, Mr. Fred Kirby, an Over representative, who had been vice-chairman for a long period, was elected to succeed him.

It was felt that by relieving him of the duties of chairman, Ald. Frohock would escape the physical strain entailed by journeys from Cambridge in order to attend the meetings of the Council at St. Ives. He was not present last Friday.

Mr. F. Kirby's election was proposed by the Rev. C. G. Poynder and seconded by Mr. F. Stanton. Mr. J. Frohock did not attend the meeting. Mr. W. I. Hemington was elected vice-chairman.

A tribute to Ald. Frohock for his long and faithful service to the Council was paid by his successor, and it was agreed to send him a letter recording the Council's appreciation of the conscientious manner in which he had acted as chairman for so many years.

HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. 28th April 1933

Mr. George Dean, youngest son of Mrs. Dean and the late Mr. J. W. Dean, arrived home on Sunday from Australia, where he has been for some years. He paid his last visit to this country in 1925.

MISHAP AT STATION. 28th April 1933

While an engine was shunting some trucks on a siding at the railway station about 6 o'clock on Monday evening two wheels of the tender ran off the metals. A breakdown gang from Cambridge was soon on the scene and replaced the tender.

A SUCCESSFUL EVENING. 28th April 1933

The social evening on behalf of Women's Institute funds held on Saturday evening in the Memorial Hall was a great success. Dancing to music supplied by the Blue Riviera Band formed the greater part of the programme. Songs were sung by Mrs. Budge, the Misses Lee, and Mr. W. J. Hephew, and there were amusing games and competitions, the winners in the latter being Miss D. Branson and Mr. A. Turner (sewing on button), Miss W. Godfrey and Mr. L. Day (balancing). The takings amounted to £4 14s. 9d.

ACCIDENT. 28th April 1933

Mr. Leonard Day, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Day, the Dairy Farm, Swavesey, when motor cycling home from his work in Cambridge on Monday evening came into collision with a motor car in the Huntingdon-road near the seed testing station. Seeing that he was somewhat seriously injured, a lady motorist, who was passing by at the time, kindly conveyed him to Swavesey, where he was attended to by Dr. Hart. In addition to concussion and shock, it is understood his injuries include cuts on his forehead, necessitating stitches, and bruises and abrasions on his back, leg and arm.

APATHETIC PARISHIONERS. 28th April 1933

The only Local Government electors at the annual Parish Meeting, held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, were the nine members of the Parish Council and the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. C. H. Parish occupied the chair. After the audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March, 1932, and the accounts of Galon's Charity had been read, Mr. A. Payne called attention to the serious inconvenience caused to householders by the frequent cutting off of the public water supply without notice. The engineer, he said, after previous complaints, had been instructed by the Rural District Council to give warning, but this he had failed to do. Only that day people at Boxworth End had been without water for about four hours. The Chairman confirmed all that Mr. Payne had said, but admitted that there were certain difficulties in carrying out the instruction. The Clerk pointed out that from the letter from the R.D.C. the Water Rate Collector was the official to

give the notice. Eventually it was decided to again call the attention of the R.D.C. to the matter. Before the meeting closed reference was made to the letter which appeared in the "Press and News" last week respecting the unpleasant odours in the village.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th April 1933

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Messrs. W. Burton, W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephew, J. Linford, C. H. Parish, P. Parish, A. P. Payne, and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. C. H. Parish and Mr. C. Dean were unanimously re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively. The Clerk announced that after deducting the auctioneer's charges, the sum of 3s. 9d. had been realised for the herbage of the Recreation Ground. A councillor suggested that another method of letting the herbage should be adopted in future, and it was agreed to consider the question at a later meeting. The accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1933, which had not yet been before the Government auditor, were read and approved, and a precept for £15 for expenses of the Council was issued on the Rating Authority. Mr. C. Savage said he wished to again call attention to the misuse of, and the damages to, the buildings and other property belonging to the Council around the Memorial Hall. After some discussion, it was agreed that a meeting of the Hall Management Committee should be held immediately to go into the matter.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION. 5th May 1933

Various articles, illustrative mainly of the domestic life, dress, etc., of the natives of Australasia, India, China and Japan, were on view at the exhibition which was held at the school on Friday evening and on Saturday in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Children attired in native costumes added interest to the exhibition, as also did the lectures on missionary work in the different countries by Mr. W. Butt, who was in charge. Another feature was a stall at which the publications of the S.P.G. could be purchased. This was under the charge of the Misses Banks. The exhibition was open on Saturday morning for children.

FEEDING GRASS. 12th May 1933

By direction of Mr. C. F. Banks, the following feeding grass from date to 11th October next was sold by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts on Monday evening: 5a. 1r. 1p., in Dovehouse Close, School-lane – Mr. R. Williamson, at 35s. per

acres; 15a. 2r. 38p., in Home Close, adjoining "The Priory" – Mr. E. Day, at 21s. per acre; 12a. 2r. 35p., in Fully Close – Mr. R. Williamson, at £1 per acre.

"CHILDREN IN THE POLICE COURT." 12th May 1933

This was the title of a most interesting and enlightening address given by Mrs. Hartree, of Cambridge, at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall. There was a good attendance, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (President) occupying the chair. Mrs. Hartree was listened to with great interest, as she spoke of the changes in procedure in the courts and related personal experiences of her work in helping women and children who had to appear. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Finch. Miss Banks handed in her resignation of the secretaryship, and Mrs. W. Hind was unanimously elected in her place. Mrs. Laverack gave an excellent report of the Spring Council meeting. A competition for the best article made from an old woollen stocking was won by Miss C. Prior, Mrs. Hartree kindly acting as judge. Two new members, Mrs. Smith and Miss Jacobs, were welcomed during the evening. The social half-hour was spent in games, the members who had attended the spring Council meeting at Cambridge teaching the other members new games they had learnt there, and the "finish up" was a couple of dances, for which Mrs. Hind presided at the piano.

'PLANE CRASH AT SWAVESEY. 12th May 1933

Pilot's Fortunate Escape.

AFTER LOSING BEARINGS.

A pupil pilot, whose name is given as William Thompson, of Peterborough, had a fortunate escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon when the aeroplane in which he was flying solo crashed in Manor Farm, Swavesey.

He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital and detained with a broken ankle and injuries to the face.

The machine was one belonging to the training depot at Northampton, and the pilot was returning there at the time of the crash. When passing over Swavesey, says our Swavesey correspondent, he lost his way. He dropped down close by the station in an endeavour to find his position. In avoiding one belt of trees he collided with another belt which he failed to notice, and crashed almost on the railway line.

Railwaymen rushed to his assistance, and he was taken to Dr. Hart in Mr. W. Hind's milk van, which happened to be passing at the time. After being attended to he was taken to hospital.

During the afternoon Capt. Thorne, of the Northampton depot, arrived at Swavesey by air and inspected the damaged machine. It is estimated that the amount of this damage is about £500.

Police were still keeping an eye on the machine last night.

RED CROSS DAY. 19th May 1933

The sum of £3 was collected in the village for the British Red Cross Society last Friday by the following ladies: Misses G. and E. Dodson, Mrs. C. S. Hephner, Miss Banks, and Mrs. G. Prime.

MOTHERS' UNION. 19th May 1933

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Branch of the Mothers' Union on May 11th, the members presented the enrolling member, Mrs. Cooksey, with a handsome table and embroidered linen cloth as a token of their love and esteem. Mrs. Cooksey greatly appreciated the gift.

CRICKET CLUB. 19th May 1933

The whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week for the benefit of the Cricket Club was poorly supported by the members, only seven tables being occupied. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss M. Silk, Miss Symonds, Over; gentlemen, Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. R. Brooks; carrying prizes, Miss Proud and Mr. A. Holmes; knock-out, Miss Q. Spolton and Mr. F. Causer. Mr. Berryman acted as M.C., and the refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. Turner and Mrs. E. J. Mitham. The net proceeds amounted to £1 15s. 6d.

CURTAILED WATER SUPPLY. 26th May 1933

Swavesey R.D. Council and Parish Complaints.

At the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday morning a letter was read, written on behalf of Mr. J. Frohock, who was formerly chairman, tendering his sincere thanks to the Council for their kind support in the past. Mr. Frohock regretted that he was obliged to resign, owing to his advancing years, and stated that he was pleased to hear that the Council had elected his friend, Mr. Kirby, in his place.

The members of the Council present were: Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), Rev. C. G. Poynder, Mr. R. Norman, and Mr. F. Scambler.

WATER SUPPLY.

A letter from Swavesey Parish Council was read, stating that complaints had been made by people in the village that the water supply had been cut off in the mains by the engineer without any notice being given, whereupon great

inconvenience was caused to the users of the water. They asked the Council to give instructions to Mr. Chevall, the engineer, to give notice when he intended to turn off the water.

The Deputy Clerk (Mr. G. L. Day) said Mr. Chevall had replied to this letter, pointing out the difficulty of giving notice when bursts in the mains occurred, and he (the Clerk) had written to the Parish Council explaining that in the case of a burst it was inevitable that the water should be turned off immediately for a period of two hours to enable repairs to be carried out.

Mr. Norman said if they had to let people know that the water was to be turned off it was quite obvious that more water would be wasted through delaying the repairs.

The Chairman said when there was a burst in the pipes there must be a little inconvenience to people using the water. He did not think the Council could deal with the matter any further.

The Council confirmed the action of the Clerk in replying to the Parish Council, and agreed to take no further action in the matter.

RECEIVING ATTENTION.

The Chesterton R.D.C. wrote to state that their attention had again been drawn to the holding up of water in their area, which was due to the state of the main brook adjoining the parish of Longstanton, in the Swavesey area. They asked that the matter should be attended to in order that the water in the Chesterton ditches could be released.

The Deputy Clerk said this matter was now being dealt with by the Surveyor.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 26th May 1933

The pulpit at Bethel Baptist Church next Sunday will be occupied by undergraduates from Cambridge, who will also speak at the open air service to be held in Market-street (weather permitting) at 8 p.m.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 26th May 1933

The following amounts were collected in the Swavesey district on Red Cross Flag Day: Willingham £4 9s. 7d., Swavesey £3, Over £2 15s. 4d., Longstanton £1 9s. 8½d., Fen Drayton £1 4s. 6½d., Lolworth 17s., Boxworth 7s. 6d., Conington 5s. 6d.,; total £14 9s. 2d.

EMPIRE DAY. 26th May 1933

Special lessons bearing on the Empire were given throughout the school on Empire Day, chiefly on the value of the Empire to the Mother Country and how the different units were bound together, with their varied products, etc.,

and the recent methods and means employed to make the bonds of Empire more clearly knit.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th May 1933

The anniversary services at the Particular Baptist Chapel on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week were well attended, the congregations including friends from Cambridge, Oakington, St. Ives, Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Chatteris, and Barford, Beds. Mr. Seth Pack, of Tunbridge Wells, was once again the special preacher. As usual, there was a public tea between the services.

A SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT. 26th May 1933

A Parish Councillor writes: "May I suggest to the County Road Authorities that while the roadway between High-street and the station was being tarred and re-surfaced this week a great improvement might have been effected at very small cost if the short stretch of road on the Causeway side of the Swan pond had been similarly treated. This little bit of road is used by pedestrians far more than the main road on the other side of the pond, and the improvement I suggest would, I know, be greatly appreciated by a large number of people.

FEAST WEEK ARRANGEMENTS. 26th May 1933

The sixth annual parade will take place in the village next Sunday (Feast Sunday) afternoon, the procession, headed by the Somersham Town Band, leaving Boxworth End at 2.15 p.m. At 3 p.m. a meeting will be held on the Recreation Ground, at which addresses will be given by Mr. W. H. Head (Secretary-Superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital) and Mrs. Mellish Clark (hon. sec. Cambs. County Nursing Association), and at 8 p.m. there will be a concert by the Somersham Town band. Collections will be taken throughout the day for Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association. The following cricket matches are announced: To-morrow (Saturday), Swavesey II v. Over II (Milton League); Monday, 5.30 p.m., Ladies v. Gentlemen; Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swavesey v. Over, for the Swavesey Hospital Cup; Wednesday 6 p.m., Swavesey II v. Boxworth. On Tuesday evening a dance, arranged by the Hall Management Committee, is to be held in the Memorial Hall.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd June 1933

Very good congregations assembled to hear the Rev. W. L. McKenzie at the Bethel Chapel anniversary on Thursday week, and were amply repaid by the

excellent messages of the preacher, which were full of warmth and vigour. There was a moderate attendance at tea. There was also a good attendance at the services on Sunday and at the open-air meeting in Market-street in the evening. Next Sunday morning the preacher will be a student from Cambridge, and in the evening Mr. A. D. Rayner. Undergraduates will again hold an open air service in Market-street at 8 p.m.

THE FEAST. 2nd June 1933

That hardy annual, the village feast, has been held this week, and once again has attracted large numbers of visitors, particularly on Sunday, when there was a parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association, and on Tuesday evening. On Sunday the services at the parish church were: Holy communion 8 a.m., mattins and sermon 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m., when the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bennett), and the anthem, "Lift up your heads" (Hopkins). All services were well attended, especially that in the evening. Not only were the bells rung by the local ringers before all the services, but after evensong, by permission of the Vicar, a band of visiting ringers, all of whom are members of the Diocesan Association, rang a well-struck peal of 720 changes in the Cambridge Surprise method. The peal occupied 24 minutes and the following were the band: G. L. Perkins 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Market-street was occupied by stalls, Manning's roundabout, swinging boats, etc. Other attractions included four cricket matches, on the Recreation Ground, and a dance on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall.

THE PARADE. 2nd June 1933

The sixth annual hospital parade took place on Sunday (Feast Sunday) afternoon, under most favourable circumstances so far as the weather was concerned, and if the financial result was not quite as good as in previous years the sum collected exceeded expectation. This year for the first time the proceeds were to be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. The procession, which was headed by the Somersham Town Band, left Boxworth End about 2.15 p.m. Prominent features in it were the exceptionally large muster of members of the local branch of the British Legion, with their standard, representatives of the Women's Institute with their banner, schoolchildren, the younger ones riding in wagons, and last, but certainly not least, a prettily decorated lorry, in which were four bright and happy little mites, Dorothy Prior, Joan Clark, Olive Nightingale and John Prior, two of whom were in a

cot. The district nurse, Miss Claydon, rode with them. After parading the village from end to end, with halts at intervals, the procession returned to the Recreation Ground, where a meeting was held. There was a large attendance of villagers and visitors from far and near. On the improvised platform were the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. E. O. Finch), who presided, Mrs. Mellish Clark (joint hon. secretary, Cambs. County Nursing Association), Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital), Mr. R. Mailer (County Councillor for the district), Mr. H. Smith (Willingham), Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman, Parish Council), Mrs. Whitehead, and Miss E. Dodson (treasurer of the Parade Committee). Mr. H. W. Whitehead (hon. secretary, Parade Committee), who acted as marshal, was in charge of the general arrangements. Mr. Head prefaced his speech by stating that the hospital had no objection to sharing the proceeds of the day's efforts with the Nursing Association, which in fact, was an important auxiliary of the hospital. He then proceeded to explain why Addenbrooke's was in urgent need of financial support in spite of the large amount of money received from the contributory scheme. The hospital continued to increase in size, for instance there were now 267 beds against 190 last year. Before resuming his seat Mr. Head mentioned that during the past 12 months 55 patients from Swavesey had received treatment at the hospital, viz., 15 in-patients and 40 out. Mrs. Mellish Clark followed with an interesting address on the District Nursing Association movement, which, she said, was started in Liverpool by Mr. Rathbone about 60 years ago, and had now spread all over the country. In Cambridgeshire at the present time there were only four villages without the services of a district nurse.

LOCAL CRICKET. 9th June 1933

SWAVESEY HOSPITAL CUP.

SWAVESEY v. OVER.

Played at Swavesey on Tuesday.

Swavesey won, scoring 38 in the first innings and 25 in the second, while Over scored 35 in their first innings.

FRIENDLIES.

SWAVESEY GENTLEMEN v. SWAVESEY LADIES.

Played at Swavesey on Monday, and resulted in a win for the ladies.

IMPORTANT TRAIN ALTERATION. 9th June 1933

Commencing Monday next, June 12th, the 6.18 p.m. train ex Cambridge to Huntingdon will leave Cambridge at 6.5 p.m., and arrive at Swavesey at 6.29 p.m., 13 minutes earlier than at present.

SOCIAL AND DANCE. 9th June 1933

A successful social and dance arranged on behalf of the Cricket Club, was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. A good company enjoyed dancing to the music supplied by the Super Four Band, and a number of songs by Mr. H. Cole were heartily applauded. A guessing competition (arranged by Mr. F. Causer) was won by Mr. J. Bull. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Pettitt.

EIGHTY TO-MORROW. 9th June 1933

Born on June 10th, 1853, Alderman Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, of Swavesey, will be 80 to-morrow. He retired from practice a few years ago, but continues with great regularity to attend the meetings of the County Council, of which it is understood he is the "father," and also meetings of the Standing Joint Committee. He still retains a keen interest in cricket and is often to be seen at important matches at Fenner's.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 9th June 1933

The collections in connection with the Feast Sunday Parade amounted in all to £28 12s. 3d., viz. Sunday £26 13s. 7d., Monday at ladies v. gentlemen cricket match £1 4s. 11d., Tuesday at cricket match for Swavesey Hospital Cup 13s. 9d. After payment of expenses £25 8s. 2d. remained for division between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, the sum of £12 14s. 1d. being allocated to each of these institutions.

WEDDING. 16th June 1933

The marriage of Miss Ethel Heasman, younger daughter of the late Sergt.-Major T. C. Heasman, R.A., and Mr. Harold Bridgeford, took place at St. Ives on Saturday morning. The bride was attired in grey, with hat to match, while the bridesmaids, her cousins, Misses Nellie and Renie Batchelor, wore dresses of floral ninon. The wedding was very quiet, owing to the recent death of the bride's father. The presents were numerous and useful.

"BREAKAGES." 16th June 1933

This was the title of an interesting demonstration given at the Memorial Hall at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday. Mr. Chadwick,

of Cambridge, was the lecturer, and he was listened to with much attention as he showed how to repair household breakages of various kinds. Mrs. E. Mitham proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chadwick, which was seconded by Mrs. Shepperson. About 35 members were present. Mrs. C. S. Hephher presided and Mrs. Hind, the new secretary, carried out her duties in a very efficient manner. The social half-hour was devoted to games and dancing.

TOURIST RINGERS. 16th June 1933

A Leytonstone, London, company of bellringers on a holiday tour visited the parish church on Saturday, and, by permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, rang two short peals on the bells. The party were met by Mr. B. Hodson, the local ringers' captain, who states the ringing was of the highest order. Southwell and Ipswich Surprise was rung. Several members of the company visited Mr. F. Warrington (Central Branch Secretary, E.D.A.), who was on signalling duty at the station close by. Several prominent ringers were among the party, including Mr. E. J. Butler, secretary Essex Association, S.E. Division, and Mr. W. J. Nevard, who, in spite of his 73 years, still rings peals of 5,000 changes, which take an average of three hours' continuous ringing.

OBITUARY. 16th June 1933

While on a visit to his cousin, Mr. Jabez Day, of Wallman's-lane, Mr. Charles Wilderspin was taken seriously ill last Friday morning. His condition became worse during the day, and about 10 p.m. he passed away. He had been in ill-health for the last 18 months. He belonged to an old highly-respected Swavesey family, and was born 65 years ago, being the son of the late James and Hannah Wilderspin. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, Pastor W. Camps conducting the service. The hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung at the graveside. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilderspin (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. Alfred Day, sen., Miss Bessie Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day, Mr. Alfred Day, jun., and Mr. Geo. Howard Day (cousins). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey.

SWAVESEY A HEALTHY DISTRICT. 23rd June 1933

But Birth Rate Low

The comparatively low birth-rate and heavy death-rate in the Swavesey Rural District during the past year was the principal factor dealt with by the Medical Officer (Dr. W. R. Grove) in his annual report to the Rural District Council on Friday.

The members present were Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), the Rev. C. G. Poynder, Messrs. W. I. Hemington, R. Norman and F. Stanton.

Dr. Grove said the birth-rate for the district was very low, but in a small population it varied considerably. The birth-rate was half what it was two years ago, while the death-rate was extremely high. Seventy per cent. of the deaths were old people, 28 persons out of 41 being over 65 years of age. The actual number of deaths on one year was 52 per 1,000 of the population; the previous year it was 121 per 1,000.

HEALTH OF DISTRICT GOOD.

The Chairman considered that the health of the district was good, and it was gratifying to know that the infant death-rate was so small. It was rather remarkable that 70 per cent. of the deaths were of people over 65 years of age. There were some old people at Over, but Swavesey was remarkable for its old people.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 23rd June 1933

The cricket match between Swavesey and Willingham schoolboys played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday morning, was won by the home team by 37 runs. Scores; Swavesey 63 (A. Turner 30), Willingham 26.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP. 23rd June 1933

Desmond Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nichols, Boxworth End, has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship, tenable at the Perse School, Cambridge. He is a pupil at Swavesey National School.

OLD PEOPLE'S TEA. 23rd June 1933

The tea arranged by the Women's Institute for the old people of the village, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was greatly appreciated. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, invited by the committee, sat down with the guests, and all seemed to be very happy. After the excellent tea, games and singing occupied the time until friends from Oakington came to entertain. This part of the evening was most enjoyable, as the concert was non-stop for an hour, and each item was applauded to the echo. The Vicar, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the members for the enjoyable evening they had provided, and the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) suitably responded.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 30th June 1933

Good congregations attended the Sunday School anniversary services on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church, the preacher in the morning and evening being a student from London. Mr. H. Starte, late of Swavesey, now a

missionary in the Congo, was the special speaker in the afternoon, at which service two of the scholars recited. Next Sunday's services, which will commence with a prayer meeting at 7.30 a.m., are to be taken by Mr. A. Tilling, of All Nations' Bible College, London.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 30th June 1933

Notwithstanding the rain which seriously affected the attendance and eventually led to an early close, the takings of the annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, held on Thursday week in the grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) amounted to £30 13s. 0½d., only £3 8s. less than last year. As all expenses had been borne by people interested in its welfare, the whole of this sum, which included £4 17s. 6d. in donations, went to the Association. The proceedings were opened by Mrs. Hart, who in a brief but graceful speech spoke of the useful work done by the Association, and wished the day's venture every success. Mrs. Hart, who was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Hart, was presented with a beautiful bouquet, given by Mrs. Banks, by little Pamela Ladds, of Over. The stalls, side-shows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: New work stall, Mesdames J. Norman, C. Dean and Aldred; jumble stall, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; book stall, Mesdames G. Burling and W. Thorp; ice creams, Mrs. Lee; sweets, Misses Dodson; refreshments, Mesdames J. Dean, Berryman, B. Hodson, W. Kester, Misses R. Gaunt, Day, Vera Smith and Margaret Wagstaff; clock golf, Miss Cole and Mrs. Burleigh (prize given by Miss Cole, won by Rev. C. E. O. Finch); candle lighting, Mrs. Leslie Godfrey (prize given by Mr. Lee, won by Mrs. W. Thorp); Chinese washing, Miss D. Banks; bran tub, Miss Polly Parish; doll dressed and given by Miss Beaumont (name not guessed), Miss L. Cox; weight of cake, given by Mrs. Cooksey, Miss Doris Godfrey (won after a draw by Mr. C. Walker); darts, Mr. U. Thixton (prize given by Mrs. Cooksey, won by Mr. Cyril Wagstaff); pins in cushion, Miss K. Banks, who gave the prize, won by Miss D. Godfrey. The proceedings were enlivened by selections on a gramophone in charge of which were Misses Y. and J. Lee. As usual, a baby show, organised by Nurse Claydon, was a feature of the afternoon's proceedings. For this Dr. F. Robinson (County Medical Officer) and Miss Graham (Supt. Cambs. Nursing Association) officiated as judges, their awards being as follows: One to six months, 1 Richard Bert Walker (Swavesey), 2 Douglas William Ingle (Fen Drayton), 3 Albert Alan Leggett (Over); 6 to 12 months, 1 Audrey Maria Symonds (Over, 2 Christine Lilian Papworth (Over); 1 – 2 years, 1 Marjorie Isgrove (Swavesey), 2 Ann Joan Sutton (Over), 3 Ruby Watson and John Shepperson (both Swavesey). All babies entered were

awarded certificates by Dr. Robinson. An entertainment which was to have been given in the evening by the Over Girl Guides, under the management of Miss Gertrude Thoday, had, much to the general regret, to be abandoned. Messrs. C. Dean and F. W. Pontefract were in charge of the gate.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 7th July 1933

During the quarter ended 30th June, the contributions paid in to the Swavesey Hospital Aid Committee amounted to £35 3s. 7d., bringing the total contributions for the first nine months of the year up to £108 6s. 1d.

WATER FOR OVER. 7th July 1933

A parish meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday next at 8 p.m., to consider an offer from the Swavesey Rural District Council for a wayleave through the Swavesey water mains for the supply of water to the parish of Over.

LATE TRAIN. 7th July 1933

Commencing on Monday next, July 17th, the L.N.E.R. are running a late train from Hunstanton every weekday, leaving Hunstanton at 7.45 p.m., arriving at Swavesey at 9.53 p.m. and calling at all stations to Cambridge. Day tickets are issued at single fare return for the double journey. The fare from Swavesey is 6s. 6d.

CHILDREN'S PARTY. 7th July 1933

Through the kindness of the president of the Women's Institute, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, the children of the members had a most enjoyable party in her garden on Wednesday week. After a sumptuous tea with unlimited strawberries and cream, the youngsters played games on the lawn and the varied sports which followed provided nearly every child with a prize. Members of the Committee helped to give the children a really good time.

VISIT OF ASSOCIATION RINGERS. 7th July 1933

With the permission of the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a full peal of 5,040 changes in 2 hours 55 minutes on the bells of the parish church on Wednesday. Those taking part were: S. Murphy 1, W. Seekings 2, A. J. Abrams 3, F. W. Lack 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. The peal consisted of 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THE THREE ESSENTIALS. 7th July 1933

By the arrangement of Mrs. Nichols, secretary of the Bethel Band of Hope, the Three Essentials Exhibition, opened on the village green, and was quickly surrounded by the lively children, who kept the lecturers busy for nearly two hours. There were keen competitions with the reaction time apparatus and the target practice machine, which drew attention to the slowing of nervous responses after alcohol, leading to accidents, especially with quickly moving machines like motor cars.

DEDICATION OF LEGION STANDARD. 7th July 1933

Prior to service in the parish church last Sunday afternoon, at which the standard of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely, a 720 peal of Bob Minor was rung by: George Hodson 1, B. Hodson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. C. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. There was also ringing by members of the local company. A full report of the service and of the inspection by F.M. Sir William Birdwood will be found on another page.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GARDEN PARTY. 7th July 1933

In ideal weather, the garden party held on Tuesday afternoon in the garden of the Vice-President (Mrs. Banks) was a great success. Tea was served in the shade of the beautiful trees and afterwards the stalls and competitions were well patronised. There was also an excellent concert, the programme including songs by Mrs. Hind, Rev. C. E. O. Finch and Mr. W. J. Hephner, and monologues by Miss King (Over) and Mrs. Laverack. An outdoor whist drive proved very popular, Mr. H. H. Berryman kindly undertaking the duties of M.C. The prize-winners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Mrs. W. Thorp, booby Miss E. Thorp; gentlemen – Mrs. Banks, Mrs. W. Hind, booby Miss D. Godfrey (all playing as gentlemen). Competition prizes were awarded as follows: Peas in a bottle, Miss D. Godfrey; clock golf, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; ringing bottles, Mrs. Budge; mystery parcel, Mrs. Canham. The proceeds in aid of Institute Funds amounted to over £6.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 7th July 1933

A meeting of the Feast Sunday Parade Committee was held on Monday for the purpose of receiving the statement of accounts, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch occupying the chair. The treasurer (Miss Dodson), in presenting the accounts, explained that the amount collected on Feast Sunday was £26 13s. 8d., and at the cricket matches £1 18s. 8d., making a total of £28 12s. 4d. The expenditure included: Conveyance of band £2 10s., printing, etc., 14s. 2d.,

leaving £25 8s. 2d. to be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the local Nursing Association. A letter from Mr. W. H. Head was read, in which he stated that "the handsome sum raised is a proof that the people of Swavesey have the welfare of the Hospital at heart, and we are glad to have this practical expression of their appreciation of its work." The committee then passed a resolution that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Somersham Town Band, who gave their services, to Mr. Harry Smith, the genial extractor of bank notes, to Mr. John Warboys, of Higham's Park, for his continued and generous support, and to the collectors who worked very hard to crown the efforts of the Parade Committee. It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent Miss Banks, who has been a member of the committee since the inception of the parades, and who is shortly leaving this country, for her valued assistance year by year. The committee expressed appreciation of the large number of British Legion members who joined the parade. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, secretary, and all others who had assisted in the parade.

SWAVESEY LEGION CEREMONY. 7th July 1933

Bishop of Ely's 20th Dedication

WHAT STANDARD STANDS FOR.

"I think that this is the twentieth standard that I have had the honour of dedicating in this neighbourhood in the last year or two," said the Bishop of Ely at Swavesey on Sunday, when he performed for the Swavesey and District Branch of the Legion the ceremony which he has so often carried out before.

Before the dedication service the Legionaries (there were about two hundred of them) assembled at Boxworth End in the field kindly lent by Mr. E. Day. In addition to members of the Swavesey branch, under Mr. H. H. Berryman, there were also Legionaries from Cambridge, Longstanton, Willingham, Histon and Impington, Coton, Prickwillow, Madingley, Over (Cambs.) and Coggleshall, and in addition representatives from the Cambridge Women's Section. The Cambs. and Isle of Ely standard was also carried in procession. All standards except that of Swavesey, which was carried by Mr. T. Savage, were unfurled. There were two bands, those of the Cambridge and Littleport British Legion branches.

Major W. N. Philips acted as parade marshal.

INSPECTION

Before marching to the church, the parade was inspected by Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Bart., G.C.B. It then proceeded to the church, headed by the Littleport Band. At the churchyard, Captain R. Barwell, of the Swavesey

branch, laid a wreath on the memorial. The members then proceeded into the church, which was packed out.

The Bishop of Ely was assisted by the Vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, and the Rector of Lolworth, the Rev. A. F. Royston, who is chaplain of the branch. The hymns were led by the Cambridge Band. During the service a collection, which amounted to £5 11s. 4d. was taken for branch funds. After the service, Bandsman F. Sayers sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille," and Major W. N. Phillips recited "They shall not grow old." Then the parade left the church, and in the presence of a large crowd, Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood took the salute outside the Memorial Hall. On reaching the green, the parade dismissed, after Major Phillips had congratulated the Swavesey branch and thanked other branches for coming.

Among those present were Lieut.-Col F. J. M. Stratton (chairman of Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Committee), Mr. W. A. Diver (county secretary), who acted as M.C., Col Hancock, Dr. Robert Ellis (county vice-chairman), Admiral Weekes (chairman, Cambridge branch) and Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis.

HAZARDED THEIR LIVES.

The Bishop took as his text "Men that have hazarded their lives." That, he said, was the very highest recommendation that the church of Jerusalem could give to the four men who were being sent out on a difficult mission.

People were hazarding their lives every day, and we could not help admiring those who did so, even though the motive for their acts differed in the worth of their motive.

There were those who risked their lives for sport, or through travelling in unknown places or in the preparation of a cinema film. When we were looking at the picture quite comfortably watching the feats performed before our eyes we did not always remember fully the risks which those who carried out the performances at which we shuddered ran, nor did we know how many had been killed in the making of the film.

There were those who risked their lives for another, and in addition those we did not always remember, our own countrymen, who, for the sake of the Gospel, went out to all parts of the world, and sometimes spent years in a country whose climate did not suit white people and laid down their lives for the glory of God.

At the present occasion, those in the church were thinking of the people who risked their lives to save their countrymen in the Great War.

STANDARD AS A SIGN.

One of the great objects of the British Legion was to see that those who were dependent upon the men who made the great sacrifice were not forgotten and were not allowed to suffer. The dedication of the standard was not in the least

necessary for actually carrying out the beneficial work of the Legion, but the standard was very useful because it was an outward sign of something unseen. It stood for something of supreme value which it was not possible to forget or undervalue.

“The standard represents to us loyalty to the King, fellowship with one another, remembrance of those who were of our company but who have gone to another and higher service,” said the Bishop. “It stands for union and fellowship and loyalty and service. These are the unseen things it represents. Because the standard represented all the British Legion stood for, the members looked on it as something they wanted to connect closely with God, so it was brought into His house, as a sign that the movement they belonged to was one of service to God and man.

“I think that this is the twentieth standard that I have had the honour of dedicating in this neighbourhood in the last year or two,” went on the Bishop. “I do not think one can perform this act too often. I like to see members and members of the congregation meet together time after time crowding out the parish church in order to witness the dedication of a standard of the British Legion.”

The day before he was in Exeter Cathedral during the celebrations of the eighth hundred year of its foundation. There was a procession round the cathedral in which two hundred flags were carried. “I was delighted to see that the last few dozen of the banners that were carried in that great procession were British Legion banner,” said the Bishop.

LATE TRAIN. 14th July 1933

With reference to the paragraph last week regarding the L.N.E.R. new facilities to Hunstanton day excursion tickets at a fare of 6s. 6d. will be issued daily from Swavesey, available to return by the late train.

MORE RAILWAY FACILITIES. 14th July 1933

The L.N.E.R. announce that commencing to-morrow (15th July) a train will leave Cambridge at 1.5 p.m. for St. Ives and Huntingdon, calling at Swavesey at 1.30 p.m., and will return from Huntingdon E. at 2.35 p.m., be due at Swavesey at 2.54 p.m., and arrive at Cambridge at 3.20 p.m. These trains will run on Saturdays only until further notice.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th July 1933

The pulpit at Bethel Baptist Church was ably supplied on Sunday last, when Mr. H. Nye, of Cambridge, was the preacher. Good congregations assembled and heard two inspiring and helpful messages. The special preachers for next

Sunday are: In the morning Dr. Basil F. C. Atkinson, and in the evening Mr. Gordon Davis, both of Cambridge.

FUNERAL. 14th July 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Ada Norman, wife of Mr. Robert H. Norman, of Gibraltar-lane, who passed away on July 5th after three months' illness, aged 69 years, took place at the cemetery on Friday. The Rev. P. H. Crees, Baptist minister, Over, officiated, and during the service the hymn, "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was sung. The principal mourners were Mr. R. H. Norman (husband), Mr. F. Squires (son), Mr. and Mrs. H. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jeffs (sons-in-law and daughters). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY. 14th July 1933

Mr. G. J. Paine, of Wayside, School-lane, who attained the great age of 90 years last Friday, celebrated the notable event by inviting a number of the old people and other villagers with whom he came in contact to a garden party at The Old House, the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Barwell. A sumptuous tea was provided in the house, after which a very pleasant time was spent in the garden, where the guests were entertained to a concert, etc., by wireless, and songs by the octogenarian, Mr. John Wilderspin. On Saturday Mr. Paine entertained a party of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th July 1933

An interesting lecture on "Hygiene, past and present" was given by Miss Nicholls at the July meeting of the Women's Institute in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Starting with the time of Moses, Miss Nicholls explained the laws of hygiene, down to the present day. Numerous questions were ably answered by the lecturer, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her at the close. The business included arrangements for an outing to Norwich, where Messrs. Colman's mustard factory is to be visited. There were numerous entries for the competition for the best darn done in five minutes, the prize being awarded to Mrs. G. Prime. An interesting little ceremony took place when the President (Mrs. C. Hepher) presented to Miss D. Banks, who is shortly leaving for Australia to be married, a beautiful wallet, inscribed with her initials in gold, and containing a sum of money subscribed by all the members of the Swavesey W.I., as a token of their appreciation of her work as secretary. Miss Banks thanked the members, and told them she should always remember the happy times she had spent with them. Mrs. Banks gave a bright report of the annual N.F.W.I. meeting in London, which she had attended as

delegate. After refreshments the rest of the evening was spent in a singing game.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th July 1933

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following members being present: Messrs. C. H. Parish (chairman), W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, J. Linford, A. P. Payne and C. Savage, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes it was reported that the repairs and improvements outside the Memorial Hall, which had been discussed at the previous meeting had been satisfactorily carried out by the Management Committee. The Clerk read a letter from the agent of the owner of a house in Market-street respecting the condition of the pond, which, he said, was prejudicial to the selling or letting of the property. Mr. Payne proposed, and Mr. Dean seconded, that no action be taken. An amendment moved by Mr. Linford and seconded by Mr. F. Hepher, that the matter be referred to the Parish Meeting to be held later in the evening, was, however, carried by the casting vote of the Chairman. The question of the extension of the Swavesey water mains to the parish of Over was discussed. A letter was read from Mr. C. Wood intimating that he had resigned the librarianship of the local branch of the County Library, and it was agreed to ask the Women's Institute to take over the work. Correspondence with the Performing Rights Society and the Cambs. Rural Community Council respecting the performance of copyright music in the Memorial Hall was referred to the Hall Committee of Management.

PARISH MEETING. 14th July 1933

Owing perhaps partly to the thunderstorm, there was a very small attendance at the Parish Meeting on Tuesday evening, which had been called specially to consider the question of the extension of the Swavesey water mains to the parish of Over. Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council) presided. Arising out of the minutes of the annual Parish Meeting, letters were read from the Clerk of the District Council respecting the complaints which had been made that the engineer when repairing bursts, etc., had cut off the water supply without first giving notice to the users. It was stated that as the result of inquiries the R.D.C. was satisfied that the engineer was doing his best in somewhat difficult circumstances to meet the convenience of the users of the water. The Chairman then explained what had taken place at a meeting of representatives of the District Council, and of two parish councils in regard to the question of extending the water main to Over. Mr. F. Kirby (chairman of the R.D.C.), he said, had stated that he was in a position to offer £20 for the

wayleave and 5 per cent. interest on the cost of the extension of the mains to the Over boundary, and that the R.D.C. had decided to override any objection of the parish of Over to the payment. After some discussion the meeting agreed to accept Mr. Kirby's offer. The complaint respecting the Market-street pond, referred to the Parish Meeting by the Parish Council, was considered, and in view of the large expense that would be incurred if the pond was filled up it was decided that no action be taken in the matter. During the discussion one parishioner remarked that the pond was practically in the same condition at present as it was when the property was bought only a short time ago.

SWAVESEY FETE. 21st July 1933

Excellent Weather.

The fine weather yesterday afternoon was propitious for the annual fete at Swavesey, which was held in the garden of the Vicarage.

The lawn was gay with brightly decorated stalls and the summer dresses added even more colour to the scene. The music of Somersham band made a pleasant background during tea, which was served on the lawn, and in addition to the numerous competitions there were races in the evening, and after a charming little play, "The Butterfly Queen," had been performed by Swavesey children, dancing.

The fete was opened by Mrs. C. F. Stebbing, of Tewin, who, in a short and happy speech, said how pleased she was to be among friends.

The Vicar of Swavesey was in the chair, supported by the churchwardens and members of the Church Council. Mrs. Stebbing and her husband, he said, needed no introduction. It was delightful to have old friends with them again. There were two things for which he was grateful to them: for training Swavesey people in fetes and other public functions and for going away from Swavesey so that he could come!

Mr. Harry Wells proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. W. Hephher, and the Rev. C. F. Stebbing also spoke.

The stallholders were as follows: Refreshments, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. R. Mitham, Mrs. Daintree, Mrs. Day and Misses J. Day, M. Wagstaff, Claydon and Gaunt; work stall, Mesdames Banks, Barwell, Pettitt and Levell; cigarettes, Mrs. W. Hephher; produce, Mrs. W. Kester; handkerchiefs, Mrs. Finch and Mrs. C. Hephher; china, Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. E. Mitham and Mrs. Linford; gift stall, Miss Daisley and Miss Froment; soap, Mrs. Melbourne and Mrs. Arnold; Sunday School stall, Miss Banks.

Side-shows: Chinese washing, Mrs. Skeeles; Aunt Sally, Mr. B. Hodson; bran tub, Mrs. Cain; ice creams, Mrs. Lee; buttonholes, Misses J. and L. Key; test your knowledge, Mr. Williams and Mr. Hawkes.

Competitions: Clock golf, Mrs. Burleigh; shooting gallery, Mr. H. Prime; weight of doll, Miss C. Prior; weight of dinner, Mrs. Whitehead; cake, Miss Wilderspin; ping-pong balls, Misses Lee; hands, Mrs. Mitham and Miss Day; paper hats, Miss Page and Miss J. Wilson; obstacle race, Mrs. Hind and Miss Wilson.

The results of competitions were not available on going to press, but will be published next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. 21st July 1933

PIGS MARKETING SCHEME.

Sir, - I think there are a lot of people puzzled as to what to do in the above scheme, as both large and small farmers, also the Farmers' Union representative, have asked my advice; but I, too, have a doubt whether this will act. I know a lot of farmers who sent their pigs to bacon factories have now ceased, as have also some of the factories' own shareholders.

I am a pig feeder, and am connected with some of the biggest pig feeders in the country, and wonder about the dead weight basis of these pigs and whether they will be satisfied with the bacon weights, also the grading. I should like to know who will look after the interests of the feeders as I know a lot of them have been very dissatisfied with bacon factory weights. If the farmers of this country had a scheme to buy pigs on the live weight bases and were graded by a practical butcher and feeder, I think it would be better, and also to regulated the foreign imports. Will the feeders still lose the condemned pigs, or part of the condemned pigs? – Yours, etc.

ROBERT WILLIAMSON,

Swavesey, July 18th, 1933.

SCHOOL CRICKET. 21st July 1933

The return cricket match between Over and Swavesey Schoolboys, played at Over last Friday, resulted in a win for the Swavesey team. Scores: Over, 1st innings 23 runs, 2nd innings 12; Swavesey, 1st innings 32, 2nd innings 15 for 6 wickets. In Eric Parish, Swavesey has a young bowler of great promise. In the second innings he took eight wickets for six runs, after capturing four in the first innings.

THE COLCHESTER RALLY. 21st July 1933

Thirty-two members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion took part in the great East Anglia Rally at Colchester on Sunday. Capt. R. Barwell was in charge, and Mr. T. Savage was the standard bearer. With wives, children and friends, the party, which in all numbered 101, left Swavesey at 7.30 a.m. in three motor buses for Clacton, where two happy hours were spent before proceeding to Colchester. A small Boxworth child went astray and had to be broadcast as "missing." On being recovered she declared that she would like to get lost in Colchester again, as she had met with such generous and hospitable treatment at the police station. Twenty-seven passengers, all from Over, travelled to Colchester from Swavesey station by the special train run by the L.N.E.R.

SCHOOL TREAT. 21st July 1933

The children attending the parish church Sunday School, about 70 in number, were given their annual summer treat on Wednesday week. After a short service in the church and an excellent tea in the grounds of the Vicarage, the youngsters adjourned to Manor Field for races, games, etc. Later in the evening the smaller children returned to the Vicarage for more games and a sweets' scramble, while the older ones remained on Manor Field for a cricket match. Before the prizes were distributed a presentation from the school was made to Miss Banks, one of the teachers, who is leaving Swavesey to be married in Australia. This consisted of three engravings of different views of Ely Cathedral. Mrs. Finch, the vicar's wife, was also presented with a bouquet of carnations by Joan Clarke, the youngest child in the school. During the evening chocolate biscuits kindly provided by a friend, were distributed, and on leaving for home every child was given two packets of sweets.

GONE TO AUSTRALIA. 28th July 1933

Miss Dorothy M. Banks, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, of The Priory, Swavesey, sailed from Tilbury on Saturday for Australia in the Orient liner Orama. She is going to Copmanhurst, Grafton, N.S.W., where her marriage with the Rev. Edward Williams, a Swavesey man, will take place.

SOCIAL. 28th July 1933

The Blue Riviera Band's social at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening was a great success. In addition to dancing, for which the band provided an excellent selection of music, the programme included songs by Mr. Harry Cole, Mr. Midge Jackson, and Miss Hayden. A lucky number competition for a bottle of port was won by Mr. S. Wright.

THE CHURCH FETE. 28th July 1933

The following were in charge of competitions at the annual church fete, a report of which appeared in the "Press and News" last week: Ping pong balls in the bucket – Misses Lee (won by Mr. W. Hephher and Miss H. Burleigh); obstacle race – Mrs. Hind and Miss Willson (won by Mrs. P. Banks, Mr. E. Mitham, jun., and Miss O. Prior); cake (given by Mrs. W. Thorp) – Miss Wilderspin and Miss Cox (won by Miss M. Godfrey); weight of dinner – Mrs. Whitehead (won by Mr. W. Spolton); paper hat-making – Miss Page and Miss J. Willson (won by Mr. J. Mitham and Miss D. Williamson); weight of doll – Miss Prior (won by Mrs. C. Walker); clock golf – Mrs. Burleigh (won by Miss Burleigh and Mr. A. J. Anderson); prettiest hands – Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Miss J. Day (won by Mrs. Johnstone and Miss Hilda Hephher); shooting gallery – Messrs. H. Prime and A. Hephher (won by Messrs. George and Joyce); knowledge test – Mr. D. Williams (won by Mr. D. Adams); number of doors in church – Mr. A. Hawkes (won by Mr. C. F. Banks). The winners of the races were: Children's flat race – Mabel Key; wheelbarrow race (children) – Leonora Key and Joan Prior; ditto, grown-ups – Mr. L. and Miss B. Day. Team race (blindfold) – Mr. P. Banks driving Miss J. Willson and Miss D. Williamson. A popular feature of the fete was the charming little play "The Butterfly Queen," two admirable performances of which were given by schoolchildren, for whose training Mr. C. Wood (headmaster), Miss G. Thoday and Miss H. Silk (assistant teachers) were responsible. At the close of the evening prizes were distributed by Miss Banks, after which she was presented by the Vicar with a cheque for £4 from the church workers as a wedding gift, and a small token of their appreciation of her services rendered so freely and ungrudgingly during the whole of the time she had lived in Swavesey.

ANOTHER SWAVESEY AIRMAN. 4th Aug. 1933

Aircraft apprentice Lionel Wood, third son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey National School, who passed out from Cranwell electrical and wireless school last week as first class aircraftsman, has been posted to No. 19, Fighting Squadron, R.A.F., at Duxford.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 4th Aug. 1933

The annual meeting of the Football Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, when there was a fair attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - President, Mr. F. J. Mustill; vice-presidents (subject to consent), Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Rev. A. Beaumont, Messrs. Blinkhorn, F. W. Pontefract, E. Day, B. Thorp, R. Barwell, G. E.

Canham, W. Spolton, W. Hinds, J. Scarge, P. Lee, J. Prior, S. Brooks; captain 1st XI, F. Coulson; vice-captain, S. Godfrey; hon. sec. S. J. Wright; treasurer, A. E. W. Melbourne. It was decided to enter the 1st XI for the Cambs. League and Minor Cup, and run a 2nd XI for friendly matches. The accounts showed that the club has a balance in hand for the forthcoming season.

SWAVESEY SHOW AND SPORTS. 11th July 1933

Entries Down, But More Cyclists.

RIDER BREAKS COLLAR-BONE.

Adverse Effect of Heat.

Once again this year – for the eleventh time in succession to be exact – glorious weather favoured Swavesey show and sports, which were held on Manor Field, by kind permission of Messrs. J. Johnson and Sons.

The sun proved to be something of a double-edged blessing, however, for on account of the recent hot weather the number of entries in some cases were very much down, and, furthermore, the dry grass was partly the cause of a rather serious accident to L. B. Carter, the well-known Over racing cyclist.

The adverse effect of the heat on the entries was particularly noticeable in the plum classes, growers being unwilling to exhibit on account of the poorness of the crop. On the other hand, apples were good and beetroot very good. The marrow classes, too, were well supported, and the standard high, the same thing applying to the potatoes.

Another cause of fewer entries was the fact that the harvest has come earlier this year.

The Dodson Cup, given for the best collection of vegetables, was won by Mr. F. Parish. This is the third year in succession he has earned the right to hold it, but owing to the fact that it is a challenge cup he has not won it outright.

Many hundreds came and enjoyed the show, and the sports programme. Dance music was played after the sports were over, and the amplifying apparatus through which it was played, was also used to render musical selections during the afternoon, and as a means of announcing the results. A dance in the Memorial Hall, at which Hal Kemp and his band played, was held in the evening.

The interest which the President and his wife take in the show was indicated by the fact that Mrs. R. C. Cole has presented some cups for competition.

At the presentation of the prizes one speaker referred to the good luck of the society in having as their president Mr. R. C. Cole, who, he said, not only kept in touch with all the doings of the society, but was most liberal in his subscription and always ready with suggestions.

THE OFFICERS.

The officers were as follows:

President, Mr. R. C. Coles, J.P., ; chairman, Mr. C. W. Hines; vice-chairman, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. general secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey, Market-street, Swavesey; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Market-street, Swavesey; sports secretary, Mr. A. Carter, Over; hon. auditor, Rev. C. E. O. Finch; Finance Committee, Messrs. F. W. Pontefract, R. Asplin, J. Culpin, C. W. Hines, F. F. Norman, P. J. Watts, G. Wayman, H. W. Whitehead, with the General Secretary, Treasurers and Sports Secretary; Horticultural Committee, Messrs. A. Brasher, F. W. Pontefract, R. Jacklin, W. Symonds, U. Thixton, A. Turner, C. Walker, H. W. Whitehead (Swavesey), C. Adams, G. Doggett, W. Garner, C. Haddow, C. W. Hines, W. D. Lucas , H. Smith, W. Thorp, G. Wayman (Over), J. Culpin (Fen Drayton), G. Bath, T. Day, H. Smith, W. Taylor (Boxworth); Sports Committee, Messrs. R. Brooks, G. E. Canham, L. Cannell, jun., R. Coles, H. J. Culpin, L. Day, A. J. Godfrey, S. Godfrey, R. Hendry, F. Hephher, W. J. Hephher, W. Hinds, R. F. Norman (Swavesey), W. C. Day, A. Thompson (Boxworth), E. Smart (Fen Drayton), R. C. Asplin, L. B. Carter, A. Ginn, A. W. Ginn, E. Marshall, R. D. Mustill, R. Robinson, F. Symonds, P. J. Watts (Over).

(Prize list in newspaper)

CAMBS. CYCLIST'S DEATH. 18th Aug. 1933

Lorry Inspected by Jury.

INQUEST ADJOURNED.

Evidence of identification only was given at the inquest on Friday evening on Ronald Arthur Cannell, of the New Inn, Swavesey, who was killed in a collision between his cycle and a six-wheeled motor lorry on Thursday afternoon. The proceedings lasted only a few minutes, and the inquest was then adjourned for three weeks.

The County Coroner (Mr. Jasper Lyon) conducted the inquest at the New Inn with a jury. Mr. Prime Godfrey was elected foreman of the jury, and the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Varney Webb), together with Sergt. Keep watched the proceedings on behalf of the police. Mr. C. Henderson appeared for the relatives of the deceased. The driver of the lorry was in court, but was not called upon to give evidence.

Following the short hearing, the jury retired to inspect the motor lorry involved in the accident.

Evidence of identification was given by the father, Richard Aves Cannell, licensee of the New Inn. He identified the body as that of his son, Ronald Arthur, aged 19 years and 10 months. His son lived at home and was employed as a bookseller by Messrs. Heffer and Son at Petty-cury. He was

quite all right when witness last saw him on the Thursday, and his health was quite good.

The Coroner: Was his eyesight good? – Witness: Very good; also his hearing. He had been riding a bicycle for the past 12 years.

Replying to a member of the jury, witness said his son rode a push-cycle.

Mr. Henderson: Was he used to this road? – Witness: Yes; he has been up and down it at least twice daily, except Sunday, for the past five years.

The Chief Constable: Did he wear spectacles? – No, he had good eyesight.

This concluded witness's evidence. It was formally read over to him by the Coroner, and signed.

The Coroner intimated then that at that stage that was as far as he intended to go. The inquest would be adjourned for three weeks. He also voiced his sympathy with the relatives.

Mr. Varney Webb remarked that he had the lorry there if the jury would like to see it. The foreman thought they would, and the Coroner ordered the sergeant to see that they went alone without anybody else, not even the driver of the lorry.

The inquest was then formally adjourned.

MEMBER OF '99 ROWING CLUB.

Cannell was well-known as one of the most promising members of the '99 Rowing Club and had rowed in the third boat for some time.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Aug. 1933

During the Absence of the Vicar on holiday, the services at the parish church will be taken by the Rev. R. L. B. Watson, of Minehead, Somerset.

WEDDING. 18th Aug. 1933

The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated at the marriage at the parish church on Tuesday afternoon of Miss Clara Thorp, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorp, of Grosvenor House, Swavesey, and Mr. Walter Wayman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wayman, of New Wimpole. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in beige georgette, with had to match, and she carried a shower bouquet of red and white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Ivy Thorp (sister of the bride) wore a dress of green silk and a cream picture hat. She carried a bouquet of cream roses. Mr. Harry Castle, of Westbourne Park, London, was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at Grosvenor House.

FUNERAL OF RONALD CANNELL. 18th Aug. 1933

There was a large congregation at the parish church on Monday afternoon at the funeral of Mr. Ronald Arthur Cannell, whose tragic death was reported last week. The service, at which the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated, included Psalm xxiii, and the hymn "For ever with the Lord." Mrs. Finch, who was at the organ, played appropriate music. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cannell (father and mother), Mr. L. Cannell (brother), Mrs. N. Palmer (aunt), Miss N. Palmer (cousin). Among others present were: Representatives of Messrs. W. Heffer and Sons, Petty-cury, Cambridge, Mr. G. Mantell (representing Cambridge and County High School for Boys), Mr. R. S. Briggs (representing County Old Boys' Society), Messrs. C., S., and L. Wood, and very many others from the village. The plain oak coffin bore the inscription: "Ronald Arthur Cannell, died August 10th, 1933, aged 19 years." Beautiful floral wreaths were from the family, friends, the staff of W. Heffer and Sons, Petty-cury, Cambridge; the directors of Messrs. W. Heffer and Sons; President, officers and members of the '99 Rowing Club; colleagues of third boat, '99 Rowing Club. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Johnson and Bailey, Cambridge.

A ONE-MAN MEETING. 18th Aug. 1933

Swavesey Council Comedy.

Mr. F. Kirby (chairman) was the only member present at Friday's meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council, and in the absence of a quorum it was agreed to transact the business and confirm it at the next meeting, a procedure which is becoming quite a common feature.

OVER WATER SUPPLY.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) reported the receipt of a further letter from Mr. H. W. Mustill regarding the Over water supply.

Mr. Kirby said he had heard nothing from the Parish Council since the last meeting and did not know whether they were desirous of going on with the scheme. It was the Parish Council's idea originally to form a private company, but this would mean employing an engineer and sinking a bore.

Further business concerning complaints against bathers in Over, and Boxworth water supply were discussed. (Full details in newspaper).

THE RHYTHM RASCALS. 25th Aug. 1933

The dance held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday was a great success, over 130 dancers attending. An excellent programme of old and new dance music was supplied by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals.

THE LATE MR. R. CANNELL. 25th Aug. 1933

At the funeral of Mr. Ronald Cannell, the '99 Rowing Club was represented by Mr. Guy F. Dale (President), Mr. F. R. Whitaker (senior vice-president) and Mr. S. Skewes (King's College) who coached the 3rd boat in which Mr. Cannell rowed. These names were inadvertently omitted from the report of the funeral last week.

A VISIT TO NORWICH. 25th Aug. 1933

The annual outing arranged by the Women's Institute last week was well patronised, about thirty members and their friends leaving Swavesey by a private coach on Thursday morning. After a most enjoyable drive they arrived at Norwich about 11 a.m., and spent the morning in seeing the various places of interest in the beautiful city. In the afternoon a visit was paid to the factory of Messrs. J. and J. Colman, where the party was shown over many parts of the buildings, seeing the processes of making mustard, rolled oats, etc. A sumptuous tea, provided by the firm, was followed by an interesting cookery demonstration, and on leaving each visitor was given a large package of samples of the various products of the factory. The return journey was also very pleasant, the weather during the whole of the day being all that could be desired.

L.N.E.R. SUNDAY EXCURSIONS. 1st Sept. 1933

Twenty passengers booked at Swavesey station on Sunday by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to Clacton. Next Sunday the company are running a half-day buffet car excursion to Skegness. Leaving Swavesey at 10.25 a.m. the train is timed to arrive at Skegness at 12.55 p.m., and as the return journey is not to commence until 9.35 p.m., people taking advantage of the trip will have over eight hours by the sea.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES. 1st Sept. 1933

Miss Lucy Maud Key, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key, Swavesey, was one of the successful candidates who sat for the Cambridge University Higher School Certificate examination in July. She is a pupil at the Cambridge and County High School for girls. In the School Certificate examination, the results of which were announced on Wednesday, Douglas A. H. Canham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham, was one of the successful candidates.

ACCIDENT TO BOY VISITOR. 1st Sept. 1933

Another London boy when on a visit to Swavesey has met with an accident. On Thursday in last week Arthur Kester, nephew of Mrs. Walter Coulson, of

Boxworth End, while playing with other boys slipped down from a haystack and injured his arm. He was taken to Dr. Hart, who found the arm had been broken, and sent the boy to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where the fractured bone was set. He returned to Swavesey the same evening and is progressing favourably.

DEATH OF MR. A. T. SCARD. 1st Sept. 1933

When playing for the St. George's, Ramsgate, Cricket Club on Saturday Mr. Anthony Thomas Scard, of 84, King-street, Ramsgate, dropped down dead at the crease after hitting a boundary. The match was abandoned. Prior to his going to Ramsgate about September, 1919, Mr. Scard carried on a successful business as baker and confectioner in High-street, Swavesey, for a number of years, and during that time took a keen and active interest in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the village. He was a parish councillor, a member of the church choir, a playing member of both the cricket and football clubs, a successful angler, a swimmer, and, being the possessor of an excellent tenor voice, was in great request for entertainments, concerts, etc., in the organisation of which he usually took a leading part. At Ramsgate he played for St. George's C.C., and belonged to the Wesleyan C.C., and in winter he used to referee a football match every Saturday. He was also a member of the choral and operatic societies and of the debating society. Mr. Scard, who was 55 years of age, was in the best of spirits when he left home to play for the St. George's Club on Saturday, and to die with his pads on and a bat in his hand was, it is stated by one who knew him well, the death he would, if he could, have chosen. Sincere sympathy is expressed in Swavesey with Mrs. Scard and her family in their bereavement. The funeral took place at Ramsgate on Wednesday.

SWAVESEY CYCLIST'S DEATH. 1st Sept. 1933

Sensational Sequel Expected.

ANOTHER INQUEST ADJOURNMENT?

Sensational developments are expected as a sequel to the fatality on the Huntingdon-road on August 10th, when a young cyclist collided with a motor lorry and was killed instantly.

The cyclist was Ronald Cannell, aged 19, of the New Inn, Swavesey, and the lorry with which he collided was being driven towards Cambridge by Mr. Edward Taylor, of 14, Abbey-lane, Stratford, London.

The inquest was opened on August 11th and adjourned until September 1st, after evidence of identification only had been called. When the inquest was resumed, the County Coroner (Mr. Jasper Lyon) ordered a further adjournment

until sometime after the next Assizes for Cambridgeshire, “in view of certain other proceedings.”

As reported in the “Cambridge Daily News” at the time, the lorry driver, it was understood, did not know there had been an accident until another motorist who had witnessed it caught him up and informed him of the fact.

At the first hearing of the inquest a splinter of wood 16 or 18 inches long and two or three inches thick lay on the table in front of the Coroner and the jury.

This report is followed by the following:

LORRY DRIVER IN COLLISION.

Motor Cyclist's Leg Injury

A lorry, driven by a man named Edward Taylor, of 14, Abbey-lane, Stratford, London, overturned on the London – Newmarket-road near Six Mile Bottom Station, when it came into collision with a motorcycle combination on Friday morning. Goods being conveyed by the lorry were strewn all over the road.

The motor-cycle was being driven by Henry James Hardwick, of 4, Primrose Villa, Wootton-road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, aged 21 or 22, believed to be a petty officer in the Royal Navy at Chatham. It is understood that he was returning to Chatham from Lynn when the accident happened.

He sustained injuries to one hand and to one thigh. The Cambridge Borough Police Ambulance conveyed him to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he was detained. The lorry driver escaped unhurt.

A striking coincidence of the accident is that one of the police officers who went out with the ambulance is a next door neighbour of an aunt of Hardwick's who lives at Ross-street.

EXCURSION TO SKEGNESS. 8th Sept. 1933

Seventy passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. buffet car excursion to Skegness on Sunday, and in addition a party, 32 in number, organised by Mr. P. Lee, travelled to the same seaside resort by motor coach.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 8th Sept. 1933

Harold William Whitehead, son of Mr. H. W. Whitehead, L.N.E.R. stationmaster at Swavesey, was one of the sixteen pupils at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys who were successful in the Cambridge University Higher School Certificate Examination held in July. He passed in French, Spanish, Latin and History.

DEATH OF MRS. PERCY BEAUMONT. 8th Sept. 1933

The sad news reached Swavesey early on Wednesday that Mrs. Elizabeth Beaumont (nee Rowbotham), wife of the Rev. Percy J. Beaumont, rector of

Edith Weston, Rutland, and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Henry Beaumont, of Swavesey, had passed away in hospital at Northampton on the previous evening, aged 41 years, after about four months' illness. In addition to her husband, she leaves two young children, a boy and a girl. She was well-known in and around Swavesey, as prior to her marriage she was the first nurse of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. The funeral will take place at Edith Weston to-morrow.

BILLIARD LEAGUE. 8th Sept. 1933

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Billiard League, held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President, Mr. F. J. Anderson; vice-presidents, Dr. J. A. Hart, Mr. Bignell; chairman, Mr. G. Green; vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Harding; secretary, Mr. R. H. Coles, Swavesey; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. J. Culpin, Swavesey. It was announced that teams had been entered from Somersham, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Fenstanton and Swavesey. It was decided to revert to the original system of scoring, i.e., two points for each game won instead of two points for each match; also that both teams concerned in a match should send in result within 48 hours, and failing this that a fine of 1s. should be imposed.

MARRIED IN AUSTRALIA. 8th Sept. 1933

Mrs. John Williams, of Market-street, on Monday received a cable message announcing that the marriage of her youngest son, Rev. Edward Williams, and Miss Dorothy M. Banks, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks, The Priory, Swavesey, had taken place on Sunday at Copmanhurst, New South Wales. It is understood that the Bishop of Grafton, in whose diocese Copmanhurst is situated, officiated, and that the organist of Grafton Cathedral was responsible for the musical part of the service. In celebration of the event, the Rev. E. Williams having been an enthusiastic ringer when in Swavesey, and by his special request, the bells of the parish church were rung from 6 a.m. until the Holy Communion service at 7.30 a.m., and again before and after evensong. Later the ringers and the organist (Mr. G. H. Skeeles) were entertained by Mr. Dennis Williams (bridegroom's brother) and Mr. Walter Thorp, and the health of the newly married couple was duly drunk.

BRITISH LEGION. 15th Sept. 1933

Fourteen members of the Swavesey and District branch attended the Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Rally of the British Legion at Wisbech last Sunday.

OCCASIONAL LICENCE. 15th Sept. 1933

At the Shire Hall on Saturday, the magistrates granted an occasional licence to Mr. Sydney George Brooks, of the White Horse Inn, to sell intoxicating liquors at a sale at Stanton Vue, Swavesey, on Sept. 21st, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

PROPERTY MARKET. 15th Sept. 1933

The two pieces of arable and pasture land (10a. 1r. 3p., more or less) situated in Mill Way, Swavesey, which Messrs. Elworthy and Grounds, by direction of the executors of the late Mr. Alfred Knifton, offered for sale at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, failed to obtain a bid. There was only a small attendance. Messrs. Metcalfe, Copeman and Pettefar, Wisbech and Holbeach, were the solicitors concerned.

FUNERAL. 15th Sept. 1933

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, wife of Mr. Thomas Henry Carter, whose death at the age of 61, after 16 years of suffering, occurred on Sept. 4th, took place at the parish church on Thursday week, the Rev. F. G. Weston, Vicar of Over, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. T. H. Carter (husband), Mrs. Netherwood (mother), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Froment, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Froment (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. Stephen Carter (brother-in-law), Mrs. Hine, Over, Mrs. A. Whybrow (sisters-in-law), Mrs. S. Daisley (aunt), Mr. George Ding, Oakington (uncle) Miss F. Daisley (cousin), Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. T. Froment (nieces). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE LATE MRS. P. J. BEAUMONT. 15th Sept. 1933

Every villager, who was able, attended the funeral at Edith Weston, Rutland, on Saturday afternoon, of Mrs. Elizabeth Beaumont, wife of the Rev. P. J. Beaumont, rector of the parish, whose death at the age of 41 years was announced last week. The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. T. Johnson, R.D., Rector of Little Casterton, Stamford, the Rev. J. D. Day, headmaster of Stamford School, who read the Lesson, and the Rev. Francis Davenport, vicar of St. Martin's Stamford, the last named saying the prayers of committal. During the service the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my soul" was sung. The interment took place at the cemetery some distance from the church, the mourners being followed thither, in accordance with local custom, by the villagers, some of whom carried the many beautiful floral tributes, except those from the deceased's husband and mother, which were laid on the coffin.

— Prior to his appointment as Rector of Edith Weston, the Rev. P. J.

Beaumont, who is the eldest son of Mrs. Beaumont and the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, of Swavesey, was for several years an assistant master at Stamford School and curate of St. Martin's.

NEW BAPTIST MINISTER. 22nd Sept. 1933

The Rev. A. Tilling, of All Nation's Bible College, commences his ministry at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, October 1st.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 22nd Sept. 1933

Mrs. C. S. Hepher presided over the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, when a good number of members were present. Much disappointment was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. P. Baker, of Cambridge, who was to have lectured. After the usual business, Mrs. Adams, of Over, gave a helpful talk on home dyeing, Mrs. Hind following with a demonstration of Aquarello painting, showing some beautiful specimens. A competition for the best six cooked potatoes was won by Mrs. Carrier. Tea, community singing and a dance finished up the evening.

TEWIN CHURCH. 22nd Sept. 1933

There must be many Swavesey people, writes a correspondent, who would like to know something about Tewin Church, seeing that two vicars of Swavesey, the Rev. A. C. Vidler and the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, during recent years have left the village to become rectors of the Hertfordshire parish. Mr. Vidler, who was rector of Tewin from 1912 until 1930, when he was succeeded by Mr. Stebbing, has published a booklet in which he gives an interesting account of the history of Tewin, its ancient church, part of which there is reason to believe is a Norman restoration of an earlier Saxon church wall, its monuments and its churchyard. Considerations of space do not allow me to go into details, but mention should be made of the tomb in the churchyard of Lady Ann Grimston, who died at Tewin House in 1713, to which a well-known legend has been applied. "This tomb," to quote from the booklet, "bears an inscription which may be translated, 'This tomb must not be opened through all eternity' – an inscription always interpreted as a defiance of the truth of the Resurrection. The heavy iron cover of the tomb is, however, broken by the roots of a tree, and hence the ease with which the legend has been applied to such a tomb as this. The legend as connected with Lady Anne Grimston does not seem to have been heard of till about 1840, and all records of Lady Anne, belonging to her family, bear testimony of her piety and charity."

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE. 29th Sept. 1933

Lorry Driver for Trial.

SWAVESEY LAD'S DEATH.

Edward Taylor, 14, Abbey-lane, Stratford, London, the driver of the lorry which, on August 10th, was in fatal collision with Ronald Arthur Cannell, of Swavesey, was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter, heard at a special sitting of the Cambs. Divisional Bench to-day (Friday).

Mr. E. E. G. Robey (from the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions) appeared to prosecute, and defendant was unrepresented. Mr. M. C. Henderson was in court to hold a watching brief for the late Mr. Cannell's family.

CYCLIST'S SOMERSAULT.

Mr. Robey, outlining the circumstances of the accident, said that Mr. Cannell was cycling on the Huntingdon-road, close to the grass verge. Approaching him was a two and a half ton lorry, driven by defendant, at about 20 miles per hour. The point of collision was on the defendant's wrong side of the road. A witness saw the cyclist turn a somersault into the air, and before a doctor arrived Mr. Cannell died from his injuries. A splinter of wood on the off-side of the lorry frame was picked up on the road.

In a statement to the police, Taylor said he saw a cyclist jump on his bicycle on his (defendant's) near side. He swerved the lorry to the off-side, so that the cyclist could keep coming up on the near side. Then the cyclist "shot round the front" of him and he (Taylor) did not know he had caught the lad until he was stopped and told.

Evidence in proof of a road plan was given by Mr. E. E. Russell, surveyor, of 263 Cherryhinton-road, Cambridge, who said that the road at the spot had little camber and presented no difficulty of vision to traffic.

Mr. Ian F. S. Rudd-Clark, proprietor of a riding establishment, of Hutton Park, Brentwood, who on the morning of August 10th was driving into Cambridge on the Huntingdon-road, said the lorry was well ahead of him when he first noticed it. The cyclist, though approaching, was also some distance from the lorry at first. Witness did not see the cyclist mount his machine, but he was riding very close to the grass.

"SUDDENLY SWERVED TO OFF-SIDE."

When witness saw the lorry suddenly swerve over to the off-side, he wondered what the driver could be doing, as there appeared no reason for his action. "The cyclist disappeared from my sight," he went on, "and the next thing I saw him flying through the air. He fell on the grass. The lorry driver crossed over to his near side and carried straight on."

Mr. Rudd-Clark said that he then increased his speed and overtook the lorry. The driver pulled up, and witness remarked, "You were driving on the wrong side and have knocked a man off his bicycle. Why didn't you stop?" Taylor, in a dazed sort of manner, repeated the words, "Driving on the wrong side." Witness returned to the cyclist with Taylor on the running-board of his car, and another man on the lorry also accompanied him.

Defendant now denied that he made any mention of driving on the wrong side of the road.

"BUNDLE OF BASKETS."

Mr. Frederick Sparrow, Public Assistance officer, of 29, Roseford-road, Impington, who was also motoring on the Huntingdon-road, said he was following Mr. Rudd-Clark and the lorry. He saw no approaching traffic, but he was nearly half a mile away from the lorry when he saw it swerve. Witness thought the lorry was a fruit vehicle, and saw what he thought was a bundle of baskets shoot off from the back of the lorry, which continued after regaining its proper side.

On reaching the spot witness found a bicycle and a man, who appeared to be asleep. He (Mr. Sparrow) continued on, looking for the baskets, with the intention of catching up the lorry. He then concluded that the object which flew off was the man he had passed, so he returned to find that the cyclist, lying eight feet from the road, was seriously injured. As far as witness could recollect, the only words the lorry driver used were: "Is the man badly hurt?"

Mr. Rudd-Clark telephoned for an ambulance.

POLICE SERGEANT'S EVIDENCE.

P.S. Keep, stationed at Longstanton, stated that as a result of a telephone message, he went to a spot on the Cambridge-Huntingdon road. When he got there he saw the body lying on the South side of the road on the grass verge. Taylor arrived shortly afterwards.

Witness 'phoned for a doctor, and after the doctor had examined the body, witness removed it to the New Inn, Swavesey. He knew the deceased, Ronald Arthur Cannell, quite well.

Witness saw a cycle on the grass verge about six paces from where the body lay. He also saw a lorry standing on the nearside of the road, facing Cambridge. The vehicle was a 2½ ton Bedford. The road surface was dry and good. He examined the lorry to see what damage was done. There was a grid in an upright position behind the driver's cabin. It was wider than the cabin. A piece of wood on the off-side of the grid was missing. Witness searched back along the road to find the missing piece of wood and found it 19 yards on the Cambridge side of where the body lay.

The damaged part of the grid was about seven feet high from the road. There was a graze mark on the off-side front mudguard. It looked fresh.

When witness examined the bicycle produced he found that the right handle was dented and bent back, and the brake lever was bent up. The right pedal crank was slightly bent inwards towards the chain. The seat was twisted.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT TO POLICE.

Witness took down a statement from the defendant, who signed it. In this defendant said he was proceeding along the main road towards Cambridge, when he saw a cyclist jump on his cycle on his (Taylor's) near-side. He (Taylor) swerved across to the off-side, so that the cyclist could continue to come up on the near-side, but the cyclist shot round in front of the lorry. He did not know he had hit the cyclist until told by another man. His speed was not more than 25 miles an hour.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. A. S. Cane, of Willingham, who spoke of receiving a telephone call, as the result of which he went to a spot on the Huntingdon-Cambridge road. A man lying there was obviously dead.

Witness later made a more detailed examination and found that there was a fracture of the base of the skull, dislocation of the neck, and a series of severe bruising the whole way down the right side. There was a small punctured wound on the right shoulder. As far as witness's examination was made, no other bones, bar the skull, were broken.

Unconsciousness must have been instantaneous, and death must have followed in two or three minutes.

P.S. Woolsey gave evidence of interviewing Taylor on September 13th at West Ham. He told him that he had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of manslaughter. He read the warrant over to him and cautioned him. He replied: "I don't wish to say anything." Witness took him to the County Police Station, Cambridge, the same day, where he was charged with the offence. He made no reply.

Defendant did not desire to call witnesses, give evidence, or make any other statement beyond what he had said to the police, and he was committed for trial at the next Assizes.

He asked for legal aid, and was advised to apply at the Assizes.

Bail was granted in defendant's own surety and that of his father.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 29th Sept. 1933

The harvest thanksgiving service at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday evening in last week was well attended, the congregation including friends from neighbouring villages. The Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, was the special preacher. The collection was devoted to church funds, the gifts of

fruit, vegetables, etc., being sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. A public tea in the schoolroom preceded the service.

B.W.T.A. 29th Sept. 1933

The annual meetings of the local branch of the B.W.T.A. were held in Bethel Schoolroom on Tuesday. At the public meeting at 7 o'clock, Mr. Canham presided, and Miss Midgley, of Saffron Walden, gave an interesting address. A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham and a solo by Miss Godfrey. Officers were chosen at the business meeting in the afternoon for the coming session as follows: President, Mrs. W. Savage, sen.; vice-president, Mrs. W. Nichols; secretary, Miss H. Dodson; treasurer, Miss Leah Spearman; committee, Mrs. G. Day, Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Mrs. P. Godfrey, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. A. Prior, Mrs. A. Day, and Miss G. Dodson.

WEDDING. 29th Sept. 1933

The marriage of Miss Violet Ann Carrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrier, of Boxworth End, and Mr. Stanley Prime, son of Mrs. Prime and the late Mr. David Prime, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of ivory spun silk with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her cousin, Miss V. Smith, and Miss M. Bedford, both of whom were attired in blue georgette, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of lemon chrysanthemums. Mr. B. Kester was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, and later the happy couple left for Hunstanton, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful and included a sewing machine from the bridegroom to the bride and a wristlet watch from the bride to the bridegroom.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 6th Oct. 1933

Good congregations attended the services at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday to hear the Rev. A. Tilling, the newly appointed pastor, whose ministry commenced that day.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 6th Oct. 1933

The Bethel Young People's Fellowship will commence its activities for the winter session next Monday evening, when the special speaker will be the Rev. J. A. G. Ainley, vicar of St. Paul's, Cambridge.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 6th Oct. 1933

The return match between Over and Swavesey schools, played at Over on Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal. The previous game played at Swavesey was won by the Swavesey boys by five goals to four.

RAILWAY CROSSING GATE BROKEN. 6th Oct. 1933

One of the gates across the L.N.E.R. line at Swavesey station was broken about 8.50 a.m. on Friday by the engine of a heavy coal train which over-ran the up home signals. The other gate was saved by the prompt action of one of the porters, Mr. Few, who managed to swing it clear just before the crash occurred. No one was injured, and fortunately no vehicle was crossing the metals at the time. The gate was temporarily repaired during the day.

SOCIAL. 6th Oct. 1933

An enjoyable social was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. There were about 100 present, and all were enthusiastic about the programme which was provided. It would have been much better, but owing to illness it was found at the last moment that some good items had to be cut out. Vocal items by Mrs. Hind and Mr. Lee were much appreciated. The dance music was provided by the Blue Riviera Dance Band. After the interval choruses from 50 years of songs were played by Mrs. Budge at the piano, and led by Mr. Lee, the company joining heartily in the singing. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mesdames Berryman, Turner, and Pettitt, and Miss Vera Savidge. The proceeds amounted to £4 9s. 9d., which will go towards the Swavesey dedication expenses.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 6th Oct. 1933

The annual meeting of the Institute was held in the billiards room on Wednesday, a good number of members being present. The Chairman apologised through the secretary for not being able to be present owing to a previous important engagement elsewhere. The accounts, which showed an increased balance in hand, were passed, and the officers and committee of last year were all re-elected. It was decided to run two teams in the Swavesey and District Billiards League, Mr. R. Coles being captain of the second team. Mr. E. Prior was re-appointed caretaker. It was decided that the Bignell Cup should be run as before as a handicap, and that knock-out billiards competitions be arranged by the committee. The Secretary was instructed to

write to Mr. A. A. Bignell a letter of condolence on his accident, and to Mr. Lee, thanking him for his gift of dart boards.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 13th Oct. 1933

The many friends of the Rev. T. B. Field (the late pastor) will be pleased to know that he will be visiting the village next week-end, and that the services at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday will be jointly conducted by him and the recently settled pastor, the Rev. A. Tilling.

Y.P.F. 13th Oct. 1933

There was an excellent attendance at the opening meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening to hear an inspiring address by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton, who was deputising for the appointed speaker. Mr. Canham was the soloist, his son Neville, accompanying him on the piano. Mr. Chapman voiced the thanks of all present to the speaker. The new Pastor, Rev. A. Tilling, also took part in the meeting, and next week he will be the speaker.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Oct. 1933

There was a good gathering of members of the Women's Institute at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday night for the monthly meeting. Mrs. C. Hepher presided, and after the usual business Mrs. Laverack gave an interesting account of the knitting conference at Cambridge, which she had attended as delegate. Not only did she describe in detail what she had learnt, but showed actual specimens which she had done to illustrate her talk. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Next Miss Gaskell gave a demonstration of household jobbery, showing how to make and mend many things in the home. Members were deeply interested, and many questions were asked. Miss Gaskell's entertaining way of talking made the demonstration unusually attractive. A roll call of "Where I would like to live and why," which brought out varied ideas, and a couple of dances, which satisfied the energetic members, closed a very enjoyable evening.

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Oct. 1933

The harvest festival at the parish church commenced on Thursday week with a celebration of Holy communion at 6 a.m. A large congregation attended evensong at 7 p.m., when the special preacher was the Rev. R. K. Denham, rector of Landbeach, and the music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (G. J. Bennett) and the anthem "O clap your hands together" (Edmund Turner). On Sunday the services were as follows: Holy communion 6.45 a.m.

(choral) and 8 a.m., mattins and sermon 10.30 a.m., children's gift service 3 p.m., and evensong with sermon by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m. At this service Thursday's music was repeated. The church was beautifully decorated with the parishioners' contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables, which, with the children's gifts, have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The collections on both days, except that on Sunday evening, which was devoted to the Church Maintenance Fund, were, as usual, for Addenbrooke's. The bells were rung before evensong on Thursday and on Sunday.

SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. 13th Oct. 1933

A report on the proposed water scheme at Over was received when the Swavesey Rural District Council met at St. Ives on Friday for their monthly meeting. The members present were: Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), Rev. C. G. Poynder, Messrs. R. Norman, F. Stanton, and W. I. Hemington.

RATE ESTIMATE.

The Rating Officer (Mr. J. B. Mason) said the District Council's expenses, a sum of 1s. 9½d. in the £, was the same as in the past half-year, and County Council expenses 4s. 4½d., a total of 6s. 2d. The R.D.C. grant would be 2s. 2d., leaving a net rate of 4s., which was a penny less on the parishes than in the previous half-year. Over had a special rate of 6d. to meet expenses of extending sewers, but there was no special rate in the other parishes.

The net rate was fixed as follows: - Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth, 4s.; Over, 3s. 9d.; Swavesey, 4s. 2d.

Further business concerned Over and Boxworth water supplies.

CAMBS. CRASH SEQUEL. 13th Oct. 1933

Driver on Reduced Charge.

"NOT GUILTY"

Judge and Cyclist's Movements.

Shortly before the luncheon adjournment at the Cambs. Assizes yesterday, Mr. Justice Horridge and a jury began the trial of a London lorry driver who was charged as a sequel to the accident on the Huntingdon-road on August 10th, when Ronald Arthur Cannell, of Swavesey, was killed in a collision.

The prisoner, Edward Taylor, aged 18, had been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter, but following submissions to the Judge yesterday, Taylor now appeared on a charge of driving to the public danger.

Taylor was represented by Mr. R. Gresham Cooke.

Mr. C. R. Havers, in opening the case for the prosecution, stated that the accident occurred about 1.45 p.m. on August 10th. At the time visibility was good, and the road was straight for at least half a mile. The cyclist, Mr.

Cannell, was the only other person near the lorry at the time, but there were witnesses in cars following at a distance.

Evidence in proof of plans of the road was given by Mr. Eric Ellis Russell, surveyor, of 11, Chesterton-road, Cambridge.

MOTORIST'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Ian F. S. Rudd Clarke, a teacher of riding, of Hutton Park, Essex, said he was driving a car towards Cambridge on the Huntingdon-road about 1.30 p.m. on August 10th. When he first saw the bicycle the lorry was about a quarter of a mile ahead of him. The cyclist was on the left-hand side of the road, close to the grass verge. When the lorry approached within 30 or 40 yards of the cyclist, it swerved across the road and witness could not then see the cyclist.

Counsel: What was the next thing you saw? – Witness: A man being thrown from the cycle through the air. He fell on to the grass on his near-side.

What did the lorry do? – It pulled gradually over to its near-side and proceeded towards Cambridge.

What did you do? – I increased the speed of my car and caught the lorry up in about 400 yards. As I drew alongside, the driver pulled up and I saw two other men with Taylor on the front of the lorry.

“SHAKEN AND NERVOUS.”

Mr. Rudd Clarke added that when he told Taylor about the accident, he repeated the words “On my wrong side?” He seemed to be very shaken and nervous. He returned with witness and another man to the scene of the accident, and the cyclist was removed by ambulance.

In cross-examination, witness said his car was an open two-seater, rather high, and his speed was about 30 m.p.h. at the time.

Replying to the Judge, witness said that the cyclist was on his correct side when the lorry swerved.

“SWERVED VIOLENTLY TO OFFSIDE.”

Frederick Sparrow said that about 1.45 p.m. on August 10th he was driving a car towards Cambridge. In front of him was the car driven by the last witness, and in front of that was a lorry. The lorry was on its near side, but soon afterwards swerved violently to its offside. The lorry continued on its off side for a very short way and then returned to the near-side. Witness saw what he took to be a bundle of baskets raised from the back of the lorry and fall on the grass verge.

Witness went on and then noticed a cycle lying partly on the road and partly on the grass verge and a man whom he thought to be asleep on the grass about eight or nine feet from the cycle. Witness stopped to see if he could render any assistance. He heard Taylor say “Is the man badly hurt?”

“GRID BROKEN ON OFFSIDE.”

P.S. Keep, stationed at Longstanton, said he arrived on the scene of the accident about 2.35 p.m. and found Cannell lying on the grass verge apparently dead. He examined the lorry and found the grid behind the driver's cabin was broken on the offside, and on searching the roadway he found the missing piece of the grid lying just on the grass verge, about 19 yards from where the body was lying. There was a slight mark on the offside mudguard of the lorry.

Witness took a statement from Taylor in which he said the cyclist got on his machine and shot round in front of the lorry and he did not know that he had caught him until the car driver stopped him.

His Lordship told the jury to find Taylor not guilty of manslaughter. There was nothing to show that the cyclist did not swing in front of the lorry.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

The prosecution tendered no evidence upon the second charge and prisoner was accordingly discharged.

A MODEL POSTMASTER. 20th Oct. 1933

Mr. Arthur Welch, Boxworth End, writes: "Mr. Lee is surely the 'model' postmaster of the country. I went into the office recently on business, and, believe it or not, I was supplied with a pen with which I could write."

THE LIBRARY. 20th Oct. 1933

The local branch of the County Library is closed pending the appointment of a librarian in succession to Mr. Wood, who has resigned. The Parish Council, with whom the appointment rests, decided some time ago to delegate the duty to the Women's Institute.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 20th Oct. 1933

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association within the last week or two has received three cheques from Over, viz., £11 10s., half proceeds of parade, dance and whist drive; £3 2s. 6d., part offertory at parish church harvest thanksgiving; £5 5s. from treasurer of the Over Town Lands.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 20th Oct. 1933

Another excellent meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday evening, the secretary being the leader, and Mr. George Laverack the soloist. In addition to an address by the Rev. A. Tilling, the newly-appointed pastor, the members had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. T. B. Field, who has been staying in the village. A feature of the meeting was the

hearty singing of gospel choruses. Mrs. Letch, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 20th Oct. 1933

Owing to the unsettled weather there was only a moderate attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday in aid of the funds of the Football Club, but those who were there spent a very enjoyable evening. The Blue Riviera band provided an excellent selection of music for dancing, and songs were sung by Mr. P. Lee, Mr. H. Cole, Mrs. H. Bishop and Misses J. and Y. Lee. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. H. Turner and Misses D., E. and Mr. Godfrey. Messrs. F. Coulson (captain) and A. E. W. Melbourne (hon. treasurer) were in charge of the door. At the close Mr. L. Day, on behalf of the club, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the social a success, especially Mr. Lee, who arranged the programme and acted as M.C.

AN AUSTRALIAN WEDDING. 20th Oct. 1933

The following extract from an Australian newspaper will be read with interest by Swavesey people: "Grafton, Sept. 3rd. A romance which developed in Swavesey, Cambridgeshire, England, before the Vicar of Copmanhurst left England for Australia about five years ago, was consummated at the Church of the Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst, this morning, when the marriage of the Rev. Edward Williams and Miss Dorothy Margaret banks was celebrated by the Bishop of Grafton (Dr. Ashton). Parishioners extended a warm welcome to the English bride upon the completion of her 12,000 miles journey, and the ceremony was attended by a large congregation. The bride, who arrived at Sydney on the Orama on Thursday, was given away by Archdeacon Lampard. The Rev. E. T. Ormerod was best man, and the bridesmaid was Miss Fay White, of Tenterfield. The Rev. and Mrs. Williams left by car for Brisbane, where the honeymoon is to be spent."

WEDDING. 20th Oct. 1933

The Rev. T. B. Field, of Crewe, the late pastor, assisted by the Rev. A. Tilling, the present pastor, officiated at the marriage at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Frank Frederick Norman, younger son of Mrs. Norman and the late Mr. James Norman, of the Manor, Swavesey, and Miss Hilda Edith Dodson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dodson. During the service the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of ivory phantom cloth, a coronet of orange

blossom, and a veil over 100 years old lent by the bridegroom's mother. She carried a bouquet of red and white carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids, her sisters, Misses Gwen and Elsie Dodson, and her niece, Joy Dodson. The two older girls were attired in turquoise blue crepe suede, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of pink and white carnations, while the little girl wore a frock of pink satin, coronet of silver leaves and white socks and slippers. She carried a basket of pink and white carnations. The older maids wore gold and pearl necklaces, and the little girl a string of pearls, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. P. J. Watts was best man.

ADVERT. 27th Oct. 1933

OBTAINABLE ONLY at LEE'S – the SPECIAL Pen Nib, 4 a 1d., as mentioned here last week. Also all other Writing Requisites – the best quality – cheaper.

Y.P.F. 27th Oct. 1933

The Schoolroom attached to the Bethel Baptist Church was almost full for the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mrs. Letch gave an interesting address on "Anchors," and Miss Easter recited. Mr. W. T. Doggett will be the speaker next Monday.

IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW. 27th Oct. 1933

For the convenience of fruitgrowers and others wishing to attend the Imperial Fruit Show, a day excursion to Bristol will be run by the L and N.E.R. on Thursday next, November 2nd. The train will leave Swavesey at 6.46 and arrive at Bristol at 11 a.m., returning from Bristol at 8.10 p.m. and due at Swavesey at 12.33 a.m. Fare 11s. 6d. return.

WHIST DRIVE. 27th Oct. 1933

The first of a series of whist drives arranged by the Social Committee on behalf of the Parochial Church Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Eleven tables were occupied, the prizewinners being; Ladies – Miss E. Proud, Mrs. C. Symonds (Over), lowest score Miss V. Savidge; gentlemen – Mr. R. Hendry, Mr. W. Hind, lowest score Mr. H. Peppercorn; knock-out Mr. G. Hodson and Miss V. Savidge. During the interval the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the evening. Mr. H. W. Whitehead was M.C.

THE COUNTY LIBRARY. 27th Oct. 1933

We have received the following communication from the Swavesey Women's Institute: "In last week's paper appeared an announcement of the closing of the local branch of the County Library, with the information that the Parish Council, with whom rests the appointment of a new librarian in succession to Mr. Wood, had decided to delegate the duties to the Women's Institute. As this appears to have been decided some time ago, surely the Council should have informed the officers of the Women's Institute what was expected of them, so that the question could be put before the members."

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th Oct. 1933

There was very little business for the Parish Council to deal with at their quarterly meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday. The following councillors were present: Mr. C. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. S. Cole, F. Hephher, Jethro Linford, P. Parish and A. P. Payne. The Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey, reported that he had received an application from the churchwardens to purchase the street lamp which until recently had been on a house in Church End, but was now no longer used for street lighting. It was wanted for erection in the churchyard. The Chairman pointed out that the lamp could not be sold, and the Council therefore decided to lend it to the churchwardens. Replying to a question by Mr. Cole, the Chairman explained that before permission was recently given to a visiting missionary to draw a living caravan on the Recreation Ground he (the chairman) obtained the consent of most of the councillors. He did not think it necessary to call a special meeting of the Council to deal with the matter. He was, however, surprised later to see a tent on the ground as well as the caravan. With regard to the collection of unburnable rubbish, Mr. Burton said he thought one collection a year would be sufficient, and he proposed, and Mr. Linford seconded, a resolution to that effect. The proposer and seconder voted for the resolution and the rest of the councillors against it. Mr. Cole then moved that there should be three collections in two years, and that the next should be made in February or March next, weather permitting, or as soon after as possible. This was seconded by Mr. P. Parish and carried nem. con.

IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW. 3rd Nov. 1933

Twelve passengers booked from Swavesey station yesterday morning by the L.N.E.R. restaurant car excursion to Bristol for the Imperial Fruit Show, viz., 11 from Over and one from Fen Drayton.

THE NIGHT HAWKS. 3rd Nov. 1933

An enjoyable evening was spent at the first dance arranged by the newly formed local band, The Night Hawks, which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, and considering the bad weather there was quite a good attendance. During the evening songs were sung by Mrs. H. Bishop, Mr. H. Cole and Ernie Whybrow.

Y.P.F. 3rd Nov. 1933

Another successful meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday evening, the speaker being Mr. Aubrey C. Lee, of Cambridge. The Pastor occupied the chair, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Ivatt and the speaker. Miss Prime also took a part in the meeting. Pastor A. H. Crees, of Over will be the speaker next week.

VICAR'S APPROACHING DEPARTURE. 3rd Nov. 1933

The Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) announced last Sunday that he would be leaving Swavesey in January as he had accepted the living of King's Stanley, near Stonehouse in the diocese of Gloucester, which he had been offered by Jesus College, Cambridge. Mr. Finch was instituted vicar of Swavesey on March 3rd, 1931, his induction taking place during the following week.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd Nov. 1933

Services in connection with the recognition of the newly appointed pastor, Rev. A. Tilling, will be held at Bethel Baptist Church next Thursday, November 9th. The preacher at 3.45 p.m. will be the Rev. M. Flint, of Redhill Tabernacle. At 5.15 p.m. there will be a public tea, at which short tea table addresses will be given by local ministers and friends. The chair at the evening meeting at 6.30 p.m. will be taken by Mr. J. B. Tupman, of All Nations Bible College, and the speakers will include Dr. Basil F. C. Atkinson, Rev. M. Flint and Rev. R. C. Griffin.

DEATH OF "BOBBY" MITHAM. 3rd Nov. 1933

Sincere sympathy is expressed in the village with Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of their only son, Alfred Robinson Mitham, who passed away at Papworth Colony on Wednesday afternoon. He was a pupil at the Cambridge and County Technical School, and was a big and apparently strong lad until his health began to fail, and in spite of careful treatment at home and at Addenbrooke's it was found necessary about two months ago to remove him to Papworth. He was 17 years of age on Sunday, October 22nd. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd Nov. 1933

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, was well attended. Mr. P. Lee (treasurer) submitted the accounts, which showed a substantial sum in hand, and the secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report, in the course of which he stated that during the year five new members had been enrolled, two old members had left the district, and one had died. The members were to be congratulated, he said, on the way in which they had turned out to the rallies and the dedication of standards in the county, especially at the dedication of the Branch's own standard, which had proved a huge success. Two claims for relief had been received during the 12 months, but one loan and a gift had been made in necessitous cases. Both the balance sheet and the report were adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman (Mr. R. Barwell), the treasurer, and the secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months: President, Capt. L. H. Swann, Lolworth; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Nichols; treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; committee, Messrs. J. W. Bentley, T. Savage, H. Topham, H. Turner, F. Hephner, W. Hind, E. Prior, W. Peppercorn, F. Prior.

A DRAINAGE PROBLEM. 10th Nov. 1933

Report to Swavesey R.D. Council.

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives Workhouse on Friday is the last that will be held in this building. In future the Council will meet at the office of the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day).

The members attending the meeting were Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), the Rev. C. G. Poynder and Mr. R. Norman.

TURN BRIDGE DRAIN.

The Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. C. Yeandle) reported with regard to Turn Bridge Drain, Swavesey. He said he had been to the spot two or three times and found it difficult to make up his mind as to what he should do. It was such an appalling place. The existing drain was beyond repair, and he thought it was useless to waste money on it. It was a problem to know what to do. He had thought of extending the drain on to the opposite bank.

The Chairman said the only solution seemed to be to do away with the existing drain along the bank of the brook and carry it across against the bridge to the other side, and put in a new drain for part of the way.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Swavesey representatives and the Sanitary Inspector, with power to act.

Other business concerned Over and Boxworth water supplies.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL. 10th Nov. 1933

The match between Swavesey and Longstanton Schoolboys, played at Swavesey on Saturday, resulted in the decisive defeat of the visitors by nine goals to nil.

Y.P.F. 10th Nov. 1933

Another well attended meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when a much appreciated address on "The Call of Peter" was given by Pastor P. H. Cress, of Over. The President (Pastor Tilling) occupied the chair, Miss G. Dodson also taking part in the meeting.

WHIST DRIVE. 10th Nov. 1933

The qualifying whist drive arranged by the Women's Institute in connection with the big drive at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge, on November 23rd, took place at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Twelve tables were in play. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. H. H. Berryman, and Mrs. Laverack efficiently managed the refreshments, all of which were given by members of the Institute, as were also the prizes. The winners were as follows: Ladies – Miss H. Silk, Miss I. Thorp; gentlemen – Mr. W. Seymour, Mr. G. Froment; the lucky number, Mrs. W. Thorp, knock-out Miss V. Savidge and Mr. J. Smith.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 10th Nov. 1933

Services in connection with the recognition of the Rev. A. Tilling as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church were held yesterday, when the special preacher in the afternoon was the Rev. M. Flint, of Redhill Tabernacle, who also was one of the speakers at the evening meeting. The services will be continued on Sunday, Gipsy E. Smith being the preacher in the evening.

THE LATE "BOBBIE" MITHAM. 10th Nov. 1933

The funeral at the parish church on Saturday of Alfred Robinson (Bobbie) Mitham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., whose death at the age of 17 years was announced last week, was attended by an exceptionally large number of villagers and friends. The lad having been one of the junior ringers, a full peal of bells was rung muffled before the service instead of the tenor being tolled. As the mourners entered the church the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played "O rest in the Lord" and during the service the 23rd Psalm was chanted, and the hymn "How bright these glorious spirits shine" was

sung. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated both in church and at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, jun., (father and mother), Misses Lucy and Mary Mitham (sisters), Mr. Robinson Mitham (grandfather), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skeeles, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shepperson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cain, Mrs. Buckworth (uncles and aunts), Messrs. John and Ernest Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitham, Lolworth, Miss L. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hemington, Lolworth, Mr. W. Furniss, Hilton, Mrs. E. Hawkes, Cambridge, Miss L. Hepher and Mr. H. Goddard, Wisbech (cousins), Miss Ellen Thorp, Mr. Leeson (responsible master) and Mr. Johnson (building science master), representing Cambridgeshire Technical School.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 17th Nov. 1933

Thirty-four members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion assembled on the Recreation Ground at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, under the command of Capt. R. Barwell, and headed by the Branch Standard, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a united service, largely attended by villagers, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) and the Rev. A. Tilling (Baptist minister), with whom on the platform were Capt. L. H. Swann (president of the branch) and Mr. H. H. Berryman (hon. secretary). After the roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth had been read by Mr. Berryman, the "Last Post" was sounded by Captain Barwell, and an impressive address was given by the Vicar, based on a sentence in one of the subsequent prayers, "So unite us in the bond of brotherhood and in the service of mankind." The following hymns were sung: "O God, our help in ages past," "O Valiant Hearts," and "All people that on earth do dwell," the service concluding with the National Anthem. A collection was taken for Earl Haig's Fund, £1 13s. being realised. Mrs. C. S. Hepher presided at the piano.

The large congregation at evensong at the parish church included 30 ex-Servicemen, all of whom, except three who were in the choir, paraded with their standard at the churchyard gates and marched thence into the church. During the service the roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who made the supreme sacrifice was read by the Vicar, who also preached. The following hymns were sung: "The Son of God goes forth to war" (processional), "How bright these glorious spirits shine," "O Valiant Hearts," "For all the saints who from their labours rest," and "Hark! The sound of holy voices" (recessional). Other music included: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (G. J. Bennett) and the anthem "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" (C. L. Williams). After the Blessing the National Anthem was

sung and the "Last Post" sounded by Capt. Barwell. The collection for Lord Haig's Fund amounted to £2 6s. 3d.

Wreaths of laurel and Flanders' poppies were placed on the Roll of Honour in the Memorial Hall and on the Memorial Cross in the churchyard.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION. 17th Nov. 1933

A full statement of the income and expenditure of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association for the year ended October 31st last, can be inspected at the Post Office in each of the three villages.

Y.P.F. 17th Nov. 1933

A new feature which was introduced on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship proved a great success, and the good company were very appreciative. Mr. G. Day was the leader, and papers were given by Misses N. and E. Prime, M. Rooke, and Mrs. E. Prior. The President also sang a solo. Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 17th Nov. 1933

Under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, poppies were sold in Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth on Armistice Day. In Swavesey the collectors were Miss S. Hephew £3 0s. 6d., Miss Y. Lee £1 16s. 10½d., Miss K. Banks £1 8s. 4d., Miss C. Prior £1 8s. 4d., Miss J. Lee £1 1s.; total £8 15s. 0½d. In the other four villages £6 9s. 7d. was raised, making with the collections at the services at Swavesey on Remembrance Sunday, viz., Memorial Hall in the afternoon £1 13s. and parish church in the evening £2 6s. 3d., and the proceeds of the British Legion social on Saturday £5 6s. 2d., a total contribution of £21 10s. 0½d. to Earl Haig's Fund, an increase of £2 12s. 8½d. on last year.

BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL. 17th Nov. 1933

A successful social was held on Saturday by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion in aid of Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund. There was a large number of people present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The programme was one of dances and songs, the following being the vocalists: Mrs. Hind, "There's a long, long, trail"; the Misses Lee, attired in sailor uniforms, "Ship ahoy," and "If you were the only girl in the world"; Mr. Harry Cole, "Good-bye." A much-appreciated and well-applauded item was the surprise one of the piano-accordionist, Gar? Garcia, who gave several items. The dance music was supplied by the Blue Riviera Dance Band, and the refreshments were admirably served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and

Pettitt, assisted by Mr. Turner. Mr. H. H. Berryman was doorkeeper, and Mr. Lee carried out the duties of M.C. The proceeds amounted to £5 8s. 5d. It is proposed to have the usual New Year's Eve social on Saturday, 30th December.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 17th Nov. 1933

Recognition services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. A. Tilling as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church were held on Nov. 9th. An afternoon service was held at 3.45 p.m., conducted by the Rev. M. Flint, of Redhill Tabernacle. An appreciative congregation listened with rapt attention to an address based on I. Cor. iii., on the subject of Christian co-operation. A large company sat down to tea in the schoolroom at 5.15., under the able presidency of Pastor Crees, of Over. During a brief conference which followed messages of greeting were given by the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, Mr. Rayner, an old friend of the church, three of the pastor's late fellow students, and others. The evening meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. J. B. Tupman, Vice-Principal of the All Nations' Bible College. Helpful and inspiring messages were given by the Chairman, Dr. Basil F. C. Atkinson, and the Revs. M. Flint and R. C. Griffin. The pastor also spoke. The meeting closed with Doxology and Benediction. On Sunday a large congregation gathered at the evening service to hear Gipsy Ezekiel Smith, of Cambridge. The services next Sunday will be as usual at 10.30 a.m., and 6.15 p.m., the Pastor being the preacher.

L.N.E.R. EXCURSION TO LONDON. 24th Nov. 1933

Thirty-eight passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special half-day excursion to London last Sunday.

Y.P.F. 24th Nov. 1933

Despite the very inclement weather there was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. The address was given by Mr. Chapman, owing to the unavoidable absence of the appointed speaker. Mrs. Prior and two of the younger members also took a part, contributing recitations and songs. The Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, will be the speaker next month.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 24th Nov. 1933

There was a large gathering of members at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall. Mrs. C. Hepher (president) was in the chair, and one new member, Miss Florence Warboys, was

welcomed. Owing to Mr. Milner, of Sawston, being unable to come and give a lecture on "Economics," his place was taken by Mrs. Duke Savidge, of Cottenham, who gave an interesting demonstration of the dressing and uses of feathers, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Laverack gave an interesting account of the Autumn Council meeting. After tea had been served, games and singing brought the evening to a close.

SOCIAL. 24th Nov. 1933

A very enjoyable time was spent by those who attended the social in aid of church funds in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. An excellent programme was arranged. Mrs. C. Hephher and Miss Thompson, of Cambridge, sang the duets, "Love's old sweet song" and "Passing by," Mrs. Hind recited "The Piper of Hamlyn," and Mr. Frank Aldred sang "Sea Fever" and "Simon the Cellarer," and Mr. Cole's comic songs were also much enjoyed. The Blue Riviera Band supplied the music for dancing. A game of musical chairs was won by Mrs. Whitehead and Mr. T. Froment and a competition "Fanning the fish" by Mr. T. Froment and Mr. J. Smith. The Rev. C. E. O. Finch and Mr. C. Hephher acted as M.C.'s, Mr. W. J. Hephher was in charge of the door, and Mrs. Harry Wells and Miss G. Froment were responsible for the refreshments.

WEDDING. 24th Nov. 1933

The marriage of Miss Ivy Constance Whybrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whybrow, of Mayleigh, Swavesey, and Mr. John Gallacher, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallacher, Carrigart, County Donegal, Ireland, took place at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Scotland on the 14th instant. The Rev. Beresford Cooke officiated at the service, during which the hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "How welcome was the call" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of ivory satin, with train of tulle, and carried a sheaf of lilies. She was attended by Miss Isa McMorris (cousin of the bridegroom) and Mrs. J. Gower (sister of the bride), the former in blue silk and lace and the latter in pale mauve organdie and lace. Both wore headdresses to tone and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums and fern. Violet Morrison and Ernest Whybrow were train-bearers. Mr. Robert McMorris (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man and Mr. James Orton groomsmen. The reception after the ceremony was held at the Commercial Hotel, where about 30 guests were entertained, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Berkshire. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a silver tea set from Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson, of Neilsland, by whom

the bride was employed for over six years, and a square dial walnut clock from the staff of the (Central) Scottish Motor Traction Company, where the bridegroom is employed. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a pair of gold cuff-links, and the bridegroom's to the bride a silver hair brush and comb. Mr. and Mrs. Gallacher will reside in Hamilton.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 1st Dec. 1933

The return match between Swavesey and Over Schools, played on Swavesey Recreation Ground on Tuesday afternoon, was won by the Swavesey boys by four goals to nil.

HOCKEY. 1st Dec. 1933

The match between Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club and Sawston Paper Mills, played at Sawston on Saturday afternoon, resulted in a draw, each side scoring three goals. The ground being very wet and dirty, the game was rather a tough one. Misses Kathleen Banks (2) and Betty Day scored for Swavesey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st Dec. 1933

The good company assembled at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening heard with great interest an arresting message, given by Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge, on the words of the Master, "Be ye Perfect." The address was supplemented by a duet by Mrs. Duce and Miss G. Dodson. The Pastor and Secretary also took part in the meeting. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, will be the speaker next week.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st Dec. 1933

The annual meetings in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society were held on November 23rd. A packed schoolroom thoroughly enjoyed a lantern lecture given by the deputation, Rev. A. G. Mill, entitled "Yakusu, one of God's Beacons". Later in the evening the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the pastor. An inspiring address was given by Mr. Mill, telling of medical and general evangelistic work at Yakusu in the Belgian Congo.

WEDDING. 1st Dec. 1933

The marriage of Miss Vera Rosina Symonds, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Symonds, of Swavesey, and Mr. Horace Edgar Smith, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, 27, Benson-st., Cambridge, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch) officiating. During the service the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and

“Love Divine, all love excelling,” were sung, and Mr. G. H. Skeeles, who presided at the organ, played the Bridal March as the bride entered the church and the “Moonlight” Sonata at the close of the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of ivory satin, a veil embroidered with seed pearls and a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red rose buds and fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Florrie Symonds, who was attired in pale pink georgette, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums and fern, and Misses Winifred Stonebridge and Mildred Worland, who wore dresses of pale green georgette with hats to match, and carried bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums and fern. Little Jean Whitehead, who held the bride’s train, was prettily attired in shell pink net with head-dress of silver leaves and red rose buds. Mr. James Smith (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where 50 guests were entertained, and in the evening Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals provided an excellent selection of music for dancing. The presents were numerous and useful.

HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND. 8th Dec. 1933

Owing to the large number of engagements of Major Wallington, it has been necessary to postpone the annual meeting of the local branch from time to time, but it is hoped he will be able to attend the meeting to be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday next at 8 p.m., when the account of last year will be read.

Y.P.F. 8th Dec. 1933

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People’s Fellowship on Monday evening, when an earnest address on “The Twelve Gates” was given by the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham. During the meeting, which was conducted by the secretary, Mrs. W. Savage gave a recitation. The speaker next week will be Mr. Gordon Davis, of Cambridge.

B.W.T.A. 8th Dec. 1933

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week, the Rev. A. Tilling occupying the chair. An excellent report of the week-end school and autumn meetings at Hunstanton in October was given by Miss Aldred, of Over. The evening’s programme also included solos by Mrs. Ivatt and Mr. G. Laverack, and a recitation by Mrs. P. Godfrey.

THE NIGHT HAWKS. 8th Dec. 1933

The social arranged by the Swavesey Night Hawks Band, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was quite a success. There was a good attendance and every one present spent an enjoyable evening. A varied selection of music was played by the band for dancing, songs were sung by the Misses Lee, Mrs. H. Bishop and Mr. Harry Cole, and various highly amusing items were contributed by Betty Dellas and Bert Page (comedians).

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 8th Dec. 1933

Members of the Women's Institute and their friends assembled in the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening in last week to celebrate the fifth birthday of the Swavesey W.I. Branch. About 130 were present, including the Presidents and members of the committees of the Willingham and Over W.I. Mr. and Mrs. Petley, of Oakington, very kindly came to help in the entertainment, and their varied items were much enjoyed. Dancing to the music of the "Night Hawks" Band and games and competitions were heartily entered into. A fancy dress parade caused much interest, prizes being won by Mrs. Warboys (Fen Drayton) and Mrs. Frohock (Willingham) for the prettiest dresses, and Miss Banks and Miss F. Warboys for the most original costumes. Refreshments were served, and a huge iced cake, beautifully decorated, was cut and distributed, portions being reserved for all absent members. The evening concluded with "Sir Roger de Coverley," "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King."

SWAVESEY DISTRICT HOUSING. 8th Dec. 1933

Many Dwellings Condemned.

M.O's REPORT.

There was a comparatively heavy agenda at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council on Friday, which was held at the offices of the Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day) in St. Ives. The members present were Mr. F. Kirby (chairman), Rev. C. G. Poynder and Mr. A. Day.

Before the business commenced the Chairman made sympathetic reference to the death of the Chairman of the Council, Mr. J. Frohock. He had been chairman since the inception of the District Council and attended regularly to the business. Mr. Kirby expressed the sympathy of the Council and instructed the Clerk to send a letter to the relatives.

The Council stood for a moment in silence.

CONDEMNED AND REPARABLE HOUSES.

The Medical Officer (Dr. W. R. Grove) attended to present a report on his investigation into the housing conditions of the district. He explained that the Council, in common with many others, had been allowed a period of five

years in which to build new houses to replace those that required demolishing and improve other dwellings. In company with the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Yeandle) he had been over the area and had decided which houses ought to be condemned and which ought to be improved.

The Medical Officer reported on houses in Lolworth, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Swavesey and Over. Swavesey parish had eight houses at Askew-road which required improving, the two cottages at the Green Man had been condemned, and also two in Wallman's-lane and three in Market-st., leading from Wallman's lane.

The Clerk expressed the Council's thanks to the Medical Officer and the Sanitary Inspector for their report.

There was further business concerning Over and Boxworth water supplies.

CAROLS. 15th Dec. 1933

Swavesey carol singers will visit Fen Drayton next Thursday and will perambulate Swavesey on the two following evenings, viz., Boxworth End on Friday, and the rest of the village on Saturday. The collection taken en route will be devoted to the St. Dunstan's and the District Nursing Association.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 15th Dec. 1933

There was a good gathering at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday to hear the excellent address which was given by Mr. G. Davis, of Cambridge. The President occupied the chair, Miss Godfrey being the soloist. A special meeting will be held next Monday, the speaker being Dr. Basil T. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge.

THE NEW VICAR. 15th Dec. 1933

The living of Swavesey, which will shortly be vacant by the appointment of the Rev. C. E. O. Finch to the living of King's Stanley, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, has been offered by the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, the patrons, to the Rev. Cecil Dickson, M.A., and has been accepted by him. Mr. Dickson, who was a choral exhibitor of Jesus College, took his B.A. degree in 1906 and M.A. in 1914. He was at the Leeds Clergy School in 1907, and in the following year was ordained deacon. He was subsequently curate of Leeds 1908-9 and of Plumstead 1911-16, temporary chaplain to the Forces 1916-20, Hon. C.F. 1920, vicar of Christ Church, Shooter's Hill, 1920-30, chaplain of Brook Hospital 1921-28. Since 1931 he has been officiating at Emmanuel Church, Camberwell.

HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND. 15th Dec. 1933

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, the attendance being small. The branch chairman, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, occupied the chair. The treasurer, in presenting his statement for the year ended September, reported that £148 2s. 4d. had been received and paid into the bank, and that there had been no expenses. Major Wallington, who was present, addressed the meeting and explained the new rules which came into operation on October 1st. Many questions were asked and satisfactory replies given. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Mitham; committee, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, J. Parish, F. Prior, A. Turner, H. Unwin, E. J. Mitham, F. Hephher, Messrs. W. Isgrove, T. Savage, W. Thorp and Dr. Hart. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Major Wallington, the chairman, secretary, treasurer, and collectors, and also to the Memorial Hall Committee for the use of the hall.

SALE AND ENTERTAINMENT. 15th Dec. 1933

The annual winter sale and entertainment, in aid of church funds, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The Hall, which had been beautifully decorated, presented quite a festive appearance, and the numerous stalls held a tempting array of goods. The opening ceremony took place at 3 o'clock, when the Vicar (Rev. C. E. O. Finch), who was supported on the platform by members of the Parochial Church Council, said that Miss Vidler, who had kindly come from Cambridge to open the sale, needed no introduction to Swavesey people. He thanked all those who had worked so hard to produce such a big show of goods for sale. Miss Vidler said it gave her much pleasure to come to Swavesey again and meet so many old friends. She congratulated them all on the result of their work and wished the sale every success. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Vidler was proposed by Mr. W. H. Key, and carried with acclamation. The stallholders were: Refreshments, Mesdames Cooksey, J. Dean, Berryman, T. Daintree, B. Hodson; Christmas presents, Mesdames Finch and C. S. Hephher; work, Mesdames Banks, Barwell, C. Dean; china, Mesdames Harry Wells, E. Linford, E. J. Mitham; gifts, Misses Daisley and Froment; sweets, Misses E. Dodson and E. Page; pound, Mrs. H. Prime and Mrs. Lee; Sunday School stall, Misses Banks and Day. Mrs. Cain was in charge of the bran tub, and the following of the competitions ran during the afternoon: Guessing the weight of cake, Mrs. W. Hephher (won by Mr. L. Day); weight of plum pudding, Mrs. Whitehead (won by Mrs. E. J. Mitham); mystery parcel, Miss Daisley (won by Miss R. Gaunt); putting peas in bottles, Mrs. Burleigh (won by Mr. W. J. Hephher); guessing contents of bags, Miss B.

Linford and Mrs. Melbourne (won by Mrs. J. Linford); pop-in-law, Miss Wilderspin and Miss Cox (won by Mr. C. Wright).

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 22nd Dec. 1933

The annual distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club took place on Friday evening, when each of the 38 members received £1 2s. 11d. The contributions during the year amounted to £46 11s. and the sick pay to £3 0s. 2d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Dec. 1933

There was an excellent gathering at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday to hear Dr. Basil F. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge, who gave a much-appreciated address on the 87th Psalm. The Pastor occupied the chair and voiced the thanks of all the members to the speaker. The next meeting takes place on Jan. 1st.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 22nd Dec. 1933

The annual Christmas draw run by the Football Club took place at a well-attended social, held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The Blue Riviera Band provided the music for dancing, others taking part being: Mr. P. Lee and Mr. H. Cole (songs) and Master E. Whybrow (comic rhymes). Messrs. F. Coulson (captain) and J. L. Kester were in charge of the door, and the refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. G. Oakman, and Misses D., E., and M. Godfrey. The District Nurse kindly officiated at the draw. At the close of an enjoyable evening, Mr. L. Day, on behalf of the club, thanked all who had helped in any way to make the draw and the social a success. Mr. P. Lee carried out the duties of M.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 22nd Dec. 1933

The annual business meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week. There was a good attendance, two new members being welcomed, Mrs. Rooke and Mrs. B. Walker. After routine business, the election of the new committee took place, Mr. Pontefract and Mr. F. Aldred acting as tellers. While this was proceeding, numerous recitations were given by Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Laverack. A competition – the best supper for sixpence – brought in several entries, Mrs. W. D. Isgrove, who acted as judge, awarding the prize to Mrs. Warboys. The result of the election was: President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; vice-presidents, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Canham; treasurer, Miss Cole; secretary, Mrs. Hind; assistant secretary, Mrs.

Laverack; committee, Mrs. Ellwood, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. Freestone, Miss Banks, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Melbourn.

DEATH OF MR. W. TWIST. 22nd Dec. 1933

We have to record the death of Mr. William Twist, who passed away in London on Dec. 16th, after two days' illness. The son of the late William Twist, sen., he was born in Swavesey on Christmas Day 81 years ago. When a young man he went to London, where he lived and worked for many years. On returning to his old home in his native village he engaged in fruit growing, and took an active interest in parish affairs, serving on the Parish Council, the Board of Feoffees of Galon's Charity, and on various local committees. After the death of his second wife, he went to live with his only surviving son in London. His only daughter has been in Canada for many years. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday morning, the Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. William Twist (son), Mrs. O. L. Twist (daughter-in-law), Mr. W. O. Twist (grandson), and A. Day sen. The local arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. George Mitham and Sons.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Dec. 1933

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening to consider a letter from the County Council respecting the Rights of Way Act, 1932, which will come into operation on the 1st January. The following councillors were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, P. Parish, A. P. Payne, and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. After some discussion the Chairman proposed that a small committee be appointed to go into the matter, examine the Award, and report to the Council, and that Messrs. W. Burton and C. Cole, with the Chairman, should form the committee. This was seconded by Mr. F. Hepher and carried unanimously. A letter concerning the British Empire Cancer Campaign was also read, and on the motion of Mr. C. Savage, seconded by Mr. C. Dean, it was decided to ask the Women's Institute to take the matter in hand. With regard to the local branch of the County Library, the Secretary of the Women's Institute wrote that no member had time to undertake the responsibilities of Librarian. A communication was received from Mr. W. H. Key complaining of the blocked condition of the ditch on two sides of the Constable's Rood. It was unanimously agreed to have the hedge "sided," the ditch cleared out, and fresh tiles put under the gate.

MEMORIAL HALL. 29th Dec. 1933

Ten and a half tables were in play at the whist drive organised by the Memorial Hall Committee of Management on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss Ivy Thorp, Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss V. Savidge, booby, Mrs. Berryman; gentlemen, Mr. W. H. Pink, Mr. W. Hind, Mr. C. Dean, booby, Mr. E. J. Warboys. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C. The annual Christmas prize draw in aid of the Memorial Hall Fund took place during the evening.

CAROLS. 29th Dec. 1933

Swavesey carol singers paraded the village on Friday and Saturday for the benefit of St. Dunstan's and the Swavesey and District Nursing Association. The attendance was rather poor on the first night, but all turned up in full force on Saturday. The collectors were Messrs. Wilfred Parish and Ernest Mitham and the amount realised was £5 3s. 8d., which with £1 10s. 4d. collected at Fen Drayton on Thursday, brought the total to £6 14s. This sum has been equally divided between St. Dunstan's and the Nursing Association.

CHILDREN'S HAPPY PARTY. 29th Dec. 1933

The social evening for children only, organised by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, took place at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, when over 60 children spent a happy time with games, dancing and competitions. Winners of the latter were Olive Nightingale, Archie Turner, Pearl Wilderspin, and Norman Lee. There was an interval for refreshments, and sandwiches, cakes, pastries, jellies and lemonade were handed round to the youngsters free of charge, all having been provided by kind friends. Three cheers for the committee and also for the Vicar were heartily given at the end of the evening. The beautiful decorations in the hall were kindly lent by the Night Hawks Band.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1933

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m. (with hymns), 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Choral, Hall's setting), Mattins 10.30 a.m., and Evensong 3 p.m., when the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Burnett), the anthem "Goodwill to men" (Clare), and carols. All the services were well attended, the communicants numbering 125. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, devoted to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and the toys, books, etc., brought to the children's gift service on Christmas Eve were sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home, Cambridge. The church was beautifully decorated

with white flowers and evergreens. The bells were rung for some time before the 6 a.m. and mid-day services.

FIRE THREATENS TWO COTTAGES. 5th Jan. 1934

Midnight Outbreak at Swavesey.

Occupants of two cottages removed furniture from them when their houses were threatened by flames from a blazing barn at Swavesey early on Tuesday morning.

The barn was on Mordaunt House Farm, Swavesey, which is occupied by Mr. Ernest Henry Day, a farmer, and is owned by Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, of the same village.

The outbreak was first noticed at about midnight by Mr. Throssell, of Elsworth, who was passing through the Middle Watch, Swavesey. He gave the alarm and the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade turned out under P.S. Clague.

ICE BROKEN FOR WATER.

They were hampered by fog and rain, and on arrival had to break half-an-inch of ice before they were able to obtain water. The fire had obtained a good hold on the barn and outbuildings, and the two cottages near by occupied respectively by Messrs. E. Bath and S. Gray, being threatened, the occupants removed the furniture from them.

The Brigade was unable to save the barn, which contained hay, an oil engine, a mill, and other agricultural implements, but they kept the cottages from being seriously burnt. Slight damage was done to the back of both and also the roof of one of these buildings, and Mr. Bath has had to remove temporarily to Chester House close by. The outbuildings at the back of three other cottages owned by Mr. Wilderspin were destroyed, with most of their contents, including bicycles, wheel barrows, a mangle, etc.

The Brigade returned at about 5.30 a.m.

1934 WELCOMED. 5th Jan. 1934

The Old Year was tolled out and the New Year rang in on the bells of the parish church on Sunday night.

BARNARDO'S HOMES. 5th Jan. 1934

The collection in Swavesey on Barnardo Day amounted to £1 19s. Misses V. Smith, Mary Shepperson, Mary and Joan Mitham were the collectors.

Y.P.F. 5th Jan. 1934

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the secretary (Mr. Chapman) gave an address and with Mr. Canham took part in a duet.

MIDDLE WATCH FIRE. 5th Jan. 1934

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bath wish to thank everyone who so kindly helped to save their furniture in the fire on Monday night, a report of which will be found in another column. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, writes: "I shall be glad to receive contributions from any who like to give towards making up losses not covered by insurance policies."

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th Jan. 1934

A large audience spent an enjoyable evening on Tuesday, on the occasion of a visit by Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, of the Cambs. and Hunts. Welfare of Youth and Band of Hope Union. An interesting film of Palestine was shown, accompanied by an illuminating lecture. Perhaps the item which gave greatest pleasure to the juvenile portion of the audience was "Yarmouth Suits All." Many of the boys and girls lived over again happy hours spent at last year's outing, as they witness scenes from it upon the screen. A short film was also shown of the London Temperance Hospital, giving some idea of the splendid work it is doing.

BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL. 5th Jan. 1934

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held another of their popular socials on Saturday evening, when a large number of patrons were present. Vocal items and dancing made up the programme. The vocalists were Mr. Harry Cole and the Misses Lee. Dance music was supplied by the Blue Riviera Dance Band. During the evening a competition to guess the number of chocolates in a box was won by Miss Joyce Turner, after a cut by Miss Hilda Savage and Miss K. Askew. The refreshments were capably served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt and Miss Vera Savidge, with helpers. Mr. Berryman was in charge of the door, Mr. Turner of the refreshment cash, and Mr. Lee was M.C. The proceeds, which amounted to £4 8s., will be devoted to the branch general fund.

FUNERAL. 5th Jan. 1934

MRS. W. DAISLEY, OF SWAVESEY.

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Constance Daisley, wife of William Daisley, of Rosedale, Swavesey, who passed away on December 23rd after an illness of

2½d year' duration, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday week.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Samuel John Gee, of Myddleton Square, London, N., and Great Shelford, Cambs.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. During the service the hymns, "Sun of my soul" and "Abide with me" were sung, and the 23rd Psalm said, and Mrs. Finch, who was at the organ, played appropriate music.

The mourners were Mr. W. Daisley (husband), Mr. R. G. Daisley and Mr. D. G. Daisley (sons), Mrs. T. E. Onyett, Mrs. E. Sutcliffe (sisters), Mr. C. Ingle (stepfather), Mr. and Mrs. John Daisley (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss E. Daisley, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Daisley, Rev. Harold H. Daisley and Mrs. Daisley, Mr. Leonard Daisley (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. A. Topham (cousins).

A list of further people attending and of "beautiful wreaths" is in the newspaper.

The oak coffin bore the inscription "Nellie Constance Daisley, died December 23rd, 1933, aged 57 years."

Messrs. W. Eaden Lilley and Co. Ltd., Cambridge, carried out the funeral arrangements.

SWAVESEY R.D. COUNCIL. 5th Jan. 1934

Water, Houses & Boundary Matters.

Mr. F. Kirby presided at the monthly meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives on Friday. The other members present were Rev. C. G. Poynder, C. Hemington, F. Stanton and F. Johnson.

A letter from the relatives of the late Mr. J. Frohock was read thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy.

The Council first discussed Over water supply.

NEW HOUSES.

The completed report of the Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector on the housing conditions in the district was considered, and after a lengthy discussion the Council appointed Mr. W. A. Lee as architect for the houses to be built at Over in the first year of the Ministry's five-year scheme. These new houses will replace those that are to be demolished.

The Chairman read a list of likely sites for the new houses, and these will be viewed by the parish representatives in order that a scheme can be made.

It was stated that the parishes of Swavesey and Fen Drayton will be dealt with in the second year, which will be 1935.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DISTRICTS.

The Chairman said he attended at Cambridge on December 20th, a conference to consider a review of county districts.

The Chairman of the Conference, Mr. Kirby said, stated that the Ministry proposed to constitute three rural districts in Cambridgeshire – the Borough of Cambridge, Newmarket and the remainder of the county. The feeling of the conference was strongly against this, and the Chairman then suggested that two districts should be formed, but the conference did not approve of that. One district for the whole county did not find favour either. He (Mr. Kirby) was strongly in favour of three rural districts outside the Borough of Cambridge, and he moved a recommendation to that effect, the districts to comprise Newmarket, Chesterton and Swavesey, and South Cambridgeshire. His recommendation was carried, but it had yet to be approved by the Ministry. The feeling of the conference was very strongly expressed. The Council approved of the decision of the conference.

Y.P.F. 12th Jan. 1934

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an inspiring address based on the Epistle to the Ephesians was given by Mr. C. Day. A solo was also sung by Mrs. Ivatt. The Pastor occupied the chair. Mr. W. L. Pettit, of Impington, will be the speaker next week.

MISSIONARY TEA. 12th Jan. 1934

The annual missionary tea, held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, was attended by over 70 people, including Mr. W. H. Key, who was present on the first occasion 63 years ago, and has been a constant attender ever since. The tray-holders were: Mesdames Finch, Cooksey, Beaumont, Barwell, Banks, Cain, W. J. Hephher, C. S. Hephher, and Harry Wells, and the tables presented a very attractive appearance. The lantern lecture following the tea was given by the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, who described his work in India, with numerous lantern slides, showing in an interesting fashion the growth of missionary work in the diocese of Dornakal. A collection for the funds of S.P.G. and the proceeds of the tea amounted to £2 15s. 6d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Jan. 1934

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall was very well attended, especially as the evening was very foggy. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) wished all members a happy New Year, and also thanked them for re-electing her president. Several new members were welcomed, and two visitors. During the business Mrs. Aldred

was chosen delegate for the Council meetings for the year. A letter from the Parish Council was discussed concerning the Empire Cancer Campaign, and it was decided to make a house-to-house collection during Empire Week. An interesting lecture, entitled "A Botanical Excursion to Turkey," given by Dr. Balfour Gourlay, illustrated with lantern slides, was much appreciated, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the President. The competition, the best article made from cotton reels, was won by Miss F. Warboys (Fen Drayton), whose exhibit was an egg-cup, nicely finished and painted in black and red. A little singing brought a pleasant evening to a close. Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Melbourne, and Mrs. F. Martin were the hostesses.

WEDDING. 12th Jan. 1934

A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Florence Budge, daughter of Mrs. J. Budge, Council Houses, Boxworth, and Mr. Sidney Parsons, son of Mrs. H. Parsons, of Chatteris, were married by the Pastor, Rev. A. Tilling. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. W. Kester, was attired in pale yellow satin, with veil to match, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her nieces, Misses Sylvia and Jessie Kester, both of whom wore pale blue sateen dresses and carried pale yellow satin muffs. They also wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. John Parsons (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the bride's home, where 20 guests were entertained, and in the evening there was a dance in Mr. J. Prior's hut, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion. This was attended by about 100 invited friends, who spent an enjoyable time. The happy couple were the recipients of about 70 useful presents, the bride's gift to the bridegroom being a gold signet ring, and the bridegroom's to the bride a canteen of cutlery.

Y.P.F. 19th Jan. 1934

At the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday an excellent address on "The Qualities of Love" was given by Mr. W. L. Pettit, of Impington. A duet was also sung by Misses N. and E. Prime. The secretary occupied the chair. Next week the Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, will be the speaker.

W.I. SOCIAL. 12th Jan. 1934

There was a good attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, and a happy

time was spent with dancing, games, competitions, etc. Songs were sung by Mr. W. J. Hephher and a monologue was given by Mrs. Marriott. The Night Hawks Band was also in attendance. The games included paper bag relay and penny boat races. Competitions were won by the following: Orange Derby, Mrs. Berryman and Mr. C. S. Hephher; Pop-in-Tor, Mrs. Freestone and Mr. W. Hind. The prizes were given by the committee. Mr. C. S. Hephher officiated as M.C., and Mr. Stanley Godfrey and Mr. Hind were the door-keepers. Excellent refreshments were served by members of the W.I. Tea Committee.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 12th Jan. 1934

A whist drive, organised by the local branch of the Cambs. Women's Conservative Association, in connection with the County Tournament, took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 18 tables being in play. The prize-winners were: Ladies – Mrs. H. G. Key, Miss P. Willson, Mrs. Bert Papworth; gentlemen – Mr. C. Lyon, Mr. Allatson, Mr. F. Willson; highest score half-time, Mr. Webb. The prizes were kindly given by Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Miss Beaumont, Miss Paine and Mrs. W. Thorp, and the refreshments by members of the committee. Miss Sperling (County Organising Secretary), who paid a short visit during the evening, thanked the organisers and congratulated them on the success of their efforts. Capt. Briscoe, M.P., also came in for half an hour, and during the interval had a pleasant chat with many of those present. Mr. H. H. Berryman was the M.C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 26th Jan. 1934

There was another large attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an excellent address was given by Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, who took as his subject "The Vision of the Golden Candlestick." Miss D. Godfrey was the soloist. The President, Rev. A. Tilling, occupied the chair. Mr. A. Westrop, of Willingham, will be the speaker next week.

DANCE. 26th Jan. 1934

The dance on Thursday week in the Memorial Hall, promoted by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council, was not largely attended, but those present had a most enjoyable time, and financially it was quite a success. The Blue Riviera Band supplied the music, the room was prettily decorated by members of the committee, and Mrs. H. Wells and Miss G. Froment were in charge of the excellent refreshments. Mr. H. W. Whitehead was a capable M.C.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB. 26th Jan. 1934

A meeting of the Swavesey and District Young Farmers' Club was held in the school on Friday, the following members being present: Messrs. W. Parish, E. Parish, D. Williams, C. Ding, J. Smith, S. Wilson, M. Shepperson, A. Shepperson, R. Shepperson, V. Smith and J. Smith. The first business was to elect Mr. Wilfred Parish club leader in the place of the late Mr. R. Thoday, whose tragic death the members all regretted. Dick Williams was appointed secretary and Eric Parish chairman. An interesting discussion was then held on large black pigs and large white pigs and it was decided to hold a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

THE LATE MR. G. UTTERIDGE. 26th Jan. 1934

The funeral of Mr. George Utteridge, son of the late Mr. Thomas Utteridge, of Swavesey, who passed away at Peterborough on January 17th, aged 56, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev. C. E. O. Finch, officiated. The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Utteridge (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. Utteridge (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. V. Thompson, Miss F. Utteridge, Mrs. Haime (sisters), Miss O. J. Utteridge (niece), Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. Cooper (sisters-in-law), Messrs. James and John Wilderspin (brothers-in-law). The beautiful floral tributes, about 20 in number, included a wreath from the stationmaster and staff at Peterborough. Mr. Daft, Eastfield-road, Peterborough, was the undertaker.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. 26th Jan. 1934

There was a large attendance at the annual parochial church meeting on Monday. The Vicar, in his opening remarks, thanked all who had so loyally worked with him. After the secretary's report had been read and adopted, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Representative to Ruri-Decanal Conference, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Cooksey (re-elected); Church Council, Mrs. C. Hepher, Miss B. Day, Miss K. Banks, Messrs. Whitehead, S. F. Mitham and B. Hodson; sidesmen, re-elected en bloc. Various accounts passed, viz., church maintenance (balance in hand £4 2s. 6d.), missions £83 14s. 1d., other charitable objects £36 5s. 1d., lighting fund balance £83. After business was finished Mr. W. Hepher took the chair and expressed the regret of all at the departure of the Vicar and Mrs. Finch. He wished them every happiness in their new parish and thanked them for all they have done for Swavesey during their short time, and especially for their great kindness to sick people. Mr. Whitehead, Mrs. C. Hepher and Mrs. Banks supported with expressions of appreciation and affection. Mr. Harry Wells then, on behalf of

the parishioners, presented Mr. Finch with a beautiful grandmother clock in walnut case, with Westminster chimes, also a cheque for £2 11s. 6d., and a small leather bound book containing the names of subscribers. Mr. Finch said he found great difficulty in expressing what he felt. Both he and Mrs. Finch thanked the people most sincerely and would always remember the happy times they had spent at Swavesey. He spoke of the willing services of the people for their church, and hoped they would give the new vicar as warm a welcome as they had given him. On Wednesday Mr. Finch left for Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 2nd Feb. 1934

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's charity was distributed by the churchwardens on Monday, the anniversary of his death, 26 widows and widowers receiving welcome gifts of coals and groceries.

SUNDAY EXCURSION. 2nd Feb. 1934

A half-day excursion from Cambridge is being run by the L.N.E.R. on Sunday, February 11th, to Bradford, Yorks, calling at many principal stations on the way. The train is timed to leave Swavesey at 9.55 a.m. and to be due back at 11.30 p.m. A buffet car will be run.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 2nd Feb. 1934

Taking for his subject the words "Search the Scriptures," the speaker, Mr. A. Westrop, of Willingham, gave an illuminating address at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening. Mr. Geo. Day was the soloist. The attendance was again very good. Next week the meeting will be held on Tuesday instead of Monday. The Rev. W. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, will be the speaker.

WHIST DRIVE. 2nd Feb. 1934

The afternoon whist drive held at the Priory on Tuesday, in aid of the funds of the National Institute for the Blind, was a very enjoyable function, although only six tables were in play. Mr. C. Dean acted as M.C., and the following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. W. Thorp, consolation Mrs. Canham. Gentlemen – Miss Cole, Mrs. Key, consolation Mrs. Northrop (all playing as gentlemen). At the conclusion Mr. W. J. Hephher proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Banks for getting up such an enjoyable entertainment. The sum of £3 will be forwarded to the funds.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 2nd Feb. 1934

There was a good attendance at the concert given by the Swavesey Girls' Life Brigade on Thursday week at the Memorial Hall. The proceedings opened with a "Welcome" chorus by the full company, and then one of the junior members, Pte. A. Northill, gave a speech in rhyme. This was followed by the junior drill display and ribbon dance. Later in the programme a display of more advanced drill was given by the seniors. Two plays by the juniors, "Daisy Pots" and "The Gipsy's Treasure," were much enjoyed, and the seniors showed much ability in "The Cricket Match," a comedy of school life. Capt. Isgrove and Lieut. Norman took part in a sketch, "My Lady Haughtington," while the concluding item, "Katie's Way," by Corporal Y. Lee, Lance-Corporal E. Godfrey and Pte. M. Godfrey caused much amusement. The programme was interspersed with songs by the members. Lance-Corporal J. Williams was the accompanist.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 2nd Feb. 1934

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society and Athletic Association, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was well attended. Mr. C. W. Hines, who presided, in opening the proceedings, made a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. A. T. Paskett, who had acted as judge at the society's shows, and all present stood in silence for a few minutes. Mr. C. S. Hephner, one of the joint treasurers, then presented the financial statement, which showed a deficit of £31 5s. 11d. on the year's working, leaving a balance of £41 to the credit of the society at the bank. The accounts having been passed, the Chairman spoke of the financial position of the society and considerable discussion ensued. Mr. C. Haddow proposed that in order to curtail expenses the first prizes for horticultural exhibits should be reduced to the level of second prizes and that no third prizes be awarded. Mr. H. Unwin moved as an amendment that first prizes should be 3s. as before, second prizes 1s., and that no third prizes be given. The amendment was carried. The question as to whether there should be a show this year was then raised. The Chairman proposed that the show be not held, but an amendment that it should take place was carried. After this the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Mr. R. C. Cole was re-elected president. Mr. H. W. Whitehead was elected chairman in place of Mr. C. W. Hines, who declined to stand, and Mr. P. J. Watts was appointed vice-chairman. As Mr. Prime Godfrey expressed his desire to be relieved of the office of hon. general secretary, the question of filling the vacancy was left in abeyance, and after votes of thanks to the joint treasurers and to Mr. C. W. Hines, the late chairman, for their services, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

MOTHERS' UNION. 9th Feb. 1934

Mrs. Walker, wife of the Vicar of Impington, gave a helpful and inspiring address to the members of the Swavesey branch of the Mothers' Union on "The Call to Renewal." A good number were present.

Y.P.F. 9th Feb. 1934

A good company was present at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Tuesday evening, to hear Rev. W. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, who gave an inspiring address on "The Three Crowns." Miss J. Williams also played a pianoforte solo, which was much appreciated. Mr. F. Whitehead, of Oakington, will be the speaker next week.

SOCIAL EVENING. 9th Feb. 1934

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held a very enjoyable social in the Hall on Thursday week. The attendance was not up to the usual standard, as it clashed with other functions in near-by villages, but all who were present had a good time. The programme was a good one, and deserved better support. Vocal items were contributed by the Misses Lee, Mr. Harry Cole, and Mr. Lee, and the Night Hawks' Dance Band supplied a tip-top selection of music, which was much appreciated. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, with Mr. Turner as cashier. Mr. Berryman was in charge of the door, and Mr. Lee was M.C.

OBITUARY. 9th Feb. 1934

Swavesey has lost a life-long inhabitant by the death on Monday evening of Mrs. Ellen Maltby, widow of the late Mr. V. G. Maltby and last surviving daughter of the late Mr. James Coulson, the well-known Swavesey blacksmith and horse and cattle doctor. Mrs. Maltby, who would have been 70 had she lived until Feb. 27th, had been suffering from bronchitis for some considerable time, but she managed to keep about until last Friday, when her condition rapidly became worse and worse, and her heart failing, she passed peacefully away on Monday as stated. She leaves one son and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place at the parish church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

BRITISH LEGION. 9th Feb. 1934

The Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion held their eighth annual dinner in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. There were 45 present, including visitors, and Mr. P. J. Watts, representing Over branch. A

very good and substantial dinner was provided by Mr. Scarfe, of the Rising Sun, and it was thoroughly appreciated. During the dinner toast were given to "The King," "The Visitors," and "Absent Friends." At the conclusion of the dinner a programme of songs and recitations was provided by Mr. Watson, of Cambridge, Messrs. Harry Cole, Ted Smith, Topham and Lee. Mr. Ron. Coles kindly gave his services at the piano, and it was largely due to him that the evening was such a success. The stewards were Mr. Frank Prior, Mr. Charles Savage and Mr. Tom Savage. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. It was generally felt that this was one of the most successful reunions ever held by the branch. It is proposed to have a social for members, their wives and children to-morrow (Saturday). A motor will convey the parties from and to Lolworth and Boxworth. The services of a conjuror have been obtained for the evening.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th Feb. 1934

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the following councillors being present: Mr. C.H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, J. Linford, A. P. Payne and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. Cole reported that the special committee had not yet been able to complete the list of footpaths, bridleways, rights of way, etc., in the parish, asked for by the County Council. The incomplete list was, however, read by the Clerk, and briefly discussed. A letter was read from the Women's Institute stating that some of its members would undertake a house-to-house collection in connection with the cancer campaign. The Clerk reported that no one had yet been found who was willing to act as librarian of the local branch of the County Library. The following were nominated as eligible persons to serve as parish constables during the ensuing year: Messrs. C. J. Shepperson, B. Hodson, G. Burling, C. Eason. It was decided (1) to issue a precept for £20 on the Rating Authority for expenses of the Council during the ensuing year, and (2) to invite tenders for the collection of unburnable rubbish, the tenders to be sent to the Chairman on or before Feb. 14th. Mr Payne called attention to the wastage of water from the public supply through the neglect of individual users; and he moved that the engineer be written to on the subject. The motion was seconded, and on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

CAMBS. MOTOR CYCLIST INJURED. 16th Feb. 1934

Crash Into Wall Near Swavesey.

A Cambs. motor cyclist was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Thursday, following a crash into a wall on the Huntingdon-road, near the New Inn, Swavesey.

He was Leonard Day, of Dairy Farm, Swavesey, and the accident occurred at about 2 p.m.

Mr. Day was cycling from Huntingdon-road into Swavesey-road when he ran into the wall of the Inn.

The Cambridge Borough Police ambulance was summoned and conveyed him to the hospital, where he was detained suffering from concussion.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 16th Feb. 1934

A good number of members gathered to hear Mr. F. Whitehead, of Oakington, at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Taking for his subject St. Paul's Gospel, Mr. Whitehead gave a much appreciated message. Mr. J. Day occupied the chair, Miss Easter gave a recitation, and Mr. Chapman was the soloist. The speaker next week will be Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton.

WHIST DRIVE. 16th Feb. 1934

Owing to numerous counter-attractions, there was only a small gathering at the whist drive in aid of church funds, held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. Seven tables were in play. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C., Mrs. W. J. Hepher presented the prizes, and Mrs. Harry Wells and Miss G. Froment were in charge of the refreshments. The following were the prizewinners:- Ladies, Miss Banks, Mrs. Banks, consolation, Mrs. G. Burling; gentlemen, Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. e. Symonds, consolation, Mr. R. Hendry; lucky prize for the highest score at No. 3 table, Mrs. Isgrove.

BRITISH LEGION. 16th Feb. 1934

A social was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, for members, their wives and children. There was a very good attendance, a large party coming from Lolworth and Boxworth, for whom a motor was provided. An excellent programme of songs, games and dancing had been arranged. Mr. Pratt, of Cambridge, the well known conjuror, was also present, and his clever show was much appreciated. Games for the children were arranged by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, and it was due to them that the children had such a wonderful time. Humorous songs were contributed by Messrs. Harry Cole and Lee, and the music for dancing was supplied by the Night Hawks Band. Mesdames Berryman, Turner, Pettitt, and Miss V. Savidge were in charge of the

refreshments, of which there were plenty, thanks to the generosity of the many friends of the British Legion in Swavesey, and the wives of the members. Everyone present had a most enjoyable time and the social was not brought to a close until just before 12 o'clock.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 16th Feb. 1934

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. C. S. Hepher presiding. Mrs. Aldred gave a good report of the annual Council meeting. After business, being members' night, Mrs. Aldred took over the chair. Many useful hints and recipes were given by the members, including varnish and French polish, by Mrs. Laverack; ointments, by Mrs. W. Thorp; digestive syrup, by Mrs. Aldred; sweets and toffee, by Mrs. Warboys; use of hot water, by Mrs. Marriott. A sketch, entitled "Women's Rights," was admirably performed by Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Laverack, and Mrs. Marriott. A competition for the best dressed doll in paper was won by Miss F. Warboys. Sweets made by Mrs. Warboys were sold to augment the sick fund. Games and community singing brought the evening to a close, the most enjoyed game being "My grandmother went to Paris." On the proposition of Mrs. Hepher, Mrs. Aldred and her committee were heartily thanked for a very enjoyable evening. The hostesses were Mesdames Lee, Laverack, Marriott, W. Thorp and Berryman.

THE LATE MRS. MALTBY. 16th Feb. 1934

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Maltby, whose death in her 70th year was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. G. Poynder, Rector of Boxworth, officiating. As the coffin was borne from the church to the grave in the churchyard the Nunc Dimittis was chanted, the organ accompaniment being played by Mrs. C. S. Hepher. The principal mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Maltby (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hawkes (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. G. Skelton (daughter), Master Percy G. Skelton (grandson), Mr. A. C. Hepher (nephew).

BETHEL Y.P.F. 23rd Feb. 1934

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an excellent address on St. Mark v. was given by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton. The Pastor led the meeting and Mr. Canham read the Scripture Lesson.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 23rd Feb. 1934

The name of Mrs. H. H. Berryman was inadvertently omitted from the list of members who gave hints and recipes in our report last week on the meeting of the Women's Institute on February 13th. Mrs. Berryman gave a recipe for embrocation.

BOY'S FOOTBALL. 23rd Feb. 1934

An interesting football match took place on the Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon between Swavesey and Willingham boys. A keen game resulted in a win for the home team by five goals to four. The home scorers were R. Godfrey (4), N. Lee (1). Mr. S. Wright, Swavesey, was referee.

CANCER. 23rd Feb. 1934

There was a very good attendance, including a large number of members of the Women's Institute, at the talk on cancer given by Dr. Canney at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. S. Hephner (president of the W.I.) took the chair. Dr. Canney's remarks were listened to with great interest, and even the most inexperienced person could understand and benefit by his plain speaking. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Canney, on the proposition of Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Aldred.

SOLO WHIST. 23rd Feb. 1934

Organised by Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Hind, in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, the first solo whist drive ever held in Swavesey took place at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Eighteen tables were in play, over which Mr. W. Hind presided as M.C. The prizewinners were: Mr. C. Whybrow (Over), Mr. P. J. Watts (Over), Mrs. Northrop (Swavesey), Mr. V. Allen (Longstanton), Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne (Swavesey), Mr. R. H. Coles (Swavesey); lowest scores, Mr. B. Richards (Fenstanton), and Mr. S. Clark (Swavesey). All prizes were kindly given, as also were the excellent refreshments, which were served during the evening under the superintendence of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Melbourne and Mrs. Martin. The total takings amounted to £5 11s. 4d., and after the hire of the hall, etc., had been deducted, a cheque for the balance, made up to £5, was sent to the National Institute.

PUBLIC NOTICES. 23rd Feb. 1934

County Council Election.

SWAVESEY DIVISION.

At the request of influential Farmers, Fruit Growers and Gardeners in the Parishes comprised in the SWAVESEY DIVISION viz., Boxworth,

Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Over and Swavesey, I have consented to come forward as a CANDIDATE at the forthcoming COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION.

I stand irrespective of Party, and, if elected, would do my utmost to serve all sections of the community. I have already had some years' experience of Local Government work as Representative of Lolworth on the Swavesey Rural District Council.

FREDK. STANTON.

Lolworth Grange.

22nd February, 1934.

THE LIBRARY. 2nd March 1934

The local branch of the County Library was re-opened at the school on Wednesday, Miss J. Wood and G. Melbourne having undertaken to act as librarians under the supervision of the Headmaster. Books can be obtained every Wednesday between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m.

B.W.T.A. 2nd March 1934

There was a good attendance at the social which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week, under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. The Rev. A. Tilling presided. The interesting programme included solos, recitations, duets, and dialogues, given by members, and during the evening refreshments were handed round, for which a small charge was made, the proceeds going to the Manse Fund.

Y.P.F. 2nd March 1934

Owing to the inclement weather, there was a smaller attendance than usual at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, but all who were there greatly appreciated the address by Mrs. Letch, of Over, who, in the absence of the appointed speaker, gave a helpful talk on "Humility." The Pastor conducted the meeting, and a solo was effectively rendered by Ernest Dodson. The speaker for next week will be Mr. P. Marrow, of Cambridge University.

CAMPANOLOGY. 2nd March 1934

An achievement of outstanding interest was performed on the bells of the parish church on Friday evening, when a peal of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished in 3hrs. 1min. by George Hodson 1, Harold Whitehead 2, Bert Hodson 3, Frank Warrington 4, Mansfield Ginn 5, Robert Smith (tenor). The peal was conducted by F. Warrington (central branch secretary, Ely Diocesan

Association of Bellringers), and it consisted of seven peals of 720 changes each, making a complete total of 5,040. The first three ringers were Swavesey men, and it was the first peal since 1928 in which Swavesey ringers had taken part. It was rung in honour of the Rev. Edward Williams, a former enthusiastic ringer, who shortly before last Christmas was admitted to the priesthood in Australia.

PARISH COUNCIL. 2nd March 1934

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephner, J. Linford, P. Parish, A. P. Payne, and C. Savage, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. Cole stated that he and the Chairman had walked the footpaths mentioned in the Award. Their report read by the Clerk showed that while one or two were in fair condition, others were obstructed, and that certain stiles and footbridges were no longer in existence. No trace could be found of two paths which had not been used for many years. It was decided to issue a precept on the Chesterton R.D.C. for £32 during the 12 months ending 31st March, 1935. With regard to the disposal of unburned rubbish, the Chairman stated that Mr. A. L. parish was not prepared to allow his pond to be again used as a dumping place unless the Council undertook to cover the rubbish with earth. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

SWAVESEY MAN'S AFFAIRS. 2nd March 1934

Bankruptcy Court Disclosures.

OVER £1,000 DEFICIT.

At Peterborough Bankruptcy Court on Friday, before the Registrar (Major S. G. Cook), the public examination was heard of J. P. (43), of Ferrars-road, Huntingdon, lately residing and carrying on business in Swavesey, carpenter and house furnisher. Debtor had lodged a statement of affairs which disclosed gross liabilities £1,868 0s. 3d., liabilities expected to rank for dividend £1,026 0s. 10d., net assets £22 15s. 9d; deficiency £1,003 5s. 1d.

In examination by the Official Receiver (Mr. J. L. Wilkinson, Cambridge) debtor said he served an apprenticeship as a carpenter and builder, and as soon as he was out of it he set up in business at Swavesey as a carpenter and furnisher, also going in for pig-rearing. Later he added ironmongery to his general store and dealt in sawn timber. He was successful right up to the time he was called up for the Army in 1917. He served in India till he was demobilised at the end of 1919, and while he was away his sister managed the business.

£319 BORROWED FROM MOTHER.

When he returned his business was sound, but he needed to buy more stock, and borrowed £319 from his mother, which had not been repaid, and there was a year and a half's interest owing.

Under the will of his grandfather he inherited a house, buildings and two acres of land, and out of the income from it he had to pay annuities of £20 to his grandmother, £7 to his mother, and £5 to his sister. Early in 1932 he mortgaged the property for £800, because he needed more capital to carry on with and pay his debts, although he was not being pressed at that time. He was unable to pay the annuities last year. All the money he raised had gone into his business. His principal trade lay in the furnishing.

He estimated that he had lost £500 on the pigs. To a small extent he had engaged in the antique furniture trade, his best deal in that line being one in which he made £50. He had not done any antique dealing since the slump came two or three years ago, since when there had been plenty of sellers, but no buyers. He did not think he had been getting behind in his business for more than two years at any rate, not seriously so.

“RESORTED TO A SALE.”

There came a time when he had some rather severe pressure from creditors, and in order to raise money quickly he resorted to a sale by auction. That was held on September 21st last, and in order to “build it up” he bought a lot of stuff. The sale, which was not a good one, realised a little over £300, which was not sufficient to enable him to pay his debts in full, as he owed a considerable amount to trade creditors in addition to the loan from his mother. The Official Receiver : Would it not have been the honest thing to have filed your petition then, so that everyone could share alike? – I did not look at it so at the time.

Do you agree now? – As things have turned out it would have been better.

Debtor agreed that he paid some creditors and not others. He was compelled to pay for the goods which he bought to build the sale up with. He hoped that he would take more money later on to pay everyone. He agreed that the books he had kept were hardly adequate, but he did not have a great deal of time.

AN ITEM OF £550.

Debtor was asked to explain an item of £550 shown in the bank book as having been paid on January 22nd, 1930, and said that it was in respect of goods sold, and eventually he said it was a cheque paid to him by an Ipswich firm of furnishers for goods he bought and supplied to them. He said he had always used a car in his business, and bought one in September last for £52, with licence, and sold it for £26.

He attributed his failure to depression in the furniture trade and losses on pig breeding. He said that he first realised he was bankrupt at the end of last year. The Official Receiver: But you come here owing over £1,000, does it seem conceivable that you did not realise till then that you had not got sufficient to pay everyone in full? – Yes, but of course part of that money was on mortgage.

But £730 of it represents trade goods? – Yes.

WIFE AND FURNITURE.

Debtor said the furniture in the house belonged to his wife.

The Official Receiver: You are a furniture dealer, how comes it to belong to Mrs. Prior? – She has purchased it from different people, not all from me.

Why should a furniture dealer's wife purchase furniture: it does not seem conceivable? – She paid me for it and holds receipts.

I want some evidence that it is genuinely hers, if she will make a statutory declaration and produce evidence that it is hers I will admit the claim, but not until! – Her pass book shows what she has paid.

Debtor was closely questioned as to transactions he had had with Messrs. French, millers, of Cambridge, and said he had goods from them for pig feeding. He did not think he had told French's that his Swavesey business was a successful and profitable one. They called on him and they knew him previously and could see for themselves. He did not tell them that his premises were free from charges of any sort – they never asked him. Neither did he remember telling them that he had had the place valued and it was worth £2,000.

The Official Receiver: I am quoting statements from their letter, did you tell them that? – Not that I know of.

Did you tell French's that you had purchased a site at Peterborough, on which you were going to have premises erected? – Yes.

Had you bought a site at Peterborough – My wife had, I did not buy it.

And you tell them you had bought it? – I can't remember.

Or don't want to? – O told him we were proposing to go to Peterborough.

“NEGOTIATIONS FELL THROUGH.”

Debtor said that negotiations were entered into for the purchase of some land and buildings at Star-road, Peterborough, for £250, but his wife did the negotiating and signed the contract. The negotiations had fallen through.

The Official Receiver: They say “He said he had purchased a site at Peterborough and was having convenient premises built there, from where he would still be able to trade with us and bring us more customers.” You had not purchased it, your wife was to purchase it, but the negotiations fell through? – Yes.

Did you continue to get pig food from French's on your promise to pay when the pigs were sold? – Yes.

Did you ever pay them? – I have not paid them any.

The Official Receiver: It is not exactly honest to make a promise and not keep it. If you had filed your petition as you should have done, everyone would have shared alike.

The examination was adjourned to 23rd March.

THE NEW VICAR. 9th March 1934

The Rev. C. C. Dickson, who has recently been appointed Vicar of Swavesey, in succession to the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, arrived in the village on Wednesday, and will take the services at the parish church next Sunday. His institution will take place at Ely Cathedral on Friday, 23rd March.

BILLIARDS. 9th March 1934

The return billiards match between Swavesey "A" team and Willingham Public Hall, played at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, resulted in a win for the home team by four games to one. Scores (Swavesey names first): R. H. Coles 100, A. E. Hart 72; A. E. Melbourne 100, R. Raven 55; E. Crowley 100, A. Garner 63; E. B. Smart 72, A. Denson 100; L. Johnson 100, C. Peacock 67.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 9th March 1934

There was a well-attended meeting of Bethel Y.P.F. on Monday to welcome the speaker, Mr. P. Marrow, of Cambridge University, who taking for his subject "Ourselves," gave a searching exposition, based upon St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, viii. The Secretary led the meeting, and Messrs. A. and C. Day also took part. Mr. Kester, of Boxworth, contributed to the success of the evening by two renderings upon his accordion, being accompanied in the singing by members of his family. Next week the Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, will be the speaker.

WEDDING. 9th March 1934

The marriage of Miss Lily Jane Spearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Spearman, Trinity Hill Farm, Swavesey, and Mr. Henry Arthur Tabony, son of Mrs. Tabony and the late Mr. Edward Tabony, Fenstanton, took place at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The Pastor, Rev. A. Tilling, conducted the service, during which the hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O Love Divine and Golden" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of blue georgette with veil and orange blossom, and

she carried a sheaf of lilies and tulips. Mr. A. Tabony (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. There were no bridesmaids. The happy couple were the recipients of 100 useful presents.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 9th March 1934

The question whether it would be practicable to hold the usual show and sports this year was again discussed at the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. It was pointed out by the chairman (Mr. H. W. Whitehead) the in view of the financial condition of the society it was necessary that there should be a guarantee fund of at least £50. A letter was also read from the president, Mr. R. C. Cole, suggesting that instead of being affiliated, the sports should be restricted to the villages in the district, as was the case when the show was first held. After a long discussion the meeting was adjourned sine die, pending the appointment of a general secretary and the raising of a guarantee fund.

CAMBS. COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 9th March 1934

Results in Borough and County.

SOME SMALL MAJORITIES.

Results in the County Divisions of the County Council elections were declared on Wednesday morning, the Borough results having been announced on Tuesday evening.

The Swavesey result was as follows:

Percival James Watts, Over 592

Frederick Stanton, The Grange,

Lolworth 333

Majority 259

Mr. Watts is a new member.

HOCKEY. 16th March 1934

The match between the Swavesey Ladies' H.C. and the Cambridge Instrument Company, played on Manor Field, Swavesey, on Saturday, resulted in a draw, each side scoring two goals.

CHEAP TICKETS. 16th March 1934

The L.N.E.R. are now issuing cheap day return tickets from Swavesey station to Histon, Oakington, Longstanton and St. Ives, as well as to Cambridge.

CRICKET CLUB. 16th March 1934

At the annual meeting of the Cricket Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. C. Walker presiding, officers for the ensuing season were elected, as follows: President, Mr. C. Walker; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. W. Burton, Mr. J. Parish, Mr. G. E. Canham, Mr. Stenton, Rev. A. Tilling, Mr. H. W. Whitehead, Mr. Crowley, Mr. P. Lee, Mr. S. Brooks, Mr. Isgrove, Mr. A. L. Parish, Mr. C. H. Parish, Mr. R. Barwell, Mr. W. Hind; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Canham; Treasurer, Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; Captain, first eleven, Mr. W. Kester; Vice-Captain, Mr. F. Hepher; Captain, second eleven, Mr. G. Brooks; Vice-Captain, Mr. S. Wright. It was decided that both teams should enter the Milton and District League.

ACCIDENT TO SCHOOLBOY. 16th March 1934

Roy Godfrey, the 13-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Prime Godfrey, who met with a serious accident when quite a little boy as a result of which his right arm had to be amputated, had the misfortune to break his right leg on Friday afternoon. He was running on the Recreation Ground opposite the school when he fell with his legs beneath him. He was conveyed to his home, where he was attended to by the district nurse and later by Dr. Hart, who set the fractures, the bone being broken in two places, just below the knee and above the ankle. On Dr. Hart's advice the boy was taken on Saturday morning to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where on being X-rayed it was found that the junctions were perfect, and after the limb had been put into plaster of paris the boy was allowed to return home.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 16th March 1934

Another successful meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when the speaker, Rev. A. V. Comley, of Harston, gave an impressive address based on the story of the offering of Isaac. Miss Dodson and Mr. Chapman rendered a duet, a feature of the meeting being the hearty singing of the choruses. The final gathering of the session takes place next week, when the special speaker is to be the Rev. A. W. Whayman, of Cambridge, and it is hoped that members of the various societies in the district will be present. A supper, the proceeds from which will be in aid of the new Manse Fund, will follow the meeting. The special preacher in connection with the Y.P.F. at Bethel Baptist Church next Sunday evening will be the Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton.

JOKES AND LAUGHTER. 16th March 1934

There was a very good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (president) occupying the chair, when Miss Dale gave an interesting talk on Jokes and Laughter, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Banks. The roll-call on the uses of salt and vinegar brought many and various replies. There was also an exhibition of the articles which members had knitted during the winter. The Old People's tea and entertainment was fixed for next Thursday, the 22nd instant, and it was decided to hold the usual collection of eggs for Addenbrooke's Hospital during this week and next. Games and singing brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Banks, Miss Banks, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Lee were the hostesses.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 16th March 1934

In spite of the wet night there was a good crowd at the social which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the Football Club, the visitors including a bus load from Elsworth. A well varied selection of dance music was played by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals, of Swavesey. Elsworth visitors also contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, Mrs. Hale and Mr. S. Braybrook singing greatly appreciated songs, and Messrs. S. and L. Braybrook, with Mr. Kiddle at the piano, giving a capital performance of a humorous sketch entitled the "Operatic Wedding." Excellent refreshments were provided, under the superintendence of Mrs. A. Turner, Misses D., E. and M. Godfrey. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. P. H. Lee, who had arranged the programme and had officiated as M.C., and to all others who had helped to make the evening a success. Messrs. F. Coulson (captain) and A. E. W. Melbourne (treasurer) were in charge of the door.

PARISH MEETINGS. 16th March 1934

There was a fairly good attendance at the parish meeting which was held in the Memorial hall on Monday evening for the Triennial Parish Council election. Mr. H. W. Whitehead was voted to the chair. Thirteen candidates were nominated for the nine seats, and voting by show of hands resulted as follows: - Elected: Messrs. *C. Dean 58 votes, *C. H. Parish 54, Bert Hodson 48, *W. Burton 45, *F. Hephher 42, *C. W. H. Cole 36, R. Mitham, jun., 36, P. H. Lee 33, *P. Parish 29. Not elected: *A. P. Payne 29, *C. W. Savage 21, Mrs. Ethel Hephher 19, Mr. W. Spolton 18. (*Members of old Council. Messrs. P. Parish and Payne drew to decide which of them should serve on the Council. At the annual parish meeting which followed the audited Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1933, and the accounts of Galon's Charity for the year ended 31st December, 1933, were read by the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey),

and various matters concerning the parish were discussed. Mr. C. S. Hephher called attention to the condition of the pond in Market-street, and asked why a previous complaint had been turned down at the parish meeting held last July. Mr. C. Walker complained of the offensive odours arising from the open drain at Church Bridge, and he moved that a representation on the subject be made to the Chesterton R.D.C. This was carried. The question of the rights of way in the parish was raised, and Mr. C. H. Parish (Chairman of the Parish Council), who with Mr. C. W. H. Cole, had identified those mentioned in the Award, walking most of them, reported on their condition. Both Mr. Parish and Mr. Cole were thanked for the trouble they had taken in the matter. Replying to Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who wanted to know when the electric light would be brought into the village, the Clerk said it was a matter for the R.D.C., but the B.C. and H. Electricity Co. had intimated that owing to the comparatively small number of probable users, nothing could be done for some time. Lastly, the Clerk made the welcome announcement that the loan on the hall would be paid off in July. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Whitehead for presiding.

HOCKEY. 23rd March 1934

The match between the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club and Sawston Paper Mills played at Swavesey last Saturday, was won by the visitors by five goals to three.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 23rd March 1934

The first annual rally of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship took place on Monday evening, when a large company gathered, representative of several societies. The President occupied the chair, and an earnest address on the words "A Secret Disciple" was given by Rev. A. W. Whayman, of Cambridge. Miss Godfrey and Messrs. Guy, Smith and Dodson also took part in the proceedings, and afterwards a large company partook of supper in the schoolroom. The session will be wound up by a meeting next Monday evening, when the speaker will be Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge.

SWAVESEY MAN'S BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATION. 30th March 1934

At the Peterborough Bankruptcy Court on Friday the adjourned public examination of J. P. (43), of Huntingdon, and formerly residing and carrying on business in Swavesey, as a carpenter and house furnisher, was formerly closed without further cross-examination.

ADVERT. 30th March 1934

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SWAVESEY COUNCIL'S PASSING. 30th March 1934

Chairman's Regrets – and Thanks.

The meeting of the Swavesey Rural District Council at St. Ives on Friday was the last that will be held, for at the end of this month Swavesey will be merged with Chesterton and the new Chesterton R.D.C. will be constituted.

There were natural regrets in the passing, and they were voiced by the Chairman (Mr. F. Kirby), who has been a member of the Council since its inception. "We were only a small body," he said, "and we knew each other personally. We knew also the needs of the district we served. The work in the past has been pleasant, in fact it has been a joy to meet fellow members and the officers of this Council. I regret the passing of the Swavesey R.D.C., but it was inevitable.

Mr. Kirby expressed his appreciation of the services of the members and of the Clerk and other officers. As a District Council they had worked amicably together and had done their best for the ratepayers and all concerned.

The Clerk (Mr. G. D. Day), on behalf of the officers, said he was very grateful to the Chairman for the kind words he used.

The Surveyor (Mr. Hagger), who is one of the oldest servants of the Council, also thanked Mr. Kirby and the members for the kindness shown to him.

Mr. F. Stanton endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being a district councillor.

The Rev. G. Poynder also thanked the Clerk, and added a tribute to the Chairman, who, in turn, thanked the Press for their fair reports of the Council proceedings.

The Council proceeded with the business of increasing the Clerk's salary, matters concerning Over water scheme, and housing.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM INN. 30th March 1934

Cambs. Man Sent for Trial.

Money stated to have been missed from the New Inn, Swavesey, was the subject of a charge brought against a Cambs man at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday.

Accused was Frederick Harry Hewish, of Hilton-road, Fenstanton, aged 48, and he was charged with stealing from the dwelling-house of Richard Aves Cannell, at Swavesey, on March 21st, six £1 notes and four 10s. notes, the moneys of Mr. Cannell.

LICENSEE'S STORY.

Richard Aves Cannell, licensee of the New Inn public-house, Swavesey, said that about 8.30 p.m. on March 21st the prisoner came to his house. He was supplied with a small glass of stout and a packet of cigarettes. At the time accused stood just inside the passage at the entrance to the taproom.

Witness was called away to supply petrol, and went outside the front door. He went back into the house to change a ten shilling note, and went to his petrol cash-box, which he kept on a shelf just inside the cellar. On witness taking the cash-box down the lid fell off and to his surprise all the notes had disappeared. There was about one pound's worth of silver and copper remaining in the box. The notes that had been in would come to about £8.

He found a £1 note on the cellar floor, and someone else handed him £3 10s.

Prisoner had gone when witness found that the money was missing. Witness made a communication to his son, Leslie Aves Cannell, who left the house and went in the direction of Fenstanton. He later returned with the prisoner. The prisoner said: "I'm very sorry, landlord; I don't know what made me do it. I hope you'll overlook it this time." He handed witness £3 10s. in notes.

Witness telephoned for the police.

The £4 10s. in notes produced were those found by witness or handed to him. Witness believed that the £8 made up by these two sums was what he had lost from the cash-box.

Witness knew the prisoner as a customer.

"YOU'RE THE MAN."

Leslie Aves Cannell, a clerk, of the New Inn, Swavesey, stated that in consequence of a communication made to him by his father on March 21st he went towards Fenstanton in a car. Approximately a mile along the road witness saw the prisoner, who was cycling fairly quickly towards Fenstanton.

Witness got out of the car and asked accused if he had just come from the New Inn. He replied that he had. Witness asked Hewish if he would return to the New inn, and he said that he would. He cycled back in front of the car, which was driven slowly behind him.

Witness took the prisoner to the living room, where his father was.

Witness's father said to the prisoner: "Yes, you're the man," and prisoner replied, "Here's your money," and gave him some notes screwed up in his hand. Witness subsequently counted them and found they amounted to £3 10s.

P.C. Yeomans, stationed at Boxworth, spoke of going to the New Inn, Swavesey, on the day in question, in consequence of a telephonic communication. He was handed the notes produced by Mr. Richard Aves Cannell.

Witness arrested the prisoner and cautioned him. He said, "I didn't think I took all that. What I took I brought back. I kept it in my hand." Witness escorted him to the County Police Station, where he was charged and cautioned.

He made and signed a statement, in which he said: "I thought there was £3 10s. I brought them back just as I took them. I'm sorry, that's all."

Accused now said that he went in to have a drink, and had no intention of taking the money. He took it "on the spur of the moment." If he were given another chance he would not do it again.

He was committed for trial at the next County Quarter Sessions.

INSTITUTION OF THE VICAR. 30th March 1934

The Rev. C. Dickson was instituted to the Vicarage of Swavesey by the Right Rev. Bishop Price at Ely Cathedral last Friday, and "read himself in" on Sunday.

PARISH CHURCH. 30th March 1934

Services have been held at the parish church this week at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Good Friday at 10.30 a.m., 3 p.m. (Litany and devotional reading) and 7 p.m. On Easter Day the services will be as follows: Holy Communion 6, 7.30 and 11.40 (choral), matins 10.30 a.m., children's service 3 p.m., evensong 6.30 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 30th March 1934

The final gathering of the Bethel Y.P.F. took place on Monday evening, when a good company gathered to hear Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge, who gave a very effective interpretation of "The Fruit of the Spirit." Mr. Canham, who occupied the chair, voiced the thanks of the meeting to the speaker, remarking that the past session had been very successful in every respect.

COLLAPSED ON ALLOTMENT. 30th March 1934

Mr. James Ingle, aged 76, of Boxworth-end, collapsed on his allotment on Tuesday evening and died while being carried to his home. He had been in failing health for some time. He went out to the allotment after tea and was seized with a stroke and fell. Men at work near the spot picked him up and carried him home, where he was found to be dead. Dr. Hart and P.C. Shanks were soon in attendance. The County Coroner has not found it necessary to hold an inquest.

BILLIARDS. 30th March 1934

Friendly billiards matches have been played this week between teams representing the Institute and the White Horse. On Monday the Institute beat the White Horse by 16 points. Scores (Institute names first): J. Kester 100, S. Brooks 84; S. Clarke 100 H. Bridgeford 64; M. Coulson 100, V. Wilderspin 61; F. Causer 78, D. Brooks 100; D. Isgrove 47, G. Brooks 100. On the following evening the match resulted in a tie. Scores (White Horse names first): S. Brooks 45, J. Kester 100; H. Bridgeford 79, S. Clarke 100; V. Wilderspin 67, M. Coulson 100; D. Brooks 100, F. Causer 36; G. Brooks 100, D. Isgrove 55.

PARISH COUNCIL. 30th March 1934

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening to consider the difficult question of the disposal of the unburnable rubbish. It was reported that Mr. A. L. Parish would not allow his pond to be used any longer unless the rubbish was well covered with earth, and it was considered that the cost of doing this would be prohibitive. After some discussion, on the proposition of Mr. A. P. Payne, seconded by Mr. C. Savage, Messrs. C. W. H. Cole and C. Dean were delegated to interview Mr. Parish with a view to ascertaining whether there was any possibility of coming to an arrangement with him. On the motion of Mr. J. Linford, seconded by Mr. F. Hephher, it was unanimously agreed that the herbage of the Recreation Ground should be let by tender this year, the tenders to be sent to the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey, on or before 7th April. It was also decided that the question of the re-appointment of the captain and sub-captain of the fire engine should be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council. The following councillors were present at the meeting: Messrs. C. H. Parish (chairman), C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, J. Linford, P. Parish, A. P. Payne and C. Savage.

OLD FOLK ENTERTAINED. 30th March 1934

Mr. Walter Thorp writes: - A nice form of Lenten self-denial was carried out by the members of the Women's Institute by giving a tea and concert to villagers of 70 years of age and over, at the Memorial Hall on March 22nd. Cars were kindly lent by Mr. G. Burling, Mr. Dean and Mr. W. Hephher, to convey all those who wished to ride. On our arrival at 4.15 we received a cordial welcome and then sat down to a sumptuous tea, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Later, there was an excellent concert, for which the W. I. President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) was an indefatigable M.C. The programme, entirely provided by local talent, included a pianoforte solo by Lily and Joan Hephher, songs by Mrs. Hind, Lily Hephher, and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, monologue by Mrs. Marriott, recitation by Alan Lee, violin solos by George Laverack,

sketches by Miss Warboys and a friend, and by Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Melbourne and Mrs. Marriott, gave "My Grandmother went to Parish," and various items by Leonora Key, Joan Hepher and other children, concluding with a song tableau in which Mrs. Hind took the principal part. At the close an octogenarian guest proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the W. I. and the entertainers, and the whole of the company seconded it most heartily.

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN. 30th March 1934

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mr. William Evans, who passed away on March 20th, after three week's illness. He was the son of Mr. Thomas Evans, and was born at Bluntisham, Hunts., 91 years ago. A gardener by profession, most of his working life was spent at Haywards Heath, Sussex. For the last 20 years he lived in Swavesey, where he was highly respected. He leaves a widow, who will be 93 in October next, but no children. The funeral took place on Friday at the Cemetery, Mr. Camps, minister of the Particular Baptist Chapel, conducting the service. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Amy Williams, Cambridge (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells (cousins). The widow was unable to attend. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers. The late Mr. Evans' connection with Swavesey dates back many years for his marriage to Miss Jemima Williams, daughter of Mr. John Williams, a Swavesey farmer, took place at the Particular Baptist Chapel on 24th July, 1877.

THE LATE MISS FANNY GAUNT. 30th March 1934

Miss Fanny Gaunt, who for over 40 years was in charge of the work carried on at the Friends' Meeting House, has been laid to rest in the cemetery. On her retirement a few years ago she went to live in one of the Old Age Pensioners' houses, but last autumn owing to the state of her health had to be removed to Cambridge for treatment and there she passed away on March 13th, aged 76. The funeral took place on the following Saturday, the service, which very appropriately, was held in the Friends' Meeting House, being conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. A short address was given by Mrs. Crossfield, of Cambridge, and the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus" was sung. The family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gaunt, Leicester, Mr. and Mrs. W. Skinner, Over, Misses F. and W. Gaunt, St. Ives, Messrs. W. and C. Connors, Woolwich, Mrs. Brown, Barking, Mr. W. Gaunt, Needingworth (nephews and nieces), Mrs. T. Gaunt (sister-in-law). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

VESTRY MEETING. 6th April 1934

The newly appointed Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, presided at the annual Vestry Meeting held under the tower of the Parish Church on Monday evening. The only business was the appointment of churchwardens. The Vicar nominated Mr. W. J. Hephher as his warden, and Mr. Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden.

DROVE LETTING. 6th April 1934

The herbage of the droves in the parish, which was let by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, realised £3 3s. 6d., £1 13s. more than last year, but upwards of £20 less than in pre-war days. Miss S. J. Mitchell's grass (feed or mow) offered after the drove-letting, realised from 35s. to 20s. per acre, viz.: 5a. 3r. 17p. in Cow Fen, 31s.; 3a. 2r. 25p. in Middle Fen, 20s.; and 4a. 3r. 10p. in Mow Fen, 35s.

B.W.T.A. 6th April 1934

The annual meetings of the Swavesey Branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. were held at Bethel Chapel on Thursday week. Tea at 5 o'clock was followed by the business meeting, when officers were elected for the coming year, viz.: President, Mrs. P. Godfrey; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Day; Secretary, Mrs. F. F. Norman; Treasurer, Mrs. Aldred; Committee, Mrs. Godfrey, sen., Mrs. W. Savage, sen., Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. A. Prior, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. G. Dodson, Mrs. A. Day, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Laverack, and Miss Easter (L.W.R. Superintendent). There was a good company at the public meeting at which Rev. P. H. Crees presided, and Miss Heather Watson, of Newmarket, gave a helpful address. Miss Doris Godfrey was the soloist.

SOCIAL. 6th April 1934

The sixth and last of the series of social events arranged by the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council took place in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. There was a good attendance. The Blue Riviera Dance Band provided the music for dancing, and a very attractive item in the programme was a series of tableaux illustrating well-known songs. Mrs. W. Hind was the vocalist, and those taking part in the tableaux were Mesdames Coulson, S. Froment, Laverack, Martin, Marriott, Melbourne, E. Mitham, Shepperson, Warboys, Whybrow, and Miss D. Godfrey. There were also amusing competitions and games, the winners being Mrs. G. Hephher, Miss G. Thorp, and Miss C. Wright. Mr. H. Whitehead was a capable M.C. Mrs. H. Wells and Miss G. Froment were in charge of the excellent refreshments.

FURNITURE FROM BOXES. 6th April 1934

This was the title of a most interesting demonstration given by Mr. Chadwick at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall. In the absence of the President through illness, Mrs. Banks (vice-president) took the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. After routine business, arrangements were made for an outing in May to Messrs. Lyons, Cadby Hall, Kensington, and for a jumble sale. Mr. Chadwick's demonstration, in which he showed how to make a numerous articles of furniture – from a sideboard to a chicken coop – out of grocery boxes, occupied most of the time, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Canham. Mr. Chadwick also kindly judged the competition for the best article made from a half-sieve, the prize being awarded to Mrs. Warboys for an attractive "Humpty," Mrs. Hind's entry being a close second. Mesdames J. Froment, G. Froment, Martin and Lee were the hostesses for the evening.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 6th April 1934

A public meeting was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, to decide whether there should be a parade this year on Feast Sunday (May 13th). The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) occupied the chair, supported by Mr. H. W. Whitehead. After some discussion, Mr. C. S. Hephner proposed, and Mr. F. W. Pontefract seconded, that the parade be held and that the whole of the proceeds be devoted to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Mr. C. Savage moved as an amendment that the proceeds be divided equally between the Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. Miss E. Dodson seconded, and on being put to the vote the amendment was carried. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Vicar; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; Treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; Committee, re-elected, with the addition of Nurse Claydon, Miss K. Banks and Mr. Turner taking the places of Miss D. Banks and Mr. J. Prior, who have left the district. It was agreed that the Somersham Town Band be engaged, and that two cricket matches, at which collections would be made for the Parade Fund, should be arranged for Feast Week, viz.: Ladies v. Gentlemen, on Monday, and Swavesey v. Over (for the Hospital Cup) on Tuesday.

SWAVESEY'S NEW VICAR. 13th April 1934

Induction of the Rev. C. C. Dickson.

A large congregation assembled in Swavesey parish church on April 5th to witness the Induction of the new vicar, the Rev. C. Cecil Dickson, M.A., Hon. C.F.

After the Third Collect at Evensong, the Induction proper commenced, Canon Campbell Hair, the Rural Dean, reading the mandate and conducting the new vicar to the various parts of the church, as laid down in the Order of Service.

The Rural Dean, who spoke on the text, "Brethren, pray for us," laid stress on the very important part the prayers of the parishioners played in the life of a vicar, and asked those assembled never to forget that fact.

The service was fully choral, and included the Embertide hymn, "O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine" and "The Church's One Foundation."

At the conclusion of the service the ringers rang a welcoming peal on the beautiful bells, which have lately been restored.

Among the clergy present to join in welcoming the new vicar were the Rector of Lolworth, the Vicar of Over and the Vicar of Oakington, while apologies were received for enforced absence from many other clergy of the Deanery.

The new Vicar, who took his degree at Jesus College, Cambridge, started his clerical career as curate of Leeds parish church, and after that at Plumstead. During the Great War he volunteered as a Chaplain to the Forces, and as such served with the 198th Infantry Brigade for over a year in the line, and was then, early in 1918, transferred to General Headquarters, British Armies in France, in Montreuil-s-mer. On demobilisation he became Vicar of Shooters Hill and Chaplain to the Brook Fever Hospital, while latterly he has been Hon. Chaplain to Cambridge House, the University Settlement in Camberwell, and officiating at Emmanuel Church there.

In 1932 he married Miss Doris Mary Clarence Smith, the second daughter of Sir Clarence Smith, J.P., D.L., of Wilmington Manor, Kent, and the late Lady Smith.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 13th April 1934

Special services have been held over the Easter week-end at Bethel Baptist Church. A good company gathered for tea on Good Friday, when the preacher in the evening was the Rev. R. S. Williams, of Langley, Essex, who, taking the first chapter of Joshua as an illustration, gave an inspiring address on the words "Be Strong." On Saturday evening an open-air meeting was conducted in Market-street by Messrs. Fraser and Stiles, two students from the All Nations Bible College. This was followed by an informal praise and testimony meeting in Bethel Schoolroom. The Sunday services were jointly conducted by the students and the Pastor, good congregations being present throughout the day. The preacher next Sunday morning and evening will be the Pastor (Rev. A. Tilling).

THE LATE MR. J. INGLE. 13th April 1934

The funeral of Mr. James Ingle, whose sudden death on March 27th at the age of 77 years was reported last week, took place on Saturday afternoon at the parish church. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners were Mrs. Ingle (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. William Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ingle (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. H. Woolf (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. Cecil Seymour (grandson), Mrs. M. Payne, Somersham (sister-in-law).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 13th April 1934

At the adjourned meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday week, Mr. H. W. Whitehead (chairman) presiding, Mr. C. S. Hepher reported that the efforts to raise a guarantee fund of at least £50 had resulted in promises amounting to £43 being obtained to date. The officers whose appointment had not been proceeded with at the previous meeting were elected as follows: Vice-presidents, re-elected (subject to their consent), with the exception of two or three who had left the district; joint treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher; hon. general secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey (Swavesey) who consented to continue to act after considerable pressure had been brought to bear on him; sports secretary, Mr. Andrew Carter (Over); finance committee, re-elected, with the exception of Mr. G. Wayman, who declined to stand; horticultural committee, re-elected, Mr. Frank Parish (Over) taking the place of Mr. G. Wayman; sports committee, re-elected, Messrs. K. Doggett, A. E. W. Melbourne and McDowell taking the places of Messrs. L. Cannell, A. Thompson and R. Robinson. It was decided that the show and sports should be held on Thursday, 9th August; that Mr. W. J. Unwin, Mr. G. Hart and Mr. Cramp (County Horticultural Adviser) should be asked to act as judges of the horticultural exhibits; and that the sports should be affiliated.

MISSIONARY SALE OF WORK. 13th April 1934

The effort on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon, from 3 to 7 o'clock, was a great success. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, made a short opening speech, after which the two stalls – a work stall, under the charge of Mrs. E. J. Linford and Miss R. Thorp, and a gift stall, in the charge of Mrs. Scate and Miss Daisley – did a brisk trade. Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mrs. Burling, and Mrs. Lee, who were to have helped at these stalls, were unavoidably absent. The Rev. T. Galley, vicar of Oakington and Ruri-decanal Secretary for the S.P.G., gave two interesting talks on Africa. Much interest was displayed in a collection of

curios from foreign lands, all kindly lent by local people. This was in the charge of Mrs. Banks. Miss K. Banks and Miss B. Day were responsible for the production of a missionary play, "A Call from India," and are to be congratulated on the excellent performance, which was enjoyed by all those present. Those taking part were Misses L. and M. Mitham, J. and G. Melbourne, V. and J. Smith, L. and J. Hephher, O. and J. Prior, S. Froment, A. Whitehead, L. Key, M. Shepperson, and B. Culpin, all of whom acted their parts exceedingly well. Competitions were arranged by Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Nurse Cottrell, the prizes being won by Mr. Leonard Day and Miss Banks. An excellent tea was provided, those in charge of the arrangements being Mrs. Harry Wells (who was responsible for originating the whole idea), Miss G. Froment, and Mrs. E. Prior. Mr. Harry Wells and Mr. L. Day gave valuable assistance at the doors. The takings amounted to over £15, and there were no expenses. Mr. E. Prior and Mr. E. J. Linford kindly helped in preparing the rooms.

CRICKET CLUB. 20th April 1934

There was a very good attendance at the Cricket Club social, held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C. Songs were contributed by Mr. H. Cole and Mrs. H. Bishop. Dance music was provided by Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals. Mrs. Turner and Miss D. Godfrey catered for the refreshments.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th April 1934

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, all the members, except one, being present. Mr. C. H. Parish was re-elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman. Messrs. C. W. H. Cole and the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) were nominated to serve on the Assessment Committee (if needed), and Messrs. C. H. Parish and B. Hodson were appointed feoffees of Galon's Charity and Mr. A. Parish as school manager. Mr. Dean gave a report of his interview with Mr. A. L. Parish respecting the rubbish dump, and after various suggestions had been made, the Clerk was instructed to make further inquiries with a view to the disposal of the rubbish, and Messrs. Cole and Dean were authorised to deal with the matter. Only one tender was received for the herbage of the Recreation Ground, viz., from Mr. C. H. Parish for £1. This was 15s. more than last year, when the herbage was let by auction, and the tender was unanimously accepted. The captain and sub-captain of the fire engine were re-appointed, but as the engine is rarely, if ever, used, it was decided to ask the captain to accept a reduced salary, as his duty now consists mainly in taking

charge of the standpipes, keys, etc. The accounts of the Council for the year ended the 31st ult. were read by the Clerk. They showed that the expenses incurred by the Council during the 12 months amounted to only £17. The reappointment of the committee of management of the Memorial Hall was briefly discussed, and, after an explanation by the Clerk, it was decided that the present committee should continue to act during the short period which would elapse before the loan had been paid off. Before the meeting concluded Mr. F. Hepher called attention to the dilapidated condition of the fence of the pond in Market-street, and after some discussion Messrs. Burton, C. Dean and R. Mitham, jun., were appointed a committee to inspect the fence and report to the next meeting.

JUMBLE SALE. 27th April 1934

A successful sale, organised by the committee of the Women's Institute, was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday afternoon. Mrs. W. Hind, the energetic secretary, was in charge, assisted by members of the committee, and the early buyers found some really good bargains. The financial result was very satisfactory.

EGGS FOR HOSPITAL. 27th April 1934

The annual collection of eggs for Addenbrooke's recently made under the auspices of the Women's Institute, resulted in 1,434 being sent to the hospital, and a letter of thanks and appreciation has been received by the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) from the Secretary-Superintendent. The collectors were Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. J. Froment, Mrs. G. Froment, Miss E. Thorp, Miss G. Hepher, Mrs. Peppercorn, and Mrs. Marriott. The eggs were kindly taken to Cambridge by Mr. G. E. Canham.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 27th April 1934

In the recent Scripture examination held in connection with the Cambridgeshire Sunday School Union, nine scholars of the Bethel Baptist Sunday School obtained certificates. The marks were as follows: Desmond Nichols 91 (honours), Roy Godfrey 84, Olive Isgrove 82, David Easter 68, Stanley Dodson 67, Annie Northil 64, Walter Isgrove 60, all with first class certificates; Dennis Ivatt 56, Joy Ivatt 45, with second class certificates. The certificates will be presented at the Sunday School anniversary on June 24th.

CHURCH FETE. 27th April 1934

A meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday evening to make arrangements for the annual fete in aid of church funds. The object this year is

the electric lighting of the church, and a good number of people met to plan an interesting afternoon to help that object. Strong committees were formed, and given fine weather the event, which is to take place on the second Thursday in July, seems likely to keep up, or even add, to the reputation Swavesey has earned in the county for having fetes which are really worth while.

CHURCH WORKERS ENTERTAINED. 27th April 1934

An enjoyable gathering took place at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoon, when the new Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and Mrs. Dickson were "at home" to the members of church organisations, the clergy of the deanery and their wives being also invited. The Parochial Church Council provided an excellent tea, which was enjoyed by nearly 60 people. Among those present were Canon and Mrs. Hair (Willingham), Rev. and Mrs. Walker (Impington), Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Poynder (Boxworth), Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Weston (Over), also the members of the Council with their wives and husbands, sidesmen and wives, choir, ringers, Sunday School teachers and other church workers.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION. 27th April 1934

At a special meeting of the Women's Institute on Monday in the Memorial Hall, a novel and interesting entertainment was given. This was the showing of a special cookery demonstration film by a representative of Messrs. George Borwick and Sons, Ltd., the baking powder manufacturers. The demonstrator was Miss E. Craig, who is well known to most housewives, and the clear and interesting explanations given by the lecturer, Miss B. Clegg, made it a thoroughly useful lesson in cookery. Two entertainment films were also shown, and the whole meeting was much enjoyed by the members and their friends who were present. At the conclusion Mrs. Banks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Clegg and to Messrs. Borwick's.

WEDDING. 27th April 1934

The Rev. H. D. Atkinson (vicar of Buckden, Hunts.) and the Rev. C. C. Dickson (vicar of Swavesey) officiated at the marriage at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Doris Annie Hepher, daughter of Mr. Geo. Hepher and the late Mrs. Hepher, of Swavesey, and Mr. Walter Edwin King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edward King, of Buckden. The service was choral and included the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and "Love Divine all Love excelling." Mr. N. Archer (organist at Buckden Church) presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations and fern. She was

attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Phyllis Hepher (niece of the bride) and Freda Hodge (cousin of the bridegroom), who wore dresses of pale pink crepe de chine with wreaths of pink daisies, and carried posies of mixed flowers, and Misses Ethel Prime (cousin of the bride) and Winifred Knightley, who were in pale green crepe de chine with silver wreaths. They carried shower bouquets of pink and white carnations and fern. Mr. Robert King (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

SCHOOL NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION. 4th M4th 1934

In the Watkin needlework competition, open to the schools of all England, and held at Cheltenham, the following scholars from Swavesey School obtained certificates of merit and cash prizes: Annie Northill, Mary Mitham, Ruby Wilderspin, Pearl Wilderspin, Sylvia Carter, Gladys Melbourne, and Mary Shepperson. The following scholars gained certificates of merit – May Kester, Kate Carrier, Joan and Olive Prior, Verna Smith.

ACCIDENT TO A CHILD. 4th May 1934

Joan Mitham, the 11-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham, whose foot was injured by a motor car conveying guests to and from a wedding at the parish church on Wednesday week, is progressing favourably. She was attended to by Dr. Hart, and on his advice was taken on the following day to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where it was found that three bones had been broken. She was allowed to return home, but is still under hospital treatment.

GROUP MEETING. 4th May 1934

A happy evening was spent on Monday, when the Memorial Hall was crowded for the spring group meeting of the Over, Swavesey, and Willingham Women's Institutes. Mrs. Edwards (president of Over W.I.) occupied the chair, supported by Miss Cook (president of Willingham W.I.) and Mrs. Hepher (president of Swavesey W.I.). Miss Warrington was also present. After excellent reports by the three secretaries of the activities of their institutes during the past six months Mrs. Hopkinson, a member of the executive, gave the county news. An interesting talk on organised marketing was given by Mrs. Studdert, who explained many difficulties with regard to marketing schemes. Miss Cook, supported by Mrs. Aldred, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Hopkinson and Mrs. Studdert. A competition, something new from something old, judged by Mrs. Hopkinson, was won by Mrs. B. Wayman (Over) with a cot cover made in wool from old socks, the prize being a lemonade set. The entertainment by Swavesey members consisted of song, tableaux, a monologue by Mrs. Marriott, and dances, for

which Mrs. Hind played the accompaniment. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks to Swavesey W.I. was proposed by Mrs. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Askew (Willingham), to which Mrs. Hephher suitably responded. The refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. Lee and her body of helpers.

FLOWERS FOR THE NILE. 11th May 1934

A local grower recently sent a consignment of flowers to market, and received in return from the salesman a document with the word "Nil" written in the space in which the profit realised by the grower is usually entered. Showing the document to a friend, the grower remarked, "What do you think of this? They have sent my flowers to Egypt!"

FEAST WEEK ARRANGEMENTS. 11th May 1934

The seventh annual parade, this year in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, will take place next Sunday (Feast Sunday). The procession, headed by the Somersham Town Band, will leave Boxworth End at 2.15 p.m., and at 3 p.m. a meeting will be held on the Recreation Ground, at which addresses will be given by Mr. W. H. Head (Secretary-Superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital), Mr. H. Smith, of Willingham, and others. The Somersham Band will also give a concert on the Recreation Ground at 8 p.m., or, if wet, in the Memorial Hall. Two cricket matches have been arranged, viz., Swavesey 1st XI v. Wimblington, on Monday and Swavesey 2nd XI v. Lolworth, on Wednesday, and it is hoped that a match for the Swavesey Hospital Cup will also be arranged for the Tuesday afternoon. In the evening there is to be a dance at the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Hall management Committee.

ST. DUNSTAN'S 11th May 1934

There was a good muster of members of the Women's Institute at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday for their usual monthly meeting. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) took the chair. Arrangements were made for outings to Cadby Hall and to the County Fair, and also to help in the cancer campaign in Empire week. Mrs. Banks, the delegate to the annual meeting, read the agenda with the recommendation of the County Committee. After this visitors were admitted and a number of people of both sexes availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Richardson, a war-blinded soldier from St. Dunstan's, who gave an excellent talk on the work done there to help the unfortunate men who lost their sight in the Great War. An excellent display of articles made by blind men was shown, and many orders taken for their work. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Banks, was accorded to Mr. Richardson. After

refreshments, the rest of the evening was spent in playing games. Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. Heasman, Mrs. Key, and Mrs. Lee were the hostesses.

FALL FROM CYCLE. 11th May 1934

Swavesey Man's Fractured Ankle.

William Perry, of Council Houses, Swavesey, fractured his ankle in an accident in the village on Monday morning.

He was returning from Willingham on his cycle. He had a box of cheeses on the front of the machine. Near the station he fell off his bicycle into a ditch. Sustaining a fractured ankle, he was removed to Addenbrooke's in the police ambulance and was detained.

CRICKET CLUB. 18th May 1934

There was not such a good attendance at the Cricket Club Social last Saturday evening as at the previous social run by the Club. Dance music was supplied by Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals, and songs were contributed by Mrs. H. Bishop and Mr. H. Cole. Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Miss D. Godfrey catered for the refreshments.

THE FEAST. 18th May 1934

The Village Feast has been held this week, and once again has attracted many visitors from far and near, particularly on Sunday, when the annual parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association took place. On Sunday the bells of the Parish Church were rung from 6.15 until 6.45 a.m., when there was a choral celebration of Holy Communion. Mattins was at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong, with sermon, by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m., the music at the latter service including Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bennett), and an anthem, "Lift up your head" (Hopkins). There was a large congregation at each service. The collections throughout the day were for Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Nursing Association, and will be added to the money raised in connection with the parade. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Market-street was occupied by stalls, Thurston's Jollity Farm, cocoanut shies, etc. Other attractions included three cricket matches on the Recreation Ground and a dance on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 18th May 1934

Services in celebration of the 24th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church were held on Thursday, May 10th. A good congregation gathered in the afternoon to hear an inspiring sermon on the subject of the Christian Church by the Rev.

M. Flint, of Redhill Tabernacle. After the service a company of over 80 sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom. A large congregation, almost filling the body of the church, attended in the evening, when Mr. Flint was again the preacher. On Sunday special discipleship campaign services were held. The evening service was conducted by the pastor (Rev. A. Tilling), and the address was given by Mr. Peter Marrow, of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Mrs. Unwin being the soloist. Later an open-air meeting was held in Market-street. The arrangements were in the hands of the C.I.C.C.U., and seven Cambridge University students were the speakers. The preacher next Sunday (Whit-Sunday) will be the Pastor.

THE PARADE. 18th May 1934

The seventh annual parade took place on Sunday (Feast Sunday) afternoon, under the most favourable conditions so far as the weather was concerned, and if the financial result was not as good as on the occasion of the first parade, it was only a few shillings less than the sum realised in 1933. For the second time the proceeds are to be divided equally between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. Marshalled by Mr. R. Barwell, the procession, headed by the Somersham Town Band, left Boxworth end about 2.15 p.m. Prominent features in it were a large number of members of the local branch of the British Legion with their standard, members of the Parade and Hospital Aid Committees, representatives of the Parish Council, Women's Institute and National Deposit Friendly Society, two waggon loads of school children and a gaily decorated lorry representing a hospital ward. On it rode five small patients, Roy Godfrey and Joan Mitham, both of whom are or have quite recently been under treatment at Addenbrooke's for fractured bones, Lily Hephher, Eric Froment and Jean Walker. With them was the district nurse, Miss Claydon. The lorry had been decorated by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. Whitehead and Nurse Claydon. Mr. C. Savidge was the driver. After parading the village from end to end the procession returned to the recreation ground, where a meeting was held. On the improvised platform were the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. C. Dickson), who presided, Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital), Mr. H. Smith (Willingham), Rev. A. Tilling (Bethel Baptist Church) and Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman of the Parish Council). Mr. Head, in course of his address, after referring to the Building Fund, spoke in some detail of the additions that had been made to Addenbrooke's, and of the difficulty that had been experienced in keeping things going without interfering with the work of the hospital. Before the additions were made, Mr. Head said, Addenbrooke's had 180 beds, whereas by next week there would be 320 actually in

commission. In 1933 there had been 4,891 in-patients (422 more than in 1932) and 12,339 out-patients against 11,319 in the previous year. The income of the hospital last year amounted to £16,025, viz., maintenance fund (contributory scheme), £29,443, investments £3,602, other sources £12,980. The expenditure totalled £43,887. The average cost of each in-patient was £7 6s. 4½d., or £2 19s. 9½d. a week, and of each out-patient 8s. 6d. With regard to the balance in hand from last year, Mr. Head reminded his hearers that as the hospital increased in size, so would the cost of maintenance become larger. During the past year 25 in-patients and 44 out-patients from Swavesey had received attention at Addenbrooke's, and the cost of their treatment had exceeded the amount received from Swavesey through the Contributory Fund. Among other matters, Mr. Head spoke of the paying wards for middle class people in connection with which an insurance scheme had been established, and he concluded with an appeal for whole-hearted support for the Nursing Association, which was such a valuable auxiliary of the hospital. The Rev. A. Tilling and Mr. H. Smith also spoke, the latter making his usual effective appeal for money. Producing a £1 note he called for more, and one was promptly forthcoming from Mr. R. Barwell. Mr. S. F. Mitham (a grateful patient) and Mr. C. Dean followed with 10s. notes. Another £1 note, handed in on behalf of Mr. P. J. Watts (County Councillor for the district) and a £5 note from Mr. John Warboys, brought Mr. Smith's collection up to £9, and a drum collection realised £1 4s. 6d. Before the meeting concluded Mr. Barwell, in a short speech, called attention to the number of village organisations not represented in the parade, and expressed the hope that next year there would be a more satisfactory attendance. The band played at intervals during the proceedings, and also gave a concert on the recreation ground after the evening services. The collectors, who were busily engaged during the afternoon and evening, succeeded in netting £15 15s. 6d., making the total taking for the day £26. The following comprised the Parade Committee: Rev. C. C. Dickson (chairman), Mr. H. W. Whitehead (hon. secretary), Miss E. Dodson (treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, C. Savage, F. Prior, F. W. Pontefract, A. W. Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, A. Turner, F. Hepher, H. Prime, Miss Banks, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Cooksey and Nurse Claydon. Collectors: Messrs. J. Mitham, H. Whitehead, jun., L. Day, A. E. W. Melbourne and Mrs. C. S. Hepher.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 25th May 1934
Flag Day in Swavesey Division.

On the recent flag day £16 7s. 7d. was collected for the British Red Cross Society in the Swavesey division, which comprises the villages of Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and Willingham. Of this sum £8 will be paid into the Red Cross Fund at Barclays Bank, and £8 retained for use in the division and 7s. 7d. for expenses.

STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL. 25th May 1934

Good congregations, which included friends from other churches in the district, attended the anniversary services at the Strict Baptist Chapel on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week. Mr. Patterson, of Norwood, was the special preacher. There was also an excellent attendance at the public tea between the services. The collections were in aid of church funds.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 25th May 1934

The collections in connection with this year's Feast Sunday parade amounted in all to £27 11s. 6d., viz., Sunday £26 1s. 6d., collections at cricket matches £1, and donation from Mrs. Thurston 10s. After payment of expenses (band £2 10s., printing 13s.), £24 8s. 6d. remained for division between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association.

BETHEL BIBLE CLASS. 1st June 1934

A special visit will be paid to Bethel Bible Class next Sunday afternoon by Mr. Peter Marrow, of Cambridge University.

INTER-SCHOOL CRICKET. 1st June 1934

A match was played on Tuesday afternoon on the Recreation Ground between Swavesey and Over Schools, a keenly-contested game ended in a win for Swavesey by nine runs. Scores: Swavesey 35, Over 26.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 1st June 1934

A welcome donation of £2 4s. 9d. to the funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has been received by Mrs. Cooksey (treasurer), being half of the proceeds of the collections at the parish church on Feast Sunday.

CANCER CAMPAIGN. 1st June 1934

The house-to-house collection on behalf of the British Empire Cancer Campaign organised by the committee of the Women's Institute, resulted in the satisfactory sum of £8 15s. 3d. being forwarded to the authorities. Those

responsible for collecting were: Mrs. Banks, Miss Banks, Mrs. Canham, Miss Cole, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. C. Hepher, Mrs. Hind, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Melbourne, and Mrs. E. J. Mitham.

CRICKET CLUB. 1st June 1934

At a meeting held on Monday the question of the financial position of the Cricket Club was discussed, as some heavy expenses had been incurred during the past season or two for matting, new bats, balls, etc. It was agreed that the club should arrange social functions during next winter, and the hope was expressed that the public would give more generous support financially to the club at matches during the remainder of the season than had been the case recently.

W.I. OUTING. 1st June 1934

Members of the Women's Institute had an enjoyable outing on Friday, when a party of 32, including the President, two Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary, paid a visit to Messrs. Lyons' factory at Kensington. A start was made at 7.30 a.m. from the Memorial Hall in a private bus, and, favoured with fine weather, the drive through the beautiful country was most pleasant. On arriving at Cadby Hall the party was conducted round various parts of the factory, seeing the processes of making Swiss rolls, cakes, pastries, etc. After lunching in the restaurant attached to the factory, the members separated, and chose their own ways of spending the afternoon, meeting for the return journey at 7 o'clock. The route home was quite different from the morning drive, and all agreed that they had had a most enjoyable time.

DANGEROUS FOOTPATHS. 1st June 1934

A correspondent writes: The Country road authorities are now kerbing the ill-defined footpath of the high road near the church, where recently a schoolgirl was injured by a motor car. This will be a great improvement, as hitherto it has been a matter of difficulty to know where the road ends and the path begins, and moreover the kerb ought to be a protection for the pedestrian. Another place in the village where a kerb is urgently needed is where the Fen Drayton road joins the main road at the school. At this point motor vehicles coming from and going to Fen Drayton, in their hurry to get round the corner frequently run over the footpath, almost grazing the iron railings of the school yard. Children are exposed to grave danger not only at the corner, but along the stretch of road in front of the school, and few motorists take any notice of the "School" warning signs.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS. 8th June 1934

Annie Northill, a pupil at Swavesey School, has succeeded in gaining a County Minor Scholarship.

FREE STUDENTSHIPS. 8th June 1934

The following children attending Swavesey Church of England School have been awarded free studentships tenable at the Cambridgeshire Technical School: Walter Isgrove, Gladys Melbourne, Mary Shepperson.

BETHEL BIBLE CLASS. 8th June 1934

There was a very good attendance at the Bethel Bible Class last Sunday, when an excellent address on "Seeking the Lost" was given by Mr. P. Marrow, of Cambridge University. Choruses bearing on the subject were sung after the address.

IN MEMORIAM. 8th June 1934

ROBINSON. – In ever-loving memory of my dear Sister Lily, who passed peacefully away on June 8th, 1920. – Ethel, Estelle, Swavesey.

ADVERT. 15th June 1934

"THE RISING SUN" is now under new management. Greene King's Ales, Excellent Spirits, Wines, etc. Prompt delivery of all outside orders.

DEATH OF REV. T. B. FIELD. 15th June 1934

His many friends in Swavesey heard with deep regret that the Rev. Thomas B. Field had passed away on Saturday at his residence, 50, Samuel-street, Crewe. He was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, from October 1st until the end of March, 1931, when he retired from the active ministry and went to live at Crewe. The funeral took place in London.

OBITUARY. 15th June 1934

Mr. John Wilderspin, of High-street, passed away shortly before noon on Wednesday, aged 86 years. He was a native of Swavesey, but left the village as a young man for London, where for many years he was employed as a gateman at the L. and N.W. railway goods yard in Whitecross-street. On his retirement some years ago he returned to Swavesey. The funeral will take place to-morrow at the parish church.

TRIO OF MISHAPS. 15th June 1934

A rare accident occurred at the Hill Farm, Huntingdon-road, on Monday, when Mr. John Ansell, of Lolworth, sustained spontaneous fracture of the femur as he was getting into a motor car. After first-aid had been rendered he was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital. At the same farm on Tuesday morning Mr. John Payne, when proceeding to work, was suddenly taken seriously ill and was taken to Addenbrooke's as speedily as possible. On Monday Phyllis Hepher, the eight-years-old daughter of Mr. George Hepher, jun., while playing with other children on the Recreation Ground, fell and the heavy cricket roller ran over her hand. She also was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, but was not detained.

RUSH BASKETS. 15th June 1934

Members of the Women's Institute were deeply interested in a demonstration of rush basket making, given by Miss Greenwood, of Hemingford, at the monthly meeting on Tuesday. Several charming baskets made entirely of rushes were on view, and Miss Greenwood gave a most practical lesson in how to make them. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. E. J. Mitham. In addition to the usual business, an entertaining account of the annual meeting at the Albert Hall was given by Mrs. Banks, who had attended as delegate, and Mrs. Aldred, who was unavoidably absent, sent an excellent report of the Spring Council meeting at Cambridge, this being read by Mrs. Hind. A good exhibition of "What I have learned to make at Institute" gave an idea of the many useful activities of members. A posy of real flowers kindly brought by Miss Greenwood was raffled, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, the president, being the winner. Games and community singing, conducted by Mrs. Hind, were enjoyed after refreshments. Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. Hind, Mrs. Martin and Miss G. Hepher were the hostesses for the evening.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 15th June 1934

At the meeting of the Feast Sunday Parade Committee, held for the purpose of receiving the statement of accounts, the Rev. C. C. Dickson presiding, the Treasurer (Miss E. Dodson), in presenting the accounts, explained that the amount collected on Feast Sunday was £26, and at the cricket matches £1 0s. 6d., a donation of 10s. by Mrs. Thurston making a total of £27 11s. 6d. The expenses were: Conveyance of band £2 10s. and printing 13s., leaving the sum of £24 8s. 6d. to be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. A letter of appreciation from the Secretary-Superintendent of the Hospital (Mr. W. H. Head) was read. The committee passed a resolution that a vote of thanks be accorded to the

Somersham Town Band, who kindly gave their services; to Mr. Harry Smith, the genial extractor of bank notes; to Mr. John Warboys, of Hingham's Park, for his continued and generous support; and to the collectors who worked hard to second the efforts of the committee. It was decided that appreciation was due to the members of the British Legion for again turning out in good numbers for the parade. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Secretary (Mr. H. W. Whitehead), and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of the parade.

THE LATE REV. T. B. FIELD. 22nd June 1934

The funeral of the Rev. T. B. Field, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, from October 1st, 1925, until the end of March, 1931, took place at Willesden new cemetery, London, on Wednesday week. On his retirement from the active ministry, Mr. Field went to live at 50, Samuel-street, Crewe, where he passed away on June 9th, aged 76 years.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 22nd June 1934

The annual fete in aid of the funds of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association was held on Thursday week in the grounds of Swavesey Manor, by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. Fortunately the weather was fine until towards the end, and the total takings, the whole of which went to the Association, amounted to £31 16s. 4½d., all expenses having been borne by people interested in its welfare. The proceedings were opened by the new Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. C. C. Dickson, who in course of a short speech, spoke of the usefulness of the Association and of the urgent need for extra endeavours to raise money to enable it to be carried on. After his speech Mr. Dickson was presented with a buttonhole by little Phyllis Hepher. The stalls, side-shows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: New work stall, Mesdames J. Norman, C. Dean and Aldred; jumble stall, Mrs. Chew; sweets, the Misses Dodson; pound and produce stall, Mesdames Burling and Walter Thorp; useful stall, Mrs. Banks and Miss Cole; ice cream and lemonade stall, Mrs. Lee; refreshments, Mesdames J. Dean, H. H. Berryman, B. Hodson, Misses P. Williams and R. Gaunt, assisted at tea time by Misses Y. and J. Lee, Margaret Wagstaff, Vera Smith and Mavis Fox. Competitions – Chinese washing, Mrs. W. J. Hepher; candle lighting, Mrs. J. Cain (prize given by Mrs. Cooksey, won by Miss G. Thorp); clock golf, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Burleigh (prize given by Mrs. Dickson, won by Miss Cole); bran tub, Miss Pollie Parish; doll (given by Miss Beaumont) Miss Cox (won after a draw by Mrs. S. F. Mitham); cake (given by Mrs. Cooksey), Miss Doris Godfrey (won after a draw by Miss Y. Lee). As usual, a baby show, organised

by Nurse Claydon, was a great feature of the afternoon's proceedings. For this Dr. F. Robinson (County Medical Officer of Health) and Miss Graham (Lady Superintendent, Cambs. Nursing Association) officiated as judges, their awards being as follows: Under 6 months, 1 Douglas Roy Adams (Over), 2 Reginald Leslie Symonds (Over); 6 to 9 months, 1 Roger Godfrey (Swavesey), 2 Jean Anne Smart and John Brooks (Swavesey); 9 months and over, 1 Audrey Marion Symonds (Over) and Margery Mary Isgrove (Swavesey), 2 Richard Thomas Hard (Fen Drayton), 3 Albert Leggett (Over). Thirteen babies were entered, all of whom received certificates. Other attractions included a capital entertainment arranged by Miss E. Dodson, the programme consisting of songs by the Rev. C. C. Dickson and Mrs. Hind, an admirable recitation by Miss Easter, and an amusing sketch well played by Misses Florence Warboys and Mary Johnson, of Fen Drayton. Some games had been arranged for the evening, but unfortunately a heavy shower of rain stopped them. Messrs. C. Dean and U. Thixton were in charge of the gate. Mr. F. W. Pontefract, who rendered valuable assistance in the work of preparation, was unable to be present at the fete, but sent a donation. A noticeable feature of the grounds was the splendid display of roses around the lawn.

A RAILWAY FAMILY. 22nd June 1934

A native of Swavesey, where his father was stationmaster for thirty-three years, Mr. Stanley W. Perry took charge of Guyhirn station last week. He has many friends in Cambridgeshire, and during his railway career, which commenced at the age of fifteen with an appointment as clerk, has spent happy years at Wimblington, Longstanton, Foxton, Six-Mile-Bottom, Godmanchester, March and Sutton. A member of the Essex Yeomanry, he served for 18 months in France. At Gezacourt his horse was shot from under him and he was wounded. After the war he returned to the railway, and for the last 12 months has been stationmaster in charge of the Six-Mile-Bottom station. Mr. Perry is a member of a family that has been very prominently connected with the railway. At one time his grandfather and two uncles were all stationmasters on the Great Eastern section of the L.N.E.R. His father was a gate-lad at the age of eight, and stationmaster at 21.

BRIDGE AT OVERCOTE? 22nd June 1934

From time to time the question of opening up another link between the Isle of Ely and Cambridgeshire by making up the soft roads between Willingham and Aldreth and replacing the iron bridge across the Old West by a modern structure, has been under consideration. Recently attention was again

focussed on the matter when the Isle of Ely County Council approached the Cambs. County authority to ascertain their views as to the possibility of bringing such a scheme into operation. The question has yet to be considered by the Cambs. Roads and Bridges Committee, whose report will, no doubt, be before the County Council at its next meeting.

In the meantime another project which is being freely discussed is the necessity for connecting up the counties of Huntingdon and Cambridgeshire by the construction of a bridge across the river at Overcote, and it would seem to me that in considering the Aldreth scheme the County Committee would be well advised to have in mind the possibility of being asked to move in this other matter, at no distant date. I realise that one is not an alternative to the other, but of the most important there is no doubt. On either side of the river at Overcote we have a hard metalled road. Over the river there was at one time a privately owned draw bridge. I do not know whether this is still in use, but the last time I was down there it had been drawn on to the side, and the only means of getting across the river was in a punt. Of the convenience of a bridge at Overcote there can be no two opinions, and of its needs little doubt. A direct communication between the villages on this side of the river with St. Ives and its important market would be opened up, and the long journey round by Fenstanton or Earith obviated. Apart from this it would be good financial business for at present the Swavesey-Over road is unclassified; with a bridge at Overcote it would almost certainly qualify for a grant from the Ministry.

ADVERT. 29th June 1934

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B.W.T.A. 29th June 1934

The Little White Ribboners' annual tea took place in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week. It was to have been held on the Manor lawn, by kind permission of Mrs. Norman, but owing to the weather the arrangements had to be altered. Between 50 and 60 mothers and children sat down to tea, which was provided by members of the committee, and in the evening some of the little ones entertained with recitations and games were played, a very happy time being spent. On Wednesday, 22 members of the Swavesey Branch of the B.W.T.A. went by charabanc to the garden party at Cambridge, held in Emmanuel College grounds.

UNTIDY STREETS. 29th June 1934

A correspondent writes: Can anything be done to induce customers of the travelling fish merchants who visit the village to refrain from littering the streets with the greasy paper in which their fish and chips have been wrapped? This is especially noticeable on Sundays after the motor-propelled cookshop has visited the village on the previous night, and it must be disheartening for the roadmen who have left the streets clean and tidy for the week-end. Other contributors to the general untidiness are those people who throw down wrappers of cigarettes, biscuits and sweets, fragments of orange peel, empty match-boxes, etc. Perhaps the Women's Institute will kindly take the matter in hand?

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 29th June 1934

Sunday School anniversary services were held on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church, Mr. Oliver, of All Nation's College, being the special preacher for the day. The Pastor presided at the children's service in the afternoon, when an address was given by Mr. Oliver, and several of the scholars recited. Mr. Parsons (examinations secretary for Cambs.) presented certificates to the successful candidates in the recent Sunday School Union Scripture examination. He also presented a special prize of a beautifully bound Bible to Roy Godfrey "for courage and perseverance under difficult circumstances." Mr. Canham presided at the organ throughout the day. Over 120 eggs have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital as the result of the children's collection.

CHILDREN'S PARTY. 29th June 1934

Through the kindness of the President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, the children of the members of the Women's Institute had a very enjoyable party on Tuesday afternoon. Assisted by members of the committee, Mrs. Hepher received about 50 children in her garden, and they sat down to a sumptuous tea with strawberries and cream. Afterwards games and sports on the lawn gave all the youngsters a happy time; parents and friends who came to look on also joined in some of the races. Hearty cheers for the hostesses were given at the conclusion of the evening. The winners of prizes were: Mesdames E. Mitham, Marriott, Coulson, Crouch and Miss Banks (ladies' races), and the following children: J. Smith, L. and M. Key, N. and A. Lee, M. and R. Shepperson, J. and S. Hepher, C. and J. Walker, E. and B. Whybrow, A. Walker, N. Canham, H. and R. Oakman, J. Budge, J. Prior, K. Carrier, O. Nightingale.

SCHOOL TREAT. 6th July 1934

Bethel Sunday School annual treat took place on June 28th. About 80 children and friends sat down to tea in the schoolroom, after which swings, games and

rides were enjoyed in Mr. A. Day's field. The little ones were charmed with rides on the pony which puts in its appearance upon treat evenings, and enters into the spirit of the game.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GARDEN PARTY. 6th July 1934

In spite of threatening weather, there was a good attendance at the garden party held at the Priory on Thursday afternoon in last week, and fortunately no rain fell during the time. Tea was served in the drive near the house, and afterwards games and competitions took place on the lawn, and many of the visitors enjoyed a walk round the gardens. An excellent concert was given at 6 o'clock, the performers being Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. W. Hind, Miss L. Hephher, Miss Yvonne Lee, and Misses Mabel and Elsie Godfrey. The last three took part in an amusing sketch, entitled "Katie's Way." At 7.30 there was a whist drive, and this was arranged in the greenhouse, as the weather was unsettled. Refreshments were served in the interval. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C. at the whist drive, and Miss Cole as gatekeeper. The stallholders were: Jumble, Mrs. R. and Mrs. S. Hephher, and Mrs. Smith, gifts, Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Peppercorn. Competitions were under the charge of the following: Clock golf (won by Mr. C. S. Hephher), Miss G. Froment; ringing stakes (won by Mrs. G. Froment), Miss K. Banks; harpooning corks (won by Miss L. Hephher), Mrs. W. J. Hephher. A mystery parcel was won by Miss Cole, and Mrs. Whitehead guessed the weight of a tea (given by Mrs. W. Hind). Refreshments were in the charge of Mrs. Lee, assisted by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Harry Wells, and Mrs. E. J. Mitham. The winners at the whist drive were: Ladies, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Whitehead; gentlemen, Mr. W. J. Hephher, Mrs. W. Hind (playing as gentleman); carrying prize, Miss K. Banks. At the conclusion, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who presented the prizes, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Banks for the use of their garden. The proceeds amounted to £6 14s. 7½d.

SWAVESEY FARMER'S DEATH. 13th July 1934

Sudden Passing of Mr. Ezra Day.

While hurrying after some cattle on the Swavesey-Longstanton road about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, Mr. Ezra Day, farmer, of the Dairy Farm, Swavesey, collapsed opposite the cottages near Soldier's Drove. He was seen by Mr. Ernest Dodson, the occupier of one of the cottages and members of his family, who rendered what assistance they could. Dr. Hart was sent for, but on his arrival within a few minutes Mr. Day had passed away.

Mr. Day, who had been in indifferent health for some time, succumbed to an attack of angina pectoris.

He was the second surviving son of the late Mr. George Day, and was born 63 years ago at Swavesey. As a young man he farmed at Fen Drayton, removing to Addington, Northants, where he remained until he returned to Swavesey some years ago. At Addington he took an active part in local affairs, and was a member, and for some time chairman, of the Rural District Council.

In addition to his widow, a daughter of Mr. W. H. Key, of Swavesey, Mr. Day leaves one son and two daughters.

THE FUNERAL.

There was a large attendance of villagers and old friends at the funeral, which took place at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated.

The mourners were: Mrs. E. Day (widow), Mr. Leonard Day (son), Mr. and Mrs. E. Kitchin (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Betty Day (daughter), Mr. W. H. Key (father-in-law), Mr. Alfred Day, sen., Mr. and Mrs. J. Day (brothers and sisters-in-law), Miss Bessie Day, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Day, jun., Mr. Cyril Day, Mr. George Day, Mr. Alfred Hawkes (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. J. Hawkes (sisters-in-law). Mrs. A. Day, sen. (sister-in-law) and Miss Emma Day (sister) were unable to attend owing to ill-health.

There were a large number attending from the village.

ROBIN HOOD'S RETURN. 13th July 1934

School Children in Romantic Play.

A play by the school children was a pleasing feature of Swavesey Church fete, held yesterday afternoon and evening at the Vicarage. This year the play was "Robin Hood and Maid Marian," and it was charmingly performed by the young actors and actresses.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Lewis Walker, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) presiding, supported by members of the Church Council.

In the course of her remarks Mrs. Walker alluded to the installation of electric light in the church, for which object the fete was being held. Some of the folks might ask, she said, why they should change to electric lighting. But they were living in modern times, and electricity would be very helpful in the winter months. She mentioned that over £200 was required, of which over £100 had already been raised, and she urged everyone to help the cause in every way possible. Many had obviously spent weeks of preparation for the fete, but she hoped they would all empty their pockets and purses before going home.

Mr. Harry Wells (people's warden) moved, and Mr. W. J. Hephher (vicar's warden) seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Walker, after she had been presented with a bouquet.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Visitors to the fete found a wealth of attractions to entertain them, in the shape of sidestalls and competitions, sports for adults and children, and dancing. The Somersham Town Band provided popular selections of music in the afternoon and also played for the dancing in the evening. The sports attracted good entries, as did a paper hat competition.

Undoubtedly the most ambitious event in the fete was the short play, admirably presented by the school children, under the guidance of Mr. C. Wood (headmaster) and Miss Gertrude Thoday, the latter also acting as accompanist. The evergreen favourites, Robin Hood and Maid Marion, delighted the audience. Those taking part were: Alan Lee (Robin Hood), Jean Wood (Maid Marian), Percy Wright, Henry Oakman, Eric Wood, Cyril Wagstaffe and Ernest Whybrow (the Merry Men), Ralph Wilderspin, Mary Shepperson, Stella Froment, D. Spolton, F. Hodson, C. Prime, J. Swainston, S. Carrier, J. Smith, G. Swainston, Mr. Rooke, M. Key, Marion, Marjory and Margaret Wood, Mary Mitham, Freda Pilgrim, Donald Froment, Lennie Key and Joan Prior.

THE HELPERS.

The stall and competition holders were as follows: Refreshments, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mesdames Berryman, J. T. Daintree, Hodson, R. Mitham, jun., the Misses Lee, Gaunt, Wagstaff, Ivy Hodson, Peggy Williams, M. Fox; china, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mrs. F. J. Mitham; sweets, Misses K. Banks and B. Day; work, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Burling, Mrs. D. Dean, Mrs. Levell, and Miss R. Thorp; handkerchiefs, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; S.S. stall, Miss P. Willson; cigarettes, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; produce, Mrs. T. Froment; soap, Mrs. Melbourne; gifts, Misses Daisley and Froment; horse race, Mrs. Whitehead; ringing stakes, Mrs. Prior; Aunt Sally, Mr. B. Hodson; obstacle race, Mrs. Skeeles; flowers, Mrs. Hind; floating corks, the Misses Lee; bottle of sweets, the Misses Wilderspin and Culpin; dinner, Mrs. Whitehead; cake, Miss Wilderspin; bran tub, the Misses Mitham.

The fete was arranged by the Church Council, of which Mrs. Banks is the energetic secretary.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES. 13th July 1934

On Friday last Mr. and Mrs. David Moore (Uncle David and Aunt Flossie) visited the Recreation Ground with an exhibition of beautiful pictures. A happy crowd of boys and girls, and some older people, listened to an

interesting talk by Mr. Moore, who after speaking of the pictures in detail, dealt with the value of milk, compared with intoxicating drinks.

WOMEN CONSERVATIVES. 13th July 1934

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of the Women's Conservative Association was held at the Priory on Wednesday. The President, Mrs. Banks, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Banks; treasurer, Mrs. Cain; joint secretaries, Misses Beaumont and Paine; committee, Mesdames W. Thorp, B. Prior, Pettitt, E. J. Mitham, Berryman and Hind. It was agreed to send a donation of £1 towards the Gogs fete, and that a garden meeting should be held during the first week in September.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th July 1934

There was quite a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, considering the many activities in the village. The President, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, was in the chair. Mrs. Lee gave a short report of the recent Group Committee meeting that she had attended. By far the most interesting feature of the evening was a talk by Mrs. Newport Willson on her cruise to South Africa, enhanced by the showing of photos of many interesting places and people she had visited. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Willson, on the proposition of Mrs. Canham. A competition for the best dyed article was won by Mrs. Laverack with a bed-quilt originally white, dyed deep pink at the small cost of 4d. During the social half-hour there was a recital of gramophone records lent by members. Mrs. Lee and other hostesses served excellent refreshments, which were much enjoyed. The President was heartily congratulated on her success at the Cambridge Horticultural Show last week, when she gained 95 per cent points of her exhibit of roses in the W.I. section and was placed first.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 20th July 1934

The district nurse is now living in rooms at Mr. Jabez Day's house in Wallman's-lane, Swavesey.

SCHOOL GIRL CRICKETERS. 20th July 1934

Two cricket matches have been played at Fen Drayton between teams of Swavesey and Fen Drayton school girls, in both of which the Swavesey girls were the victors. In the first, played on July 11th, the scores were: Swavesey 76 (Sylvia Carter 15), Fen Drayton 45, and in the return game, which took place on Monday, Swavesey scored 61 (K. Jacklin) 13 and Fen Drayton 51. In

the first match Kate Carrier took six wickets for Swavesey, and in the second, Annie Northill five wickets.

THE CHURCH GARDEN FETE. 20th July 1934

The following were the prize-winners in competitions etc., at the fete held in the Vicarage grounds, a report of which appeared in these columns last week, the names of those in charge being given in brackets: Destination of dolls (Mrs. Harry Wells), Mr. D. Dickson, Miss S. Froment; paper hat making (Misses Page and Willson), Mrs. P. Banks and Mr. J. Mitham; trail of pennies (Mr. H. Prime), Mr. Berryman; flower names (Mrs. W. Hind), Mrs. Bert Walker; number of stamps (Mrs. Burleigh), Miss J. Willson; weight of dinner (Mrs. Whitehead), Mr. A. Hephew; ringing stakes (Mrs. E. Prior), Mr. J. Smith; weight of cake (Misses Wilderspin and Duce), Mrs. H. Nunn; floating corks (Misses V. and J. Lee), Mr. R. Ansell; obstacles (Mrs. Skeeles), Mr. E. Mitham, Miss L. Mitham, Miss A. Northill; mystery parcel (Miss Daisley), Mr. H. Prime; number of sweets in bottle (Misses P. and R. Wilderspin and B. Culpin), "B.B." of the Somersham Band. Mr. Whitehead superintended the Punch and Judy race, and Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Miss Phyllis Willson arranged the egg and spoon and chariot races. The winners of the egg and spoon races were: Children, Leonora Key and Sylvia Carter; ladies – Miss Gladys Wright and Miss Olive Prior; and of the chariot race – Mrs. P. Banks, Miss Willson and Mr. J. Mitham. Darts and Aunt Sally also brought substantial grist to the mill, the former being under the charge of Mr. D. Williams, assisted by Mr. G. Skelton, and the latter of Mr. B. Hodson. The beautifully decorated cake kindly given by Mrs. W. Thorp, was won by Mr. Williamson, and the dinner (consisting of shoulder of lamb, peas and potatoes, tomatoes, peaches and custard, cheese and biscuits) by Mrs. Whitehead. The bouquet was presented to Mrs. Lewis Walker by Miss Joan Mitham. The net proceeds of the fete amounted to £47 13s.

FUNERAL. 27th July 1934

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Wilderspin, wife of Mr. Jesse Wilderspin, of Broome, near Bedford, whose death occurred at the age of 76 years, took place at Swavesey cemetery on July 19th. The immediate mourners were Mr. Jesse Wilderspin (husband), Miss M. Wilderspin (grand-daughter), Mr. Alfred Day, sen., Miss Bessie Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Day, Mr. George Day (cousins).

SCHOOL TREAT. 27th July 1934

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School were given their annual summer treat on Wednesday. After a short service in church full

justice was done to an excellent tea in the Vicarage grounds, and later a happy time was spent with games, races, etc. There was also a cricket match between teams of boys captained respectively by Mr. W. J. Hephher (churchwarden) and Mr. H. W. Whitehead (vice-chairman of the Church Council). A long and well-varied programme of races had been arranged, but unfortunately owing to lack of space this week it is impossible to give the results. The prizes, including consolation prizes for non-winners, were distributed by Mrs. Dickson for whom and the Vicar hearty cheers were given, after which the National Anthem was sung. On leaving every child was given sweets and cake.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th July 1934

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham jnr., and P. Parish, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Arising out of a reference in the minutes of the previous meeting to the collection of unburnable rubbish, Mr. Cole proposed that a letter be sent from the Council to Mr. A. L. Parish thanking him for allowing the rubbish until the last collection to be dumped in ponds on his land. Mr. P. Parish seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. The Clerk made the welcome announcement that the last instalment of the loan on the Memorial Hall had been paid to the Public Works Loan Board, whereupon the Chairman moved, and Mr. Cole seconded, a vote of thanks to the committee and all others whose efforts had resulted in the Hall not becoming a burden on the rates. This was also carried unanimously, and Mr. Godfrey replied on behalf of the Committee. It was decided to call the attention of the County Surveyor to the condition of the back of the Market-street pond where the road is breaking away and is a public danger. Before the meeting concluded a discussion took place respecting the future management and control of the Hall, and eventually Mr. Burton and Mr. Godfrey were deputed to make certain inquiries in the matter and report to the next meeting of the Council.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 3rd Aug. 1934

The junior members of the Girls' Life Brigade, under the supervision of Lieut. Norman and Corpl. Lee, spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening picnicking by the river on Tuesday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. 3rd Aug. 1934

Among the excerpts from our old files which appear on Page 6 will be found reference to sports at Swavesey 50 years ago in aid of the uniform fund of the village band. Familiar names appear among the winners.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 3rd Aug. 1934

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The accounts for last year, which showed a balance in hand, were presented and passed, and officers for the coming season were elected as follows: President, Mr. F. J. Mustill; vice-presidents, Revs. C. C. Dickson, A. Beaumont and A. Tilling, Messrs. P. H. Lee, G. E. Canham, F. W. Pontefract, W. Hind, W. Crouch, R. Barwell, P. C. Shanks, C. Hephher, Westbrooke, C. Walker, A. E. W. Melbourne, C. Burleigh, H. Topham, L. Day, H. Blinkhorn, E. J. Warboys, sen., and C. Hard (subject to their consent); captain, 1st XI, Mr. F. Coulson; vice-captain, Mr. S. Godfrey; captain, 2nd XI, Mr. G. Brooks; vice-captain, Mr. G. Prior; chairman, Mr. L. Day; hon. sec., Mr. S. J. Wright; treasurer, Mr. A. E. W. Melbourne; general committee, both captains and vice-captains, secretary, treasurer, Messrs. D. Canham, V. Unwin, A. Turner, J. Mitham, H. Bishop, L. Day and E. Prior; selection committee, captain and vice-captain, secretary, treasurer, Messrs. H. Unwin and A. Turner. It was decided to enter the 1st XI in the Cambs. League and Minor Cup, and the 2nd XI in the Histon and District League.

EXCURSIONS. 10th Aug. 1934

Fifty-six passengers booked from Swavesey Station by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to Skegness on Sunday, and 35 by the full-day trip to Hunstanton on Monday.

PARISH CHURCH 10th Aug. 1934

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the services of the parish church last Sunday were conducted by the Rev. P. M. Wathen, of Cambridge. He will also officiate next Sunday.

SWAVESEY SHOW AND SPORTS. 10th Aug. 1934

Drought Has Its Effect.

STRONG RACE PROGRAMME.

Although from a horticultural standpoint Swavesey show and sports yesterday failed to reach the usual high level, an excellent sports meeting had been arranged, and the many visitors to the Manor Field found plenty to interest and

thrill them. The weather, fortunately, proved kind, though the cyclists racing found that the strong wind made hard work on part of the circuit.

The show was arranged with the usual thoroughness, and the three judges in the horticultural classes, Messrs. C. V. Cramp, G. Hart and Unwin, completed their selections with such celerity that by the time the gates were opened all the exhibits had the awards marked. As a result the congestion in the tent was very greatly relieved.

As has been stated many times this year with other shows, the prolonged drought was sadly reflected in the number and quality of the entries, and in all classes it was decided to limit the prizes to two. Carrots were the only outstanding class, where, surprisingly enough, some remarkably fine, clean specimens were to be seen. Beet and onions were fairly good, while the same might be said of the floral classes, although there was an exceptionally fine single geranium shown.

FRUIT CLASSES.

Dessert apples were poor, but cooking varieties were of a reasonable size, and quite good quantity. Plums, too, were shown in good numbers, but were also very much on the small side. Raspberries, in common with only too many other classes, were only shown by one exhibitor.

The popular wife of the President, Mrs. R. C. Cole, again presented her cup for the exhibitor securing the most points, while Mr. Cole, of course, lent the society his invaluable assistance. Mr. Prime Godfrey (hon. secretary) ably undertook charge of the organisation of the show, and was well backed up by the following other officials: Mr. H. W. Whitehead (chairman), Mr. P. J. Watts (vice-chairman), Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher (hon. joint treasurers), Mr. Andrew Carter (sports secretary) and a large number of members of the committee.

Apart from the exhibits and the lengthy sports programme, there was the music provided through an amplifier all the afternoon and an open-air dance was held on the ground in the evening.

Full list of prize-winners in the newspaper.

THE SPORTS.

The sports provided one of the main features of the day's proceedings. Large numbers of entries were received, making it necessary to run preliminary heats in almost all the events.

The cycling races were responsible for a few thrills, and some good races were witnessed. Both C. W. Horn, the Eastern Counties' champion, and R. M. McMeekin, the Suffolk champion, were riding.

The holder of the mile Town and County championship was unable to defend his title, as he was injured in an accident in the morning. The race went to L. B. Carter.

The President, Mr. R. C. Cole, before presenting the prizes, thanked the officers for the able way in which they had arranged the sports. Great thanks were due to the officers of the society, and especially to the hon. secretary, Mr. Prime Godfrey, and to Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mr. A. Carter, the joint hon. treasurers.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Cole was proposed by Mr. P. J. Watts.

Full list of results in the newspaper.

DANCE. 17th Aug. 1934

The Memorial Hall was crowded on Thursday evening in last week for the dance which followed the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society's Show and Sports, no fewer than 196 people paying for admission. An excellent programme of dance music was provided by Hal Kemp's Band, from Cambridge. Messrs. H. W. Whitehead and R. Hendry were in charge of the door.

A STREET IMPROVEMENT. 17th Aug. 1934

The work of continuing the kerbing of the footpath from High-street to the corner of School-lane has been completed this week. This much-needed improvement will render the corner less dangerous as hitherto motor vehicles turning into or out of School-lane have frequently run over the ill-defined footpath, almost shaving the iron fence of the School playground, and on more than one occasion children have narrowly escaped serious injury if not worse.

PICKLES AND PRESERVES. 17th Aug. 1934

There was a good attendance of members at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday for the August meeting of the Women's Institute. After routine business had been transacted, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) introduced Mrs. Humphrey, who gave an instructive talk on "Pickles and Preserves," exhibiting various samples of her own make. Members showed great interest and many questions were asked. Mrs. Shepperson proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Humphrey, who also kindly judged the competition – best plate of six scones – awarding the prize to Mrs. Lee. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rooke, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shepperson and Miss Savage, after which an enjoyable game of "family coach up-to-date" was played. Mrs. Hind kindly played for country dancing, which concluded a very jolly evening.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE. 24th Aug. 1934

A large congregation gathered last Sunday evening at Bethel Baptist Church, when the ordinance of believer's baptism by immersion was administered. The service was conducted by the Pastor (Rev. A. Tilling), who took for his text St. Matthew iii., 16, and spoke on the Baptism of our Lord. At the close of the service the candidate was immersed in the water, while the congregation reverently stood. The service concluded with the Doxology.

HEDGE ON FIRE. 31st Aug. 1934

Shortly before 10.30 a.m. on Sunday the hedge at the end of Mrs. Beaumont's orchard, adjoining the Recreation Ground, was found to be well alight, but the fire was soon extinguished owing to the prompt action of Messrs. Bert Walker, Brickwood and E. H. Peters, who tackled the outbreak, splendidly assisted by Miss Beaumont, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Brickwood and Mrs. Northill, who kept the men well supplied with buckets of water. The fire originated at the end of the hedge abutting the Recreation Ground, but how is not at present known.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Aug. 1934

The Rev. Arthur Beaumont, curate of Polesworth, Warwick, officiated at Mattins and evensong at the parish church last Sunday, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) reading the Lessons. Instead of a sermon, the Vicar in the evening gave an interesting talk on the fabric of the church, in course of which he explained the symbolic meaning and uses of the various parts of the building. As the Vicar is now taking the rest of his holiday, the services next Sunday will be conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rees, of Cambridge, and on Sunday, Sept. 9th, by the Rev. R. Copeman, also of Cambridge.

MR. EZRA DAY, OF SWAVESEY. 7th Sept. 1934

Mr. Ezra Day, of Dairy Farm, Swavesey, Cambs., formerly of Little Addington, Northampton, who died on July 8th last, left gross estate to the value of £3,109 8s., with net personalty £651 4s. 11d.

Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Day, widow relict, and Mr. Alfred Day, farmer (nephew), both of Swavesey, are the executors.

FRUIT-PICKERS FALL. 7th Sept. 1934

Mrs. Alice Loades, of Green Man Cottages, Swavesey, was detained in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Tuesday evening, after being thrown from her bicycle.

No other vehicle was involved in the accident, which occurred at Girton-hill, on the Huntingdon-road. It is understood that Mrs. Loades, who had been

fruit-picking in Chivers' orchards, applied the brakes of her bicycle while travelling down hill, and the jerk threw her to the ground.

She was removed to hospital, suffering with abrasions to the face and with shock, but on Wednesday she was stated to be in a satisfactory condition.

THE INSTITUTE. 7th Sept. 1934

After being closed, as usual, during the summer, the Village Institute, which is housed at the Memorial Hall, was re-opened on Saturday. The Institute is part of the Swavesey war memorial, for the resolution carried unanimously at the meeting at which the memorial was initiated expressly stated that it should take the form of a village hall and institute.

MARRIAGE OF MR. FRANK ALDRED. 7th Sept. 1934

The marriage of Mr. Frank H. R. Aldred, only son of Mrs. Aldred and the late Mr. H. S. Aldred, of Swavesey, and Miss Dorothy F. Richart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richart, of Ponders End, Enfield, took place at Enfield Baptist Church at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the Rev. J. Marshall Swailes being the officiating minister. The bride was given away by her father, and her brother, Mr. S. J. Richart, acted as best man. Immediately after the ceremony the newly-married couple left for Scotland, where they are spending their honeymoon.

ACCIDENT. 7th Sept. 1934

Mr. Frederick G. Martin, who for some years has been in the employ of Mr. W. F. Gleaves, fruit agent, met with an unfortunate accident when loading up plums in Swavesey station yard on Tuesday afternoon. In order to prevent a collision through his horse backing into another van, he jumped from his lorry and fell with his leg under him. He was conveyed home in Mr. E. J. Warboy's motor car, and Dr. Hart, who had been phoned for, was quickly in attendance. He put the injured limb into splints, and ordered Mr. Martin to Addenbrooke's Hospital for X-ray examination. It was then found that a small bone near the ankle had been fractured.

CONSERVATIVE GARDEN MEETING. 7th Sept. 1934

By the kind permission of Mrs. Banks a garden meeting organised by the committee of the Swavesey Women's Conservative Association, was held at the Priory on Wednesday afternoon. After tea Lady Stanley gave an address on political questions of the day, for which, on the proposition of Mrs. Cain (chairman of the Association) she was accorded a vote of thanks. Miss Sperling (county organising secretary) also spoke and thanked Mrs. Banks for

having the meeting in her beautiful garden. Mrs. Banks, in replying, said she was pleased to see so many present. Games and competitions were then enjoyed, the following being the prizewinners: Obstacle, Mrs. Burleigh and Miss Banks; floating corks, Mrs. Cecil Dear and Miss Wilderspin; clock golf, Mrs. Walter Thorp and Miss Jacobs; ping-pong balls in bucket, Mrs. H. Wells and Mrs. Berryman.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 14th Sept. 1934

The pastor being on holiday, the services at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday were conducted by Dr. B. F. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge, who preached two powerful sermons. Next Sunday Mr. O. Smith, of Cambridge, is to conduct the services and will be assisted in the evening by members of Zion Church.

FOR THE BLIND. 21st Sept. 1934

A "house to house" collection in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, was made in the village during last week. As a result, Mrs. Banks, the organiser, has sent a cheque for £2 12s. to the Institute. The collectors were Mrs. C. Hepher, Misses Banks, Burleigh (2), Lee (2), Mitham, Wilderspin, J. Willson and Whitehead.

ACCIDENT TO FOOTBALLER. 21st Sept. 1934

Mr. Sidney Wright, jun., who is goalkeeper for Swavesey first eleven, sustained an injury to his stomach while playing against Wilburton on Saturday. He continued to play, and attended the Football Club social in the evening, in his capacity as secretary, but had to return home, and on Dr. Hart's orders was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained. Mr. A. E. Melbourne is undertaking the duties of hon. secretary for the time being.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 21st Sept. 1934

The social and dance arranged by the Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in spite of the thundery weather was well attended. A very nicely decorated iced cake, given by Mr. and Mrs. Feakin, of the Rising Sun, for a weight guessing competition, was won by Mr. D. Nightingale, after a cut with Mrs. G. Oakman. Mr. Fortesque and Miss E. Ginn won the prizes for the statue dance, and a musical parcel competition was won by Mr Eric Parish. Mr. L. Day officiated as M.C. Messrs. G. Brooks and G. Prior were doorkeepers, and greatly appreciated assistance to the committee was given by Miss G. Wright and Mrs. Carter in serving refreshments.

WEDDING. 21st Sept. 1934

The marriage of Miss Winifred Stella Parish, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parish, of Swavesey, and Mr. Albert George Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, of Beckenham, Kent, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated, and Mr. G. H. Skeeles presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in beige satin, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of yellow roses. She was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Vida Parish, who wore a dress of turquoise satin, with hat to match. Mr. Norman Roberts (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Thorp's Farm, Swavesey, and later Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Roberts left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Wales. The presents were numerous and useful.

DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK. 21st Sept. 1934

There was a good attendance of members at the September meeting of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Hepher (president) took the chair. Among other business, arrangements were made for the coming group meeting, delegates chosen for the programme conference at Cambridge, and a course of horticultural lectures in Novembers decided upon. Mrs. Parker, of Cambridge, then gave an instructive talk on "Needlework that is worth while," showing many beautiful specimens of useful and decorative stitchery. Mrs. Hind proposed a vote of thanks to her, which was heartily accorded. A competition for a lunch cake, the prize for which was given by Messrs. Borwick's, of baking powder fame, was won by Mrs. E. J. Mitham, consolation prizes being awarded to Mrs. Lee and Mrs. H. Prime. Mr. Freestone kindly acted as judge. There was also an exhibition of jams and preserves made by members, and the quarterly stall did a good trade. The rest of the evening was occupied by a round table conference on suggestions for next year's programme. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. W. Thorp, Miss E. Thorp and Miss Willson.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 28th Sept. 1934

The harvest festival services were held on Sept. 20th. About 40 gathered for tea, and a large company attended the service which followed. The special preacher was the Rev. G. W. Byrt, of Arbury-road Church, Cambridge. Basing his address on Proverbs xvii, 22, he gave an inspiring and helpful message, which was much appreciated by all. The services were continued on Sunday last, when the Pastor was the preacher. The church was well decorated for the occasion, and the gifts have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

BARNARDO DAY. 5th Oct. 1934

The annual collection in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, which was recently made in Swavesey by Misses Ann Shepperson, Joan Mitham and Greta Swainston, resulted in £2 being raised.

THE CHALLENGE TO YOUTH. 5th Oct. 1934

The opening meeting of the winter session of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday, when the speaker was the Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, who took for his subject "The Challenge to Youth." Next week the meeting will be addressed by the Rev. O. C. Austin, of Cottenham.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 5th Oct. 1934

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received from the churchwardens of Over the sum of £3 4s. 3d., part of the offertories at the parish church harvest thanksgiving services, and £5 5s., the annual grant from the trustees of the Over Town Lands. The holiday nurse will be at Mrs. H. Prime's house in High-street, Swavesey, from the 8th to the 22nd October.

HOCKEY CLUB. 5th Oct. 1934

The annual meeting of the Hockey Club, held at Mordaunt House last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, Miss D. Williamson; hon. treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; hon. secretary, Miss B. Day. A vote of thanks was accorded Miss E. Parish for her work during last season as captain. It was decided that play should commence on October 6th. New members will be welcomed. They should send their names to the Secretary at Mordaunt House.

CRICKET CLUB. 5th Oct. 1934

In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance at the Cricket Club social, held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C.'s during the evening, songs were sung by Mrs. Hephher and Mrs. H. Bishop, and there were competitions, the prizes for which were won as follows: Guessing the weight, Mr. D. Canham; spot dance, Mr. W. Holmes and Miss H. Savage; statue dance, Mr. J. Kester and Miss J. Turner. Dance music was provided by Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals. Mrs. Turner and Misses Doris, Elsie and Mabel Godfrey catered for the refreshments. The club will hold another social on November 3rd.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 12th Oct. 1934

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when a much-appreciated address was given by the Rev. O. C. Austin, of Cottenham. Mr. G. E. Canham also gave an effective rendering of a solo. Mr. A. Westrop, of Willingham, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 12th Oct. 1934

There was an excellent attendance on Wednesday week at the first meeting of the Women's Bright Hour, a new departure at Bethel Baptist Church. The address was given by the Pastor (Rev. A. Tilling). The second meeting was held this week, the address being given by Miss M. Easter. The speaker next Wednesday afternoon will be Mrs. David Moore, of Histon.

SCHOOLBOYS' FOOTBALL. 12th Oct. 1934

Swavesey boys entertained Over boys at Swavesey on Friday afternoon. Over won the toss and played with the assistance of sun and wind. They were quickly attacking and soon scored. At half-time the score stood 2 – 0 in favour of Over. On crossing over Swavesey soon were on terms with goals by D. Spolton and Brickwood, and at the close of play won by four goals to two. The goal scorers for Swavesey were Spolton (2), Peters and Brickwood (penalty). K. Whybrow and D. Mustill scored for Over.

THE INSTITUTE. 12th Oct. 1934

There was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Village Institute, which was held in the Billiards Room on Friday evening. The balance sheet for last year was adopted and the retiring officers and general committee were unanimously re-elected. After some discussion it was decided to run two teams in the Billiards League, with Mr. Coles as captain of the first team. It was announced that the Bignell Cup for the handicap had been won by Mr. A. E. W. Melbourn, Mr. T. Johnson, of Fen Drayton, being the runner-up.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Oct. 1934

An interesting talk on Potato Cultivation was given by Mr. Cramp (County Horticultural Adviser) at the commencement of the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening. This was open to non-members, but very few availed themselves of the opportunity. Afterwards Miss Metcalfe, of Cambridge, demonstrated the making of paper flowers, beautiful roses, poppies, etc., blossoming at her touch. Miss Metcalfe also judged the

competition for the best bunch of autumn leaves and berries, for which there were a large number of entries, awarding the prize to Mrs. Banks. Mrs. Hind gave an interesting report of the Autumn Council meeting, which she had attended as delegate. After refreshments, the social half-hour was passed in games and competitions, the winners of prizes being Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Mrs. Peppercorn. Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. B. Walker and Mrs. Whybrow were the hostesses, and Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Laverack were in charge of the social half-hour. Thirty-nine members were present.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 19th Oct. 1934

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an interesting address was given by Pastor Sharp, of Willingham. Mr. Cyril Day will be the speaker next week.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 19th Oct. 1934

The Treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received two very welcome donations, viz., £1 from the Treasurer of the Great Gransden Charity Cup, being the Swavesey Football Club's share of last season's competition, and £2 7s. 6d. from Over Women's Institute, half proceeds of a whist drive.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 19th Oct. 1934

The newly-formed Women's Bright Hour, held at Bethel Chapel, had a very good session on Wednesday, when Mrs. David Moore gave an address on the importance of sex education and the hygiene of sex, and the necessity for proper and sensible guidance of adolescent boys and girls. Mrs. Savage presided, the Rev. A. Tilling offered prayer, and Mr. David Moore displayed an excellent set of Russian dolls in varied peasant costume. In the evening a display of Russian and other films was given, concluding with a Sims Woodhead Memorial film, "A Day in the Life of an Infant School," which featured the excellent work done by the day school teachers for the future men and women.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th Oct. 1934

The harvest festival at the parish church commenced on Thursday week with a celebration of holy communion at 6 a.m. A large congregation attended evensong at 7 p.m., when the music included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Clare) and Barnby's anthem, "O, Lord, how manifold are Thy works." The Rev. J. F. Medley, vicar of St. Mark's, Cambridge, was the special preacher. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, the services were as follows:

Holy Communion 6.45 a.m. (sung) and 11.45 a.m., Mattins, 10.30 a.m., children's gift service 3 p.m., and evensong with sermon by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m., when Thursday's music was repeated. The church was beautifully decorated with the parishioners' thank offerings of corn, flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were subsequently sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The children's gifts of fruit, vegetables, books, toys, etc., have been forwarded to the Harvey Goodwin Home, Cambridge, the flowers going to the hospital. The collections on Thursday and Sunday morning and afternoon have been devoted to the Day School, and that on Sunday evening to church expenses.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th Oct. 1934

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish. Arising out of the minutes of the July meeting, the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) read a letter from the County Surveyor stating that there was no immediate danger of the edge of the road by Market-street pond crumbling away, but it would be kept under observation. The Council therefore decided to take no further action in the matter for the present. The Clerk reported that, as instructed by the Council, he had an interview with Messrs. G. D. Day and Sons, solicitors, of St. Ives, respecting the future management of the Memorial Hall. He had since received the following letter from Messrs. Day: "A Parish Council, like other local authorities, must do some of its work by committee, and there is no reason at all why a Parish Hall Committee should not be appointed by the Council to manage the affairs of the Hall. We think it would be as well that they should be appointed 'with power to act in all ordinary matters connected with the management of the Hall.' The effect of such an appointment would not be to delegate the Parish Council's powers to the committee, as there is no statutory or other power for the Parish Council to delegate its powers, but the committee so appointed would have to keep and enter minutes of its proceedings, and at each meeting of the Council produce its minute book and the Council, by giving the committee power to act, will have undertaken to confirm the actions of the committee, and a resolution at each meeting of the Council, so confirming the committee's proceedings should be passed. The proceedings of the committee would not bind the Council until so confirmed." After some discussion, Mr. Burton proposed that a committee be appointed to manage the Hall subject to the conditions laid down in Mr. Day's letter of 10th October. This was seconded by Mr. F. Hepher, and carried unanimously. A further resolution, proposed by Mr. Burton, and seconded by Mr. Hepher, that "the former

committee be appointed to manage the Hall during the present Council's term of office" was also carried unanimously. A letter was read from Mrs. Banks, secretary of the Parochial Church Council calling attention to the fact that the clock on the church tower was striking four minutes before time and asking if the Council could do something in the matter. As the Council had no control over the clock, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mrs. Banks that she should communicate with the Chesterton R.D.C.

DEATH OF AN OLD RAILWAY MAN. 19th Oct. 1934

Swavesey has lost an old and highly respected inhabitant by the death of Mr. Alfred Spolton, who passed away on Sunday at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kester. He had been in indifferent health for a long time. Born 86 years ago, the son of the late Mr. Edward Spolton, of Fen Drayton, he was employed for a long period in that village by the late Mr. Cooper, until in 1881 he joined the permanent way staff of the G.E.R. at St. Ives, being subsequently transferred to Swavesey as a foreman platelayer, and for many years he lived at the Mow Fen gatehouse. He retired in 1916. Although he took no active part in parochial affairs he was for some time a sidesman at the parish church. He leaves two sons and one daughter. His wife died about 20 years ago. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, conducting the service in the parish church, and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiating at the grave in the churchyard. During the service Psalm 90, and the hymns "Jesu, my Lord, my God, my all," and "Abide with me," were sung, Mrs. C. S. Hephher presiding at the organ. The Nunc Dimittis was chanted as the body was borne from the church to the grave. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Kester (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spolton (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. William Spolton, Cambridge (daughter-in-law), Messrs. Bernard and Arthur Kester and Dennis Spolton (grandsons), Miss Elsie Spolton (granddaughter), Mr. and Mrs. William Spolton, St. Ives (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. George Spolton, Manea (sister-in-law). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

WHIST DRIVE. 26th Oct. 1934

Thirteen tables were in play at the qualifying whist drive in connection with the W.I. county tournament, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss P. Willson, Mrs. H. Holmes; gentlemen – Mr. Whitehead, Mr. L. Howard; lucky number Miss E. Thorp. Mr H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 26th Oct. 1934

The annual meeting of the Swavesey branch of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, presiding. After the treasurer had presented his statement, showing that £154 16s. had been received during the past 12 months, and expenses nil, the organising secretary, Major Wallington, addressed the meeting. He congratulated the branch on increasing the amount collected over that of last year, and said he wished to thank all the officials who had contributed to the successful and smooth working of the fund. He then described the enormous strides made in Addenbrooke's Hospital equipment and mentioned that no expense was spared in the treatment of members of the fund and their dependants admitted to the Hospital. Major Wallington also answered several questions.

FEWER BABIES. 2nd Nov. 1934

During the twelve months ended September 30th, only four babies were born in Swavesey. In the same period there were eight deaths.

HOCKEY. 2nd Nov. 1934

The match between Swavesey Hockey Club and Cambridge Ladies B. XI, played at Swavesey on Saturday, resulted in a runaway victory for the visitors by 9 goals to nil.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 2nd Nov. 1934

Practically every seat was occupied at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the speaker was Pastor, P. H. Crees, of Over. Taking for his subject, "God's Methods in Seeking Men," the speaker gave an impressive address, supplementing it by a fine rendering of the solo "I Will Arise and Go." The Vice-President, Mr. Canham, voiced the thanks of all present to Mr. Crees in closing. Next week the meeting will be addressed by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryhinton.

BRITISH LEGION. 2nd Nov. 1934

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, was well attended. Mr. P. Lee (treasurer) submitted the accounts, which showed a good balance in hand, and the Secretary (Mr. H. H. Berryman) presented his annual report in the course of which he stated that during the year four new members had been enrolled, one old member had left the district. The members were to be congratulated, he said, on the way they had turned out for the area rally and

the way in which they had supported the branch. Two claims for relief had been received and successfully dealt with during the 12 months. Both the balance sheet and the report were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months: President, Rev. C. C. Dickson; Vice-President, Capt. L. H. Swann (Lolworth); Chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bentley (Lolworth); Treasurer, Mr. P. Lee; Secretary, Mr. H. H. Berryman; Committee, Messrs. Ding and Peppercorn (Boxworth), Messrs. Topham, H. Prime, Turner, W. Hind, T. Savage, F. Hephher and Melbourne; Auditors, Mr. Turner and Mr. Willson; Standard Bearer, Mr. T. Savage; Deputy Standard Bearer, Mr. F. Causer; Delegate to County Committee, Mr. Melbourne.

MISSIONARY EFFORT. 2nd Nov. 1934

Swavesey Church people organised another successful effort on behalf of missionary work on Saturday. This was held in the Schoolroom, and a good number were present at three o'clock, when the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) after opening the proceedings with prayer, gave a short talk on the objects of the effort. The schoolrooms presented an attractive appearance, being nicely decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves, and the stalls were bright with varied goods. At 3.30 the Rev. W. S. A. Robertson, Vicar of St. Ives, gave an interesting talk on India, which was very much enjoyed, and at 5 p.m. there was an entertainment of plays and recitations. The Rev. F. Ingle, of Rampton, at 6 p.m. gave a talk on missionary work in Australia. By this time the stalls were practically cleared, and the evening entertainment which was given to a full house, consisted of recitations by Sunday School Scholars, and two plays, "Miss Shortsight's Tea Table" in which the characters were taken by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Banks, Misses L. Mitham, P. Willson, M. Mitham, J. Hephher, M. Rooke, Masters Allan Lee and Cyril Watson and "No Concern of Ours," in which Messrs. B. Hodson, T. Froment, A. Hephher and S. Prime took part. The stalls were under the charge of the following ladies: Work stall, Mesdames Dickson, Burling and E. J. Linford; gift stall, Mrs. C. Hephher, Miss Daisley; 6d. stall, Mrs. Walker, Miss Hitchcock; refreshments, Mrs. Wells, Miss Froment, Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. E. J. Mitham. A loan collection of pictures was an interesting feature, and was in charge of Mesdames Whitehead and R. Mitham. Competitions were won by the following: Names of churches (prize given by Mrs. W. Hephher) Mrs. C. Hephher; obstacles (prize given by Mrs. Lee), Miss J. Hephher; jig saw puzzles (prize given by Mrs. Banks), Master C. Wagstaff. The schoolgirls who helped at the entertainment were Misses R. Carter, L. and J. Hephher, P. Hephher, M. Hodson, L. and M. Key, J. and B. Mitham, F. Pilgrim,

J. Prior and R. Shepperson. Miss Banks organised the entertainment, at which the Rev. C. C. Dickson supplied the music. Messrs. H. Wells, J. Linford and H. Whitehead helped at the door. The financial result was most satisfactory, the sum of £18 having been sent to various missionary societies.

B.W.T.A. 2nd Nov. 1934

Members of the local branch of the B.W.T.A. and the Women's Bright Hour held a united meeting in Bethel Schoolroom under the presidency of Mrs. P. Godfrey. Miss Midgley, of Halstead, gave a talk on the World's Convention held at Stockholm, which was opened by the Crown Prince of Sweden, himself a total abstainer, and at which he welcomed delegates from 31 different countries. Mrs. Laverack also contributed a recitation. Considering the inclement weather, there was a good attendance.

LADIES HOCKEY. 9th Nov. 1934

The Swavesey ladies' hockey team entertained a team of Chatteris ladies on Saturday, the game resulting in a win for the visitors by five goals to one. Miss J. Williams scored for Swavesey.

FRUIT GROWING. 9th Nov. 1934

The first of a series of lectures on horticulture was given in the school on Monday evening by Mr. K. V. Cramp (County Horticultural Adviser), who dealt with fruit growing in small gardens. These lectures are under the auspices of the Women's Institute.

THE SCHOOL. 9th Nov. 1934

The main part of the Swavesey School, which was erected in 1842, has been condemned as unsafe, and has been ordered to be closed. Yesterday two classes were removed to the Memorial Hall, accommodation being found for the remainder of the children in the infants' department.

Y.P.F. 9th Nov. 1934

Inclement weather caused a smaller attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, but all present thoroughly appreciated the address given by Mr. W. T. Doggett, of Cherryinton. The Pastor conducted the meeting. Mr. W. J. Rodwell, of Shelford, will be the speaker next week.

PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN. 9th Nov. 1934

There was a very good attendance at the free film display which was given in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Cambridgeshire Public Health Committee. Mr. C. Wood presided. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, Mr. Saunders, on the proposition of Mr. Walter Thorp, seconded by Mr. S. F. Mitham.

BILLIARDS. 9th Nov. 1934

The following were the scorers when a Swavesey team played the friendly match of billiards with a team from Boxworth at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening (Swavesey names first): A. Hawkes 88, W. Peppercorn 100; F. Causer 82, W. Day 100; E. B. Smart 100, A. Wolfe 80; A. J. Willson 100, W. Smith 54; D. Nightingale 50, J. Corby 33. The last game was only 50 up.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY. 9th Nov. 1934

An interesting lantern lecture was given on Friday at Bethel Baptist Church by Mr. E. A. Judd, of the Religious Tract Society, London. The Pastor (Rev. A. Tilling) presided. The lecture, which was illustrated by a large number of beautiful slides, was entitled "An Empire Tour." The work of the society was shown, also details of life and work, and native religions, in various parts of the British Empire.

INSTITUTE WHIST DRIVE. 9th Nov. 1934

Ten tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on November 1st in aid of the funds of the Village Institute. The prizewinners were: Gentlemen, Mr. J. Kester, jun., Mr. G. Brooks, Mr. W. Warren; ladies, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. J. Culpin (Fen Drayton); lucky number, Miss H. Silk. The draw for the voucher value £3 was made at the interval, and was won by Mrs. Gumbley (Longstanton).

CRICKET CLUB. 9th Nov. 1934

There was a good attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of Cricket Club funds. An excellent programme, consisting of songs, sketches and competitions, was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher. The winners of the competitions were: Bun eating, Mr. G. Bishop; orange Derby, Messrs. G. Bishop, B. Carter and S. Carter; musical arms, Mr. H. Unwin and Mrs. Coulson. The bottle of port given by Mr. and Mrs. Feakin was won by Mrs. Hind. Songs were given by the Misses Lee and Mr. H. Cole, and a sketch, "Katie's Way," was performed by Miss Y. Lee, Miss M. Godfrey and Miss E. Godfrey. Mrs. Turner and Miss D. Godfrey

catered for the refreshments. Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals provided the music for dancing.

WATER WASTAGE. 16th Nov. 1934

Many hundreds, possibly thousands, of gallons of water have been run to waste since last Saturday owing to a burst in High-street, opposite the Memorial Hall.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 16th Nov. 1934

An old friend and two colleagues conducted the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, their addresses and songs being greatly appreciated by the members. Next week Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge, will be the speaker.

HOCKEY. 16th Nov. 1934

The match between the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team and the Cambridge XXVII Club played at Swavesey on Thursday week, resulted in a draw, each side scoring three goals. Misses F. Warboys and B. Day scored for Swavesey. Owing to the bad weather the match with Sawston was not played.

POTATOES. 16th Nov. 1934

The second of the series of lectures on horticulture was given on Monday evening by Mr. K. V. Cramp (county horticultural adviser), who on this occasion dealt with potato growing. It was remarkable that although these lectures are being given under the auspices of the Women's Institute, Mr. Cramp's audience was composed almost entirely of men.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 16th Nov. 1934

The first anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. A. Tilling as pastor, was observed at Bethel Baptist Church on Nov. 8th. The Rev. Dr. F. T. Ellis, of Felixstowe, conducted the service in the afternoon, after which there was a well-attended tea in the schoolroom. Considering the inclemency of the weather, the evening congregation was remarkably good. Mr. F. Kirby, of Over, who presided, gave some practical advice and suggestions. A helpful meeting closed with a striking address from Dr. Ellis from Rev. ix., 13. The offerings during the day were a thank-offering to the pastor.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Nov. 1934

There was a record attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hepher

(president) occupied the chair and welcomed a new member, Mrs. P. Parish. Unfortunately Miss Elsdon, who was to have given a demonstration on inexpensive Christmas presents, did not arrive, but Mrs. Hind kindly took her place and gave an interesting demonstration of Weevalla work, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. As there was no "outsider" to judge the competition, voting papers were given to all members, and as a result prizes were awarded to Miss Banks and Mrs. Hind for a nightdress case and work bag respectively. The competition was for an article costing not more than 1s., made of crash, and there were many charming entries; in fact, they were an interesting exhibition of inexpensive Christmas presents in themselves. After refreshments the social half-hour took the form of dancing and a merry game of "vacant chair." Mrs. Hind played for the dancing. During the evening a certificate and case of six plated teaspoons, given by Messrs. Borwicks, Ltd., were presented to Mrs. E. J. Mitham, who was the winner in a recent cake competition.

HOCKEY. 23rd Nov. 1934

The match between the Swavesey and St. Neots Hockey Clubs played at Swavesey on Saturday, was won by the visitors, who scored four goals to Swavesey's one. Miss F. Warboys scored for Swavesey.

Y.P.F. 23rd Nov. 1934

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Mr. A. D. Rayner, of Cambridge, gave a much appreciated address. Mr. Laverack and Mrs. A. Prior also took part in the meeting. The Rev. W. L. Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, will be the speaker next week.

BILLIARDS. 23rd Nov. 1934

The friendly billiards match played at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening between teams representing Swavesey Institute and Willingham British Legion resulted in a win for the home team by three games to two. Scores (Swavesey names first): - R. H. Coles 120, C. Camps 117; J. L. Kester 120, P. Collett 64; E. Crowley 120, R. Mustill 79; A. Hawkes 111, B. Pigott 120; F. Causer 41, J. Thoday 120.

HORTICULTURAL LECTURES. 23rd Nov. 1934

Mrs. Banks writes: "Referring to a paragraph which appeared in your issue of November 16th, may I point out that although the Women's Institute is responsible for organising the horticultural lectures which are being given on

Monday evenings, it is not their policy to study themselves only, and in arranging these open lectures the committee were of opinion that they would be interesting to a large number of Swavesey people, and it surely obvious that there are more men than women interested in horticulture.”

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 23rd Nov. 1934

The Memorial Hall presented an attractive appearance on Thursday week, on the occasion of the sixth birthday of the Women's Institute. Natural flowers, evergreens and artistic paper decorations had been used, and the committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, which resulted in a charming setting for an enjoyable function. Each member was allowed to invite a friend, and with members of committees of Over and Willingham W.I.'s, and friends from Cottenham, who came to help in the entertainment, the total number present was over 160. An excellent programme was arranged, consisting of songs in character, duets, duologues, etc., interspersed with dances, games and competitions, and a play, entitled "Honest Folk," admirable acted by Swavesey members. Refreshments were provided by the members, and served by the committee, and a magnificent birthday cake, the gift of the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was cut during the evening. A special feature was a birthday parcel, provided by the Secretary (Mrs. W. Hind), containing prizes for many guests, and a beautiful bouquet for the President. Music for dancing was supplied by the Arcadians' Band from Willingham. Mr. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C. A prize for a lucky ticket was won by Mr. Dudley Nightingale, and competition prizes by Miss Holmes and Mr. Seymour, Miss G. and W. Wright (spot dance), Mrs. E. Smart, Mrs. Gautrey, Mr. L. Day and Mr. E. Mitham (obstacle race). The evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

OBITUARY. 30th Nov. 1934

Swavesey has lost another old and respected inhabitant by the death of Mr. William Crouch, who passed away at his home at Boxworth End on Sunday afternoon, aged 76 years. He had been an invalid for a long time. The funeral took place at the cemetery yesterday afternoon.

HORTICULTURAL LECTURE. 30th Nov. 1934

The third of the series of lectures on horticulture arranged by the Women's Institute was given in the Infants' School on Monday evening by Mr. Clift (county Horticultural Instructor), who dealt with flower growing in small gardens. There was a larger attendance of ladies than at the two previous lectures.

HOCKEY. 30th Nov. 1934

After being defeated by the XXVII Club on Thursday week at Cambridge by four goals to one (Miss W. Godfrey), the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey team scored a decisive victory when they entertained Pye Radio on Saturday and won by 13 goals to nil. The goals were scored by Miss F. Warboys (3), and Miss B. Day (10).

Y.P.F. 30th Nov. 1934

Several Over friends combined to fill Bethel Schoolroom for the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Huntingdon, gave an excellent address on Sanctification. Miss Dodson added to the success of the gathering by an admirable rendering of an appropriate solo. The members are looking forward to a visit next week from Rev. J. A. G. Ainley, vicar of St. Paul's, Cambridge.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th Nov. 1934

Special services in connection with the annual visitation of the district by the deputation from the Baptist Missionary Society was held last week. The preacher on the Sunday evening was Miss Amy Tuff, of Patna, India, who told of her work at the B.M.S. Girls' School, of which she is Principal. The services were continued on the Thursday with a lantern lecture for children and others at 6 p.m., and a meeting at 7.15, the speaker on these occasions being the Rev. J. S. Bowskill, of Wathen, Congo. The collections were on behalf of the B.M.S.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 30th Nov. 1934

There was a good attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the funds of the Football Club, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Dance music was provided by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals and others contributing to the evening's programme included Mrs. W. Bishop and Mr. H. Cole (songs) and Mrs. Laverack (monologue). The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. G. Oakman and Misses D., E. and M. Godfrey. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C.'s and Mr. H. Unwin and Mr. J. Mitham as doorkeepers. The statue dance was won by Mr. Alec Kester and Miss Florence Kester, and the spot dance by Misses S. Carter and K. Carrier. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher and to all others who had helped in any way to make the evening a success.

HOCKEY. 7th Dec. 1934

Visiting Cambridge on Saturday, the Swavesey Ladies' Hockey Club defeated the Instrument Company's team by four goals to two. Miss K. Banks (2) and Miss W. Godfrey (2) scored for Swavesey.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 7th Dec. 1934

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the sum of £6 16s. 6d. from Miss Naylor, of Over, being the proceeds of an entertainment given by her pupils. It should be noted that the District Nurse has removed to "Stanton Vue," Boxworth End, Swavesey.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 7th Dec. 1934

The address to the members of Bethel Young People's Fellowship last Monday was given by the Rev. J. A. G. Ainley, Vicar of St. Paul's, Cambridge, and owing to the large attendance the meeting had to be held in the chapel, instead of the school. The Pastor, Rev. A. Tilling, presided, supported by Mr. G. E. Canham, who sang a solo. Next Monday the members are looking forward to a visit from Dr. B. F. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge.

THE LATE MR. W. CROUCH. 7th Dec. 1934

The funeral of Mr. William Crouch, whose death on Nov. 25th, at the age of 76 years was announced in our last issue, took place on Thursday week at the cemetery. The Rev. A. Tilling, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated, and during the service at the graveside the hymn "How glorious is our Heavenly King" was sung. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Crouch (son and daughter-in-law), Miss L. Crouch (daughter), Mr. F. Hagger, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, sen. Mr. W. Crouch (son) and Miss A. Crouch (daughter) were unable to attend owing to illness. Messrs. G. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

DEATH OF MRS. BEAUMONT. 7th Dec. 1934

The announcement that Mrs. Charlotte Ann Beaumont, widow of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont had passed away about noon on Friday (St. Andrew's Day) was received with great regret in the village, especially by those older people who were pupils at Swavesey National School during the 42 years her husband was headmaster and she herself was a pupil teacher, and subsequently for a long period teacher of needlework. Her health had been failing for some time, and for the last few weeks she had been confined to her bed. Mrs. Beaumont, who was born 76 years ago, was a member of an old and highly respected Swavesey family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Mitham. She

is survived by her only daughter and three sons. Her husband died in May, 1911, five months after he had retired on his well-earned pension. She lost two sons in the war, Harry Beaumont, of the Canadian Infantry, and Capt. George Beaumont, M.C., both killed in France. The funeral on Tuesday was attended by a large congregation, consisting almost entirely of villagers. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. J. Hepher and Harry Wells, and by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, both of whom took part in the service, the latter reading the Lesson and saying the prayers of committal. While the people were assembling the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played "O rest in the Lord" and "The Lord is mindful." The service included Psalm 90 (chanted), hymns "We love the place, O God" and "Let saints on earth in concert sing," and the Nunc Dimittis, and as the body was borne from the church to the grave in the churchyard the organist played "Blest are the departed." The church bells were rung muffled. The chief mourners were: Rev. P. J. Beaumont (son), Miss L. Beaumont (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Beaumont (son and daughter-in-law), Rev. A. Beaumont (son), Miss L. Cox (companion).

BILLIARDS. 14th Dec. 1934

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey Institute and Needingworth, played at Needingworth on Wednesday, was won by Swavesey by three games to two. Scores (Needingworth names first): C. Sutton, 75, R. H. Coles 120; Symonds 64, J. L. Kester 120; Capt. Edwards 66, A. E. Melbourne 120; S. Wadsworth 120, E. Crowley 113; S. Jones 120, D. Brooks 110.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Dec. 1934

Under the leadership of Mr. G. E. Canham (vice-president) another happy meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was held on Monday. Dr. B. F. Atkinson, of Cambridge, gave a helpful address, which was much appreciated by all present. Mr. G. Laverack also contributed to the success of the evening by his effective rendering of a solo. Pastor Sharp, of Willingham, will be the speaker next week.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. 14th Dec. 1934

At a well-attended meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Society, held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. H. W. Whitehead (chairman) presiding, it was announced that there was a loss of £8 15s. 5d. on this year's show and sports, and that the reserve fund now stood at about £35. A special committee was appointed to arrange entertainments with the view of

wiping out the deficit. The question whether the show and sports should be held next year was discussed, but no decision was arrived at.

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN. 14th Dec. 1934

Swavesey has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mrs. Jemima Evans, widow of the late Mr. W. Evans, who passed away on Dec. 4th, aged 93 years. She had been in failing health for a long time. The funeral took place on Friday at the cemetery, the service being conducted by Mr. Camp. The hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Jesus, my all to heaven is gone" were sung. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Amy Williams and Mrs. Golding (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. John Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells (cousins). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

PARISH COUNCIL. 14th Dec. 1934

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun and P. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). The first matter dealt with was the question of repairs to the clock on the tower of the parish church. At the October meeting a letter was read from the Church Council pointing out that certain repairs were needed to the clock, and asking if the Parish Council would do something in the matter. It was then decided that the Church council should be informed that the application should be addressed to the Chesterton R.D.C. At Monday's meeting a letter was read from the R.D.C. suggesting that the Parish Council, after obtaining an estimate of the cost, should get the necessary work done, and then send the account to the R.D.C., when the amount would be paid and charged against the parish as a special expense. After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Deane, that the Clerk to the R.D.C. should be seen with the view of ascertaining what evidence there is that the parish is responsible for the repair, etc., of the clock. With regard to the disposal of unburnable rubbish, the Clerk was authorised to invite tenders for a collection in March next providing a suitable dumping place had been found. Two minutes of the Hall Management Committee were submitted for confirmation. The first stated that the hall had been let for an indefinite period to the County Education Committee for five days a week (Mondays to Fridays) until 4 p.m., in order to provide accommodation for a number of school children, owing to the main building of the school having been

condemned as unsafe. The second minute contained a revised scale of charges for the hire of the hall. Both minutes were confirmed.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 14th Dec. 1934

In spite of very bad weather, there was a good attendance at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, on the occasion of the annual sale of work, etc., on behalf of parish church funds. The room was tastefully decorated and the stalls presented a most attractive appearance. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) made a short opening speech, and also played pianoforte solos during the afternoon.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 21st Dec. 1934

The annual distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club took place on Tuesday evening, when each of the members received £1 1s. 3d. The contributions during the year amounted to £44 6s. 8d., and the sick pay and expenses to £7 0s. 6d.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 21st Dec. 1934

There was a rather disappointing attendance at the solo whist drive held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Football Club, only eight tables being occupied. Mr. W. Hind was M.C. The prizes given by supporters of the club were won by the following: Ladies, Mrs. C. Wayman (Arrington), Mrs. Northrop, Miss J. Pettett (Cambridge); gentlemen, Mr. D. Ginn (Over), Mr. T. Seaber (Longstanton), Mr. D. Nightingale (Swavesey).

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 21st Dec. 1934

A concert, at which the annual distribution of awards took place, was given by the 1st Swavesey Co. Girls' Life Brigade in the Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week. The chair was taken by Pastor Crees, of Over, who gave a short but interesting talk on the Brigade motto "To save life." The programme consisted of pianoforte solos, songs, recitations, and sketches by the members and officers. Badges, certificates, and medals, in accordance with the Brigade regulations, were presented at the close. The schoolroom was packed with an appreciative audience.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 21st Dec. 1934

At the annual business meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall, Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president) in the chair, the Secretary gave an interesting report on the year's work, and the Treasurer presented very satisfactory accounts. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; vice-president, Mrs. Lee; secretary, Mrs.

W. Hind; treasurer, Miss Cole; committee, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. G. Froment, Miss Godfrey, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Melbourne, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. J. Smith. Following business a delightful talk on Ely Cathedral was given by Mrs. Bennett, of Cambridge, who showed some beautiful pictures to illustrate her talk. She was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. "Short talks by members" was another pleasing feature, Mrs. W. Thorp, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. Whybrow and Mrs. Banks, all being loudly applauded. The social half hour was in the charge of Mrs. E. J. Mitham, and Mrs. Martin, and consisted of games and dancing, Miss K. Banks winning a prize in "Musical Arms." The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Lee, Miss Godfrey, Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. J. Froment, Mrs. G. Froment. A splendid collection of toys, books, games, etc., was brought by members to be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital for the children patients at Christmas.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES PRIOR. 21st Dec. 1934

Swavesey has lost yet another old and highly respected inhabitant by the death of Mr. Charles Prior, who passed peacefully away at his cottage in Taylor's-lane, after barely a week's illness. He was a son of the late Mr. Philip Prior, and was born in the village 79 years ago. He is survived by four sons and three daughters. His wife died some years ago. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. A. Tilling (Bethel Baptist Church) conducting the service, during which the hymn "Lead, kindly light" was sung. The mourners were: Messrs. W. G., A. and F. Prior (sons), Mrs. A. Collins, Mrs. W. Northill and Mrs. F. Golding (daughters), Mrs. F. Prior (daughter-in-law), Mr. W. Northill and Mr. F. Golding (sons-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Trundley (brother-in-law and sister), Miss E. Prior, Miss A. Northill, Mrs. A. Prior, jun. (grandchildren), Mr. C. Richardson, Over (cousin). Mr. H. Prior, London (son) was unable to attend.

FOR THE BLIND. 28th Dec. 1934

An envelope collection among the children in the school, for the National Institute for the Blind, realised a total of 8s., which has been forwarded to the Institute.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 28th Dec. 1934

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m. (with hymns), 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (choral), Mattins 10.30 a.m., and Evensong 3 p.m., when the anthem "The Prince of Peace" (Clare) and carols were sung. With the exception of Evensong, the services

were well attended. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, devoted to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. The church was nicely decorated with evergreens, etc. The bells were rung for some time before the 6 a.m. and mid-day services.

CAROLS. 28th Dec. 1934

A party of Swavesey singers sang carols in the village on Friday evening from Boxworth End to the school and on Christmas Eve through the remainder of the village. Collections were made en route for the District Nursing Association and St. Dunstan's, amounting to £5 15s. 7½d, which, with £1 14s. 10½d. collected when the singers visited Fen Drayton on Thursday week, brought the total up to £7 10s. 6d. more than was collected last year. Messrs. E. Mitham, jun., Wilfred Parish and Eric Williamson were the collectors, and Messrs. Neville Canham and G. Skelton carried the lamp (lent by Mr. G. E. Canham), which proved of great assistance to the singers.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 28th Dec. 1934

There was a fair attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Football Club. The special feature of the evening was the opening by Mrs. C. S. Hepher of the sealed packet containing the stop watch offered for competition, Mr. E. Prior (Swavesey) proving the winner. Other prizewinners were: Mr. D. Nightingale (selling most tickets for the watch competition), Mr. J. L. Kester and Miss Doris Cole (waltz), Masters Ben Carter and Ray Unwin (balloon race). The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. G. Oakman and Misses D., E. and M. Godfrey. Dance music was supplied by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals. At the close Mr. B. J. Feakin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher for arranging such an enjoyable programme and for acting as M.C.'s. and to all others who had contributed to the success of the evening. Messrs. H. Unwin, J. Mitham, G. Brooks and F. Coulson were the doorkeepers.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. 28th Dec. 1934

The school children had their annual Christmas party in the Memorial Hall on Friday afternoon. After the school closed, the infants and juniors in the old school building came up to the Hall, where tables had been prepared for all. A sumptuous feast of all things dear to children had been prepared by the staff, and to these they did ample justice, keeping the teachers and friends who waited on them very busy for some time. When the edge had worn off appetites, apples, oranges, sweets, and bon-bons were distributed, children absent owing to illness having their share sent home to them. Before the

gathering broke up, the wedding present subscribed for by children and staff, was presented to Miss Silk by the head teacher. This was a case of spoons and cutlery, together with a case of tea knives. The head teacher, on behalf of scholars and staff, wished Miss Silk much happiness in her married life. The Vicar, on behalf of the Managers, thanked Miss Silk for her work in the school, and hoped she would be happy in her new life. Miss Silk having replied, Dr. J. N. Ellis and Mr. W. Thorp also spoke. On behalf of the scholars, Ernie Whybrow expressed their appreciation of Miss Silk's efforts on their behalf while she had been with them. After cheers had been given for the generous donors of the party, the children went home tired and happy.

Y.P.F. 4th Jan. 1935

There was a good attendance at last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when the address was given by the Pastor. One of the members ably led the meeting, and Miss Spearman contributed a recitation. Next week the Fellowship is to be addressed by Mr. R. H. Barnes.

CRICKET CLUB DANCE. 4th Jan. 1935

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a very good attendance at the dance held on behalf of the Cricket Club on Boxing Night. Mr. A. Hephher deputised for Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher as M.C. Prizes for the spot dance were won by Mr. J. Kester and Miss D. Cole, and those for the statue dance by Miss G. Wright and Miss S. Carter. Dance music was provided from 8 p.m. until midnight by Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals. Mrs. Turner and Miss D. Godfrey were in charge of the refreshments.

BRITISH LEGION. 4th Jan. 1935

A very successful social was held by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion on Saturday evening, a large number of patrons being present. The programme consisted of vocal items by Mr. Stan Braybrook, Mr. Harry Cole, and the Misses Lee; musical arms, mystery parcels and dancing. The music was supplied by the popular Swavesey band, Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals, whose playing was much appreciated. The refreshments were under the capable management of Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt. On Monday, a New Year's Eve dance was also held, and provided a profitable attraction, about 100 dancers taking the floor. The music was provided by Bass and his Blue Rhythm Boys from St. Neots, whose programme was lively and well sustained, and their rhythm all that could be desired. The sum of £4 10s. 1d. net profit was realised on the two events, and this was passed to the branch funds.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL. 4th Jan. 1935

The Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council organised a very successful evening's entertainment for children, under 14, on Wednesday in the Memorial Hall, and from six until ten o'clock there was a jolly programme of dancing, games and competitions, which all the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. C. S. Hephher and the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) supplied the music and acted as M.C.'s. Refreshments in abundance, given by friends, were served in the interval, and apples handed round. Mrs. Harry Wells and Miss G. Froment ably officiated in the kitchen. Competitions were won as follows: Balloon race, Ben Whybrow, Phyllis Hephher; plant pot walk, Joan Prior, Ralph Wilderspin, Alan lee, Freda Pilgrim; wheelbarrow race, Lennie Key and Joan Prior, Alf Dalton and Bernie Prior. The prizes were provided by Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mrs. Banks. The evening concluded with cheers for the committee and for the Vicar and Mrs. Dickson.

TRIP TO LONDON. 11th Jan. 1935

Twenty-four passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to London last Sunday.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Jan. 1935

The offertories at the parish church last Sunday were in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the special preacher at the evening service being the Ven. W. H. Stewart, Archdeacon in Palestine, Syria and Transjordan.

B.W.T.A. 11th Jan. 1935

A New Year's party, in connection with the local branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week. Members took part in a varied programme of solos, recitations, dialogues and violin solos, and light refreshments were handed round, a very pleasant evening being spent. Pastor Tilling was chairman.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 11th Jan. 1935

Good congregations assembled at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday to welcome Mr. Ronald H. Barnes, of the Evangelisation Society, in connection with a special discipleship campaign. Mr. Barnes' bright, helpful addresses, enlivened with humour, were enjoyed. The week-evening services, which have, so far, been well attended, will continue until January 20th.

BILLIARDS. 11th Jan. 1935

The friendly billiards match between Willingham British Legion and Swavesey Institute, played at Willingham on Wednesday evening, resulted in a decisive victory for the home team, who won every game. Scores (Willingham names first): C. Camps 100, R. H. Coles 24; B. Pigott 100, A. Hawkes 89; C. Thorpe 100, Crowley 90; J. Collett 100, F. Causer 95; R. Mustill 100, Nightingale 83.

HOCKEY CLUB. 11th Jan. 1935

The dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on January 3rd, under the auspices of the Hockey Club, was a great success. The Hall had been tastefully decorated by some of the members, an excellent programme of dance music was supplied by Josephine and her Ladies' Gipsy Orchestra, and Mr. P. Watts was an indefatigable M.C. During the evening there were numerous competitions, etc., for which prizes were given. The dance resulted in about £6 being added to the funds of the club.

MISSIONARY TEA. 11th Jan. 1935

The annual missionary tea on Tuesday was not so well attended as usual, but those who came had a happy meeting and the usual cheery atmosphere was noticeable. Owing to the tea having to be held in the Infant's Schoolroom, the party was divided, and two tables were laid in the classroom. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames Dickson, Cooksey, Whitehead, W. J. Hepher, C. S. Hepher, Banks, Barwell and Harry Wells. There was a full room in the evening, when the Rev. L. Galley, vicar of Oakington and secretary for S.P.G. for the Deanery, gave an interesting talk on Basutoland, illustrated by some beautiful lantern slides. A collection was made on behalf of the Society. At the close the Vicar thanked Mr. Galley on behalf of those present.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Jan. 1935

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president) being in the chair. There was a very good attendance, and several new members were welcomed. After the usual business, an interesting demonstration was given by Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Hinds on rug-making during which some new methods for wool rugs were shown, also for making economy rugs from old garments, etc. Both the demonstrator were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Following this the members held a debate on "Tinned food versus Home cooked." Mrs. C. S. Hepher, on behalf of the members, spoke of the great loss to the Women's

Institute by the departure from the village of Mrs. Banks and Miss Banks, who had always been such a great help in the work of the W.I. Mrs. Hepher then presented Mrs. Banks with a work table, and Miss Banks with a travelling clock, both subscribed for by the members. Mrs. Banks suitably responded, saying that both she and her daughter thanked all the members for the presents, and the kindly thought which prompted them, and how sorry she was to have to leave them all, and the pleasure it had given her to work among them. Games and dancing brought the evening to a close. Mrs. Melbourne, Miss G. Hepher, Mrs. L. Godfrey, Miss D. Godfrey and Mrs. Lee were the hostesses.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Jan. 1935

The pulpit at the parish church at evensong on Sunday was occupied by Dr. A. Kingdon Allen, whose address dealt mainly with the work of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

DANCE. 18th Jan. 1935

A successful dance on behalf of the Swavesey Horticultural Show and Athletic Sports Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. Hal Kemp and his band provided the music, the refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. W. Thorp, assisted by Mrs. J. Smith and Messrs. P. J. Watts and R. Hendry were the doorkeepers. Before the close Mr. H. Whitehead, chairman of the show, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to everyone who had contributed to such an enjoyable evening. Mr. C. S. Hepher was an efficient M.C.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS. 18th Jan. 1935

After the close of Evensong on Sunday a presentation of a chiming clock (with a book containing the names of the various subscribers) was presented to Mr., Mrs. and Miss Banks, of the Priory, who are this week leaving the village to take up their residence at Stevenage. Miss Banks was also presented with a beautiful picture, the gift of the Sunday Schools. In making the presentation in the presence of a large assembly, the Vicar spoke of the debt both the church and village owed to their good friends at the Priory, and said how very much they would be missed. They thanked God for having had them in their midst and wished them every blessing and happiness in their new home. Mr. W. J. Hepher and Mrs. Cooksey also spoke, and Mr. Banks briefly responded, thanking those who had made the presentation possible, and saying that he was sure his family would often think of their old friends in Swavesey. The clock bore a silver inscription with the words written: "Presented by the Parish of St. Andrew's, Swavesey, 1935."

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. 18th Jan. 1935

An enjoyable and novel social evening was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The first half of the programme was entirely new to the village and was arranged by Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Banks, acting upon a suggestion from the Vicar. Twelve tables were arranged in order of months, January to December, and upon each was a vase of flowers representative of the month. People, whose birthdays corresponded with the months sat at the tables and played games, which were taken from one table to the other by stewards. Points were awarded for each table and the winner from each was given a prize. After refreshments had been served the floor was cleared for games and dancing, which had been arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Banks. The winners of the chariot race were Miss Banks and Mr. C. S. Hepher; book race, Mr. J. Smith and Miss D. Cole. Much amusement was caused by the parcel dance, during which a parcel had to be continually passed while dancing, the winners at the end being Miss F. Kester and Mr. R. Wright. At the close of the evening the Vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed in any way to the success and enjoyment of the social.

FOOTBALL. 25th Jan. 1935

The football match played on the Recreation Ground on Friday between Swavesey and Over Schools resulted in a win for Swavesey by three goals to one.

CAMPANOLOGY. 25th Jan. 1935

Good practice work was put in by members of the St. Andrew's Society on Tuesday evening, when a peal of 720 changes in the Plain Bob Method was rung by: G. Hodson 1, J. Mitham 2, H. Whitehead 3, T. Froment 4, R. Smith 5, R. Mitham, jun. (tenor).

ALCOHOL AND THE BRAIN. 25th Jan. 1935

There was a good attendance of members of the B.W.T.A. and Women's Bright Hour at the united meeting in Bethel Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Golding, of Cambridge, gave an interesting address on the "Mind, and its being the first part of the brain to be affected by alcohol." Mrs. Runham, also of Cambridge, was the soloist. Mrs. P. Godfrey presided.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 25th Jan. 1935

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive which was held last week in connection with the County Conservatives' Tournament: Ladies, Mrs.

Berryman, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Warboys; gentlemen, Mr. G. Froment, Mr. R. Mustill, Mr. D. Brooks; most fours, Mr. H. Cole. Thirteen and a half tables were in play, over which Mr. H. H. Berryman presided as M.C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 25th Jan. 1935

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an earnest address on "Testimony" was given by Mr. R. R. Whyatt, of Cambridge. Mrs. Canham also sang a solo, the members joining in the refrain. Prior to the meeting, a rousing "testimony" meeting had been held, under the leadership of the secretary, several of the members also taking part. The speaker next week will be the Rev. J. H. Liebenrood, of Cambridge.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 25th Jan. 1935

A meeting of the Football Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the chief business being to elect a selection committee of non-players. The following were appointed: Messrs. H. Unwin, G. Froment, R. Hendry, F. Causer, A. E. Melbourne, F. Coulson (captain), and the Hon. Secretary. It was also decided to try and arrange some friendly games for members not playing in the League side. Mr. H. Unwin presided. There was a good attendance of members and supporters.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 25th Jan. 1935

About 30 old folk were entertained to tea and an entertainment by members of the Women's Institute on Thursday week. The tea, which was served by the committee and was thoroughly enjoyed, preceded an excellent programme of songs, recitations, and sketches, arranged by Mr. C. S. Hepher, contributed to by the following: Duet, Lily and Joan Hepher; recitations, Alan Lee, Maisie Marriott, Jean Smith, Ann Shepperson, Norman Lee, and Ruth Shepperson; action song by members' children; songs, old and new, by Mrs. Hind; sketches, Joan Hepher, Lennie Key, Stella Froment, Joan Prior, Joan Mitham, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Lee, Miss Melbourne and Joyce Lee, and violin solos by Mr. George Laverack. Prizes for musical parcels were won by Mrs. S. Hepher and Mr. T. Williams. After Mr. Walter Thorp had tendered a vote of thanks to the Women's Institute for giving the old people such an excellent time, the National Anthem concluded a very enjoyable evening.

PARISH COUNCIL. 25th Jan. 1935

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, every member being present, viz.: Mr. C. H. Parish (Chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) reported that as instructed he had seen the Clerk of the Chesterton R.D.C. respecting the question of the repairing of the clock in the tower of the Parish Church, and had been informed that, pending further inquiries, the Parish Council should not incur any expense. It was announced that Messrs. A. Day and Sons would find a dumping place for unburnable rubbish, and tenders for its collection during March were received from the following:- Mr. W. Kester, £3; MR. P. Godfrey, £4. After some discussion, Mr. Burton proposed, and Mr. Cole seconded, that the lower tender be accepted. When put to the Council, two members voted for the proposition and none against, whereupon the Chairman declared that Mr. Kester's tender had been accepted. Later a letter was read respecting the collection of unburnable rubbish at stated intervals by the R.D.C., but it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should continue the collection so long as there was a dumping place available. A communication from the County Council was also considered. This inquired whether the Parish Council had any suggestions to make respecting alterations in the fares or improvements in the service of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company. Mr. Cole said he was of the opinion that the fare through the village should be reduced from 2d. to 1d., the fare charged originally. This was seconded by MR. Dean and agreed to. Other business included the appointment of Mr. B. Hodson as a trustee of Frere's Cottages, in the place of Mr. Jethro Linford, the nomination of Mr. C. J. Shepperson, B. Hodson, G. Burling and C. Eason as suitable persons to serve as Parish Constable, and the issue of a Precept for £16 for expenses of the Council during the year ending 31st March, 1936. Attention was called to the fact that contrary to the by-laws a parishioner had been exercising his horse on the Recreation Ground, and it was resolved that the parishioner in question should be cautioned by the Police Constable and informed that if he should offend again proceedings would be taken against him.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 1st Feb. 1935

Notwithstanding the severe weather, 17 passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the L. and N.E.R. special half-day excursion to London last Sunday.

FOR PEACE. 1st Feb. 1935

The number of votes recorded in Swavesey in favour of the six-point programme of the ballot was 259, representing nearly 50 per cent. of those who received papers.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 1st Feb. 1935

The churchwardens have distributed the late Mr. Thomas Payne's Charity this week, 27 widows and widowers receiving gifts of tea and sugar and 1 cwt. of coal.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 1st Feb. 1935

Taking for his subject "Joseph," as a type of Jesus, Mr. C. Day gave a helpful address to the members of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening. The President occupied the chair. Miss Godfrey contributed a solo. Mr. C. Richardson, of Histon, will be the speaker at next week's meeting.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN. 1st Feb. 1935

There was a good attendance at the lantern lecture on the care and treatment of children born deformed or crippled, which was given in the Infants' School on Thursday week by Dr. Roderick, of Cambridge. Dr. Hart occupied the chair. The lantern was lent by Mr. Symonds, of Over, and the slides were manipulated by Mrs. C. S. Hepher.

BRITISH LEGION. 1st Feb. 1935

The attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the local Branch of the British Legion was surprisingly large considering the severe snowstorm. The programme included games and competitions, and also dancing, for which the music was supplied by Billy Bishop and his band. Songs were sung by Mr. Harry Cole, but others who had promised to appear were prevented from travelling owing to the bad weather. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Turner, and Mr. Berryman was doorkeeper. After all expenses had been paid, the sum of 18s. 6d. was carried to the funds of the Branch, a result which was very good in the circumstances.

CAMPANOLOGY. 8th Feb. 1935

A 5,040 change peal of Bob Minor was rung on the bells of the Parish Church on Friday by the following band: J. Hodson 1, G. Hodson 2, H. Whitehead 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, R. Smith 5, R. Mitham, jun., 6. The peal which consisted of seven different callings of 720's, occupied 2 hours 58 minutes.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 8th Feb. 1935

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an interesting address on "Precipitation and Powers," was given by Mr. C. Richardson, of Histon. The pastor occupied the chair. Mr. F. Whitehead, of Oakington, will be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 8th Feb. 1935

Seven and a half tables were in play at the whist drive organised by the Church Council Social Committee, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. G. Froment, most fives, Mrs. Lee; gentlemen, Mr. F. Causer, Mr. A. Hawkes, most fours, Mr. W. Hephher. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C.

DANCE. 8th Feb. 1935

The second dance to assist the funds of the Horticultural Show and Sports was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, Hal Kemp and his band again providing the music. The refreshments were in the charge of Mrs. W. Thorp, assisted by Mrs. J. Smith. During the evening the Chairman (Mr. H. Whitehead) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to everyone who had contributed to the success of the dance. Messrs. P. J. Watts and R. Hendry acted as doorkeepers, and Mr. C. S. Hephher was an efficient M.C.

CHURCH MEETING. 8th Feb. 1935

There was a good attendance at the annual Parochial Church Meeting, held in the Infants' School on Monday. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, who was in the chair, thanked everyone for the very kind welcome given both himself and his wife. Part of a letter was read from Mrs. Banks, who had recently left the village, expressing cordial thanks to all who had presented her husband and herself with a clock as a farewell gift. Mrs. C. S. Hephher was then asked to read the annual report of the Church Council, and Mr. W. I. Hephher presented the church accounts, which just about balanced. A very satisfactory statement was given by Mr. Whitehead respecting the fund for providing electric lighting for the church.

BRITISH LEGION. 8th Feb. 1935

The Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion held their annual dinner and concert in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, about 40 members and visitors sitting down to an excellent repast provided by Messrs. Stiles, of St. Ives. Before commencing dinner, a silence was observed in memory of comrades who had not returned from the battlefields, and also who

had passed away since. After dinner an excellent variety programme was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Horace Watson sang several comic songs, accompanied by the Rev. C. C. Dickson at the piano. Recitations, songs by Mr. Harry Cole, and war-time choruses, led by Mr. Lee, were much appreciated. During a break in the programme speeches were made by the Rev. C. C. Dickson (president of the branch), Mr. Barwell and Mr. Berryman. Toasts were given to the King; to memory of the beloved leader of the British Army, Earl Haig; and also to the visitors, for whom Mr. Cox responded. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought to a close one of the best re-unions the members have yet had. It was announced that a social for members, their wives and families would be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, 23rd February.

Y.P.F. 15th Feb. 1935

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an able address was given by Mr. F. Whitehead, of Oakington. Mr. Rendle, of Histon, will be the speaker next week.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 15th Feb. 1935

The Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance, and several new members were welcomed by the President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher. After routine business Mrs. Laverack, who was delegate for the Spring Council meetings, gave a good report on both the morning and afternoon sessions. It being members' night, and excellent programme was arranged by a committee of members, with Mrs. Berryman in the chair. Mrs. Hart gave an interesting talk on diet and food value, and Mrs. Shepperson read the history of Swavesey for the years 1861-71. For the best show of growing bulbs, Mrs. Laverack was adjudged the winner. The musical parcel was won by Mrs. Canham, and the guessing competition by Mrs. T. Froment. A laughable sketch, entitled "Who's Who?" admirably performed by Mesdames T. Froment, T. Smart, H. Prime and G. Prime, and a series of dances, the music for which was played by Mr. John Mitham, brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

THE SCHOOL. 15th Feb. 1935

A correspondent writes: At the beginning of November last the main building of Swavesey Church of England School, which was erected in 1842, was condemned as unsafe, and several of the classes were hurriedly removed to the Memorial Hall. Over three months have gone by, but so far nothing appears to have been done either in the way of pulling down or repairing the building.

One chimney, I understand, was reported to be in such a precarious state that its immediate demolition was said to be necessary. Yet it is still standing, but if it should fall, the whole, or at any rate some of the brickwork, must come down into the playground, which is still used by the younger children. The fact that two separate buildings at some little distance from one another are being used, must be most inconvenient, and must interfere with the efficient working of the school. The teachers, I know, are doing their best. It was fortunate that there was such a building as the Memorial Hall to go to when evacuation of the old building was ordered, but it must not be forgotten that the hall is occupied for other purposes on several evenings in every week, and that on each of these occasions the school furniture, books, etc., have to be cleared away, and subsequently replaced. Then again, as a free view of the Hall is obscured on one side by the buildings and on the other by a wall, children scurrying out at playtime, or when school is over run grave risk of being knocked down by motor vehicles passing along High-street, where there is no speed limit, and, so far as the Hall is concerned, no "School" caution signpost. We have heard that meetings have been held or are going to be held, but surely in three months something definite could and should have been done.

CAMBS. BUTCHER FINED. 22nd Feb. 1935

Slaughtered Without Notice to Authorities.

A Cambs. butcher was fined £5 at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday for slaughtering certain animals for human consumption without giving notice to the local authority.

Defendant was Robert Williamson, of Swavesey, and he pleaded guilty to the offence, which took place at Swavesey on January 1st. Mr. W. H. Kester (Messrs. Few and Co.) appeared for the prosecution.

The magistrates were his Honour Judge H. G. Farrant (in the chair), Mr. H. G. Gray, Mr. G. Hart, Mr. H. F. Cook, Mr. H. G. Spicer, Mr. F. Kirby and Mr. W. W. Pemberton.

Mr. Kester, addressing the Bench, said that the case was brought under Section A of the Meat Regulations Act 1924. On December 28th, about three days before the alleged offence took place, the defendant was served with a copy of the regulations, part of which stated that local authorities had to be given opportunity to inspect premises in order to safeguard the market. Defendant was informed on January 2nd. His instructions were not to ask for a heavy penalty, but they felt that the regulations should be brought to the notice of other butchers.

INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE.

William Dewhurst, sanitary inspector to the Chesterton Rural District Council, said that on January 1st he went to Swavesey and found that slaughtering was taking place at defendant's premises. The Council had received no notice of this.

Questioned by the defendant, witness said that there was nothing particularly wrong with the meat.

In reply to Mr. Kester, defendant said that on December 5th he visited defendant's slaughter-houses and inspected 22 pigs and found two of them infected with tuberculosis in the head.

Similar evidence was given by Sidney Harkness, assistant sanitary inspector.

A fine of £5 was imposed, plus the costs.

ADVERT. 22nd Feb. 1935

WE OFFER English Hands Bacon, 6½d. lb.; Good Margarine, 4d. lb.; Jars of Jam, 11½d.; Seville Oranges, 1s. a dozen; Small Chick Feed, 1s. 6d. per stone. All orders will receive special attention. – Canham's Stores.

Y.P.F. 22nd Feb. 1935

There was a full attendance of members of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening to hear Mr. T. Readle, of Histon, who gave an illuminating address on "Ruth." Mr. G. Laverack presided, and voiced the thanks of all to the speaker. Miss Spearman also contributed a recitation. The Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, will be the speaker next week.

BRITISH LEGION. 22nd Feb. 1935

The Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion held a dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a very poor attendance, partly owing to the bad weather, and that there were unfortunately other social functions in near-by villages. Hal Kemp and his band supplied the dance music, Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C., and the refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, and Miss V. Savidge. The proceeds were not large enough to cover expenses, but it is hoped to wipe out the deficit at the next dance, which is to be held on 16th March, with Bass and his Rhythm Boys in attendance.

CONCERT. 22nd Feb. 1935

The following was the programme at the enjoyable concert which was given at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, in aid of Swavesey Horticultural Show and Sports: - Part 1 – Pianoforte duet "British Cavalry" (Carl Heman), Misses Lily and Joan Hepher; songs, "Is life a boon" (from "Yeoman of the Guard",

Sullivan), "For you alone" (Geell), Mr. H. E. Parren (accompanist Miss M. Hearne); humorous recitation, Miss M. Hearne; song, "Vilia" (from the "Merry Widow"), Mrs. W. Veasey Smith, L.R.A.M. (accompanist, Miss E. M. Longland); recitation, "Highwayman," Miss Toseland; humour, Mr. Jack King (Norwich); sketch, "Mary's Sister John," Willingham friends. Part 2 – Pianoforte duet, "Blumenleid" (Lange), Misses Lily and Joan Hephher; song "Phyllida" (Fisher), Mr. H. E. Parren (accompanist, Miss M. Hearne); song, "The Piper from Over the Way" (May H. Brake), Mrs. W. Veasey Smith (accompanist, Miss E. Longland); recitation, Miss Toseland; sketch, "Mixed Pickles," Willingham friends. Many encores were demanded by the appreciative audience. Before the close the Chairman (Mr. H. Whitehead) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes who had so kindly given their services. Messrs. P. J. Watts, C. S. Hephher, R. C. Asplin, R. Brooks, W. Hendry, and L. Carter acted as stewards, and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. Whitehead and Miss G. Froment were in charge of the refreshments.

ADVERT. 1st March 1935

SPECIAL OFFERS. – Lard Substitute 6d. per lb., Danish Rashers Bacon 1s. per lb. In stock, Fairy Soap 4d. per lb., Oxydol Powder 4½d. per packet. Sanatogen all sizes. – Canham's Stores, Swavesey.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 1st March 1935

The envelope collection for St. Dunstan's, organised by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, resulted in the satisfactory sum of £5 4s. 6d. being raised. Mesdames E. J. Mitham, Laverack, Lee, Ellwood, J. Smith and C. S. Hephher were the collectors.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 1st March 1935

The football match between Swavesey and Longstanton Schools, played on the Recreation Ground on Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a runaway win for the home team by 13 goals to nil. The Longstanton boys were the younger and weaker team, so much so that during the second half the Swavesey goalie, P. Papworth, acted as their goalkeeper, the Swavesey XI not needing his assistance.

SHOW AND SPORTS. 1st March 1935

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Horticultural Show and Sports was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. Whitehead was in the chair, and there was a fairly good attendance. The Treasurer gave a satisfactory statement of the efforts of the Social Committee, the profit from

dances and concert being £7 19s. 9d. After a lengthy discussion regarding the future of the show, the meeting was adjourned, as no one appeared to be prepared to take on the duties of secretary.

CRICKET CLUB. 1st March 1935

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, was very poorly attended. Officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:- President, Mr. C. Walker; vice-presidents, Rev. C. C. Dickson, Rev. A. Tilling, Messrs. C. Dean, J. Parish, Westbrook, H. Whitehead, P. Lee, W. D. Isgrove, A. J. Willson, C. H. Parish, R. Barwell, W. Hind, G. E. Canham, R. Norman and B. Thorp; hon. secretary and treasurer, D. Canham; captain 1st XI, A. Hephher; vice-captain, F. Hephher; captain 2nd XI, G. Brooks; vice-captain, S. Wright. A vote of thanks was accorded to the President, Vice-Presidents, Mr. F. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. Turner and Miss D. Godfrey, and also to Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals for the assistance they gave to the club last year.

W.I. SOCIAL. 1st March 1935

The social, which was held on Thursday week, under the auspices of the Institute, was an undoubted success. The attendance was very gratifying. The programme included two sketches, competitions, games and dances. The music was supplied by Claude Witham and his boys, this being their first appearance in public, and it was agreed that this band will, with a little more experience, be a very good combination. The following were the winners of competitions: Matchbox race – Miss A. Johnson and Mr. H. Unwin; orange derby, Miss L. Melbourne and Mr. E. Mitham; obstacle race, Miss K. Banks and Mr. D. Canham; cock crowing, which caused much amusement, Mr. Stan Prime, Mrs. E. Mitham and Mr. H. Unwin; donkey's tail, Mr. S. Ingle. The refreshments were served by Mrs. Melbourne and the committee. The proceeds were for the W.I. funds.

BRITISH LEGION. 1st March 1935

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members, their wives and children at the annual social of the local branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. There was a very good attendance, especially from Lolworth and Boxworth, but the members from Swavesey were not so numerous as was expected. The programme was a varied one to suit everyone present, especially the children, and it was due to the energy of Mrs. C. S. Hephher that they had such a good time. The music for dancing was supplied by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals. The refreshments, which

were kindly given by members' wives and friends, were served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, and Miss V. Savidge, with the assistance of several other willing helpers. During the evening a humorous sketch entitled "Who's who" was given by Mrs. T. Froment, Mrs. E. Smart, and Mesdames H. and Geo. Prime. They were rewarded by hearty applause. The rest of the programme was composed of dancing, games for the children, and vocal items by Mr. Harry Cole. Thanks were tendered by Mrs. Hephher to the Branch Executive for providing such a jolly evening. Owing to the long distance which the outside members had to travel, an early start was reluctantly made for the return home, and the gathering was sorely depleted when they departed. Messrs. Barwell, C. S. Hephher and Topham very kindly provided their cars for the transport of the Lolworth and Boxworth folk.

ADVERT. 8th March 1935

ENCOURAGE "HOME" PRODUCTS by trying "Cookeen" in place of Lard, 6d. per lb. Waterglass is ready, 1s. 2s. and 4s. Special offer: Orange Marmalade, 1's 4½d., 2's 7½d. – CANHAM'S STORES.

ST. DUNSTAN'S. 8th March 1935

The name of Mrs. Canham was inadvertently omitted from the list of collectors for St. Dunstan's published in the "Press and Chronicle" last week.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 8th March 1935

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association on Wednesday received a cheque for £5 from the executors of the late Miss Downham, of Fen Drayton.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 8th March 1935

The match between Longstanton School and Swavesey School 2nd XI., played at Longstanton on Tuesday, resulted in a decisive win for the Swavesey boys by eight goals to nil. The scorers were: Alan Lee (3), H. Payne (2), R. Wilderspin (2) and A. Dalton.

Y.P.F. 8th March 1935

There was a large attendance at last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Mr. W. Coles, of Cottenham, gave a much-appreciated address, and Mrs. Ivatt and Miss D. Payne and E. Prime contributed musical items. The Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton, will be the speaker next week.

OVERSEAS' MISSIONS AND HOME SCHOOLS. 8th March 1935

In this month's North Stowe Deanery Magazine there are two important announcements relating to Swavesey. The first is the statement that Swavesey's contributions last year to missions overseas amounted to £81 11s. 7d., nearly four times its quota. The second has reference to the future of the Church of England Day Schools established in the parish nearly a century ago. On this point the Vicar writes: "The managers of our Day Schools have, after much thought, and also the seeking of counsel from our Diocesan Education Committee and our Parochial Church Council, decided that owing to lack of funds to build a new school in place of the present one, which has been condemned as unsafe, and as there is no prospect of being able to raise the necessary money, which would run into hundreds of pounds, to ask the Local Education Authority to take over the responsibility of their administration. It is with extreme regret this has been done, and only because there is no alternative. As I write this, the transfer is in process of being completed, and I can only ask your prayers that everything may work together for good."

ADVERT. 15th March 1935

BE SURE and Buy a Jubilee Tin of Tea, 8oz. and 16oz. size. Your Spring Cleaning Requirements are ready to hand. – Canham's Stores.

PROPERTY OWNERS. 15th March 1935

Meetings were held last week in Swavesey and Over to consider the question of forming a Property Owners' Association for the district. No definite decision was arrived at, but in all probability an association will be inaugurated at a further meeting to be held next week at the Church School, Over.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th March 1935

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an interesting address was given by the Rev. S. Smith, of Fenstanton. Mr. Ernest Dodson, jun., sang a solo, accompanied on the violin by Mr. G. Laverack. Mr. G. E. Canham was in the chair.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th March 1935

The members of the Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance, and one new member was welcomed. Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president) was in the chair. After the usual business, Mrs. Pemberton, of Trumpington, gave an interesting talk on travel abroad, which was much appreciated. There was also

an exhibition of fancy needlework and woodwork, done by children of members, and some very good work was shown. Mrs. Laverack was elected delegate to the N.F.W.I. meeting to be held in London. The social half-hour was arranged by Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Martin, and Mesdames Melbourne, Martin, G. Froment, and Miss G. Froment were the hostesses.

ADVERT. 22nd March 1935

ASK FOR "WOPPA" PEAS, best value. Also Tins of Peas, Beans and Other Vegetables in stock. COOKED HAM always in cut. BETTA BISCUITS, 6d. per lb. – CANHAM'S STORES.

HAPPY MEMORIES. 22nd March 1935

A letter from Mr. Frank Day, of Eramosa, Ontario, recalling happy memories of village life in Swavesey will be found in "Passing Hour."

Y.P.F. 22nd March 1935

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an address was given by the secretary, who also sang, accompanied by Mr. W. Kester on his accordion. The members and their friends are looking forward to the annual rally this week-end, when the special speaker on Monday evening will be the Rev. W. Harold Tebbitt, the Area Superintendent.

BRITISH LEGION. 22nd March 1935

Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, the dance held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the British Legion, was a success. An excellent programme of music was supplied by Bass and his boys from St. Neots, and as this band is considered one of the best in the district, it was generally expected that the hall would have been full, but owing to the rain coming on when the dancers were getting ready, the attendance suffered. However, about 80 dancers attended. Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C., and Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, who were assisted by many willing helpers, were in charge of the refreshments. A small profit was made on the dance, and this has been added to the branch funds.

A SWAVESEY NONAGENARIAN. 22nd March 1935

Mr. William Henry Key will attain the great age of 90 years on Sunday. A son of the late Mr. Henry Key, baker, of Earith, Hunts, he was born in that village on March 24th, 1845. He migrated to Swavesey in 1870, and opened a baker's business, which he carried on with success until 1910, when he retired

in favour of his son, and he went to live at Top Ley's Cottage, in Taylor's-lane – "Amen Corner," to give it its familiar name. Here he devoted himself to his garden and orchards. During his long residence in Swavesey Mr. W. H. Key has held many public offices. He was a churchwarden for 22 years, the first chairman of the Parish Council and a member continuously for many years, a Feoffee of Galon's Charity, trustee of the Fire Relief Fund Charity (Frere Cottages) and a school manager. A keen and active member of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds at one time or another he filled every office in the Wheatsheaf (Swavesey) Lodge and was the only member of the Lodge to become Chief Shepherd of the Cambridge District. He is in fairly good health, and is still able to do a little light work in his garden.

WEDDING. 22nd March 1935

The marriage took place on Saturday at the parish church of Miss Ivy Thorp, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorp, of Grosvenor House, Swavesey, and Mr. Richard Henry Brooks, youngest son of Mrs. Brooks, of Boxworth End, and the late Mr. W. G. Brooks, of Dry Drayton. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated at the service, during which the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty gown of ivory georgette and lace, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of dark red roses and trailing fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Florence Warboys (cousin of the bride) and Miss Gladys Sutton, who wore dresses of dark red suede with gold net caps and gold leaves, and carried bouquets of cream carnations and fern. Mr. C. C. Cooper, of Cambridge, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at Grosvenor House. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brooks, who will reside at Madingley, were the recipients of about eighty useful presents. These include a gift from the bride's late fellow workers at Messrs. Chivers'.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd March 1935

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on March 14th to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee. The following councillors were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephew, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish. The Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) read the circular letter from the Ministry of Health respecting the Jubilee and also a communication from the Women's Institute stating that the members would be glad to take their part in arrangements for its celebration. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that a public

meeting should be held on March 21st to decide what form the celebration should take, in what way the money needed should be raised, and to appoint committees to carry out the arrangements. A letter was also read from the Chesterton Rural District Council in reference to the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, and after some discussion it was decided to reply that the Parish Council had no observations to make so far as Swavesey was concerned. An application was received from the Secretary of the Ladies' Hockey Club for permission to play matches on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that she should be informed that her club were at liberty to use the ground, and in order to avoid clashing with other clubs, Messrs. C. H. Parish, F. Hepher and P. L. Lee were appointed a committee to manage the ground for sports.

MEMORIES OF SWAVESEY. 22nd March 1935

From the township of Eramosa, Ontario, Canada, comes this very interesting letter from Mr. Frank Day, who writes of happy memories of village life at Swavesey:-

Your reference in "The Passing Hour" to the pound at Swavesey, and to the late Mr. George Clarke, for many years Pindar and Lamplighter, recalls happy memories of village life in days gone by. My most vivid recollection of the pound is of hiding near the entrance as the school bell rang while I was playing truant some forty odd years ago. It was unfortunate that a spot so near the school should be chosen in which to hide, for I well remember crouching in fear of discovery near the Fire Engine building as the bell tolled forth its accusing note.

I have a more pleasant memory of hearing the school clock strike three as I wandered into the village through Boxworth End one morning, on a Blighty leave, after eleven years in Canada. The respected Headmaster of earlier days, the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who also taught my father, I believe; the mistress of the infants' school, the late Miss Pook; and the genial lamplighter, Mr. Clarke, have all passed on.

The doctor remains I am glad to know, in the person of Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis. As a boy I remember his criticisms of Radicals, boys, and other nuisances. But in the course of pleasant chats on later visits his opinions seemed to have mellowed, for about all he chided me for was for being a Canadian and for smoking too long a pipe.

THE POUNDS ACT IN CANADA.

In a reference to conditions in Canada to-day, Mr. Day adds:-

The Pounds Act has been in force in Ontario for many years, and is far from being a dead letter. Six weeks ago at the Council meeting for 1935 for the

Township of Eramosa (a territory 12 miles long by 7 miles wide), the following were appointed Poundkeepers: - Henry Flewelling, Speedside; Harry Oakes, Oustic; John Weatherston, Everton; John Mitchell, Four Corners; Henry Barden, Eden Mills, and James McPherson, Rockwood.

One farmer found 27 head of cattle in his grain field last summer, and promptly drove them to the Poundkeeper, who released them to the owner after the charges were paid. The Act provides that where no owner can be found within a reasonable time, the cattle must be sold by auction, and the proceeds, after paying lawful charges, turned into township funds.

ADVERT. 29th March 1935

ALWAYS ASK for "GOLDEN DAWN" BUTTER, the best, at 10d. per lb. English Cheddar and Gorgonzola Cheese in stock. - Canham's Stores.

WEDDING PRESENTS. 29th March 1935

On the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ivy Thorp, a report of which appeared last week, Mr. Richard H. Brooks received the following presents. A dinner service, half a dozen tumblers, a Pyrex casserole and a fruit dish from his employers, Mr. and Mrs. Harding, of Madingley Hall, an Aladdin lamp from the head chauffeur and a cut glass celery vase from the indoor staff.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 29th March 1935

The anniversary services of the Young People's Fellowship were held on Sunday and Monday, the Baptist Union Area Superintendent, Rev. W. Harold Tebbit, being the special preacher. Good congregations were present, both morning and evening, on Sunday, Mr. Tebbit's addresses being both helpful and inspiring. The annual rally was held on the Monday evening, the President occupying the chair. Many visitors from surrounding societies were present, including Over, Willingham, Haddenham, Bourn and St. Andrew's-street, Cambridge. Mr. Tebbit was again the speaker. Taking as his subject "Debts We Owe," he gave much useful and helpful advice. A solo, "How lovely are Thy dwellings," was feelingly rendered by Mrs. Wolfe of Cottenham. The proceedings concluded with a supper, attended by well over 100 members and friends.

JUBILEE PLANS. 29th March 1935

The public meeting called by the Parish Council to decide whether the King's Silver Jubilee should be celebrated in the village, and if so what form the celebrations should take, was held in the Memorial hall on Thursday week, Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council) presided. On the

proposition of Mrs. C. S. Hepher (President of the Women's Institute) and seconded by Mr. S. Wright (hon. secretary, Football Club) it was agreed that the Jubilee should be celebrated. Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis moved that there should be a tea for all school children up to 15 years of age and for Old Age Pensioners 70 years of age and over, that sports, for which prizes would be given, should be arranged, and that each child should be presented with a Jubilee mug. This was seconded by Mr. C. Walker and carried. The following were appointed a committee to collect subscriptions and to make the necessary arrangements: Mr. C. Wood, Mr. G. E. Canham, Mr. P. H. Lee, Mr. H. W. Whitehead, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. C. Walker, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. W. Thorp. A further proposition was made by Mr. H. H. Berryman (hon. secretary, British Legion), and supported by Mr. F. W. Pontefract that the festivities should conclude with a bonfire.

PARISH CHURCHES OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE. 29th March 1935

No. 1. ST. ANDREW'S, SWAVESEY.

(Accompanied by photograph).

The parish church of Swavesey, dedicated to St. Andrew, is one of the largest in the county, and is a fine specimen of Early English altered considerably in Perpendicular times by insertions in the style of that period. It consists of a clerestoried nave, chancel and North and South aisles, each with a chantry at the Eastern end. In the Northern chantry the organ is placed, and that on the South side is used for week-day services, etc.

At the West end of the church a good deal of Early English work is conspicuous, the tower arches being of that period. There are three arches as the aisles are continued up to the level of the Western face of the tower, so that two of its arcades open North and South into them. In the tower is a peal of six bells, which quite recently have been quarter turned and rehung on a metal frame. The bell, which there is reason to believe is the oldest, bears no inscription and is not dated; another has an inscription but no date. Of the remainder three are dated 1753 and one 1755.

NOTICEABLE FEATURES.

Noticeable features in the chancel are the beautiful Decorated sedilia (three seats of unequal height) and a piscine on the South side, and two fine Early English arches leading to the South chantry, where there are also sedilia of four compartments, of the late Perpendicular period. The nave is notable for its twelve Perpendicular arches, six on each side, which are supported by very slender pillars.

In the South aisle are some remarkable windows, originally Early English lancets, single and of an unusually large size; each has been filled with 15th century tracery which has altered the design in a peculiar manner. The Perpendicular font at the West end of the South aisle has an octagonal basin supported on a heavy shaft.

There are no monuments of ancient date, but in the South chantry there is the striking monument to Lady Anne Cutt, of Childerley, which has only of recent years been discovered to be the work of the sculptor Nicholas Stone (1586-1647), master mason to James I and Charles I. The only stained glass are a few heraldic shields and some fragments worked into several of the windows.

RESTORATION.

The first restoration of the church in modern times took place in the late sixties of last century, and was carried out mainly at the expense of the Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ryder, the then Lady of the Manor. At that time the chancel and chantry screens were erected, stalls from an old design were provided for the clergy and choir in the chancel, and the nave and South aisle were re-seated with oaken benches, each with a quaint finial (all different) copied from those on the original benches, some of which are now in the North aisle.

Shortly before the war the roof of the South aisle and chantry was found to be in a dangerous state. This was taken in hand, and also various repairs to the fabric generally, but unfortunately only part of the roof could be attended to. After the war the nave roof, which had been attacked by the death watch beetle, was dealt with, and more recently the remainder of the South aisle roof.

STONE COFFINS.

Near the South porch door will be found parts of stone coffins, and coffin lids, and hanging on the wall near by are a list of the Priors and Vicars of Swavesey since 1272 and a water colour painting of the interior of the church as it appeared before the restoration in the sixties.

It is said that the cock which forms the weather vane on the tower has reference to Bishop Alcock, of Ely, who was the founder of Jesus College, Cambridge, the patrons of the living of Swavesey. There is also a carving of a cock on the credence box.

CHURCHES OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE. 5th April 1935

Without giving away any professional secrets, I may say that the launching of new features in a local newspaper is a matter which calls for the donning of the editorial thinking cap. When this solemn operation has been duly performed and the resultant brainwave translated into action, doubts may arise as to whether the idea is really being appreciated.

Readers will understand our sense of satisfaction, therefore, when I mention that there have already been intimations from several quarters that our “Parish Churches of Cambridgeshire” series has met with an encouraging reception and is likely to stimulate further interest as church after church comes under review.

Before I go any further, let me emphasise an important point. While the Editor will welcome any written facts about parish churches in the diocese – especially matters of interest usually overlooked – photographs should not be sent to the office. Our photographic department has been entrusted with the task of securing a new picture of each church described.

Incumbents of parishes have shown their readiness to co-operate in the production of the series, and to them we are especially grateful.

THE POINT OF VIEW.

A Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society writes to me in high praise of the view of Swavesey Church published in our pages last week. The picture however served to revive a very old argument among picture makers and picture sellers, namely, whether it is better to give an entirely new rendering of a well-known object than it is to give a familiar rendering.

The picture of Swavesey Church, says the writer, is a fine example of this oft-debated problem. The view shown us last week was a pictorial rendering in every sense of the word, and no better picture of the church could be obtained. Few people, however, have seen the church from this point of view, and it is quite possible that many Swavesey people would fail to name the church if no caption appeared. The usual view, one seen by a passer-by, is from the road, and thousands of people are familiar with it. Opinions differ as to the best way of rendering any scene obtainable from many standpoints, and the photographer of the church in question did well to give the most pictorial rendering of it, even though it be one few people are familiar with.

Photographers who know the churches of Cambridgeshire will, he adds, examine with particular interest other pictures which are to come along.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. 5th April 1935

Last Sunday being Mothering Service, children, on the invitation of the Vicar, took flowers to a special service at the parish church in the afternoon. These were presented at the altar, and after the service were laid by the children on graves of relatives in the churchyard. Many parents and friends were present.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 5th April 1935

An excellent finish to a most successful session was the general opinion of the members at the close of Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's

Fellowship. More members have been present week by week and a good work has been done. The speaker on Monday, Mr. Gordon Davies, of Cambridge, followed a good succession with an earnest address on the "Call of God." The secretary and pastor also took part in the meeting.

CRICKET CLUB. 5th April 1935

There was a good attendance at the social held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Cricket Club. The entertainments for the evening included a solo by Mr. M. Ginn, and a sketch entitled "A Pretty Piece of Business." Prizes were won as follows: Spot dance, Mr. D. Wagstaff and Miss G. Wright; competition, Mr. A. Kester. Dance music was provided by Billy Bishop's Rhythm Rascals. Mrs. Turner and Miss D. Godfrey catered for the refreshments.

SUDDEN DEATH. 5th April 1935

While working in Mr. W. Parish's orchard in the Hale, Mr. Albert Payne looked over the hedge into Mr. Jabez Day's land, adjoining, and there saw Mr. Tom Young Mackness lying on the ground. On going to him he found that Mackness appeared to be dead, so he promptly fetched P.C. Shanks, and deceased's body was conveyed to his house in the village. As Dr. Hart, who had attended him for the last three years for cardiac trouble and bronchitis, was able to certify that death was due to heart failure, the Coroner decided that an inquest was not necessary. Born 79 years ago, the youngest son of the late Mr. Edward Mackness, of Knapwell, deceased served in the Royal Artillery for 22½ year at home, in India, and in South Africa. He fought in the Boer War, and was one of the men who pitched the tent in which General Cronje surrendered on Feb. 27th, 1900. On his retirement with a pension, he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Eason, at Swavesey, and after her death her daughter kept his house. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the parish church.

ADVERT. 12th April 1935

REALLY GOOD! SALMON STEAK, 1s. 2d. per tin. Also 10½d., 8d., 5½d., 4d. TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, GLASS TONGUES, etc. – CANHAM'S STORES.

DROVE LETTING. 12th April 1935

Very poor prices were realised for the herbage of the droves of Swavesey at the annual letting by auction, which took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION. 12th April 1935

It is understood that Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Mr. Prime Godfrey have been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Chesterton Rural District Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Alfred Day, sen. Polling, if any, will take place on Thursday, April 25th.

THE LATE MR. T. MACKNESS. 12th April 1935

The funeral of Mr. Tom Young Mackness, whose sudden death was reported in our last issue, took place at the parish church on Thursday week, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, conducting the service. The immediate mourners were: Miss E. Eason and Mrs. Bath (nieces), Miss Bath and Mrs. James Trundley (cousins), Mr. Jabez Day (late employer), Mrs. Day, Mr. George Day and Mr. J. T. Daintree. As deceased was an old soldier, the coffin was covered with a Union Jack. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

PATCHWORK. 12th April 1935

Members of the Swavesey branch of the Women's Institute held their monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president) being in the chair. Two new members were welcomed. After the usual business an interesting demonstration on "Patchwork" was given by Mrs. Dunn. There was also an exhibition of foreign articles brought by members, the collection being very varied, representing many countries. Games and dancing followed, Mrs. H. Wells winning the mystery parcel, and Mrs. E. J. Mitham the cock-crowing competition. Mesdames Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, F. Martin, Marriott, and Miss Melbourne were the hostesses for the evening.

B.W.T.A. 12th April 1935

Preceded by a tea at 5 p.m., the annual meeting of the local branch of the B.W.T.A. was held in Bethel Schoolroom on April 4th. Satisfactory reports were presented by the Secretary and Treasurer, and officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. P. Godfrey; vice-president, Mrs. J. Day; secretary, Mrs. F. F. Norman; treasurer, Mrs. Aldred; committee, Mesdames Godfrey, sen., Smith, Frost, Savage, Coulson, Laverack, A. Prior, A. Day, Misses G. Dodson and Leah Spearman; L.W.R. superintendent, Miss Easter. Mrs. Thixton presided at a well-attended public meeting at 7 p.m., when Miss Watson, of Newmarket, gave an interesting address on "Trade Marks," and Mrs. Laverack recited.

DANCE. 12th April 1935

The executive of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held another of their popular dances in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. About 80 people attended. The dance music was supplied by Josephine and her Gipsy Dance Orchestra, who gave a lively and pleasing programme, including many of the old tunes. The Blue Danube Waltz was an especial favourite. Mr. C. S. Hephher officiated as M.C., and Mr. Berryman was on the door. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and festoons in red, white and blue. Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, assisted by many others, took charge of the refreshments. The proceeds have been devoted to the branch funds.

DEATH OF MISS HAYES. 12th April 1935

Her old friends in Swavesey heard with great regret of the death of Miss Sarah Hayes, daughter of the late Mr. Stephen Hayes. Miss Hayes, after a life of great usefulness in Swavesey, left the village about nine years ago to reside with her nephew, Mr. E. H. Richardson, at Acton. She passed away on April 5th, aged 76. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, of which she was a member for 40 years. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their two daughters.

THE SILVER JUBILEE. 12th April 1935

A further public meeting to consider the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Mr. C. Wood (chairman of the General Committee elected at the previous meeting), who presided, explained the arrangements that had been made by his committee, and stated that about £10 of the sum raised by voluntary contributions remained to be allocated. After considerable discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Mrs. C. S. Hephher, that £5 be devoted to sports for adults, and that with the rest of the money a meat tea should be provided for all adult residents, in addition to old people already arranged for. It was agreed that prizes in cash should be given. The following were appointed a committee to arrange and manage the sports: Messrs. Frank Hephher, S. F. Mitham, C. S. Hephher, S. Wright, D. Canham, L. Day, Stanley Godfrey, H. Unwin, Misses E. Parish, B. Day and P. Willson. Among other matters it was decided to ask the Parish Council to cut down briars and rough grass on the Recreation Ground, and that the bonfire of which Mr. H. H. Berryman will be in charge, should be lighted at 10 p.m. The meeting was well attended.

ADVERT. 19th April 1935

YES, WE HAVE! Those Tins of Fruit and Cream, Jellies, Potted Fish and Meat, etc., etc., which help to make Eastertide so enjoyable. – Canham's Stores.

PARISH MEETING. 19th April 1935

Only seven local government electors took the trouble to attend the annual Parish Meeting which was held on Monday evening in the Memorial Hall. They were the Chairman, the Clerk and four members of the Parish Council, and Mr. Walter Thorp. The only business was the reading of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1934(?), and the accounts of Galon's Charity.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th April 1935

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following councillors being present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., C. H. Parish, and P. Parish, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. C. H. Parish was re-elected chairman and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman. The accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1935, were read by the Clerk and approved. It was decided that tenders should be invited for the herbage of the Recreation Ground, the Chairman, Mr. B. Hodson, and Mr. R. Mitham, jun., being appointed a committee to deal with them. The clearance of brambles, rough grass, etc., from the Recreation Ground, asked for by the recent public meeting, was left to the Recreation Ground Committee, who were authorised to have the necessary work done. Mr. Burton suggested that seats be placed on the Recreation ground as a permanent memorial of the King's Silver Jubilee, the cost to be met by the money in hand in the Recreation Ground account. After considerable discussion Mr. Cole moved that two seats be obtained. This was seconded by Mr. R. Mitham. Mr. Burton proposed as an amendment that three 8ft. seats be purchased. Mr. Lee seconded, and on being put to the vote, the amendment was carried. Mr. Burton and the Clerk were empowered to obtain the seats, and it was agreed that the Council should meet on the Recreation ground to decide where they should be placed. The seats are to be fixed to concrete or sleeper bases.

RAILWAY CROSSING CRASH. 19th April 1935

Car's Night Accident at Swavesey.

One of the railway crossing gates at Swavesey Station was smashed by a small motor car shortly after 11 o'clock on Tuesday night.

The car, driven by Mr. Horace Norman, of Over, was proceeding towards Over, when it crashed into the gate and overturned, the wrecked portions of the gate falling on the top of the car.

Mr. Norman was able to extricate himself, and with the assistance of the signalman on duty and other men who came on the scene he was able to release the car from under the wreckage and get it on its wheels once again.

It is understood Mr. Norman was not injured, and that the car was not seriously damaged. The gate, however, was smashed in the centre and the metal stays badly bent and twisted.

After some delay, Mr. Norman was able to drive home.

ADVERT. 26th April 1935

OUR "SPECIAL" this week is CHEESE, White and tasty, really TASTY at 6d. per lb. SLICED TONGUE at 7½d per ¼lb. – CANHAM'S STORES.

VESTRY MEETING. 26th April 1935

The annual Vestry meeting was held in the Infants' School on Wednesday, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) occupying the chair. The only business was the appointment of churchwardens, Mr. Harry Wells being re-elected people's warden and the Vicar again nominating Mr. W. J. Hepher as his warden.

PARISH CHURCH. 26th April 1935

Good congregations attended the services at the parish church on Good Friday. For Easter Day the fine old building was beautifully decorated with flowers, etc. The services were: Holy Communion at 6 a.m. (with hymn), 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (choral), Mattins 10.30 a.m., children's service 3 p.m., and Evensong with address by the Vicar 6.30 p.m. The music at Evensong included Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Bunnett), and an excellent rendering of the anthem "The Heavens are telling" (Haydn). Mr. H. Prime was the soloist. All services were well attended, the communicants numbering 162, 38 more than last year. The offertories were, as usual, an Easter gift to the Vicar.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 26th April 1935

The annual tea and meeting were held as usual at Bethel Church on Good Friday. A good company met at the tea, which was followed at 6.30 p.m. by the meeting. Many friends from a distance were present, including those from Over, Willingham, Girton, Knapwell, etc. The special preacher was an old friend of the church, in the person of the Rev. Robert Smith (late of Histon), who gave a striking and interesting address on the "Attractions and Repulsions of Christianity." Special Easter services were conducted on Sunday by the

Pastor. Good congregations were present, particularly in the evening, when a baptismal service was held, three candidates being baptised by immersion by the Pastor.

MISSIONARY SALE. 26th April 1935

A sale of work in aid of Foreign Missions was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The Vicar, who, in the absence of the Rural Dean through illness, performed the opening ceremony, in course of his short address thanked all who had worked to make the sale possible. The stalls, etc., were under the charge of the following: Work stall – Mesdames Dickson, Cooksey, E. J. Linford and G. Burling; gift stall – Mrs. W. J. Hepher and Miss Daisley; sixpenny stall – Mesdames C. Walker and Whitehead; obstacles competition – Mrs. T. Williams and Miss Jean Hepher; nursery rhyme competition – Mrs. Lee; weight of Easter egg – Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Miss Lily Hepher. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Mrs. Lee. The sale was followed in the evening by an enjoyable concert, the performers being children trained by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, who were augmented by the following artistes from Cambridge: Mr. Emerson Simons (bass), Master Noel James (violinist), and Miss Ellen Pearson (piano). The following was the programme: Pianoforte duets, Lily and Joan Hepher; recitations, Jean Smith, Barbara Mitham and Lily Hepher; violin solos, Noel Jones; songs, Rev. C. C. Dickson and Mr. Emerson Simons; action song, “Our Garden,” Ray Oakman, Kenneth Nightingale, Dennis Prior, Marjorie Rooke, Joyce Carter and Freda Pilgrim; song, “Oh! Dear, I wish I was big,” Claude Watson; pianoforte solo, Miss Ellen Pearson; dances, “Merry Peasants” and “Gathering Peascods,” Lily and Joan Hepher, Jean Smith, Alan and Norman Lee, Cyril Watson, Dennis Froment and Lenora Key; duet, imitations of little children, Joan Hepher and Joan Mitham; playlet, “Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe,” Lenora and Mable Key, Joan Prior, Alan Lee, Ann Shepperson, Dennis Froment, Claude Watson, Mabel and Frank Hodson, Ben Carter, Cyril Watson and Mary Wagstaff. During the interval the competition prizes were presented by the Vicar to the following: Obstacles, Miss Lily Hepher (given by Mrs. C. S. Hepher), nursery rhymes, Miss Joyce Melbourne (given by Mrs. Lee). The Easter egg (given by Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was auctioned and bought by Mr. C. Walker. The net proceeds of the day’s effort amounted to £14 7s. 6d.

ADVERT. 3rd May 1935

MAKE SURE OF A JUBILEE SOUVENIR. Just a few left. Tins of Tea and Biscuits, etc. – Canham’s Stores.

RECENT CONCERT. 3rd May 1935

In our report last week of the concert which followed the missionary sale of work the names of Miss Phyllis Hephher and Miss Olive Nightingale were inadvertently omitted. They sang a duet "I don't want to play in your yard."

GARDEN FETE. 3rd May 1935

At a meeting of members of the congregation of the parish church held last week it was decided to hold the annual fete in the Vicarage grounds on July 11th, the proceeds to be used for repairing the leaded windows in the church after the installation of the electric light had been paid for.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd May 1935

The 95th church anniversary was held on Thursday week at Bethel Baptist Church. Unfortunately attendances were considerably affected by heavy rains and a very cold day. At the afternoon service a helpful address was given by the Rev. M. Flint, of Redhill, Surrey. Between 50 and 60 friends then met for tea. The evening meeting at 6.30 was again addressed by Mr. Flint, who took as his subject "The Cross of Christ."

JUBILEE DAY. 3rd May 1935

In addition to the events included in the programme for the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee which has been posted in various places in the village, a service will be held in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. Members of the Mother's Union, Women's Institute, Girl Guides, British Legion, Sunday School and other village organisations have been invited to attend with their banners. A collection will be taken for the Jubilee Trust Fund.

EGGS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 3rd May 1935

The collection of eggs made recently by members of the Women's Institute resulted in 1,500 being sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The President of the W.I. (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) has received a letter of grateful acknowledgement from Mr. Head, the Secretary-Superintendent of the Hospital. Mesdames Symonds, Coulson, J. Smith, J. Kester, G. Oakman, H. Wells, T. C. Heasman, H. Prime, F. Martin, W. Whybrow, B. Walker and Miss Melbourne were the collectors.

DANCE. 3rd May 1935

An enjoyable evening was spent at the dance held under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion on Saturday evening. There were about 70 present. The dance music was provided by the popular

Josephine and her Gipsy Orchestra, whose well-varied programme included many old-fashioned waltzes, "The Blue Danube" being especially popular. Mr. C. S. Hepher officiated as M.C., and Messrs. Berryman and Lee were on the door. The refreshments were supplied by Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt. The proceeds were in aid of the branch funds. This dance concluded the programme of socials and dances for this season, and the executive can be congratulated on the admirable way in which they have worked to augment the funds of the branch.

ADVERT. 10th May 1935

TRY a Jar of our OWN NAME APRICOT JAM, 6d., 10d., 1s. 2d. per jar. Also a LARGE JAR OF LEMON CURD, 6½d. – CANHAM'S STORES.

SEATS ON THE GREEN. 10th May 1935

The three comfortable seats which the parish councillors decided at the last meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. Burton, to place on the Recreation Ground, were brought into use for the first time on Monday. They were greatly appreciated.

THE SCHOOLS. 10th May 1935

The Jubilee souvenir books given by the County Education Committee were presented to the children attending Swavesey Council School on Friday afternoon by Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, with whom was Mr. A. L. Parish (school manager, representing the Parish Council).

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 10th May 1935

At a public meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to hold a parade on Feast Sunday, and to divide the proceeds between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. C. Dickson; hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Whitehead; hon. treasurer, Miss E. Dodson; committee, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Messrs. F. Hepher, C. Savage, F. Prior, F. Pontefract, H. H. Berryman, A. W. Melbourne, H. Prime, E. J. Mitham, A. Turner, P. H. Lee, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Whitehead and Nurse Claydon. The meeting decided to invite Somersham Town Band to take part, and also the Cricket Club to arrange a series of matches during Feast Week, viz.: Ladies and Gentlemen in fancy dress on Monday, Swavesey v. Fen Drayton for the Hospital Cup on Tuesday, and with Lolworth on Wednesday. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Rev. C. C. Dickson).

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. 10th May 1935

The main streets of Swavesey were brightly decorated in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee, and a new church flag was hoisted near the main gate of the churchyard. Houses on all sides were decorated and strings of flags, banners, balloons, and lanterns stretched across the streets. In Market-street, Mr. Brooks, of the White Horse, and Mr. Godfrey had electric illuminations on the fronts of their houses.

Before going in procession to the church for the service in the morning, the members of the various societies of the village lined up outside the Memorial Hall with their respective banners. There were representatives of the British Legion, Girl Guides, Girls' Life Brigade, the Sunday Schools, Mothers' Union and Women's Institute. The service, which was somewhat similar to that at St. Paul's Cathedral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Tilling (Baptist minister) reading the lesson. The proceedings in the afternoon started with the children's sports. These were thoroughly enjoyed by competitors and spectators, especially the balloon bursting race and the dog race, which caused much amusement.

At 4 p.m. an excellent tea was provided for the children and the old age pensioners in the Memorial Hall, and later for all the other villagers. After tea everyone went to the Recreation Ground to watch or take part in the adult sports, etc. Two popular features were the fancy dress parade and the decorated bicycles competition. The fancy dress prizewinners were: 1 Mr. L. Day (clown), 2 Alan Lee (Herr Hitler), and the 3rd, three little children, Victor, Nora and John Smart; Victor was dressed as a Jubilee gentleman, Nora as an Early Victorian lady, and John as Mickey Mouse. Other popular events were the ladies' tug-of-war, the men's obstacle race, the men's tug-of-war, in which teams of married and single men, the cricket and football teams took part. The footballers proved the victors.

The day concluded with a free social in the Memorial Hall, at which Claude Whitham's Band supplied a good selection of music for dancing, and there were various competitions, including one for skipping, won by Miss V. Savidge and Mr. Eric Parish. The social was interrupted at 10 o'clock, when a huge bonfire was lighted on the Recreation Ground.

ADVERT. 17th May 1935

SPECIAL PRICES for Cash will be charged for Coloured Flower Paper, Bass, Rubber Bands, etc. – CANHAM'S STORES.

DIAMOND WEDDING. 17th May 1935

Mr. and Mrs. John Dodson, of the Bottle House, Church End, celebrated their diamond wedding on Saturday. They are both 83 years of age, and are in the enjoyment of fairly good health. They received many congratulations from their friends, and also a telegram from the King and Queen.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 17th May 1935

In the recent Sunday School Scripture examination, held by the Cambs. Sunday School Union, 15 out of 16 entrants from Bethel Sunday School passed. The marks were as follows: Lower Junior Division, David Easter 93 (4th prize), Myrtle Ivatt 41, Esme Parish 41; Upper Junior Division, Olive Isgrove 66, Stanley Dodson 56, Joan Jackson 45, Joy Ivatt 40; Lower Middle Division, Desmond Nichols 86 (3rd prize), Kathleen Jacklin 40; Upper Middle Division, Denis Ivatt 91, Roy Godfrey 83; Senior Division, Miss G. Dodson 85 (1st prize), Mr. Chapman 74; Teacher's Division, Mr. G. Laverack 92, Mr. G. Day 75. The prizes and certificates will be presented at the Sunday School anniversary on June 23rd.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th May 1935

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president) taking the chair. It was decided to hold a garden party on June 27th in aid of the funds for the Cancer Campaign, and Mrs. Hepher kindly offered the use of her garden. An outing to London was also arranged for May 30th. An interesting debate followed on the question whether men should help in the home. Then came a lecture by Mr. Milner on "How and why we trade with foreign countries." A competition for the best collection of buttons, the first prize being awarded to Mrs. Pettitt, and the second to Mrs. Coulson. It was announced that members collected 1,510 eggs for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and that they had been kindly delivered at the hospital by Mr. Canham. Games and dancing concluded an enjoyable evening.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CAR. 17th May 1935

Mr. Walter Thorp, who is 83 years of age, met with a serious accident at his home, Grosvenor House, Boxworth End, shortly after ten o'clock on Sunday night. His son-in-law, Mr. J. C. Jellings, was driving a motor car into the garage when Mr. Thorp, who apparently had been opening the doors, stepped in front of the car which knocked him down and then crashed into the back of the garage. Mr. Freestone, who lives next door, heard the crash, and ran to the garage, and assisted Mr. Jellings to lift the car, while Mr. George Burling, another neighbour, pulled Mr. Thorp from underneath. On being taken into

his house he was examined by Dr. Hart, who found that in addition to severe shock, several ribs had been broken. On the doctor's advice the Cambridge Borough Police ambulance was sent for, and Mr. Thorp was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained. P.C. Shanks and P.C. Lane were promptly on the scene of the accident. On inquiry at the hospital yesterday it was stated that Mr. Thorp's condition was still critical.

SWAVESEY MAN'S DEATH. 24th May 1935

Unusual Accident in Garage.

NO BLAME ON SON-IN-LAW DRIVER.

The tragic death of an 83-years-old Swavesey man who was knocked down by a car at his home on May 12th was investigated by the Cambridge Deputy Coroner (Mr. W. R. Wallis) on Wednesday afternoon at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Deceased was Walter Thorp, of Grosvenor House, Boxworth End, Swavesey. Evidence of identification was given by Mrs. Anne Thorp, widow of the deceased, of Grosvenor house, Boxworth End. Witness said her husband was 83 years old and a retired school teacher.

On Sunday, with her husband and daughter, she was driven by their son-in-law in their Austin Seven to Madingley. They returned at about 10 o'clock. There was a roadway to their garage from the main road and witness's husband got out of the car to open the gates there while the car stopped. He then went on to open the double garage gates which were about 12-14 yards away. He opened the doors and came outside to push them back.

Witness, at that time, was just going to close the road gates. Her son-in-law got back in the car to drive it in while deceased went back to move a bicycle in the garage which was in the way of the car. The car came from the front gates and went straight in. It was carrying ordinary lights at the time.

CAUGHT BY THE NUMBER PLATE.

Witness added: "I could not exactly see, but I think the car first caught him and knocked him down. I pulled the cycle away and got to my husband in front of the motor. We think it was the number plate that caught him."

His legs were under the car and his head and shoulders in front of the radiator. Two or three neighbours came and they got him to the house. He was taken straight away to hospital.

She saw him frequently there and he said more than once that it was an accident. He did not blame his son-in-law at all. The deceased said to her in the hospital: "I went back to move the bicycle out of the way. I wish I had not."

The garage was nine feet wide and there was ample room for a car to run in. It was rather in the dark. The lights of the car, she agreed, shone straight into the garage. She thought he got out of the ray of the light. Her son-in-law had not driven into the garage before.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE.

Charles Joseph Jellings, 24, Millfield-crescent, Willingham, gardener, said that on Sunday, May 12th, he was driving the car back from Madingley, dropped his wife at Willingham and went on to Swavesey. Witness pulled up in front of the house and the deceased got out and opened the garage doors while witness opened the road gates.

In answer to the Coroner, who referred to Mrs. Thorp's evidence on the opening of the gates, witness said he was not very clear but he got out of the car.

Witness got back and drove the car 12-15 yards to the garage, which was in a straight line. When deceased opened the garage doors witness put the car in gear, but he thought he was out of the way. The side-lights were on and the head-lights off. Witness could not see into the garage, which was dark inside on the right-hand side.

"I had no idea the deceased was in the garage," said witness.

He had to accelerate to get in because of the slope and deceased appeared to come right in front of the car. Witness had no chance whatever to save him. Witness "only just caught him as he was going down" and did not feel any bump. When they stopped the number plate was on his chest. Witness thought that the deceased had gone to the back door of the house. He could not estimate his pace at the time but he was in low gear. Witness did not have to apply his brake until after he saw the deceased. It was the first time he had driven into the garage and the only difficulty was the slope. He had to accelerate to get over the slope.

Deceased did not speak until he reached the house. On the Monday at the hospital he said to witness: "I have been thinking about you all night – I know it was not your fault."

In answer to the Coroner, witness said the dark spot in the garage was about a yard wide.

Dr. Eric Norman Brockway, house surgeon, said deceased was admitted to Addenbrooke's suffering from broken ribs. He was conscious. He was getting on quite well until he contracted pneumonia on May 20th and died the same day. The cause of death was pneumonia following fractured ribs.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded by the Coroner. He said it was quite clear from the deceased's statements to his wife and son-in-law he attached no blame to anybody.

“I consider,” the Coroner added, “there is no blame attached to the son-in-law and that it was a pure accident.” He expressed his sympathy with the relatives.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER THORP. 24th May 1935

The accident to Mr. Walter Thorp, reported last week, had a fatal ending, for he passed away at Addenbrooke’s Hospital on Monday. A report of the inquest will be found in another column. By his request the body is being cremated at Golder’s Green.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 24th May 1935

The whist drive held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the Football Club, proved a success, but not through the attendance of the members, as the drive was very disappointing in that respect. The club has over forty members, yet only three turned up with the select committee. The following were in charge of refreshments: Mrs. G. Oakman and Miss D. Godfrey, and Messrs. H. Unwin and F. Causer acted as doorkeepers. The prizewinners were: Mr. J. Norman (playing as a lady), Miss P. Sharp; gentlemen – Mr. H. King (Fen Drayton), Mr. D. Ginn (Over); knock-out Mr. J. Norman and Mr. S. Clark. Mr. H. Unwin was M.C.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th May 1935

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, when certain urgent matters were attended to. The councillors present were Messrs. C. H. Parish (chairman), W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hefher, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). A letter was received from the Cambs. Education Committee stating that as the Church School had now become a Council School, the Parish Council had to appoint two managers. Mr. A. L. Parish, and Mr. C. W. H. Cole were appointed. Another communication from Chesterton Rural District Council respecting overhead wires for electric lighting was discussed at some length, and eventually the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the grounds on which the R.D.C. objected to overhead wiring. An application from the Feast Sunday Parade Committee for permission to draw vehicles on the Recreation Ground for use at the meeting was granted. The Council agreed to support the Prince of Wales’ appeal on behalf of King George’s Jubilee Trust Fund, and Mr. P. H. Lee was appointed to receive contributions.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 24th May 1925

Flag Day in Swavesey.

Flag Day in the villages included in the Swavesey Division resulted in £15 4s. 7½d. being raised for the Red Cross Society. Swavesey raised £3 6s. 10d.

ADVERT. 31st May 1935

NEW POTATOES, English Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Jars of Cream, Tins of Fruit, Cooked Ham and Tongue. Don't forget, "Golden Dawn" Butter, only obtainable at CANHAM'S STORES.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. 31st May 1935

In honour of the Queen's birthday the new flag was flown at the parish church last Sunday.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 31st May 1935

Twenty-six passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special evening excursion to London last Saturday.

STATIONMASTER PROMOTED. 31st May 1935

Mr. H. Whitehead, who has been stationmaster at Swavesey for the past eight years, has been promoted to stationmaster at Buckley Junction, Flintshire, with charge of Hawarden.

THE FEAST. 31st May 1935

Next Sunday will be Swavesey Feast Sunday. In the afternoon the eighth parade in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association will be held, the procession leaving Boxworth End at 2.15 p.m., headed by the Somersham Town Band. There will be a meeting on the Recreation Ground at 3 p.m., and at 8 p.m. the band will give a concert. During the week the following cricket matches will be played: Monday, 5.30 p.m., Ladies v. Gentlemen (players in fancy dress); Tuesday, Swavesey v. Fen Drayton for Hospital Cup; Wednesday, Swavesey v. Lolworth.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. 31st May 1935

At the final meeting of the Jubilee Celebrations Committee held in the Infants' School, Mr. Cecil Dean in the chair, the accounts presented to the treasurer, Mr. G. E. Canham, showed that the contributions, all voluntary, amounted to £37 10s. 8d., and that the expenses for a thoroughly enjoyable day were £37 6s. 0½d., leaving a balance of 4s. 7½d. This sum, increased to 21s. by members of the committee, it was agreed, should be sent to the Prince of Wales' Trust Fund. It was also decided that the Jubilee memento cups and saucers for all children in the village should be presented as soon as received

at the Memorial Hall. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all, and especially to the ladies' Committee, who had contributed to the great success of the truly memorable day.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 31st May 1935

The funeral of William Thomas Savage, the 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Savage, jun., whose death occurred suddenly on May 24th, took place on Monday afternoon at the cemetery. The Rev. A. Tilling, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated, and during the service the hymn "There's a Friend for little children" was sung. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Savage, jun., (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. W. Savage, sen., Mr. E. Peppercorn (grandparents), Mr. and Mrs. T. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brickwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. A. Day, jun., Mrs. W. Stroud, Cambridge, Mrs. W. Wells, Cambridge, Mrs. C. Barlow, Willingham, Mr. W. Smith, Sheffield (uncles and aunts), Mrs. G. Holslett, Mrs. T. Froment, Mrs. C. H. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. H. Prime (cousins). Many friends were also at the graveside. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 31st May 1935

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Netherwood, widow of the late Mr. Read Netherwood, who passed away on May 26th, after two days' illness, aged 87 years. She leaves three sons, one of whom is in Australia, and one daughter, all by her first husband. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Froment, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Froment (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. Samuel Daisley (sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. Froment, Mr. E. Froment (grandsons and granddaughter), Miss Daisley, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. C. Ding, Mrs. M. Jeffs, Mrs. A. Papworth (nieces), Mr. J. Daisley, Mr. A. Ding (nephews), Mrs. Hines, Miss Robinson, Over (cousins). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE LATE MR. WALTER THORP. 31st May 1935

There was a very large attendance at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon at the funeral of Mr. Walter Thorp, whose body had been cremated at Golder's Green on the previous day. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the churchwardens (Messrs. W. J. Hephew and Harry Wells), the latter carrying their staves. The service in church included the hymns "God moves in a mysterious way" and "Jesu, lover of my soul," and the Nunc Dimittis was chanted as the mourners left the church for the churchyard, where the fluted casket containing the ashes was interred.

between the graves of the late Mr. Thorp's father and mother. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The mourners were: Mrs. W. Thorp (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. Wayman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jellings, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brooks (sons-in-law and daughters); Mrs. B. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warboys, Mr. and Mrs. E. Warboys (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); Mr. P. Prior, Mrs. A. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smart, Miss F. Warboys (nephews and nieces). Messrs. G. Burling, B. Hodson, W. H. Key, E. J. Mitham, C. H. Parish (feoffees), and R. Mitham, jun. (Clerk) represented Galon's Charity. A full list of others present appears in the newspaper.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. J. Ison, of Histon. – A full report of the accident which resulted in Mr. Walter Thorp's death appeared in the "Independent Press and Chronicle" last week. Born 83 years ago, he was the elder son of the late Edward and Maria Thorp, of Swavesey. He was educated at St. Ives Grammar School, and on leaving was apprenticed to the late Mr. John Mitham, carpenter and joiner, Swavesey. After serving his term of five years, he was employed by the late Mr. P. T. Gardner, of Conington Hall, for a considerable period, and later by the late Rev. G. Clarke, then Rector of Conington. On leaving Conington he set up in business in Swavesey as a carpenter and undertaker, and for a time was a technical instructor under the Cambs. Education Committee. He took a keen and active interest in all village matters, and served on many committees, including that of the local Conservative Association. He was a feoffee of Galon's Charity, and for two or three years was elected people's churchwarden. In the early days of cycles he rode three kinds of the old-fashioned types of machines, and was one of the first in the district to use a modern bicycle. This he rode almost up to the time of his accident. He passed the St. John's Ambulance and British Red Cross Society's examinations, and during the war was indefatigable in his duties as an orderly at the Swavesey V.A.D. Hospital.

BIRTHDAY. 7th June 1935

Born in Swavesey on 10th June, 1853, Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis will celebrate the 82nd anniversary of his birth on Monday.

TRIP TO LONDON. 7th June 1935

Twenty members of the Women's Institute went out for the day on Thursday week, and had a very enjoyable day. On reaching London several of the party were met by friends, and the remainder visited as many places of interest as possible.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 7th June 1935

The funeral of Frances Betty Peppercorn, the ten-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Peppercorn, who died after two days' illness on June 1st, took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. During the service the hymn "Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep" was sung. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Peppercorn (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. J. Peppercorn (grandparents), Miss V. Peppercorn, Mrs. F. Reader, St. Ives (aunts). A list of floral tributes is in the newspaper. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE FEAST. 7th June 1935

The annual feast, which has been held this week, has once again attracted many visitors to the village, particularly on Sunday, when the annual parade took place, and also on Tuesday. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were well attended, an exceptionally large congregation being present at Evensong, when the choir sang Garrett's anthem, "The Lord is loving." The collections throughout the day were for Addenbrooke's Hospital and the District Nursing Association, and will be added to the money raised in connection with the parade. The bells were rung before the early morning service and again before Evensong. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Market-street was occupied by stalls, Manning's' Jollity Farm, cocoanut shies, and many up-to-date contraptions of various kinds. Other attractions included three cricket matches on the Recreation Ground: On Monday, Ladies v. Gentlemen (players in fancy dress); this was won by the ladies. On Tuesday, Swavesey v. Fen Drayton, for the Swavesey Hospital Cup. This was won by Swavesey with a score of 33 runs against Fen Drayton's 30. The cup was presented by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, and was afterwards filled by her and her husband and the contents greatly appreciated by both teams. On Wednesday Lolworth were the visitors, but the game had to be abandoned owing to heavy rain. There was also a dance in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Claude Whitham's Band providing the music and Mr. C. Savage acting as M.C. The fancy dress costumes on Monday were judged by Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Cooksey, who awarded prizes to the following: - Ladies - 1 Miss Joyce Lee (newspaper boy), 2 Miss Lily Melbourne, who was "Joan" to Mr. Arthur Hepher's "Darby." He was awarded the first gentlemen's prize, the second going to Mr. Hendry (an old lady), and the third to Mr. Harry Prime (Red Cross nurse). Children - Girls, Lily Hepher (Japanese girl); boys, Alan Lee and Cyril Watson (tramps). The prizes were given by the committee.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 7th June 1935

The eighth annual Feast Sunday parade took place on Sunday, the proceeds from which for the third successive year will be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. Marshalled by Mr. H. W. Whitehead, the procession, headed by the Somersham Town Band and the members of the Parade Committee, with Mr. P. J. Watts (County Councillor), the procession left Boxworth End shortly after 2.15 p.m. Prominent features in it were about 30 members of the local branch of the British Legion with their standard, the Girls' Life Brigade and the recently formed Swavesey Company of Girl Guides, both in strong force, and each with their colours. Representatives of the National Deposit Society, Mothers' Union and Women's Institute with their banners were followed by a decorated lorry (driven by Mr. C. Savage), representing a children's hospital ward. In the lorry rode the District Nurse, Miss Calydon, and her patients, Eric Savage, Sheila Hephher, Kathleen Williams, Audrey Prime and Neville Oakman. A waggon load of Sunday School children brought up the rear. After parading the village from end to end the procession returned to the recreation ground, where a meeting was held. On the improvised platform were the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. C. Dickson), who presided, the Rev. A. Tilling (Baptist minister) and Mr. Harry Smith, of Willingham. Others present included Mr. Prime Godfrey (district councillor). The Chairman, after a few opening remarks, read a letter from Mr. W. H. Head (secretary-superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hospital) regretting his inability to be present, and giving some interesting information respecting the work of the hospital, and its income and ever-increasing cost of maintenance. The Rev. A. Tilling, in his address, appealed for support for the Nursing Association, which, he said, was a useful auxiliary of the hospital. Mr. Harry Smith made his usual effective appeal for money. Producing a £1 note, he called for more, and £1 notes were handed in by, or on behalf of Mr. W. J. Hephher, Mr. P. J. Watts, Mr. P. Godfrey, a £5 note from Mr. John Warboys, and 10s. notes from Mr. W. Burton and Mr. R. Barwell. Unfortunately, at this stage of the proceedings the rain began to fall heavily and the meeting came to an abrupt conclusion. The band played selections between the speeches, and from 8 to 9 p.m. gave a concert on the recreation ground. The following comprised the parade committee: Rev. C. C. Dickson (chairman), Mr. H. W. Whitehead (hon. secretary), Miss E. Dodson (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, C. Savage, F. Prior, F. W. Pontefract, A. W. Melbourne, E. J. Mitham, H. Prime, A. Turner, F. Hephher, P. H. Lee, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Cooksey and Nurse Calydon. Messrs. J. Mitham, H. Whitehead, jun., L. Day, A. E. W. Melbourne and Mrs. C. S. Hephher were the

collectors. The total sum collected during the day amounted to £25 1s. 6d., about £1 less than last year.

ADVERT. 14th June 1935

NOW IS THE TIME to Join our Xmas Club. Pay in what you like, have out what you like. Call and ask for further particulars. – CANHAM'S STORES.

WEDDING. 14th June 1935

The marriage of Miss Winnie May Spearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Spearman, of Swavesey, and Mr. Oliver Robert Badcock, son of Mr. G. Badcock, of Oakington-road, Cottenham, took place quietly at Bethel Baptist Church on Tuesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of shell pink marocain and fawn hat, and carried a bouquet of cream roses and trailing fern. Mr. Fred Smith (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man. There were no bridesmaids. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Badcock left for their home in Lambs-lane, Cottenham.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th June 1835

The monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher occupying the chair. The final arrangements for the party which is being held in Mrs. C. S. Hepher's garden on June 27th were made. An excellent report was given by Mrs. Laverack on the annual meetings in London and Cambridge, and an interesting talk by Miss Warrington, of Cambridge, on "Life in Germany," was much appreciated. She was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Hind. A competition for the best open jam tart was won by Mrs. Gadsby, of Fen Drayton. During the social half-hour the members were entertained by Mesdames Hind, Marriott and Laverack. The evening concluded with a dance. Mrs. J. Prior, Mrs. and Miss Peppercorn, and Mrs. G. Prime were the hostesses.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 14th June 1935

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant, the third within about three weeks, by the death of Mrs. Alice Challis, widow of the late Mr. Stephen Challis, who passed away on June 7th, aged 78. She had been in failing health for about 12 months. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilby (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Over, Mrs. C. Wallace, Cambridge, Mrs. D. Dean, Huntingdon, Mr. Dennis Adams, Over

(nephews and nieces), Mrs. John Gilby (sister-in-law), Mrs. J. Thoday, Over (cousin). Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

ADVERT. 21st June 1935

TRY a Chivers' Silver Jubilee Box for 1s 6d., including two moulds FREE. – Licensed to sell Methylated Spirit. – Canham's Stores.

SCHOOL SUCCESSES. 21st June 1935

The following children from the Swavesey School were successful in passing the recent examination for Minor Scholarships: Olive Isgrove, awarded a free place, and Freda Pilgrim, George Brickwood, Mervyn Parish, Mabel Hodson, as fee-payers; Mary Mitham and Vera Vinn were awarded free studentships at the Technical School, and Myrtle Prior, Joan Tattersall, Alan Lee, and Kathleen Jacklin passed as fee-payers.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 21st June 1935

The annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association took place on Thursday week in the grounds of Swavesey Manor by kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The proceedings were opened by the Vicar of Swavesey, Rev. C. C. Dickson, who in a short speech spoke of the usefulness of the Association and the urgent need for increased financial support. It may be here mentioned that the whole of the takings, which amounted to £29 0s. 2d., went to the Association, all expenses having been borne, and all prizes, etc., given, by people interested in its welfare. The stalls, sideshows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: Work and jumble, Mesdames J. Norman, C. Dean and Aldred; gift stall, Mesdames Chew and W. J. Hephher; pound and produce stall, Mesdames G. Burling and W. Thorp; sweet stall, Misses E. Dodson and M. Parsons; refreshments, Mesdames Berryman, J. T. Daintree and B. Hodson; tea tables, Mesdames W. J. Hephher, A. J. Norman and Wagstaff, Misses P. Williams, Gaunt and Fox; Chinese washing, Mrs. W. Kester and Mrs. Crowley; clock golf, Mrs. Lee (won by Rev. C. C. Dickson); new game of balls, Mr. C. Walker (won by Mr. Crowley); darts, Mr. F. W. Pontefract (won by Mr. W. J. Hephher); bowls, Mr. Hendry (winners Mrs. H. G. Key and Nurse Claydon); bran tub, Miss P. Parish. Competitions – guessing name of doll (given by Miss Beaumont), Mary Mitham and Olive Prior (winner Miss Hitchcock); weight of cake (given by Mrs. Cooksey), Miss Godfrey (winner, Mrs. C. Dean). As usual, a baby show, organised by Nurse Claydon, was a great feature of the afternoon's proceedings. For this Dr. French (County Medical Officer of Health) and Miss Graham (Lady Supt., Cambs. Nursing Association) officiated as judges,

their awards being as follows: Under 6 months (1st group), 1 Kenneth George Norman (Over), 2 Eric George King (Fen Drayton); (2nd group), 1 Alan Gordon Adams (Over), 2 Percy Ian Tattersall (Fen Drayton); under 15 months, 1 Daphne Jean Ingle (Fen Drayton), 2 Reginald Leslie Symonds (Over); under 19 months, 1 Douglas Roy Adams (Over), 2 Beryl Anne Prime (Swavesey). The judges awarded every entrant a certificate for having attained the standard of health and general well-being approved by them, and the President (Mrs. Cooksey) gave each of them a Jubilee spoon. Other attractions included races for children, managed by Miss Beaumont, and an entertainment, arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, the programme, in which 20 or more children took part, consisting of songs, duets, recitations, dances, etc., and a play entitled, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." This entertainment was a great success. Mr. F. W. Pontefract and Mr. Crowley, assisted by Mr. Arthur Kester, were in charge of the gate.

ADVERT. 28th June 1935

ARRIVING "EIFFEL TOWER" LEMON BARLEY, 8½d. per bottle. A NEW DRINK. Be sure and try it! Also a New BARGAIN parcel, 8d. for 6d. — Canham's Stores.

POPULAR EXCURSION. 28th June 1935

One hundred and twenty-two passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the special L.N.E.R. excursion train to Cambridge on Saturday evening.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP. 28th June 1935

Mervyn Parish, a pupil at Swavesey Council School, who, as announced last week, had passed as a fee-payer, has now been awarded a minor scholarship tenable at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 28th June 1935

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the sum of £1 18s. 2d., being half of the offertory at the parish church on Feast Sunday, and £12 from the Feast Parade Committee.

FUNERAL OF A FORMER PARISHIONER. 28th June 1935

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Payne, widow of the late Mr. Mark Payne, of Swavesey, and daughter of the late Mr. James Rogers, of Willingham, who passed away at Somersham on the 15th inst., aged 81, took place at Somersham on Tuesday week. The Rev. H. R. H. Cross, Baptist Minister, conducted the service at deceased's house and also officiated at the interment

in the churchyard. The immediate mourners included: Mr. and Mrs. F. Clark (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. James Ingle (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Ruff, Mr. and Mrs. B. Clark (grandsons and granddaughters). Many other friends were also present.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 28th June 1935

The Sunday School anniversary at Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated amid glorious weather on Sunday last. The special preacher for the day was Mr. Ernest W. Oliver, of the All Nations' Bible College, London, who gave helpful addresses to both children and adults. At a special service in the afternoon, the Pastor presiding, recitations were given by various scholars, and special singing was much enjoyed. During the service, prizes and certificates were presented to 15 candidates who successfully passed the recent Scripture examination. The presentation was made by Mr. H. A. Parsons, the examination secretary of the Cambs. Sunday School Union. Certificates were also presented to Joan Jacklin and Olive Isgrove for collections on behalf of the Baptist Missionary Society Native Preachers' Fund. The preacher next Sunday morning and evening will be the Pastor.

DISTRICT NURSE. 5th July 1935

From tomorrow (July 6th) until August 3rd, the district nurse will reside at Mrs Harry Prime's house in High Street.

GARDEN PARTY. 5th July 1935

An enjoyable garden party, under the auspices of the Swavesey Women's Institute, was held on Thursday week in the grounds of "Estelle" kindly lent by Mrs C. S. Hepher, for the purpose of raising funds for the British Empire Cancer Campaign. Mrs Hart, of Swavesey, in declaring the party open, spoke very highly of the wonderful work which has already been done in the fight against cancer. There were several competitions, including clock golf, ringing the stakes, bowls, weight of a cake, lucky number, and weight of tea, and these were won by Mrs Canham, Mr W.J. Hepher, Mrs Martin, Miss Holliday, Mrs W.J. Hepher, and Mrs G. Hodson. After tea the pupils of Miss Q. Chapman, of Cambridge gave an excellent display of bullet dancing, which was heartily applauded. A whist drive followed, Winners: Mrs Milton, Mrs G. Froment, Miss King, Mrs Ansell, and Mrs Burling. The evening concluded with dancing, for which the music was supplied by Claude Whitman and his dance band, whose up-to-date selections were much appreciated. The proceeds amounted to over £11.

DEPARTURE OF STATIONMASTER. 12th July 1909

Mr H.W. Whitehead, who succeeded the late Mr Tagg as stationmaster of Swavesey in May, 1927, is leaving the village on Monday to take up the stationmastership at Buckley Junction, Flintshire, with charge of Hawarden, to which he was recently promoted. During the eight years he has been in Swavesey he has taken a keen interest in Addenbrooke's Hospital. He was secretary and chief organiser of the Feast Sunday Hospital Parade from its inception in 1928, secretary of the local branch of the Workers' Hospital Fund, and subsequently of the local Hospital Aid Committee, and was also local secretary and organiser of the Addenbrooke's Building Fund. Other positions, he will vacate will be those of Swavesey & District Horticultural Society, and vice- chairman of the Parochial church Council.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th July 1935

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs C.S. Hephher in the chair. Mrs T. Froment gave a report on the Group committee meeting which was held on Monday, to make arrangements for the group meeting to be held at Swavesey in September. Mr Baker, of Cambridge, then gave an interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on, " Tales the Churches Tell", which was very much enjoyed by all. It was also arranged to have a party for children under 16, of members, on July 16th, Mrs C.S. Hephher kindly offering the use of her grounds for the occasion. The competition for the best bunch of flowers from members' gardens was won by Mrs B.Walker. The evening was brought to a close with games and dancing.

FETE IN AID OF REPAIR FUND. 12th July 1935

This year's "good cause" for which the annual garden fete in connection with Swavesey Parish church was held in the Vicarage grounds yesterday afternoon and evening, is the repair of the church windows.

At the opening ceremony, the Vicar Rev. C.C. Dickson explained that the windows required re-pointing and renovating in order to keep out the cold draughts in the winter and enable the congregation to get the full benefit of the heating apparatus installed seven years ago. Mr MacAlister, diocesan surveyor has estimated it would cost £50, and had suggested that it would be worthy of Swavesey and its grand old church if they could place in the centre panel of the east end the beginning of a stained glass window, which would cost about £100. The fete was opened by Mrs Hair, wife of Canon Hair of Willingham, who hoped that all would contribute liberally to such a worthy

cause. Mrs Hair was presented with a bouquet afterwards by little Miss Kathleen Williams.

The business of the fete centred around the prettily arranged stalls devoted to the sale of fancy and useful articles, china, produce, refreshments, sweets, etc were tastefully grouped on the lawn. There were a great many sideshows and competitions, and the Sunday School children and Swavesey Girl Guides gave two pretty little plays in the hollow adjoining the lawn. The Somersham Town Band played selections during the afternoon and for dancing in the evening. Appended is a list of those in charge of the various stalls, amusements, and competitions:- Mrs Dickson, Mrs Cooksey, Mrs Barwell, and Mrs G. Burling, Mrs J. Daintree, Mrs Berryman, Mrs W. Thorp, Mrs H. Wells, Mrs E. J. Mitham, Mrs J. Linford, Mrs W. Kester, Mrs C. Culpin, Mrs W.J. Hepher, Mrs C.S. Hepher, Mrs Melbourne, Mrs Arnold, Mrs T. Froment, Mr & Mrs C. Walker, Misses Daisley, G. Froment, C. Willson, H. Culpin, M. Nightingale. Competition winners:- Mrs R. Mitham, Nurse Cotteral, Mrs Key, Mr Poynder, Miss Poynder, Miss Paine, Miss Beaumont, Mrs E. Prior, Mrs G. Burling, Mr Redhead, Mr Barwell, Mrs Berryman, Mr Bumby, Miss Joan Tattersall, Mr Brittain, Mr Crowley, Mr W.J. Hepher, Miss Grace Whybrow, Miss Annie Northill, Miss Vera Walker, Mr Hendry, Mr Skelton, Miss Q. Spolton, Mr D. Williams and Mr Isgrove. Mr C. S. Hepher officiated as M. C. for the dancing and Mr Berryman as M.C. for the whist drive. The nett proceeds of the fete amounted to £31 9s 9d. The Vicar thanked all who had contributed in any way to the success of the Fete. Three cheers were then given for the Vicar and Mrs Dickson.

ONE-ARMED BOY CRICKETER. 12th July 1935

Roy Godfrey, the 14year old son of Mr Prime Godfrey, the Swavesey Haulage Contractor, and member of the Chesterton Rural district Council has been awarded an autographed first quality Hobbs bat for his fine all-round performance in the "News Chronicle" cricket competition for schoolboys during the week ended June 29th. Playing for St Ives Grammar School against Paxton Park Christian Science School, he scored 26 runs, the highest of his team, and took six wickets for 8 runs. He also took a difficult catch off a fast rising ball. Roy Godfrey's performance is remarkable, as he lost his arm as a result of an accident when he was five years old, and not only can he play a good game of cricket, but he is a keen footballer.

CHILDREN'S PARTY 19th July, 1935.

By the kind invitation of the Mrs C.S. Hepher, president of the Women's Institute, the children of members up to 14 were entertained to a sumptuous

tea, on the lawn. After tea, mothers and children and other W.I. members came, and all joined in games and races. The youngsters also scrambled for sweets. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr & Mrs Hephher for their kindness in providing such a enjoyable evening The winners of the races were, Jean Smith, Olive Walker, Bennie Prior, Joan Prior, John Prior, Lennie Key, Olive Wallace, Gwen Careless, Ray Oakman, Bernie Prior, Dennis Prior, Mabel Key, Claude Walker, Alan Lee, Neville Oakman, David Crouch, Freda Ding, Don Froment, Fred Walker, Alfred Walker. The prizes were distributed by Mrs Smith, Church End, the oldest W.I. member present.

PRESENTATION TO LATE STATIONMASTER. 26th July 1935

Mr H.W. Whitehead, who left Swavesey this last week, was on Friday last presented with an umbrella by staff and traders at Swavesey Station as a mark of appreciation of his services, Mr Chapman, who made the presentation, and also Mr W. Mustill and Mr A. Adams, paid warm tributes to the happy and cordial relations which had existed between Mr Whitehead, and the staff and traders. On the evening before they left, Mr & Mrs Whitehead were presented with a case of knives, forks, etc, subscribed for by members of the congregation of the parish church. The presentation was made by the Vicar. Mr Whitehead's successor is Mr W. A. Cox, of Cambridge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT, 26th July 1935

The little children attending the Parish Church Sunday School who were too young to go with the Sunday School excursion to Clacton on the 30th July, were given their treat on Saturday afternoon, when they spent a happy time in the vicarage grounds. An excellent tea was provided, and games of various kinds were played under the supervision of the Vicar, Mrs Dickson, and the teachers, Misses Melbourne, L. Mitham, L. Hephher, and P. Willson.

VISIT OF DIOCESAN RINGERS 26th July 1935

A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers, (Central branch) was held at Swavesey, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev Dickson on Saturday. Visitors were present from Chatteris, Over, Sutton, Stretham, Wilburton and Willingham. Local members were also present. All of the ringing during the day was of a practical nature, the methods rung including London, Cambridge, and Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman, and the bells were not "let down" until about 9 a.m. The ringers present expressed the hope that the Vicar and Church Council would do their utmost to have the board recording 720 changes peals rung in the year 1828, re-gilded, as it is a record of which Swavesey should be proud. Change

ringing on a scientific principle was not generally practised at that period, and without doubt Swavesey youths at that time were the leading ringers in the district, Tea was taken at Mr Isgrove's confectioner, in High Street. Mr B. Hodson made the arrangements for tea and ringing.

STAINED GLASS FOR CHURCH. 2nd Aug. 1935

At evensong at the parish church on Sunday the Vicar, Rev Dickson, announced that a start would be made in the scheme for filling the large window at the eastern end of the chancel with stained glass, as Miss Clara Metcalfe, of Caldecote, Bedfordshire, sister of the late Mr George Metcalfe, had promised to give the centre panel. The pulpit on Sunday evening was occupied by the Rev, K.C. Bickerdyke, M.A. M.C. of Walworth, London, S.E.

TRIP TO THE SEA. 2nd Aug. 1935

Thirty-four of the older children attending the Parish Church Sunday School spent a very happy day in glorious weather at Clacton on Tuesday. Accompanied by thirty-one adults, including the Vicar & Mrs Dickson, the churchwardens, Messrs W.J. Hephher and Harry Wells, Mrs C.S. Hephher, secretary P.C.C. and the teachers, they left Swavesey station by special train at 7.25 a.m. and on arriving at Clacton took full advantage of the many and various attractions of this popular seaside resort, Later in the afternoon the party assembled at a restaurant where an excellent tea was enjoyed, the bill of fare, greatly to the satisfaction of the youngsters, including shrimps. Home was reached safely shortly after 10 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL 2nd Aug. 1935

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Messrs C. H. Parish Chairman, C. Dean, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, R. Mitham, Jun., and P. Parish. The Clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey reported that an inspector of the Ministry of Transport would hold an inquiry at the White Hart Inn , Willingham, on July 31st, with reference to the erection by Beds, Cambs, & Hunts Electricity Company of overhead wires through the villages of Willingham, Over and Swavesey. Mr C.H. Parish, Mr C. Dean, Mr Lee, and Mr P. Parish were appointed to attend the inquiry with the local Rural District Council Representative. On the proposition of Mr R. Mitham, Jun., Seconded by Mr C. Dean, it was decided to call attention of the County Council to the bad condition of the roadway on the western side of the Swan Pond, and also to the unsatisfactory state of Taylor's Lane. Mr Dean mentioned that some of the iron guards to the trees on

the Recreation Ground were somewhat out of position, and in need of repair, and it was agreed to have them attended to.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 2nd Aug. 1935.

The annual meeting of the Football Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was well attended. Mr Unwin was elected to the chair. The Secretary, Mr Wright, in his report stated that the club had done better than in the previous season. Twenty-four league matches had been played, 12 of which had been won, 9 lost and 3 drawn. Three cup matches had been played, in two of which the club had been successful. The thanks of the club, he added, were due to Mrs G. Oakman, and the Misses D. E. and M. Godfrey for their work in connection with the serving of refreshments at the functions run in aid of the club during the past season. The Treasurer, Mr A. E. W. Melbourne reported that the receipts from all sources showed an increase on the previous season. Officers for the ensuing year were elected: President Mr E.J. Mustill, vice-presidents Rev C.C. Dickson, Rev, A Beaumont, Rev A. Tilling, Messrs P.H. Lee, G.E. Canham, F.W. Pontefract, W. Hinds, W. Crouch, R. Barwell, H. Blinkhorn, Shanks, C.S. Hephner, P. Godfrey, Westbrook, English, and L. Day. Captain F. Coulson. Vice Captain, S. Godfrey. Hon Secretary, Mr S. J. Wright. Treasurer, A.E.W. Melbourne. Committee:- Captain, vice-captain, treasurer, and Messrs P.H. Lee, E. Prior, T Savage, H. Unwin, H. Bishop, H. Bridgeford, T. Froment, G. Froment, It was decided to enter the 1st XI in the Cambs League, Cambs Minor Cup and the Gransden Charity Cup, and the second XI, should play friendly matches.

PARISH CHURCH. 9th Aug. 1935

The Rev John Wells, curate of Eccleshill, Bradford, Yorks, was the preacher at evensong at the parish church last Sunday. He is the only son of Mr & Mrs Horace Wells, of Swavesey. and was educated at Cambridge & County High School for Boys and at Kelham Theological College.

OBITUARY. 9th Aug. 1935

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs Harriet Norman, widow of Mr James Norman, of Priory Cottages, who passed away on Sunday at the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, 24 Abbey Rd Cambridge. Mrs Norman was 79years of age, had been in failing health for a long time. The funeral took place at Swavesey Cemetery yesterday, Thursday afternoon. (16th August, funeral reported, with a long list of mourners).

MOTHER'S UNION. 9th Aug. 1935

Every member of the local branch of the Mother' Union, except two, who were unavoidably absent, attended the special service at the parish church on Thursday afternoon, August 1st, at which the branch banner was dedicated by the Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, who also gave an address. The members afterwards adjourned to Swavesey Manor, where they were entertained by the enrolling member, Mrs Cooksey, to tea and a garden party, a pleasant time being spent with games etc.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION. 9th Aug. 1935

The annual meeting of the Swavesey, Over, and Fen Drayton Nursing Association was held in Swavesey School on Tuesday week, Mr H. Edwards, occupying the chair. The accounts for the year ended March 31st last were presented, and showed that the income amounted to £184 13s 6d, and the expenses to £160 10s 11d, leaving a balance of £24 2s 6d in hand. Committees for the three villages were re-elected. Thanks were accorded to Mr Edwards for auditing the accounts. The committee subsequently reappointed Mrs Cooksey, president and treasurer, Mrs H. Edwards vice-president, and Mrs Aldred secretary.

LATE GEORGE COULSON. 9th Aug. 1935.

After nearly three years acute suffering, Mr George Coulson, son of the late Mr William Coulson, of Swavesey, passed away at home in Wallman's Lane on August 1st aged 67 years. The funeral took place at the parish church on Sunday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, officiating. In addition to his widow the late Mr Coulson leaves four daughters, one of whom owing to ill-health was unable to attend the funeral. (a list of mourners follows),

DR BARNARDO'S HOMES. 16th Aug. 1935

The annual house-to-house collection for Dr Barnardo's Homes, which was undertaken by members of the Girls' Life Brigade, resulted in £2 7s being raised.

THE MEMORIAL HALL 16th Aug. 1935

Messrs R. Mitham & Sons, whose tender for repainting the Memorial Hall has been accepted by the committee of Management, commenced work this week. The open space in front of the Hall has also been re-surfaced with tarmac, and it is to be hoped it will no longer be used as a park and a turning place for motor vehicles. It is not a public space and should not be used for such purposes.

GARDEN MEETING. 16th Aug. 1935

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday was held in the garden of "Estelle" Market St, kindly lent by the President Mrs C.S. Hephner. During the business proceedings it was decided to hold a qualifying whist drive in October in connection with the County Federation tournament. Games and competitions followed, which were much enjoyed, the following being the winners: Pegs on line – Mrs Hinds. Sideways walking, Mrs George Crouch, Balls through holes, Mrs Pettitt, Hopping race, Mrs Martin, Wool gathering, Mrs Hinds, Clock golf, Mrs W. Thorp, Bean bags, Mrs Freestone, Darts, Mrs W., Thorp, Knee ball, Mrs Martin. Mrs Melbourne, Mrs Symonds, Miss E. Thorp, Mrs W. Thorp, and Miss V. Savage were the hostesses.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 16th Aug. 1935

Mr John Prior, a member of an old Swavesey family, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding last Sunday, at Thurnley. County Durham. A son of the late James & Rebecca Prior, John Prior was born in Swavesey 80 years ago. When in his teens he migrated to West Hartlepool, where he worked for a few years, and then joined the Durham County Constabulary. He was drafted to Thurnley, and there served the whole of his term of 26 years as a constable, receiving a presentation of a clock and bronzes from his fellow officers on his retirement. On leaving the police force he acted as house agent for the Thornley and Wheatley Hill Collieries, served for nine years as a parish councillor, and was treasurer of the King George V Coronation Celebrations Committee, He has also been a sidesman at Thornley parish church for 27 years, a member of the Church Council until a year ago. He is still in excellent health. He married on August 11th 1885 at St Stephen's Church, Fylingdale, Robin Hood's Bay Yorkshire, his wife being a daughter of Mr Moses Beeble, a sailor and a member of an old Robin Hood's Bay family, She is 78 years old and in fair health. The old couple reside at "Ravenscar" Garden-terrace, Thornley.

ACCIDENT TO A LITTLE BOY. 23rd Aug. 1935

While at play on Thursday week, Benjamin Carter, the eight-year-old son of Mr & Mrs Henry Carter, fell and fractured his left arm just above the wrist. He was at once taken by his father to Dr Hart, who set the broken bone, and on the following day he went to Addenbrooke's Hospital for X-ray inspection. The boy is going on well.

A WELCOME IMPROVEMENT. 23rd Aug. 1935

The road between the Swan Pond and the raised causeway at Church End, to the bad condition of which the Parish Council had called the attention of the County Council, has this week been repaired and surfaced with tarmac, greatly to the satisfaction of the occupants of the adjoining houses and the many pedestrians who habitually use that piece of road. Taylor's lane respecting which complaint was made at the same time, is also being attended to.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Sept. 1935

It is stated in the parish magazine for September that the Church Council met during the past month to consider the question of the new panel in the east window, and also to discuss the electric lighting of the church, but nothing definite was decided on in regard to either question.

MEMORIAL HALL. 6th Sept. 1935

The Council School will re-open next Monday. During the holidays the Memorial Hall, where a large number of children have been accommodated since part of the old school building has been condemned as unsafe, has been repainted, and the walls distempered and various necessary repairs carried out. The work has been done by Messrs R, Mitham & Sons, Swavesey,

NEW STATION MASTER. 6th Sept. 1935

Mr William Augustus Cox, who has been appointed Stationmaster at Swavesey, in succession to Mr Whitehead, took over his new duties this week. Mr Cox has had considerable experience. He entered the services of the Gt. Eastern Railway Co. in 1913 as a lad clerk at Dunmow, and in the following year was appointed junior clerk at Gosberton, Lincs. In 1917 he joined the Lincolnshire Reg. and on his discharge, in 1920 resumed his railway duties at Donington Road, Spalding, being transferred in 1924 to Marylebone and Wembley, and later in the same year to the Cambridge town office. Since 1928 he held an appointment in the stationmaster's office at Cambridge.

PRESENTATION TO STATIONMASTER. 13th Sept. 1935

On Tuesday evening a presentation was made at the Railway Social Club to Mr William A. Cox, guard supervisor, who has been appointed stationmaster at Swavesey. Inspector W. Westley presided. In extending a welcome, said he was pleased to see such a good attendance, especially of guards, who came into contact with Mr Cox a great deal. He (the speaker) had found in Mr Cox over a period of three and a half years "one of the best". Mr A.M. Morley, guard's representative said he had learnt to regard Mr Cox as a friend as well as a supervisor. Guard's clerks, he added could not please everybody, but Mr

Cox had been upright in his dealing with all, and he neither sought nor gave favour. The choice of present was, he thought a good one. "An S.M. he remarked is always looking at a watch, and I hope that when he looks at it during his leisure moments he will be able to think he has left good friends at Cambridge". Mr Andrews, on behalf of the Station Master and clerks, presented Mr Cox with a safety razor. He spoke appreciatively of Mr Cox's services at Cambridge, and hoped he would have good luck and good health in his new position.

GALE. 20th Sept. 1935,

During the heavy gale on Monday evening, several trees in the district were blown down, and numerous branches from other trees were scattered afar. Eight telephone wires were down at Swavesey Manor, and two on the Fen Drayton Rd close to the Priory. Miscellaneous tiles and slates were also blown off, and stacks suffered severely.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 20th Sept. 1935

The monthly meeting of the Swavesey branch was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs C.S. Hephner president was in the chair. Two new members were welcomed. After the usual business, an interesting lecture on "A trip to the Far East" was given by Mr Berryman, substantiated by a wonderful collection of views, etc. As Mr Berryman had made the trip on several occasions, he was able to speak from personal experience. The talk was much enjoyed by everyone, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him. Following this there was a round table conference for making and receiving suggestions for 1936. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs Melbourne, Mrs S. Wright, and Miss V. Savage. The group meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall Swavesey, on September 30th.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 4th Oct. 1935

Fifty three passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special excursion to London on Saturday.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 4th Oct. 1935

For the harvest festival services on Sunday and Monday Bethel Baptist Chapel was beautifully decorated by a willing band of ladies. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev S.W. Smith, of Fenstanton. The heavy rains of the early part of the day considerably affected the morning congregation. An improvement later, however, enabled a large congregation to gather in the evening. Helpful sermons were preached at both services on Monday evening

the preacher was the Rev O.C. Austin, who gave an interesting and helpful address on "Ruth, the Gleaner." Following the service a good company joined in a harvest supper in the school-room. The gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc, have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 4th Oct. 1935

Owing to the heavy rain only 14 persons were present at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week at the annual local meeting in connecting with the hospital maintenance fund. The Vicar, the Rev C.C. Dickson presided. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows, Chairman, Rev Dickson, Hon Treasurer, Mr S.F. Mitham. Hon Secretary, Mr E.J. Mitham. Committee and collectors, Mesdames T. Savage, W. Thorp, W.D. Isgrove. Messrs H.H. Berryman, F. Prior, H.N. Unwin, A. Turner, R. Hendry, with Dr Hart, Mrs C.S. Hepher, and Mr F. Hepher. It was much regretted that in consequence of the resignation of the organiser it had not been possible for the hospital to send a representative to explain how Addenbrooke's had benefited under the scheme. The hope was expressed that, as all the work was done voluntarily, contributors would assist the collectors by making their payments promptly and on the night arranged by each collector, The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Hall Management Committee for the free use of the room.

DEATH OF MISS PROUD. 4th Oct. 1935

The announcement that Miss Elsie Proud has passed away at the home in Sutton Gault. was received on Thursday week with great regret, by her many friends in Swavesey. Miss Proud, who was only 27years of age had been assistant teacher at Swavesey for about two years, until last April, when owing to failing health, she was compelled to relinquish work. She hoped, however, to the end that she would be able to resume her duties. The funeral took place at Sutton Parish Church at 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Vicar, Rev Canon A.L. Woodward. A large number of friends were present, those from Swavesey including Mr C. Wood, headmaster, Miss G. Thoday, Mrs Ingle, and Mrs Denson, assistant teachers. Mr A. L. Parish representing the managers of Swavesey School, Mrs Berryman, Mrs Arthur Froment, Mr Arthur Froment Jun. Miss Yvonne Froment, and Mr George Burling.

GROUP MEETING. 4th Oct. 1935

About 130 members were present at the group meeting of the Willingham, Over, and Swavesey Women's Institutes which was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. The meeting opened with singing "Jerusalem". Mrs

Hartress gave a talk on the All People's Association, and the League of Nations. Games and competitions followed.

WEDDING. 4th Oct. 1935

The Vicar, Rev. Dickson, officiated at the marriage at the parish church on Saturday of Mr Ernest E. Symonds, fourth son of Mr & Mrs W, Symonds of Swavesey, and Miss May Florence Moule, daughter of Mrs Moule and the late Mr T. Moule of Huntingdon. The bride was given away by her brother Mr Stafford Moule, was attired in a pale pink satin, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds. The bridesmaid, Miss W. Stonebridge, of Cambridge, wore a dress of pale green georgette and a lemon crinoline hat, and carried a bouquet of lemon chrysanthemums. Mr C. Symonds, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where about 50 guests were entertained.

SUDDEN DEATH. 11th Oct. 1935

The villagers were greatly shocked when they heard that Mrs Pilgrim, widow of the late Mr Andrew Pilgrim, had died suddenly on Wednesday morning. She had taken a cup of tea to her sister, an invalid, and then apparently went to clean her small granddaughter's boots. The child on coming downstairs soon afterwards found her grandmother lying lifeless between the kitchen and the scullery. She at once fetched Mrs Peters, a neighbour, and Dr Hart and P. C, Shanks, who were summoned, were quickly on the scene. The circumstances of the death were reported to the Coroner, who decided that an inquest was not necessary.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 11th Oct. 1935

The annual meeting of the institute was held in the billiards room of the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, a good number of members being present. The balance sheet, which showed a small sum in hand, was read by the hon. treasurer and passed. After all of last year's officers had been re-elected, the ordinary routine business of the meeting was carried on. No team was selected for the Billiards League, which is now finished, owing to a lack of support from outside clubs.

HOCKEY CLUB. 11th Oct. 1935

At a meeting of Swavesey Ladies Hockey Club, held at Mordant House on Thursday week, Miss B. Day presiding, the following officers were elected for the forthcoming season. Captain, Miss B. Thoday, vice-captain, Miss W. Godfrey, secretary, Miss F. Warboys. It was decided to ask Miss Dodson to

continue to act as treasurer, and to accept the offer of the use of a field owned by Mr Ingles, New members will be welcomed, and they can obtain particulars from the secretary at the Manor House, Fen Drayton.

HOME-MADE BISCUITS. 11th Oct. 1935

There was a very good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. It was decided to send some exhibits to the W.I. produce show at Cambridge on October 25th and 26th. Mrs Freestone, who was the delegate appointed to attend the Cambridge meeting on the subject of the social half-hour, gave an interesting report, after which a demonstration on the making of home-made biscuits was given by Mrs Willson of Histon. This was much appreciated and was thanked on behalf of the members by the President. An exhibition of vegetables grown by members gardens followed, and a competition for the best snapshot taken by a member. Mrs Willson, who was adjudicator, declared Mrs Hepher the winner with a snapshot of the interior of the hall taken during the Jubilee teas. The social half-hour was arranged by Mrs Hepher, Mrs Freestone, and Mrs G. Froment, and the hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Melbourne, H. Wells, Berryman, and Whybrow.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 18th Oct. 1935

The treasurer of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the following gifts from Over Women's Institute Whist Drive £2 3s., church offertory £4, Trustees of Town Lands £5 5s.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th Oct. 1935

The winter session of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Chapel opened on Monday evening with an interesting address by Pastor O.C. Austin, of Cottenham, on "How to study the Bible." The Secretary occupied the chair. Mr G.E. Canham sang a solo, accompanied on the piano by Master N. Canham. Rev S.W. Smith, of Fenstanton, will be the speaker next week.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Oct. 1935

The harvest festival at the parish church commenced on Thursday week, with a celebration of Holy Communion. at 7.30 a.m. A large congregation was present at evensong, when the special preacher was the Rev. C.G. Poynder, Rector of Boxworth, and the music included the anthem "O clap your hands together." The festival was continued on Sunday, a good congregation being present at evensong. The vicar preached the sermon. At the children's service

in the afternoon gifts were brought by the young people for the Harvey Goodwin Home in Cambridge.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 25th Oct. 1935

The total amount contributed in Swavesey to Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund during the year ending 30th September 1935, was £151 13s 11d

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 25th Oct. 1935

The Pastor, Rev. A. Tillings, led the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, and the Rev W.S. Smith, of Fenstanton gave the address, taking his subject "Without the camp." Pastor Crees, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 25th Oct. 1935

Ten tables were in play at the qualifying whist drive in connection with the Women's Institute Federation tournament which took place in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The prizes winners were : Mrs G. Oakman, Mrs G. Froment, Mrs Symonds. Mr G. Oakman, M.G, Froment. Mrs W, Thomas, Mr Bartle. Mr H.H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

EXCURSION FROM LONDON. 1st Nov. 1935

Thirty passengers alighted at Swavesey Station from a special half day excursion run by L.N.E.R. from London on Sunday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st Nov. 1935

There was a good attendance at last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship when Pastor Crees, of Over, gave a helpful address. Mr Carter led the meeting, and Miss Easter read a story. Next week the Fellowship will hold an "open" meeting at which a lantern lecture on "The Pilgrim's Progress" will be given in aid of the Religious Tract Society.

DANCE. 1st Nov. 1935

The Swavesey & District Branch of the British Legion held a dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, but the attendance was not up to the usual standard, and the financial result unfortunately was very disappointing. The excellent programme of dance music provided by Claude Whitham and his boys was deserving of a much larger gathering. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Turner, and Miss Savidge. Mr Berryman (hon. secretary) was on the door.

CHURCH SOCIAL. 1st Nov. 1935

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Everybody's Birthday social on Tuesday, arranged by the Parochial Church Council. The first part of the evening was spent in playing games, persons starting at their own birthday table, which was suitably marked by a vase of flowers. Refreshments followed, and during this interval the prizes were awarded to those winning the highest number of points in the games, viz., Mrs Shepperson, Mrs C.S. Hepher, Mr S. Clark, and Mr J. Pryor. The rest of the evening was devoted to dancing, with music being provided by Claude Witham and his band. Mr C.S. Hepher was M.C.. The Vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped in any way. Mr Harry Well & Mr E.J. Linford were doorkeepers, and the refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs H. Well and Miss Grace Froment, Over £2 was raised as a result of the pleasant evening.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 8th Nov. 1935

An interesting lantern lecture was given on Monday by Mr Ernest A. Judd, of the Religious Tract Society, London. The wonderful story of John Bunyan, and the "Pilgrim's Progress," was graphically told, illustrated by many fine lantern slides. A collection was taken on behalf of the funds of R.T.S. The lantern, kindly loaned by Mr Symonds, of Over, was operated by Mr G.E. Canham.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th Nov. 1935.

There was little business for the Parish Council to deal with at their quarterly meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening. With the exception of Mr W. Burton, who was unwell, every member was present, viz.: Mr C.H. Parish, (chairman) Messrs C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish, with the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey. The Chairman reported that the by-ways in the parish had been inspected by himself and the vice- chairman, and Messrs F. Johnson & Prime Godfrey, (representing the Chesterton R.D.C.). The clerk reported that Mr Edmund Furniss had been instructed to repair the bridge in Lairstall Drove.

THE FIFTH. 8th Nov. 1935

On the suggestion of Mr C. Wood, headmaster of the Council School, the boys of the village celebrated Guy Fawkes Day on the Recreation Ground, instead of making a nuisance by letting off fireworks in the street and other undesirable places. The youngsters collected a vast amount of bushes, tree lopping and other burnable rubbish, and under the direction of Mr Wood a

huge bonfire was erected in the middle of the of the Recreation Ground, and on the top was placed a gigantic "Guy." At 7.30 the bonfire was set alight, and blazed away merrily for a long time, during which fireworks were discharged. A considerable number of adults watched the proceeding with great interest from the high road bordering the recreation ground.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 8th Nov. 1935

The seventh birthday party of the Swavesey Women's Institute was held on Wednesday evening, and as each member took a friend, the Memorial Hall was filled to capacity. The interior of the hall was tastefully decorated with garlands and flowers, and everyone was in a happy mood. An excellent programme had been arranged by the social committee, consisting of sketches, games, competitions and dancing. The music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his Boys, and their playing was fully appreciated. The following took part in the sketches:- Mesdames E. J. Mitham, T. Smart. H. Prime, J. Prior, G. Prime, L. Godfrey, J. Marriott and G. Froment. A vocal item was also rendered by Mrs Shepperson, and the competition winners were Mrs G. Brooks, Mr J. Smith, Miss M. Godfrey, Miss P. Parish, and Mr & Mrs G. Oakham. During the interval the birthday cake was cut by the President and Vice President, and portions were hand round to everyone. A beautiful bouquet was then presented to the President by Mrs C. S. Hephher. Following this, the birthday parcel was opened by Mrs Laverack, and the presents were distributed. The President was also presented with a bowl filled with roses from the general committee, in appreciation of all that she had done for the Woman's Institute.

Y.P.F. 15th Nov. 1935

There was a good attendance at the Bethel Y.P.F. on Monday, when an excellent address was given by Mr B.F.C. Atkinson, of Cambridge. Mr Canham led the meeting, Mr Laverack also taking part. A recitation by Miss G. Dodson added to the success of the evening.

POPPY DAY, 15th Nov. 1935

The total Poppy Day collections in Swavesey towards the Earl Haig Fund amounted to £14 3s. 8d. This included amounts collected by individuals, the Sunday afternoon collection at the Memorial Hall, and the collection at the parish church service.

Taken from the county report: - Twenty-six members of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion paraded on the Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoon, under the command of ex-Petty Officer H.H. Berryman,

R.N. and headed by the branch standard, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a united service, largely attended by villagers, was conducted by the Baptist Minister, Rev A. Tilling, assisted by the Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson. The Roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, and Lolworth, who made the supreme sacrifice, was read by Mr Berryman, an impressive address was given by Mr Tilling, and the following hymns were sung, "O God our help in ages past," "O valiant hearts" and "All people that on earth do dwell". The Last Post was sounded by Mr Harry Bishop, and the service concluded with the National Anthem.

A large congregation at evensong at the parish church included 30 ex-Servicemen, all of whom, except three or four, (who were in the choir,) paraded at the church gates, and marched thence into the church. During the service the names of the men of Swavesey who died in the war were read out by the Vicar, who in his sermon spoke of his personal experience while serving as a chaplain at the front. The hymns included:- "The Son of God goes forth to war," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "O valiant hearts," and "For all the Saints," The Last Post was sounded by Mr Harry Bishop, and the service concluded with the National Anthem, and "Hark! the sound of Holy Voices," the latter sung as the recessional. On Monday there was a celebration of Holy Communion, and at 10.55, a short service during which the Two Minutes Silence was observed.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 15th Nov. 1935

The second anniversary of the ministry of the Rev A. Tilling was observed on November 7th at Bethel Baptist Chapel. The Rev Dr. F. T. Ellis, of Felixstowe, conducted the afternoon service. A public tea followed in the school room. The evening meeting was under the chairmanship of Dr Basil F.C. Atkinson, of Cambridge. Dr Ellis gave a further striking message on "Attitudes to Sin." The exceptional heavy rains during the afternoon and evening considerably affected the congregations, but those who braved the storm were well rewarded by a helpful meeting.

BRITISH LEGION. 15th Nov. 1935

A dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Swavesey British Legion, the proceeds from which were added to the Poppy Day collections. The attendance at first was poor. in spite of the fact that the well-known Josephine's Band was in attendance. However, towards 10 o'clock many dancers flocked in, until quite a nice company was present. The programme was good and varied, with plenty of life in it. Mr C.S.

Hepher acted as M.C. During the evening, poppies were sold by Mrs C.S. Hepher.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Nov. 1935

The Monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs C.S. Hepher (president) occupying the chair. The attendance was very good. It was decided to accept the offer of Messrs Chivers, of Histon, of a tour over the factory in February. An excellent report on the proceeding at the autumn Council meeting, held at Cambridge was given by Mrs Laverack. This was followed by an interesting lecture by Mrs Vulliamy on "Life in the United States." Nominations for the committee for 1936 were taken, after which the evening was brought to a close with games and dancing.

WEDDING. 15th Nov. 1935

The marriage of Miss Mabel Nena Betty Prime, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Alfred Prime, Market Street, Swavesey, and Mr Arthur John Michael (Jack) Lyon, son of the late Mr John Lyon and Mrs Cator, of Bluntisham, Hunts, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev Dickson officiated at the service. The bride, who was given away by her father wore a pretty dress of white suede georgette, with veil and orange blossom, myrtle and fern. She was attended by four bridesmaids. Rose Ginn, Ruby Carter, and Edna and Audrey Prime.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 22nd Nov. 1935

The match between Swavesey and Willingham Council School Schools played at Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon, was won by the visitors by four goals to nil.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 22nd Nov. 1935

Including the proceeds from the sale of poppies at Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth, and the collection at Boxworth church, the total amount raised this year, for Earl Haig's Fund, under the auspices of the Swavesey & District British Legion is £21 6s 11d.

VISIT OF THE MEMBER. 22nd Nov. 1935

Capt R.G. Briscoe, M.P. received a cordial welcome when he paid a flying visit to Swavesey, in the course of his tour of villages on Wednesday. A considerable number of people, including many children just out of school, had assembled outside the Memorial Hall, when he arrived by car shortly

before 4 o'clock, accompanied by the Conservative agent, Mr W.W. Light. Capt Briscoe chatted and shook hands with every person present, including the children, with whom he soon became very popular, and when he left about 4.15 p.m. He was lustily cheered.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 22nd Nov. 1935

In spite of the bad weather, there was a very good attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, in aid of funds of the Football Club. Mrs J. Smith and Mrs T. Froment were in charge of a capital programme of games that had been arranged, and there was dancing, for which Claude Whitham and his boys, provided an excellent selection of music. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs G. Oakham and Misses D. E. and M. Godfrey, who had the assistance of many willing helpers. The content of the mystery parcel were not guessed, so it was put up for auction and sold to the highest bidder.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 29th Nov. 1935

Two helpful meetings of Bethel Y.P.F. have been held. On November 18th the speaker was Pastor Sharpe, of Willingham. The Chair was taken by Mr George Laverack, Miss Leah Spearman and the Pastor also taking part in the meeting. Last Monday the speaker was Mr Walter Doggett, of Cherryhinton, who gave one of his helpful addresses on St Matthew. The chair was taken by the Pastor.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th Nov. 1935

Six tables were in play at the whist drive which was held on Thursday week under the auspices of the Women's Institute, at Mrs C.S. Hephher's house. The prize winners were Mrs Martin, Mrs C.S. Hephher, Miss L. King, Miss Cole, Miss Burton, and Mrs Gadsby. Mr Berryman officiated as M.C, and refreshments were served by Mesdames Melbourne, Laverack, and J. Smith. The proceeds amounted to £1 16s, go to the W.I. Funds.

WEDDING. 29th Nov. 1935

The marriage of Miss Florence Elizabeth Symonds, third daughter of Mr & Mrs W. Symonds of Swavesey, and Mr George William Neville Wayman, son of Mrs L. Wayman and the late Mr Wayman of Over, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss W. Stonebridge, wore a green dress and

lemon hat, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. Mr Cyril Symonds, brother of the bride was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall where forty guests were entertained.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 6th Dec. 1935

The treasurer of Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received from Miss Naylor, of Over, the sum of £4 5s 7d, the proceeds of a concert given by her pupils.

HOCKEY. 6th Dec. 1935

The match between the Chatteris ladies and the Swavesey ladies hockey clubs, played at Chatteris on Saturday, was won by the home team by 23 goals to 2. Miss Smith and Miss F. Warboys scored for Swavesey.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Dec. 1935

The patronal festival was duly observed at the parish church of St Andrew, Swavesey, on Saturday. The services included Holy Communion, at 6.30 a.m. with hymns, and at 10 a.m. and evensong with address by the Vicar at 7 p.m. The usual services were held on Advent Day.

Y. P. F. 6th Dec. 1935

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held on Monday evening in the Bethel Schoolroom, to hear a very helpful and practical address by Mr A.O. Rayner, of Cambridge, on "Fruit bearing and abiding in Christ." The Chair was occupied by Miss Spearman, the Pastor and Mr G.E. Canham also taking part in the meeting.

DEATH OF MR BARTLEY. 6th Dec. 1935

The announcement of the death of Mr Richard Edward Bartley at his residence, Berkswell, Bognor Regis, on Saturday, was received with sincere regret by the older inhabitants of Swavesey, and much sympathy was expressed with his widow and family in their bereavement. During the 17 years or so that Mr Bartley, who was a solicitor in practice in London, lived at Burnham Cottage, Boxworth End, he was always ready to help local activities and organisations, such as the Conservative Association, the Cricket Club, garden fetes, etc. but he did not take an active part in the parochial business. Both he and Mrs Bartley were greatly respected, and their many kind acts are still remembered with gratitude, although 20 years have elapsed since they left the village for Bognor, The funeral took place at Bognor on Tuesday.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 13th Dec. 1935

The match between Swavesey and Over Council Schools, played at Swavesey on Monday afternoon, resulted in a win for the home team by eight goals to nil. J. Budge 5, H. Payne 2, and C. Watson scored for Swavesey. Mr Woodward was the referee.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Dec. 1935

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs C.S. Hepher occupying the chair. The secretary Mrs Hind gave an interesting report on the years work, and the treasurer, Miss Cole, presented the accounts, which were very satisfactory. Following the business an interesting talk on "Preventative and Rescue work" was given by Miss Conway, of Cambridge, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The competition for the best plate of mince pies was awarded to Mrs Berryman. A number of carols were sung. The following offices were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs C.S. Hepher, Vic-Presidents, Mrs Canham, and Mrs Lee. secretary, Mrs Laverack, treasurer, Mrs Canham, Committee, Mesdames G. Froment, J. Smith, Melbourne, T. Froment, and Pettitt. Members brought a splendid collection of toys and games, which will be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Mesdames Melbourne, Ding, Crouch, Ellwood, and Freestone were the hostesses.

CHURCH SALE OF WORK & CONCERT. 13th Dec. 1935

A successful sale of work and concert was held in the Memorial Hall on December 5th. The Vicar declared the sale open at 3p.m. and thanked all those who had worked hard in setting up the stalls and decorating the hall. Brisk business then proceeded. A work stall, crockery stall, missionary stall, fancy stall, sweet stall, and refreshments were manned by Mesdames Dickson, Cooksey, Burling, Wells, Linford, E.J. Mitham, Lee, S.F. Mitham, Froment, Hepher, Prime, Berryman, Daintree, and Thorp, and Misses Daisley and Froment. A variety of games and competitions were organised including, weight of a plum pudding, bagatella, chocolate biscuits, lexicon, jumbled town, bran tub, and weight of chocolates, given by Master Alan Lee. The concert in the evening was entirely given by local artistes, the children being trained by Mrs C.S. Hepher. The programme included a piano solo by the Vicar, and piano duets by Miss Joan and Lily Hepher. Songs by Mr W. J. Hepher, H. & A Prime. Four sketches entitled "A Christmas Wait," "Plumps," "A Real Fairy," and "Dr Diaculum," were performed. Those taking part were Joan Prior, Jean Smith, Phyllis Hepher, Agnes Johnson, Mary Shepperson, Mary Mitham, and Alan Lee, Norman Lee, Cyril Watson, Cyril Wagstaff, and

Messrs B. Hodson, A. Prime, A. Hephher, The proceeds from the sale and concert amounted to £24 14s 4d.

SKATING. 20th Dec. 1935

The race for the Chicago Cup was decided at Swavesey on Saturday with the following result. 1 L. B. Carter, Over, 5mins 19secs. 2 D. Adams, Over, 5mins 26secs. 3 A. J. Carter, Over, 5mins 42secs.

Mr Charles King, the donor of the cup, was present for the first time during the competition for the trophy. He congratulated L.B. Carter on winning it for the second successive time and promising to replace the trophy if it was won outright. Don Pearson, of Mepal, professional champion, won the open professional race for the Williamson Cup on Mere Fen, Swavesey, on Monday. The course was over 1½ miles, with three turns, and on an excellent stretch of ice, Pearson won easily in 5mins 0-1-5secs.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP. 20th Dec. 1935

The Lord Bishop of Ely preached at Evensong at the Parish Church on Sunday. A large congregation included many people from Over.

THE NEW SIGNAL BOX. 20th Dec. 1935

The erection of a new signal box at Swavesey station was commenced this week. It will stand on the St Ives side of the Swavesey-Over road close to the gates, which it is understood will be operated by the signalman,

JUVENILE VISITORS TO CAMBRIDGE. 20th Dec. 1935

Passengers booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station to Cambridge last Saturday included 34 children, most of whom when to the Robin's entertainment at the Guildhall. Many other children travelled to and from Cambridge by road.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 20th Dec. 1935

The distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-Out Club is taking place this evening, when each of the 32 members will receive £1 1s 6d. The contributions for the year amounted to £40 9s 6d., and £4 8s 6d., was paid out in sick benefit, leaving a balance of £36 1s., from which an honorarium of 32s was granted to the secretary.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 27th Dec. 1935

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Assoc. has received a welcome donation of £1 13s from the Swavesey and District Young Farmers' Club.

CHURCH DAMAGED BY STORM. 27th Dec. 1935

Mews has reached Swavesey that the church at Eatonville, one of the churches served by the Rev Edward Williams, vicar of Copmanhurst, Grafton, New South Wales, had been shifted bodily from the foundations during a violent wind and rain storm last month. The porch was torn completely off the main building, a wooden structure, all windows were broken and the font damaged, but the altar, organ, and seats escaped injury. The Rev. E. Williams is the youngest son of the late Mr John Williams, of Swavesey.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 27th Dec. 1935

The services at the Parish Church on Christmas Day were as follows : Holy Communion, 6 a.m. 7.30 a.m. and mid-day. Matins with sermon, 10.30. a.m., and evensong at 3 p.m. with the anthem, "The Prince of Peace.", and carols were sung. The collections throughout the day were, as usual, devoted to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. The Church was nicely decorated with beautiful white flowers and evergreens, and in front of the font was a miniature representation of the stable at Bethlehem, The bells were rung for some of the time before the 6 a.m. service.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 27th Dec. 1935

A most enjoyable time was spent at the Memorial Hall on the occasion of the Football Club's annual Christmas Social. There was a good attendance, in spite of the wintry weather. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr C.S. Hepher with the assistance of Mrs T. Froment.

Claude Whitham's band provided an excellent selection of music for dancing. Mr G. Froment was doorkeeper, and Mrs G. Froment and Mrs J. Marriott were in charge of refreshments. The spot dance was won by Mr C. Jakes and his partner, and the musical parcels by Miss M. Kester and Mr E. Braysher.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 27th Dec. 1935

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mrs Jane Williamson, of Askew Row, who passed away on Christmas Eve, aged 81. She leaves one son and one daughter to mourn their loss. Both she and her husband, the late ex-P.C. Walter Williamson of the City of London Police, were natives of Somersham, Hunts. On his retirement from the police in 1895, he was employed as a doorkeeper at the G.P.O. until 1902, when he and his

wife returned to Somersham. He died in 1922, and three years ago Mrs Williamson removed to Swavesey to live near her daughter, Mrs Pettitt. Notwithstanding her great age she went last Saturday to London to spend Christmas with her son. She was her usual health on Monday night but after getting into bed she was taken seriously ill and passed away the following morning. The Funeral will take place at Somersham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. 3rd Jan. 1936

Penny a Mile – Any Day – Any Where,

Sir – When the L.N.E.R. reply to the letter from “Traveller” on 31st December, respecting the fare charged, perhaps an explanation can be given for another anomaly. Passengers to Cambridge from Godmanchester by train leaving at 8.1 a.m. can obtain workmen’s tickets, but those tickets are not issued at Swavesey station. to people who travel to work in Cambridge Day After Day by the same train. In short, why should a worker be able to get from Godmanchester to Cambridge and back for 1s 2½d, and a worker from Swavesey have to pay 1s 6d for a “cheap day” ticket? Yours etc, A. Swavesey Traveller.

CAROLS. 3rd Jan. 1936

The carol singers who sang in the streets of Swavesey and Fen Drayton at Christmas collected £5 15s 6d., viz., Fen Drayton £1 0s 9½., Swavesey £4 14s 8½. This sum has been equally divided between the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Assoc. and St Dunstan’s. Mr G.E. Canham kindly lent the lamp.

OBITUARY. 3rd Jan. 1936

We have to announce the death of Mr Albert Parish, second son of the late Mr David Parish, who passed away at his home at Boxworth End on Tuesday evening aged 53. His illness had been long and very painful. For twelve weeks last year he was an inpatient at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, and was operated on more than once without avail, and in October he returned home incurable.

10th January. The funeral took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar conducting the service. The family mourners were Mr Abraham Parish, Mrs A Johnson, Mrs H.H. Williams, Mr P. Parish, Miss E. Parish, Mr D. Parish, Miss R. Parish, Miss P. Parish, Mr F. Parish (brothers & sisters), and other family mourners, friends and acquaintances . (a long list named) Mr G. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd Jan. 1936

One of the best socials yet held in Swavesey was the expressed opinion of a large number of people who attended the British Legion New Year's Eve social in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The well-varied programme included songs by Mrs Ivatt, Miss Wale, Mr Harry Cole, Mr T. Herring, and Masters Alan Lee and Cyril Watson. Selections on two accordions by Messrs Cardnell and Brooks, and on mouth organs by Messrs Cardnell and Arthur Froment, and an amusing skit entitled "Schoolboy Howlers" admirably played by Mr Lee(schoolmaster), Messrs A. Froment, Cardnell, Alan Lee, Brooks, and the lee sister (pupils). All these items were interspersed by popular dances, the music for which was played by Claude Whitham and his dance band. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all at midnight. Mr Lee thanked all who had helped to make the evening such a success. The proceeds amounted to the useful sum of £5 13s 6d. The social was brought to a close at 1 a.m. with the singing of the National Anthem.

Y. P. F. 10th Jan. 1936

A very good company gathered on Monday for the opening meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship for the year 1936. The speaker was Mr Leslie Vinden of the "Friend's Evangelistic Bond," who gave an impressive address on the "Cross of Christ." The Chair was occupied by the Pastor.

ACCIDENT. 10th Jan. 1936

Mr Thomas Harden, who for practically the whole of his working life has been employed at The Farm, Boxworth End, by Mr C.W.H. Cole, and his father, the late Mr W.C. Cole, met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday week, when a truss of straw fell upon him from a cart that was being unloaded. He was taken to Dr Hart, who after examining him and rendering first-aid, advised his removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained, as it was then found that he had sustained a fracture thigh.

EPIPHANY TEA. 10th Jan. 1936

There was an excellent attendance at the annual Epiphany tea, which was held in the school on Monday, and for which admirable arrangements had been made by Mrs Dickson, Mrs Cooksey, Mrs Harry Well, Mrs W.J. Hepher, Mrs Barwell, Mrs H. Prime, and Mrs C.S. Hepher. Choir Boys, as usual, turned up in good numbers, this being their annual treat. After tea an instructive lantern lecture on mission work in India was given by Mrs L. Walker, wife of the vicar of Impington. The lantern, kindly lent by Mr C. Symonds, Over, was manipulated by Mrs C.S. Hepher and Mrs H. Prime. At the Close of the

evening the Vicar thanked Mrs Walker for so kindly coming to give the lecture, which had been thoroughly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL. 10th Jan. 1936

An enjoyable social arranged by the Parochial Church Council for children, was held in the Memorial Hall on January 2nd. Games, competitions and dancing were all thoroughly appreciated, and excellent refreshments, all given by kind friends, were speedily demolished, and it was with regret that the children wended their way home. Mr Harry Wells (churchwarden) did duty as doorkeeper, and Mrs Wells looked after the refreshments. Winners of a variety of games were, Joan Jacklin, Mabel Hodson, Mabel Key, Joan Prior, Leonora Key, Olive Nightingale, Lucy Key, John Prior, Alan Lee, Olive Froment, and Eric Froment.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 17th Jan. 1936.

The treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received the welcome gift of £2 17s 9d from the party who sang carols at Christmas in Swavesey and Fen Drayton, viz., 10s 4½d collected in Fen Drayton and £2 7s 4½d in Swavesey.

CRICKET CLUB. 17th Jan. 1936

There was a very good attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Cricket Club. Music for dancing was supplied by Billy Bishop and his Rhythm Rascals, and songs and sketches were contributed by Mr M. Ginn and Mr J. Parish. There were also spot dance and old waltz competitions, for which prizes were awarded.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th Jan. 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs C.S. Hephher presiding. After routine business Mrs Lee was chosen delegate to attend the Cambridge and London meetings, and suggestions were received for the annual outing. An interesting demonstration was given by Miss Willers, of Trumpington, of glove and soft slipper making, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks by Mrs E.J. Mitham. A social was arranged for January 23rd. the evening was brought to a close with games and country dances.

Y.P.F. 24th Jan. 1936

Two helpful meetings of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship have been held recently. On 13th January the speaker was the Rev E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, who spoke on "Jacob's return to Bethel." The Pastor presided. On 20th January the speaker was Mr Bunting, of Cambridge, who gave an impressive address on "The Lord hath need of him." Solos were also sung by Miss Osbourne, of Cambridge.

DEATH OF KING GEORGE 24th Jan. 1936

The bulletins transmitted by wireless on Monday respecting the illness of the King were anxiously listened to in Swavesey not only by adults but also by children, and those received in the evening prepared them for the announcement that His Majesty had passed to his rest. Expressions of sorrow and regret, and also of sympathy with Queen Mary and her family were universal. All felt that they had lost a friend. Since Tuesday morning the Standard of St George has been flown at half-mast at the parish church, except on Wednesday, the day of the Proclamation of King Edward VIII. when it was raised to the peak, and on Tuesday evening a fully muffled peal was rung on the bells.

INQUEST DISCLOSURE. 24th Jan. 1936

A "verdict" of "Death from natural causes" was returned at the inquest, held on Friday, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, on Thomas Harden, of the Green Man Cottages, Swavesey. Deceased sustained a broken leg in an accident at Swavesey early this month. A post mortem examination revealed that the deceased would have died in the next few months, apart from any accident. Emma Jane Harden, Green Man, Swavesey, stated that she had lived with deceased all her life, and identified the body as that of her brother, Thomas Harden, aged 57 years, a farm labourer, employed by Mr Cole, of Swavesey. Witness last saw her brother on January 2nd, when he went to work. He was in fair health, with good eyesight and hearing. About two months ago he suffered from a fall off a cart. He did not complain of being injured, and went on with his usual work. Years ago the doctor had been called in when deceased had frozen fingers, and also on another occasion for some illness which she did not know. Witness knew nothing of the accident.

William Savage, Boxworth End, Swavesey, a farm labourer, stated that he was working with the deceased. Deceased was helping unpack bales from a two wheeled cart. A boy was standing on the cart pushing the bales from the front to the rear. The boy changed his position in the cart, and this upset the balance, so that a bale on the edge of the cart fell off, knocked the deceased down, and fell across his legs. Witness pulled the bale off the deceased and picked him

up. He asked him if he could stand, and deceased said "I don't know." Witness said, "Can you stand on your left leg" and deceased could, but when witness said "Can you stand on your right leg?" deceased would have fallen but for support. Witness laid the deceased on some straw and fetch Mr Cole, his employer, who took the deceased in his car to the doctor. Deceased had always seemed in good health, but was not a big man. The bale which weighed about seven stone, fell about six or seven feet on to deceased.

Arthur Thomas Turner, Station Rd, Swavesey, a young farm labourer, stated that he was on the cart unloading the bales. He put one bale down and went to fetch another, and the cart tipped with his weight and the bale fell off, although he did not actually see it. Witness heard deceased call out and ran to the back and saw that deceased was on the ground and the bale had just rolled off. It had seemed to cover his head and shoulders.

Dr Searle, the house surgeon, stated that deceased was admitted conscious on 2nd January, and told him that the bale hit his head and shoulders and then his right thigh. On examination it was found that the top of the right thigh was broken, and this was reduced and set. On 7th January deceased became weaker and died very suddenly, on 14th January. A post mortem examination was made, and it was found that deceased had bronchial pneumonia, his kidneys were infected, and his bladder contained a large stone. Witness formulated the opinion that the deceased would have died within the next few months apart from the accident, but was hastened by the fractured femur. Deceased's death was due to natural causes.

LATE MR T. HARDEN. 24th Jan. 1936

The funeral of Mr Thomas Harden, son of the late Mr William Harden, a native of Fen Drayton, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Rev Rowland Hills, vicar of Fen Drayton, officiated. The immediate mourners were Mr James Harden, (brother) Miss Emma Harden, (sister) Mr E.W. Harden, (nephew), Mr & Mrs James Trundley, (cousins) and others. The beautiful floral tributes included tributes from his employer and his fellow workmates.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th Jan. 1936

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr C.H. Parish (chairman), Messrs W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, and R. Mitham jun. with the clerk Mr Prime Godfrey. It was agreed that Messrs C.J. Shepperson (the present constable), George Burling, B. Hodson, and Charles Eason should be recommended to the justices as fit

persons to hold the office of parish constable during the ensuing year. A letter was received from the County Council respecting the public footpaths. It was decided the Clerk should make certain inquiries and report to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Chesterton R.D.C. should be asked to give permission for a collection of un-burnable rubbish in the village in the spring. Mr Dean to make inquiry as to a suitable dumping place.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 24th Jan. 1936

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mr James William Wilderspin, who passed away on January 17th, after an illness of about 12 months' duration. Born in Swavesey 81 years ago, the son of the late Mr James Wilderspin, his early days were spent in the village. He then left for London, where for many years he was in business as a cartage contractor. He returned to Swavesey a few years ago. The funeral took place at the parish church on Tuesday, the Vicar Rev Dickson, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs J. Cook, (daughter) Mrs Lemon (sister) Mr R. Cook (grandson), Mr & Mrs W. Peppercorn, Mrs Perkins, (nephew and nieces) and other close friends. Mrs Wilderspin (widow) was unable to attend owing to her great age and ill health.

Funeral. 31st Jan. 1936

The funeral of Cyril Ernest Loades, the eight-years- old son of Mr & Mrs Ernest Loades, who passed away on January 25th after 2½ years' illness, took place on Wednesday at the parish church. The Vicar Rev C.C. Dickson conducted the service, during which the hymn "Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep" was sung. The mourners were: the father and mother, Evelyn Loades, (eldest sister), grandparents and uncles and aunts,

FUNERAL OF KING GEORGE. 31st Jan. 1936

On the day of the funeral of the late King George the shops in the village, and also the Post Office, after opening for a short time in the early morning, were closed until 2 p.m. and the public-houses did not open until 6 p.m. At 7.30 a.m. at the parish church there was a celebration of Holy Communion, and at 11 a.m. a large and thoroughly representative congregation attended a United Memorial Service conducted by the Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, and the Rev. A Tilling, Baptist Minister. The third of the official forms of service was used. A short address was given by the Vicar, and the hymns "O God our help in ages past" "Peace, perfect peace," and "Abide with me" were sung. After the Blessing, the congregation remained kneeling while the National Anthem was sung. A short muffled peal was rung on the bells before and after the service.

At 1.15 p.m. a service for the children attending the Council School was conducted by the Headmaster, (Mr C. Wood) in the Memorial Hall. After prayers and the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," Psalm 23 was read by Beryl Wilderson, and the lesson by Lenora Key. The two minutes silence was followed by the hymns "Abide with me" and "Peace, perfect peace." An address was then given by the Headmaster, and the service concluded with the hymn "God be in my head" and the National Anthem.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 7th Feb. 1936

The churchwardens last week-end distributed the late Mr Thomas Payne's Charity. 25 widows and widowers receiving gifts of tea and sugar and 1 cwt of coal.

BILLIARDS 7th Feb. 1936

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey and Willingham British Legion, played at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening was won by the home team by 70 points.

CHURCH MEETING. 7th Feb. 1936

The annual parochial church meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, the Vicar presiding. There was a good attendance. The annual report given by Mrs C. S. Hepher showed that the outgoing Council had taken a keen interest in the affairs of the church, particularly the stained glass panel which it is hoped will soon be fixed in the east window.

The accounts show a small deficient on the year's workings.

The Church Improvement Fund it was stated, showed a steady increase and had £300 in its credit, this included the £100 towards the panel given by Miss Metcalfe. There was no ballot for the Church Council, as only six were nominated, viz, Miss G. Froment, Mrs Harry Wells, Mr Arnold, Mr C.S. Hepher, Mr S. Mitham, and Mr H. Prime. Mrs C.S. Hepher was appointed secretary, and Mr W.J. Hepher vice-chairman.

The Vicar thanked the Council for their good work during the year.

BRITISH LEGION. 7th Feb. 1936

The annual meeting of the Swavesey & District branch of the British Legion, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday. There was a good attendance. Before starting business all presence stood for two minutes in silence in memory of his Majesty King George V, and fallen comrades. Mr P. Lee, treasurer submitted the accounts, which showed a substantial sum in hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Rev C.C.

Dickson, vice-presidents, Mr F. Norman, Mr C. S. Hepher, Mr C. Hard. Chairman, Mr R. Barwell, vice-chairman, Mr Crowley, treasurer, Mr P. Lee, secretary, Mr H.H. Berryman, plus a committee of six. Standard Bearer, Mr T. Savage, deputy-standard bearer, Mr F. Causer.

FOOTBALL. 14th Feb. 1936

There was a very poor attendance at the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening in aid of the funds of the Football Club. Music for dancing was supplied by the Rhythm Rascals Band. Refreshments were in the capable hands of Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs Turner and Mrs J. Kester, Mr L. Day acted as M.C., and Mr G. Froment and Mr R. Hendry were on the door.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. 14th Feb. 1936

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned at an inquest on a Swavesey cyclist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, this (Friday) morning. Deceased was William Francis Perry, aged 55, of 7, Council Houses, Boxworth End, Swavesey, a farm labourer.

Constance Eve Tyrrell, of 100, Newmarket Road, sister of the deceased, said that his eyesight and hearing were perfect, and his general health was good. He had been a cripple since a small boy, but that did not affect his cycling and he had been cycling for 40 years. He used that road every day.

Thomas Edward Kersey, a commercial traveller, gave evidence that he was driving a car about 4.45 p.m. from Huntingdon to Cambridge. As he approached the New Inn he saw the cyclist come into collision with a motorist. He saw only one cyclist and saw nothing of two riding abreast. The impact occurred on the left of the centre of the road and on the Cambridge side of the turning. Visibility was not particularly good as it was getting dusk. He thought the cyclist was on the turn at an angle to the road as though he was going to turn to Swavesey.

Cyril Frank Symonds, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, a machinist, stated that he was cycling towards the New Inn with a Mr Bedford. Witness was on the outside and they were occupying about two yard of the road. Perry was cycling behind. Witness heard a bang and then a car passed him with Perry on top of the bonnet and his cycle on the nearside wing. The car went seven or eight yard past witness before the cycle fell off and then, almost at once, Perry fell off. Witness estimated the speed of the car at about 35 m.p.h.. The driver pulled up after the man fell off, but did not stop until later. The impact occurred in the middle of the road. The car finished up on its nearside. When the car passed him he was only four or five yards from the Swavesey turning.

Both Perry and he (witness) were going to turn there, but witness had not given a signal. He could not say if Perry had.

P.C. Shanks said he arrived on the scene at 5.20 p.m. He saw the car on the Fenstanton side of the New Inn turn. The driver said he stopped five yards past the pool of blood in the centre of the turn, and drove the car out of the way. Witness asked him why he drove so far and he said. " To prevent another accident."

THE LATE MR W. PERRY. 14th Feb. 1936

The funeral of Mr William Francis Perry, whose tragic death in Addenbrooke's Hospital was reported last week, took place on Saturday at Swavesey Parish Church, where the body had rested since the previous evening. The Vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, officiated. The immediate mourners were Mr Stanley Perry (brother) Mrs Tyrrell (sister) Mrs Budge, Mr Stanley Budge, and Master Walter Budge. Other close friends were present.

DEATH OF AGED INHABITANT. 14th Feb. 1936

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant, by the death of Mr Walter Coulson, who passed away early on Monday after nearly three years illness. A son of the late Mr William Coulson, he was born in Swavesey 77 years ago. He was unmarried. His sister, Mrs Thompson, predeceased him by about a week, and his younger brother George died on the 1st August last. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Vicar Rev C.C. Dickson. The mourners were:- Mr Arthur Coulson (brother), Mrs G. Coulson (sister-in-law) A number of other close relations, and many old friends were present.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 14th Feb. 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, being members' night, the programme was arranged by Mrs Berryman and the committee. After the usual business, the President Mrs C.S. Hepher, read a letter she had received from Queen Mary, in reply to her letter of condolence on the death of King George. The delegate to the Cambridge meeting then made her report, and it was decided to pay a visit to Bournville on March 26th

Mrs W. Thorp, Mrs Canham and Mrs Lee received certificates for exhibits at the autumn produce show. An interesting talk on the "Ceremony of Crossing the Line," was given by Mr. Berryman. The social half-hour included songs by Miss V. Savage, and competitions, the winners being, Mrs Canham, Mrs

George Prime, Mrs Martin, and Mrs J. Smith. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Wells, Heasman, Turner, and Prior.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 21st Feb. 1936

Taking the place of the speaker originally planned, the President, Rev A. Tilling, gave an inspiring address on "Companionship," based on one of the Psalms, at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening.

WHIST DRIVE. 21st Feb. 1936

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the whist drive in aid of the funds of the Woman's Institute, which was held at the residence of the President on Thursday week. Five tables were in play. The Prizewinners were Mrs D. Brooks, Mrs Martin, Mr J. Smith, Mrs Jellings. Lucky number, Mr P. Parish. Refreshments were served by Mrs J. Smith, Mrs G. Froment, Mrs Martin, Mrs Laverack, and Mrs T. Froment. Mr H.H. Berryman was the M.C.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 21st Feb. 1936

Twenty-two and a half tables were occupied at the qualifying whist drive in connection with the County Conservative tournament, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. The prize winners were, Mrs R. Norman, Miss H. Burton, Mr E. Prior, Miss Q. Spolton, Mr A. E. Melbourne. Mr H.H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

Mr W.W. Light (Conservative Agent), who came in during the evening, accompanied by Mrs Light, distributed the prizes.

GIRL'S LIFE BRIGADE. 21st Feb. 1936

A successful concert was given by the 1st Swavesey Company of the Girls' Life Brigade, in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of songs, sketches, and plays. All were heartily applauded. Lance-Corporal J. Williams was the accompanist throughout the evening.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 28th Feb. 1936

The match between Over and Swavesey Council schools, played at Over on Monday, was won by Swavesey boys by seven goals to nil.

OBITUARY. 28th Feb. 1936

Miss Priscilla Williams, elder daughter of the late Mr James Williams, wheelwright, of Swavesey, died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, early on

Wednesday morning, aged 68. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING. 28th Feb. 1936

The annual prize giving at the Bethel Baptist Sunday School took place on Thursday week. The Pastor, who presided, opened with a scripture reading and prayer, after which recitations were given by Mary Parish, Austin Hepher, Myrtle Ivatt, Richard Parish, David Easter, Maisie Holbrook, Jean Walker, and Sheila Hepher, and five little girls sang.

Pastor P.H. Crees, of Over, presented the prizes.

WHIST DRIVES. 28th Feb. 1936

Eight and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive in aid of funds of the Women's Institute, which was held at the residence of the President (Mrs C.S. Hepher) on Tuesday evening. The prize winners were Mrs W. Thorp, Mrs Martin, Mrs T. Smart, Mr Marriott, Mrs S. Clark, and Mrs Burton. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr & Mrs Hepher for kindly lending their house for the drive.

OLD FOLK'S TEA AND SOCIAL EVENING. 28th Feb. 1936

The Swavesey Women's Institute entertained a number of old friends to tea in the Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon in last week. After tea an entertainment was given by several of the members, including Mrs Laverack, Mrs Marriott, and Miss Maisie Holbrook. Pianoforte duets were also contributed by Miss Lily and Joan Hepher. Songs by Mrs C. Hepher and Mrs Shepperson. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.I. by Mr C. Walker. The party was followed by a social evening, at which a large number of people were present. The programme, arranged by Mrs C. Hepher, included songs by Mr W. J. Hepher and Mrs Shepperson, and two sketches, "Rival Lovers," played by Mrs T. Smart and Mrs G. Prime, and "Washing Day," by Miss H. Burton and Miss L. King. There were various competitions won by Mrs P. Parish, Mr Eric Parish, Miss D. Godfrey, Miss E. Thorp, Mrs G. Prime, Mr S. Wright, and Mrs Warren. Claude Whitham and his band provided the music, and refreshments were served by the W.I. Committee.

PAROCHIAL TEA. 28th Feb. 1936

The tea organised by the Parochial Church Council on Monday was a great success. The Memorial Hall was crowded and all present enjoyed them selves the tables looking particularly attractive. The tea was followed by an impromptu concert, for which artists were speedily forthcoming. The

programme included songs by Allen Lee, Cyril Watson, Joan Hephher, Mrs Shepperson. Mr C.S. Hephher, Mr Harry Prime, and the Rev. Dickson. Comic songs by Mr B. Hodson, who gave his famous, "All over the shop." Mr W.J. Hephher and Mr C.S. Hephher, who "brought down the house" with, "A yard of lace". Others taking part Misses Lily and Joan Hephher, Barbara Mitham, Peter Prior, Mr J. Trundley, Alan Lee, Cyril Watson, Olive Nightingale, Phyllis Hephher, Mabel Key, Joan Mitham, Joan Prior and Lenora Key. The accompanists throughout the evening were the Rev. Dickson, Miss Q. Spolton, and Mrs C.S. Hephher. The happy evening was brought to a close with singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Feb. 1936

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, when there were present, Mr C.H. Parish (chairman), Messrs W. Burton. C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, R. Mitham jun., and P. Parish, and the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, respecting the footpaths in the parish. Mr Burton eventually proposed that the County Council should be informed that it was recommended that stiles should be erected by the owners of the land, in the fences, on the paths along Navigation Drain, and across Mow Fen, and on the path leading from the Recreation Ground, to Brick Hill and Lairstall Drovers, and that the footbridge across Covill's Drain, be re-instated. This was seconded by Mr Lee. Permission was given for a collection of un-burnable rubbish, and that A. Day would provide a dumping place. Tenders for the work to be delivered to the chairman by March 24th. . Power to accept the lowest, or any tender, given to Messrs Cole, Dean and the Chairman. It was decided to issue a precept on the rating authority for £16, for the expenses of the Council for next year.

ewe HAS SIX LAMBS. 6th March 1936

It was learned today that an ewe belonging to Mr Charles Parish, a smallholder, of Middle Watch, Swavesey had given birth to six lambs. A "Cambridge Daily News" representative was informed today that five of the lambs are still alive. A well known Cambridge authority on farming matters told "C.D.N." It is not uncommon thing for sheep to have twins or triplets, but it is very seldom indeed that you hear of anything over that number. I have never heard of six before anywhere.

BILLIARDS. 13th March 1936

The friendly billiards match between teams representing Swavesey and Willingham Public Hall, played at the Institute on the 4th inst., was won by Swavesey by 535 points to 506. R.H. Cole 100, L.A. King 90, M. Coulson 86, D. Few 100, J. K. Kester 100, C. Day 67, E. Crowley 100, G. Ambrose 59, D. Nightingale 100, G. Levitt 90, W. Hind 48, F. Collett 100.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th March 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs C.S. Hepher presiding. Two new members were welcomed. After the usual business Mrs Randall gave an interesting knitting demonstration. A competition for the best kitted cap and scarf to match, judged by Mrs Randall, was won by the President. A roll call, "Hints on Spring Cleaning," brought some very good hints from members. During the social half-hour a happy time was spent with indoor hockey and dancing.

CRICKET CLUB. 13th March 1936

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows: President, Mr C. Walker, vice-presidents, Messrs C. Dean, G.E. Canham, H. Whitehead, W.D. Isgrove, A. Cox, A.E.W. Melbourne, C. Cole, R. Barwell, C. Wood, P. Lee, S. Mitham, Mrs E. Norman, Mr Inglis, Mr Holloway, Mr Bond, Mr Blinkhorn, Rev. Dickson. Rev. Tilling. And Mr Westbrook; Hon secretary and treasurer, Mr D. Canham, assist sec. Mr D. Brooks, captain first eleven, Mr F. Brittain; vice captain, Mr F. Hepher; captain, second eleven, Mr B. Feakins; vice -captain, Mr S. Wright; general committee, J. Bull, W.D. Isgrove, A. Hepher, E. Parish. Selection committee J. Bull, H. Bishop, F. Prior. Mr S. Wright was elected groundsman. It was decided to enter the Milton & District Cricket League and Cup.

DIAMOND WEDDING. 13th March 1936

Mr Robert Richard Hepher, of High St and his wife Mrs Alice Hepher, celebrated their diamond wedding yesterday. Mr Hepher, who was 81 on February 29th, is a son of the late Mr Robert Hepher of Swavesey, but he was born in London, where his parents were staying at the time. His wife, who is 79, is a daughter of the late Mr Richard and Lydia Day of Elsworth. They were married at Fenstanton Parish Church, on March 12th 1876, by the then vicar, Rev. Mottram. Mr & Mrs Hepher left Swavesey early in the century for London, where Mr Hepher was employed as a foreman by the London Parcels Delivery Company, and subsequently the couple kept a restaurant at Vauxhall until February, 1922, when they returned to Swavesey.

EXCURSION TO WISBECH. 20th March 1936

Eighteen passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. cheap evening excursion to Wisbech on Saturday.

COUNCIL SCHOOL. 20th March 1936

Mrs W. D. Isgrove has been appointed a manager of Swavesey Council School in place of Mrs Aldred, who has left the village.

UNBURNABLE RUBBISH. 20th March 1936

The Parish Council has accepted the tender of Mr Prime Godfrey (the only one received) for the collection of un-burnable rubbish. The collection, which is strictly confined to the village, will be made next Wednesday, March 25th.

Y.P.F. 20th March 1936

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an interesting address was given by Mr R.R. Whyatt, of Cambridge.

BILLIARDS 20th March 1936

The friendly billiards match between Swavesey and Willingham Public Hall, played at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was won by the Swavesey team, who scored 559 points to Willingham's 536.

DIVORCE. 20th March 1936

In the Divorce Court on Monday Mr Justice Langton granted a decree nisi to F.D.C. of Swavesey, on the grounds of adultery of his wife E.E.C. with a man named C. The marriage took place in 1915 when petitioner was in the Army, and when on leave he lived with his wife at Longstanton. He alleged that after demobilisation in 1919 he heard rumours about her, and further information reached him in 1933.

For some years she lived at Station Rd, Duxford, with C., the pair passing as man and wife.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 27th March 1936

Our picture is of Mr & Mrs Alfred Day, sen., who celebrated their golden wedding on Monday. They were married at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, of which Mr Day, has for many years been a deacon, on March 23rd 1886, by Mr D. Flavel, who is still living in Cottenham. They have four sons, three married, three daughters, one of whom is not married, and twelve

grandchildren, all of whom were present on Monday's celebrations, except Mr Frank Day and his family, who are in Canada, and Mr Christopher Day and his family, who are in Africa.

EXCURSION TO BOURNVILLE. 27th March 1936

Sixty-three passengers were booked on Swavesey station by the special half-day excursion run by L.M.S.R. to Bourneville yesterday. This was the first time a long distance excursion train has been known to start from Swavesey .

Y.P.F. 27th March 1936

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev R.F. Gascoigne, of Haddenham, gave an address on St Paul's Conversion.

WEDDING. 27th March 1936

The marriage of Miss Vera Emily Walker, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Bert Walker, and Mr Leonard Geo. Froment, second son of Mr & Mrs A. Froment, took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar Rev Dickson officiating. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Joan Walker. Mr Clarence Wagstaff was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STATION. 27th March 1936

The new signal box at Swavesey Station was opened on Sunday. It is situated near the gates on the main road, and the signal-men will have a view of the road in each direction, so that delays to road traffic will be reduce to a minimum. The railway has been track circuited in each direction, which means, although the signalman may not be able to see the trains, he is advised of their position by an electrical device in the signal box. The hand gates are now locked from the signal -box, so as to prevent pedestrians crossing the line when trains are approaching. An additional cross-over road has also been provided, which will speed up the handling of goods trains.

PROPERTY SALE. 3rd April 1936

Messrs Bidwell & Sons offered for sale by auction at the White Horse Inn, on Tuesday evening, a pair of freehold cottages at Boxworth End. The sale was by direction of Trinity College, and the property comprised a pair of brick and slated cottages, one of which was vacant and the other let at a rent of £20 a year. After an opening bid of £200, the bidding rose to £475, at which figure

the property as a whole was knocked down to Mr William Mustill, of Swavesey.

Y.P.F. 3rd April 1936

The anniversary of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship last week-end was a great success. Good congregations were present at the services on Sunday, and the rally on Monday was very largely attended. The addresses of the special preacher, Rev W. Lomax Mackenzie, were marked for their high tone and inspiring application, and will long be remembered by all who heard them. Miss Osbourne, of Cambridge, greatly assisted in the rally by her Gospel songs.

DROVE LETTING. 10th April 1936

Once again very poor prices were realised for the herbage of the droves of Swavesey at the annual letting by auction, which took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, by order of the Chesterton R.D.C.

Y. P. F. 10th April 1936

At the closing meeting of the winter session of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, Rev. A. Tilling, gave an address and several members contributed songs and recitations.

BILLIARDS. 10th April 1936

The friendly billiards match between teams representing Swavesey Institute and Willingham Public Hall played at the Memorial Hall on Friday was won by Swavesey by 596 points to 522. Scores, Swavesey, A. Holmes 100, H. Hines 97, F. Causer 100, R. Royston 82, W. Nightingale 100, C. Day 67, M. Coulson 100, J. Sainty 81, W. Hind 199, J. Jeeps 95, H. Smith 96, A. Jeeps 100,

LATE MR W. PARISH. 10th April 1936

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mr William Parish, who passed away, after a short illness, on Monday afternoon. He was the son of the late Mr William Parish, and was born at Swavesey 80 years ago. He leaves two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Until his retirement a few years since, he was well-known in the district as a painter and a plumber. In course of his career he held many public offices, and for a considerable period served on the Parish Council, of which for a time he was chairman.

17th April - The funeral of Mr William Parish took place on Good Friday afternoon at the Cemetery, conducted by Mr Camp, Pastor of the Particular

Baptist Chapel, included the hymns, "Rock of Ages." and " Prepare me, Gracious God." The immediate mourners were Mr & Mrs J. W. Parish and Mr & Mrs C. H Parish. (sons and daughter-in-laws) Mr A.L. Parish. (son-in-law) Messrs E.L, W.R, W.E. Parish(grandsons) Misses Mary, Mildred, Edith, Hilda, and Sophia Parish (granddaughters) (Also a large number of family, friends, and acquaintances are named.) The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs R. Mitham & Sons.

CRICKET CLUB DANCE. 17th April 1936

There was a very good attendance at the Cricket Club dance held in the Memorial Hall on Easter Monday. Mr P. Lee officiated as M.C. Dance music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his band, Mr Turner & Miss D. Godfrey catered for the refreshments.

EASTER VESTRY. 17th April 1936

The annual Vestry meeting was held in the belfry of the parish church on Tuesday evening. The Rev C.C. Dickson presided. The Only business was the appointment of churchwardens. Mr Harry Wells being re-elected people's warden and the Vicar again nominating Mr W.J. Hepher as his warden.

CAMPANOLOGY. 17th April 1936

A peal of London Surprise Minor, 5,040 changes, was rung at the parish church, by permission of the Vicar, on Wednesday. This is the first peal of "London Surprise" rung on the bells, and it was accomplished in 3 hours, 6 minutes. The band stood as follows: J. Parish 1, B. Wayman 2. F.G. Gleaves 3. M. Ginn 4. A.J. Ginn 5. F. Warrington 6. (conductor) All are members of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers.

PARISH CHURCH. 17th April 1936

Good congregations attended the Parish Church on Good Friday . For Easter Day the Church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, etc. The services were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m. with hymns, 7.30 a.m. Matins 10.30 a.m. Children's service at 3 p.m. and evensong at 6.30 p.m. There were 136 communicants, about average for Easter Day. The festival was heralded in with a peal on the church bells from 5.30 to 6 a.m.

MILK VALUES. 17th April 1936.

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs C.S. Hepher in the chair. Miss Goodman, a representative of the National Milk Publicity Council, gave an interesting talk

on milk values. This s followed by a debate on “Tinned milk versus raw milk.” During the social half-hour the sketch “Our At Home Day,” was performed by Mrs Laverack, Mrs Marriott and Mrs Prior. Refreshment were served by the tea committee.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL 17th April 1936

On Good Friday the usual tea and meeting were held, good companies, including many visitors from Over, Girton, Knapwell. etc. being present. Between 60 and 70 met for tea at 5.30. The preacher at the evening services was the Rev. J. McLaren Cook, of St Andrew’s Street Baptist Church, Cambridge, who gave a forceful address on the, Cross of Christ. The Easter Sunday services were conducted by the Pastor.

Good congregation were present at both services including many holiday visitors to the village.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 17th April 1936

The funeral of Derek Loades, the eight month old son of Mr & Mrs Ernest Loades who died on April 7th after a month’s illness took place at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. Dickson, officiated. The mourners included the little child’s father, mother and sister, and close family members and friends.

BRITISH LEGION. 17th April 1936

The Swavesey and District of the British Legion held their annual dinner in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, about 45 members and visitors being present. The President Rev C.C. Dickson, was unavoidable prevented from attending. The catering was in the hands of member’s wives, and the manner they carried it out left nothing to be desired. The tables were tastefully decorated and the fare provided was excellent. After the tables had been cleared, songs and other items were given by Mr W.G. Papworth, of Cambridge, much to the amusement of all present. Selections were played by Messrs Cardnell & H. Brooks on piano accordions, the former also giving a mouth organ selection. Songs were also sung by Chas Hephher & Percy Lee, and John Mitham accompanied the singers on the piano.

PARISH MEETING. 24th April 1936

Eight local government electors, including the Chairman Mr C.H. Parish, Messrs C.W.H. Cole, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, jun. P.H. Lee, and P. Parish, members of the Parish Council, and the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey, and Mr A.P. Payne, attended the annual parish meeting held in the Memorial Hall on

Monday evening. The only business was the reading of the audited Parish Council accounts, for the year ended March 31st 1935. and the accounts for Galon's Charity.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th April 1936

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Messrs C.W.H. Cole, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, R. Mitham, jun., C.H. Parish, and P. Parish, with the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey. Mr C.H. Parish was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr C. Dean vice-chairman. The tender of Mr Alfred Day, Sen. of 25s for the herbage of the Recreation Ground was accepted. A communication was read from the Charity Commissioners respecting the site of the Friends' Meeting House in Black Horse Lane. But the council decided to take no action in the matter. Mr Lee called attention to the dangerous condition of the footpaths in Market St., especially near the Post Office, and the clerk was instructed to communicate with the County Council on the subject.

SALE OF WORK & CONCERT. 24th April 1936

A small sale of work, followed by a concert, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The sale was opened by the Rector of Boxworth, Rev C.G. Poynder, who wished the workers every success and spoke of the great need for extra help in the missionary work of the church. Competitions were much enjoyed and good trade was done at the stalls. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs Harry Wells, Mrs E.J. Mitham and Mrs R. Mitham, help by the Guides. A good trade took place at the work stall, the sixpence stall, the gift stall, and the sweet stall. There were competitions for a Box of chocolates, the Fish Pond, Darts, and Jig-saw. During the evening an excellent concert, arranged by Mrs C.S. Hephher, was thoroughly enjoyed, every item being heartily applauded, and many encores demanded. During the interval, prizes for the competitions were presented to the following, Darts Rev. C.C. Dickson, Jig Saw, Miss M. Key. Fish Pond, Mrs Dickson, Box of Chocolates, Miss J. Prior. Votes of thanks were accorded all helpers for organising the concert. The proceeds of the day's effort, which amounted to £14 will be devoted to the missionary work of the church.

WEDDING. 1st May 1936

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Whybrow, fifth daughter of Mr & Mrs William Whybrow, of Mayleigh, Swavesey, and Mr Ernest Bryant, third son of Mr & Mrs G. Bryant, of 17 Cliftonville Rd, St Leonards-on-sea, took place

on Sunday at St Ethelburge's Church, St Leonards. The Rev. Essame officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a two-piece costume of grey crepe georgette, and she wore a spray of lilies of the valley. Mr George Bryant (brother of the groom) was the best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at 17, Cliftonville Rd and later the happy couple left for their future home in Brighton.

ACCIDENT AT NEW INN TURNING. 1st May 1936

A motor cyclist and his pillion passenger sustained injuries as a result of a collision with a car at the New Inn, Swavesey, turning on Sunday, about 3.45 p.m. George Watson, Palmer's Green, London, was driving an Austin 10 car from the direction of Cambridge, and when turning into the Swavesey road a collision occurred with a motor cycle coming from the direction of Fenstanton and driven by Reginald Kidman, of Aldwinkle, near Kettering, with Sidney March, Wadenhoe, Peterborough, riding on the pillion. The Motor Cyclist and his passenger were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, . Kidman had serious head injuries, and it was necessary to detain both for treatment. The cycle was badly damaged. The car bonnet and steering were damaged. Mr Watson and his wife, daughter and son-in-law who were in the car were uninjured.

BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL. 1st May 1936

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held another of their popular socials on Saturday evening 112 adults and 16 children being present. The attractive programme that had been arranged included songs by Messrs Stan Braybrook. Anbyn and Spence, of Fen Drayton, and Mrs Ivatt. Piano and harmonica selections by Edwin Cardnell, accompanied by Mr Arthur Froment. A specially amusing feature was the Crazy Cousins Ragtime Band, consisting of Miss J Lee piano, Mr A. Froment, harmonica, Cardnell, piano accordion, and Mr H. Brooks of Cambridge, drums. Miss Lee, resplendent in evening dress, complete with top hat and cane, sang "Top Hat." The music for dancing was provided by Claude Wiffin and His Boys. The whole programme was carried out with out a dull moment, Mr Lee being an indefatigable M.C. Refreshment were tastefully served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner, and Pettitt. Messrs Tom Savage and Frank Hephew were the cashiers.

PARISH CHURCH. 8th May 1936

The Rev. K.G. Sandberg, Rector of Lolworth, officiated at evensong at the Parish Church last Sunday and also preached the sermon.

INTER-SCHOOL CRICKET. 8th May 1936

The first match of the season between Over and Swavesey Council Schools, played at Over on Monday afternoon, was won by Swavesey boys by 54 runs to Over's 21. For Swavesey, Dennis Spolton scored 44 runs and George Brickwood took seven wickets.

MARKET STREET FOOTPATHS. 8th May 1936

The Parish Council, at their meeting on April 20th, instructed the Clerk to call the attention of the County Council to the dangerous condition of the footpaths in Market St. On Tuesday the pot holes near the Post Office were filled in and the path was tarred and re-surfaced with granite chips. On the following day the path on the opposite side of Market St was attended to.

FEAST SUNDAY PARADE. 8th May 1936

Only 11 parishioners attended the meeting which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday to consider the question of holding a parade on Feast Sunday. Mr E.J. Mitham, hon. secretary of the local Hospital Aid committee, who presided, read letter regretting their inability to be present from the Vicar and from Mrs Cooksey, (treasurer of the District Nursing Association) The latter also asked that in the event of a parade being held, half of the proceeds should, as last year, be allocated to the Nursing Association. Mrs C. Savage proposed that the parade take place as usual, and this, later in the meeting, was seconded by Mrs James Prior. Mr C.S. Hephner moved an amendment that in view of the evident lack of interest in the village, the parade be not held, Miss E. Dodson, (treasurer of the Parade Committee) seconded. The amendment was carried.

CHURCH FETE. 15th May 1936

A meeting held in the school on Monday evening it was decided to hold the fete as usual in the Vicarage grounds on Thursday, July 9th. The various attractions will include folk dancing, ballet dancing, etc. There will also be dancing as usual in the evening.

ACCIDENT. 15th May 1936

Mr George Crouch, licensed hawker and dealer, of Swavesey, met with a serious accident when on his rounds at Knapwell last Friday afternoon. He had drawn his van to the side of the road near the church to allow Mr Deamer's traction engine and threshing tackle to pass, when his horse was startled by the engine slewed round suddenly, and Mr Crouch was thrown out of the van, the horse falling on him. In struggling to get up, the horse pulled the van forward, and a wheel went over Mr Crouch's leg. Mr Utteridge, who lives close by, and

a man with the threshing tackle, hurried to his assistance, and he was taken into Mr Utteridge's house. Dr Hart, of Swavesey, was 'phoned for and soon on the scene, and after rendering first aid conveyed Mr Crouch home in his car. On further examination, Dr Hart found no bones broken, but Mr Crouch had been very badly bruised and was suffering from shock.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th May 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. Mrs C. S. Hepher presiding. After the usual business a demonstration on sweet making was given by Mrs Willson, of Histon. She was accorded a vote of thanks by Mrs Shepperson. There were several entries for the "Frenlite" flour cake competition. Mr Herbert Peppercorn, who acted as judge, awarding the prizes to Mrs Laverack, Mrs L. Godfrey and Miss F. Warboys. Then followed a debate on "Town V Country Life," between Mrs T. Smart and Mrs E.J. Mitham. During the social half-hour songs were contributed by Mesdames Shepperson, Ivatt, and G. Smart, and recitations by Mesdames Marriott, Laverack, and T. Smart. It was arranged to hold a fancy dress parade on Feast Monday, May 25th to be open to everyone (children and adults), also for the best decorated perambulator and cycle. Prizes will be awarded. The parade will start from Mrs Shepperson's house at Boxworth End a 5.30 p.m.

SWAVESEY PLATELAYER. 22nd May 1936

How a Swavesey man was knocked down and killed at Histon by an express travelling at 45-50 m.p.h. was described at an inquest held at the Railway View, Histon, yesterday. Deceased was Sidney Carrier, aged 49, of Mow Fen, Swavesey. He was the youngest son of the late Mr William Carrier of Swavesey, and had, since a young man, been employed by L.N.E.R. first as a platelayer and latterly as a ganger. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. Harry Smith, of Station Rd, Over, identified the deceased as his brother-in-law, of Mow Fen Swavesey, a platelayer on the railway. Witness last saw him alive on May 10th, when he seemed all right. Arthur Flatman Radford, of Oakington, a patrolman, said he saw Carrier about 2.30, between Histon and Oakington. He seemed all right then and in a good state of health. When he left witness he walked towards Histon on the down line. He was knocking keys in with a long-handled hammer.

Harry Wallis, of South Rd, Histon, a signalman at Histon station, said at 2.53 p.m., an express train passed from Cambridge to Kettering. After the train had gone he noticed an object in the down road. He tried to attract somebody's attention, but as he failed he went to the goods office to ask them to telephone

to find out if it was a man on the line. He was told it was. In answer to Supt. Allen, witness said "he had seen a man on the down line, but he would have been facing trains on the up line. The engine was making a good deal of smoke which was blown on the other line, enveloping the man he had seen. The man would not have been able to see the express because of the bend and the goods train. The strong wind and the goods train would probably have drowned the sound of the express". Answering a juryman, witness said "the express driver whistled before reaching the crossing, but the smoke from the other train would have prevented him seeing the man on the line." Dr A.E. Moore, of Histon, stated that he examined the body at 3.20 p.m. on Wednesday, and found that it bore signs of the man having been knocked down by a train. Death was due to a fractured skull. The Coroner said it was a clear accident, and no one was to blame unless it was the man himself, who should have looked out for the trains. Verdict, Accidental death.

FUNERAL. 22nd May 1936

The funeral of Mrs Clara Porter, sister of Mr Herbert Wilderspin, of Swavesey, who passed away on May 15th at 62, Beattyville Gardens, Ilford, Essex, aged 85 years, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Monday, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Chapel. The immediate mourners were: Mr & Mrs T. L. D. Porter, Mr H. Porter, (sons & daughter-in-law) L. S. and A. S. Porter, (grandsons) Mr H. Wilderspin (brother).

THE FEAST. 22nd May 1936

Next Sunday will be Swavesey Feast Sunday. There will be no parade this year. The Women's Institute are arranging a fancy dress parade on Monday evening open to adults and children, when prizes will be given not only for costumes, but for best decorated perambulators and cycle. Four teams are competing for the Swavesey Hospital Cricket Cup.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY. 22nd May 1936

The collection organised by Mrs Cooksey of Swavesey Manor for the British Red Cross Society, in the Swavesey Division amounted to £15 10s. The amount collected in Swavesey by Miss Easter, Miss Parsons, Mrs R. Mitham, Mrs S. Mitham and Miss Mary Shepperson amounted to £3 6s 11½.

GANGER'S FUNERAL. 29th May 1936

There was a very large attendance at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon at the funeral of Mr Sidney Carrier whose tragic death at Histon

station was reported last week. The Rev A. Tilling, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Chapel, conducted the service, both in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside. Only one hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung. The immediate mourners were: Mrs Carrier (widow), Mr W. Carrier (son), Mr & Mrs Hobbins, Miss K. Carrier (daughters and son-in-law) There was a large number of close relations, railway officials, fellow workmates, and friends present. (long list named)

DANCE. 29th May 1936

The dance, arranged by the committee of the Village Institute on Feast Tuesday was a great success, at least 140 people paying for admission. The Willingham Arcadians Band provided an excellent programme of dance music.

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL. 29th May 1936

Anniversary services were held at the Particular Baptist Chapel on the 21st inst., Mr S. Pack, of Tunbridge Wells, being the special preacher in the afternoon and evening. Both services were well attended, especially that in the evening, friends being present from St Ives, Godmanchester, Cambridge, Chatteris, Elsworth, Oakington, Fenstanton, and Barford, Beds. There was also a good attendance at the public tea between services.

WHIST DRIVE. 29th May 1936

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive which was held under the auspices of the Women's Institute, at "Estelle" on Wednesday were Mrs C.S. Hepher, Mrs W. Thorp, Mrs Piper, and Mr Marriott. Mr H.H. Berryman acted as M.C. The proceeds which amounted to 30s will be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital, and the District Nursing Assoc. Mrs Hepher was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, by Mrs W. Thorp.

RETIRED POSTMAN HONOURED. 29th May 1936

The Head Postmaster of Cambridge Mr E. J. Gilchrist, presented the Imperial Service Medal awarded by H. M. the King, to Mr A.W. Melbourne, who until his retirement owing to ill-health last January, had been a postman at Swavesey for nearly 29 years. Mr Melbourne enlisted in the Suffolk Regt in 1897, and served with the 1st Battalion at Malta and later with the 2nd Battalion in India. In April, 1905 he entered the service of the Post office, in Cambridge, and was appointed a rural postmaster at Swavesey in April 1907. In January, 1913 he joined the 1st Cambs Regt., and was mobilised with his battalion on the outbreak of the war in 1914.

THE FEAST. 29th May 1936

The annual feast, which has been held this week, has attracted numerous visitors to the village, but nothing like so many as in years gone by. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were well attended, an exceptionally large congregation being present at Evensong. An unusual feature of the mid-day service was the baptism of the infant son of Mr & Mrs George Oakman. The collections throughout the day were for Addenbrooke's Hospital and Swavesey Nursing Association. On Monday and Tuesday Market St. was occupied by stalls, Manning's jollity farm, cocoanut shies, and many other up-to-date attractions. Three cricket matches have been played for the Swavesey Hospital Cup. On Monday, Fen Drayton V Barwell's Tyre Works, Fen Drayton won by 6 runs. On Tuesday, Swavesey V Den Williams XI, Swavesey won by six wickets, and on Wednesday, Swavesey V Fen Drayton, Swavesey were the winners by 41 runs. After the Match the cup was presented to Swavesey by the Vicar, Rev. C.C. Dickson. Mr Manning, before leaving the village gave a donation of 10s to the Nursing Association.

FANCY DRESS PARADE. 29th May 1936

There was a good number of entries for the fancy dress parade organised by the Women's Institute on Monday evening. The procession left Boxworth End and went right through the village, round the Swan Pond, and back to the Recreation Ground. The prizes offered for the most original and best fancy dresses and decorated cycles and perambulators were awarded by the adjudicators, Mrs W. Garner, Mrs Cox, and Mrs Baigent, as follows : Ladies, prettiest, Miss Ann Shepperson (Japanese), original, Mrs J. Smith, (road traffic signals) Children: original, Miss Stella Froment, (spring cleaning) Miss Mary Lee (Leap Year 1936) : prettiest, Coral Prior (fairy), John Shepperson (Dick Whittington). Edna Brooks (milkmaid), Mona Brooks (cowboy), John Loades (sweep), Ruth Shepperson (lavender girl), Gentleman – Original., Mr Jack Wright (combined football & cricket). Perambulator, Mr Harry Prime, with Master John Prime, (bright spot). Bicycles, Mrs G. Smart, (King's Navee) and Miss Joyce Lee, (Amy Johnson). The prizes were presented by Mrs Dickson. Collections were made during the evening.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 5th June 1936

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a welcome addition to the funds of £8 15s 3d, the following., Mr J. Warboys, Offertory, Feast Sunday Swavesey church, Swavesey Women's Institute, and Cricket Club.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th June 1936

The 96th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Chapel was celebrated on May 29th. An afternoon tea was held, at which the preacher was the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs, late of Huntingdon, who gave a helpful address. Following the service, a large company gathered in the schoolroom for tea. At the evening service many visitors were present from Fen Drayton, Over, Godmanchester, Girton, Willingham Knapwell, and other villages. The offering for the day, which amounted to over £10. was for the work of the church.

COUNCIL SCHOOL. 12th June 1936

As a result of the examination held recently, Lenora Key Anne Shepperson and Beryl Wilderspin, pupils at Swavesey Council school, have been awarded free studentships at Cambridge Technical School.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th July 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. One new member and one visitor were welcomed. After the usual business, Miss Hephew, of Cambridge, gave an interesting demonstration of First Aid, for which a vote of thanks was accorded her. A report was given by the delegate of the annual N.F.W.I. meeting in London on March 20th. An ankle competition was held during the meeting, and was won by Miss Vera Savage. The Swavesey Girls Guides provided the programme for the social half-hour, which included a demonstration of how the company would deal with a victim of a road accident. This was very well done. It was announced that the number of eggs collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital, was 1493.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 12th July 1936

The annual garden fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over & Fen Drayton Nursing Association was held in the grounds of Swavesey Manor on Thursday week, and resulted in the addition of £28 7s 0d to the funds of the Association. This sum includes many donations, and it may be added that all expenses were borne by the President and ladies concerned in the organisation of the Fete. The Fete was opened by Miss Vidler, eldest daughter of the Rev. Vidler, Vicar of Swavesey from 1895 to 1912, who spoke of the pleasure it gave her to revisit the village in which she had spent many happy years. Miss Vidler was presented with a bouquet by little Beryl Prime. The three chief attractions were the baby show, children's fancy dress parade, and a display of dancing by Miss Chapman's pupils from Cambridge. The baby show was under the

management of Nurse Clayton, and the 18 infants were judged by Dr French. The prizes were awarded to Paul Gary Warrington, Over. Alan Gordon Adams, Over. Ian Tattersal Fen Drayton, Kenneth George Norman, Over. Mary Whybrow, Over. Florence Julia Carter, Fen Drayton. Bryan Norman, Swavesey. Arthur William Kester, Swavesey. Betty Mavis Leggett, Over. The fancy dress parade was arranged by Mrs J. Smith and Mrs L. Godfrey. Miss Vidler and Mrs Burleigh acted as judges. Group 1. Anne Smart & Roger Godfrey (bride & groom) 2. Beryl Prime (handkerchief girl) 3. John Shepperson (Dick Whittington).

CANCER CAMPAIGN. 19th June 1936

The collection in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign made in Swavesey by members of the Women's Institute resulted in the satisfactory sum of £8 3s 0d being raised. The collectors were: Mrs Canham, Mrs Melbourne, Mrs Lee, Miss L. Melbourne, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs G. Froment, Mrs E.J. Mitham and Mrs E. Smart.

DANGER BY THE RIVER. 19th June 1936

A correspondent writes:- Will you allow me through the "Independent Press and Chronicle" to call the attention to the insecure condition of the hand rail on the sluice gates at the river end of Covill's Drain. When I went over quite recently I found that if any person put the slightest pressure on the rail it would have given way, and a fall into the water below might very likely have been fatal results. I do not know who is responsible for the upkeep of the gates, but the authority that is responsible ought to attend to the matter at once. One other question; When is the bridge over Covill's Drain going to be re-erected? The Parish Council in February decided that it was necessary that this should be done, but so far no steps have been taken to give effect to their decision.

CHOIRS FESTIVAL. 19th June 1936

Choirs from Willingham, Over, Impington, Girton, Oakington, Rampton, and Steeple Morden, visited Swavesey Church on June 11th to take part with the local choir in a festival service arranged by the Rev. K.G. Sandberg, hon. secretary of the Ely Archidiaconal Church Music Society. The Service was in the nature of a rehearsal for the Triennial Festival to be held at Ely on June 27th, and the Cathedral organist, Dr Conway, conducted the music throughout. At the organ was Mr G.H. Skeeles, organist of Swavesey Church.

DISTRICT NURSE. 3rd July 1936

We are asked to state that the district nurse will be residence at Mrs Walter Thorp's house in Middle Watch, Swavesey, until Sunday, July 12th

LOCAL SUCCESS. 3rd July 1936

Miss Margaret Wells, daughter of Mr & Mrs Horace Wells, has passed the final State examination and is now a State registered nurse. She had her general training at the West Herts. Hospital, Hemel Hempstead.

BETHEH BAPTIST CHAPEL. 3rd July 1936

Services in connection with the anniversary of the Sunday School were held at the Bethel Baptist Chapel on Sunday, the special preacher being Mr Claud Preston, of the All Nations' Bible College. There was a good congregation at morning service, when after a short address to the teachers and parents, the preacher gave an interesting talk to the young people, based on the Belisha beacon. The afternoon service was under the chairmanship of the pastor. Recitations were given by David Easter, Myrtle Ivatt, Arthur Chapman, and Mary Parish. A duet was song by Joan Jacklin & Olive Walker, accompanied on the piano by Joy Ivatt. Scripture examination certificates and prizes were presented to Sylvia Brickwood, Olive Isgrove and Annie Northhill. The offerings taken during the day was for the Sunday School funds.

CHILDREN'S PARTY. 3rd July 1936

The children of members of the Women's Institute were entertained in the garden of the President, on Tuesday afternoon. After a greatly appreciated tea, served by the committee there were games and races. Winners were Ray Oakman, Bernard Prior, Dennis Prior, Jean Walker, Myrtle Ivatt, Claude Walker, David Crouch, Olive Nightingale, Joy Ivatt, Anne Shepperson, Mabel Key, John Prior, John Shepperson, Kathleen Williams, Bertie Walker, Neville Oakman, Leslie Ding, Peter Prior, and Ken Nightingale. After refreshments, prizes were distributed by Mrs S. Smith, following which there was a exciting scramble for sweets.

SCHOOLBOYS' CRICKET. 3rd July 1936

Swavesey v Willingham schools played at Willingham, on Friday. Swavesey 84 runs, Willingham 23 runs.

SUNDAY EXCURSION 10th July 1936

Sixteen passengers were booked from Swavesey Station by the L.N.E.R. special half-day excursion to Clacton and Holland on Sea on Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. 10th July 1936

The little children attending the Parish Church Sunday School who were too young to go with the Sunday School excursion, to Skegness at the end of this month, were given their treat on Saturday afternoon, when they spent a happy time in the Vicarage grounds. An excellent tea was provided and games of various kinds were played.

THUNDERSTORM. 10th July 1936

During the thunderstorm which passed over Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon rain fell in torrents from 3.30 p.m. until 5. It was the heaviest downfall for several years. Some fields were more or less flooded, and the big drains which earlier in the day had only an inch or two of water in them, were soon almost running over. Gardens and allotments were also inundated. The children leaving school found a good Samaritan in Mr John Parish, who took those living at Boxworth End home in his car, and entertained those who had to go to Fen Drayton, to tea until the rain ceased and they were able to cycle home.

CHURCH FETE. 17th July 1936

Owing to the heavy rain on Thursday afternoon and evening in last week, the annual church fete at Swavesey, which should have been held in the Vicarage ground had to be transferred to the Memorial Hall nearly half a mile away. As the Hall is occupied by the Council School until 4.30 p.m., it was not possible for the fete, minus many of its attractions to be opened until nearly six o'clock, about three hours after the advertised time. During the afternoon the Vicar, who was driven by Mr W.J. Hepher (churchwarden) in his car, armed with the public crier's bell, announced the transference of the fete to the hall. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Banks, late of The Priory, Swavesey, expressed her pleasure at once again meeting so many old friends. She hoped that in spite of all drawbacks, the effort would be a success. A variety of stalls, too numerous to list, were under the charge of the lady helpers. The competitions were well supported, but Aunt Sally, darts, and other games that had been arranged, could not be held owing to lack of space in the hall. Pupils of the Martini School, who should have given a performance during the afternoon, were asked not to attend, but a greatly appreciated display of country dancing was given by County High School Girls. The Somersham Town Band played an excellent selection of music during the early part of the evening, and later for dancing, which was kept up until 11 p.m. In distributing the prizes the Vicar took the opportunity of

thanking the organisers and helpers for their effort, and all others present for their support. ,

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th July 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President occupying the chair. After routine business, Miss Huntback gave an interesting talk on "Flowers in my garden all the year round." The competition for the best Victorian posy was judged by Miss Huntback, who awarded the prize to the President. It was decided to go to Windsor by coach for the outing on August 11th. The delegate gave her report on the Spring Council meeting which she attended in Cambridge. During the social half-hour a small whist drive and games took place. Winners were Mrs Warren and Mrs Nightingale. Refreshments were served by the tea committee.

FUNERAL. 24th July 1936

The funeral of Mr James Lynch, whose death, at the age of 57 years, occurred somewhat suddenly at the residence of Mr & Mrs W. Hines, in School Lane on July 18th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C.C. Dickson, officiating at the service. The immediate mourners were; Mrs Mary Hardy. (sister) a nephew, Mr & Mrs W. Hine, Mrs A Whybrow, Swavesey, and Mr & Mrs A. S. Bullen, Over. Deceased, who had lived for many years with Mr & Mrs Hines in London, accompanied them when they left the metropolis for Over. Shortly before their recent removal to Swavesey the state of deceased health necessitated his admission to Addenbrooke's Hospital, from which institution he was discharged on Saturday afternoon, and he passed away quite unexpectedly about an hour after his arrival in Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 24th July 1936

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following councillors being present: Mr C. Dean (vice chairman) who presided. Messrs W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, jun., and P. Parish, with the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey. Mr Hodson was called upon for his report of the meeting at Cambridgeshire House. Mr Hodson said the address at the meeting, on the powers, etc, of Parish Councils had been fully reported in the "Independent Press & Chronicle" and producing the paper. He suggested that the clerk should read it to the Council. An application by Mr George Oakman to hire the village pound, led to some discussion respecting the boundaries of Mr Oakman's property (formerly the Methodist Chapel), and the adjoining engine house and

pound, the property of the Parish. It was eventually decided the Council should inspect the parish award at the Clerk's house, and then visit the property

The Clerk said he had not received a reply from the County Council regarding the footpaths and rights of way in the parish. Mr Burton then raised the question of the urgent need for a speed limit in the village. He moved that application be made to the County Council for the 30-mile limit to be put in force through the village. This was seconded by Mr F. Hephew.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st July 1936

The music selected for the recent Diocesan Festival at Ely Cathedral was sung by the choir at evensong at the Parish Church on Sunday. There was a good congregation.

STRUCK BY LIGHTING. 31st July 1936

During the thunderstorm that passed over Swavesey on Sunday evening shortly before 10 o'clock a chimney at Clare Cottage, Middle Watch, was struck by lightning and some brickwork was dislodged. The house is owned and occupied by Mr Herbert Wilderspin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S EXCURSION. 31st July 1936

The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School and members of Bethel Band of Hope, the party including adults, numbering about 140, joined the United Sunday School' excursion to Skegness on Wednesday. It was raining heavily when they left Swavesey station at 7.35 a.m., but they were favoured with a fine weather at Skegness, and a most enjoyable day was spent. All arrived home safely about 9.40 p.m.

LATE MR BRIDGEFORD. 31st July 1936

The funeral of Mr Walter Bridgeford, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Bridgeford, whose death at the age of 69 years occurred after several weeks illness on July 24th took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday. The Rev A. Tilling (Baptist Pastor) conducted the ceremony. During the service the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way" was sung. The mourners were Mrs F. Doggett (sister), Mr and Mrs A. Payne (brother-in-law & sister), Mr Walter Muggeridge, (Over) Mrs Swann, Cambridge, Mr & Mrs H. Bridgeford, Misses Dora & Winnie Payne, Master Herbert Payne (nephews & nieces) Mrs Howlett (cousin) Mr Charles Bridgeford, March, (brother) was unable to be present owing to illness.

GUIDE'S SALE. 31st July 1936

Bowing to the inclement weather, the girl guides sale on Thursday week was held in the Memorial Hall instead of the vicarage garden. The stalls, at which brisk trade was done, were under the charge of the following, sweets, Patrol Leader Joan Hepher, Joan Mitham, Anne Shepperson. Cakes, Lenora Key, Joan Prior. New work, Patrol Leader Mary Shepperson, Gladys Melbourne and Mary Mitham. In the evening there was an excellent concert, arranged and carried out entirely by the guides. The programme included pianoforte duet and songs by patrol leaders Lily and Joan Hepher, a song by the Company, and three sketches, "A Guide's Honour," by guides Joan Mitham, Jean Smith, Olive Nightingale, Anne Shepperson, and Joan Prior. "A Very Lame Dog," by guides Gladys Melbourne, Lenora Key, Mabel Key, and Ruth Shepperson, and "Rival Relatives," by Patrol Leader Mary Shepperson, guides, Mary Mitham, Mary Wagstaff, and Helen Burleigh,

GIRLS LIFE BRIGADE. 31st July 1936

At the invitation of the 1st Swavesey Company, the Cambridge and District Girls Life Brigade held their first annual rally at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The visiting companies, 1st Cambridge and 1st Prickwillow reached Swavesey shortly before two o'clock. Sports and games had been arranged to take place in Mr A. Day's field near the chapel, but owing to the unsettled weather these had to be cancelled. The visiting teams were taken to the Memorial Hall, where team and competitive games were enjoyed with the junior members of the Swavesey company until five o'clock, when the companies proceeded to Bethel School room, where the senior members of the first Swavesey company had prepared today. In the evening, a devotional service was held in the chapel, at which nearly 80 members of the G.L.B. and Girl Guides were present in uniform. Appropriate hymns were sung, and during the service colours were presented to the Swavesey company. The chaplain of the 1st Cambridge company Rev. Vellam Pitts, gave an interesting short address, and the Rev Betteridge, of Prickwillow, an inspiring talk on the colours. After the service the march passed in the schoolroom brought a very successful afternoon and evening to a close.

PARISH COUNCIL. 31st July 1936

A special meeting of the parish council on Monday evening was attended by Mr C. Dean, vice-chairman who presided, Messrs W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee and R. Mitham Jun. The clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey read a letter he had received from the County Council:-

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, the County Council do not provide or maintain stiles in foot paths. Where a path is dedicated subject to the existence of a stile, the owner of the land is entitled to maintain the stile, but it is not for any local authority to do so. There appears to be some doubt as to the exact line of the footpath by the Navigation Drain. The path which is in use is at the top of the bank along the haling way. The barbed wire and bushes to which you refer are between the haling way and the drain, but even if they were removed, it would appear to be impracticable for anyone to walk across the place where they are, owing to the slope of the ground and liability to flooding. Do your Council suggests that there is a public footway between the haling way and the drain?. The footbridge across Covell's Drain is beyond repair and will be replaced. The Parish councillors were decidedly of the opinion that the public footpath was on top of the bank of the navigation drain. With regard to Mr G. Oakman's application to hire the village pound, now never used, the Parish Award was inspected, and the visit was paid to the property. After a prolonged discussion Messrs Dean, Hodson, and Mitham, was deputed to make certain further enquiries and report to the Council.

PARISH CHURCH. 7th Aug. 1936

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the services at the parish church last Sunday were taken by the Rev. Canon W. H. Norman, and a former vicar of St Barnabas, Cambridge.

VISIT OF DIOCESAN RINGERS. 7th Aug. 1936

A meeting of the Diocesan Association of ringers was held by permission of the Vicar at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday. Ringing commenced in early afternoon and continued until about 8 pm. The district secretary Mr F. Warrington with Mr B. Hodson, local ringer's captain were in charge, and good practise ringing took place. Methods run included London, Cambridge, Norwich and York surprise, double Oxford Bob, Woodbine and Oxford treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tea was taken at Mr Isgrove's at 5pm, after which an informal meeting was held, Miss K Willers being elected to the chair. The secretary explained the reason for the meeting being held at Swavesey, and asked for the next meeting to be held at Haddenham, before the departure of the Rev A. E. Kirkland. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for allowing use of his bells, and to Mr Hodson for having all in readiness. Among the visitors were friends from Chelmsford and Dersingham.

GARDEN PARTY. 7th Aug. 1936

The Women's Institute held their annual garden party on Wednesday, in the grounds kindly lent by the President, Mrs C.S. Hepher. Tea was served during the afternoon, following which the pupils of Miss Queenie Chapman gave a splendid display of ballet dancing, which was very much appreciated. There were also various stalls and competitions. During the evening a whist drive was held, and music for dancing was supplied by Claude Whitham and his band. The following were winners of the various competitions. Mrs Warren, Miss E. Thorp, Mr Hendry, Mr Stanley, Mrs E.J. Mitham, Miss Leggett, Mrs J. Froment, Alan Lee, Mr C. Hepher, Miss F. Kester, Miss V. Savage, The tea and refreshments were served by the Tea Committee, and members were in charge of the stalls and competitions. The proceeds for the evening, which amounted to £9 7s 8d, go towards institute funds.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 7th Aug. 1936

There was only a small attendances at the annual meeting of the football club which was held in the Memorial Hall on July 30. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President - Mr F.J. Mustill, vice presidents Capt R.G. Briscoe, M.P. Rev, A. Beaumont, Rev C.C. Dickson, Rev Tilling, G.E. Canham, F.W. Pontefract, W. Crouch, W. Blinkhorn, C. Hepher, A.E. Melbourne, J.G. Inglis, C. Bond, and Holloway. (Subject to their consent) Captain, - A. Kester, Vice captain,- F. Coulson, Hon Sec - E.B. Smart & J. Mitham, committee - PH Lee, H Bishop, H Bridgeford, S Wright, T Savage, T Froment, H Holmes, F Causer. It was decided to enter the Cambs League division 2, and the Willingham Nursing Cup. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring secretary for his four years of hard work for the club and to all who had helped in anyway.

MILTON CUP FINAL. 7th Aug. 1936

Swavesey II accomplished on Saturday what a good many second teams imagine they can do, that is, beat their first eleven and so win the Milton & District League Challenge cup. This is the first time the knock-out trophy has found a home in Swavesey, although the League Championship cup was there as far back as 1912 and 1913. Saturday's final on Magdalene College grounds was keenly contested. The "seconds" began steadily and mustered 78, a feature of the innings being an undefeated 32 by R. Ansell, who went in at the fall of the fourth wicket. The "firsts" also got promisingly away, but W, Wright and Froment subsequently bowled so effectively that the innings was finished off for 60.

In presenting the cup on behalf of Capt Briscoe, Cllr E.H. Church congratulated both elevens on their play. They were, he said, worthy of a

better playing ground than they had on the recreation ground at Swavesey, and he suggested that the Parish Council might get some help in improving it if they apply to the King George Memorial fund

WEDDING. 7th Aug. 1936

The marriage of Miss Grace Evelyn Whybrow, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Whybrow, and Mr Claude Adams, son of Mr and Mrs G Ernest Adams, of Histon, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev C.C Dickson, officiating. The service was choral, and included the hymns, "Lead us heavenly Father" and "Thine for ever God of Love". Mrs C.S. Hepher was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of white satin, trimmed with pearls, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss M. and Doreen Nightingale, and a train bearer Miss Olive Nightingale, all of whom wore dresses of pink figured georgette. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink carnations and training fern, and the train bearer a posy of pink rosebuds and four-get-me-not. Mr Frank Adams, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

As the bridal party left the church a peal was rung on the bells, the wedding coincided with a meeting of Diocesan Association Ringers. The reception after the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th Aug. 1936.

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday, the Rev D.S. Carey, M. A. Vicar of St Mary's Bury, Lancashire, will be in charge of the Parish until September 6th. Mr Carey and his family are in residence at the vicarage.

ELECTRIC LIGHT. 14th Aug. 1936

The Beds Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company are at long last extending their service to Swavesey. The wiring of the Memorial Hall by the Company's work men has been commenced this week.

GOOD BOWLING REWARDED. 14th Aug. 1936

The Hobbs' bat given by the "News Chronicle" for the best bowling performance during the week ending August 1st, has been awarded to E. Monty Coulson, a member of the Swavesey Cricket Club, for taking eight wickets in four runs, including five wickets with five balls in one over, in the Milton and District League Match between Swavesey and Stretham.

VISIT TO WINDSOR. 14th Aug. 1936

A party of members of the Women's Institute and friends had a very enjoyable day's outing at Windsor on Tuesday. The coach left Swavesey at 7.30a.m., and arrived at Windsor at 11:30 a.m. On the outward journey a stop was made at Messrs Ryders seed testing station, and here the party were conducted over the beautiful flower gardens. At Windsor a tour was made of the Castle, and State apartments being visited, and St George's Chapel. Queen Mary's doll's house was especially interesting. On the way home there was a short stay at St Albans to see the Cathedral. The Swavesey being reached at about 10 pm.

TRIPS TO THE SEA. 14th Aug. 1936

By the special half day excursions run by the L.N.E.R. on Sunday, 33 passengers were booked at Swavesey Station for Skegness, and seven for Clacton on Sea.

THE DISTRICT NURSE. 14th Aug. 1936

We are asked to state that the district nurse will be living at Mrs Walter Thorpe's home at Boxworth End, Swavesey, from August 22 to September 5.

PLUMS. 28th Aug. 1936

80 tons of plums are being dispatched daily from Swavesey Station.

THE INSTITUTE. 28th Aug. 1936

The Village Institute, which has been closed during the summer months, will be reopened on Monday evening, when it is hoped that the billiard table, which has been thoroughly renovated by Messrs Riley, of Accrington will be available for play.

CAMPANOLOGY. 28th Aug. 1936

By permission, a full peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells of the Parish Church on Saturday by the following band:- A..R. Paul, 1. W Young, 2, E. Wakeling, 3. A..J. Abrams, 4, W. Seekings, 5. F. Warrington, 6. conductor. The methods rung were, double court, single Oxford Plain Bob, Cambridge surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent treble Bob. The peal occupied two hours 55 minutes.

WEDDING. 28th Aug. 1936

The marriage of Mr Rosslyn Gee Daisley, son of Mr and the late Mrs William Daisley, of Rosedale, Swavesey, and Miss Christina Sanders, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Sanders, 3 Mill Hill Road. Acton. W.3. took place at St Mary's Church, Acton, on August 19th. The Rector, Rev. Percival Gough, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of hyacinth blue crinoline, with large hat to match, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations, which were afterwards sent to Swavesey to be laid on the grave of the bridegroom's mother. Mr A. M. Sanders, brother of the bride, was best man. After the Ceremony, a reception was held at 49, Durham Road, Finchley, N 3.

FRUIT. 4th Sept. 1936

The dispatches of plums from Swavesey Station last week were abnormally heavy, averaging 80 tons per day. This week, even this figure looks like being surpassed.

FALL FROM SCAFFOLDING. 4th Sept. 1936

Whilst at work on Saturday, Mr Bert Feakin fell off scaffolding to the ground, sustaining severe bruising to the back and legs. His injuries did not, however, prevent him from working.

INSTITUTE. 4th Sept. 1936

The Swavesey Institute opened for the season on Monday evening, the billiard table has been recovered and new cushions affixed. Many prospective members have been in attendance, and the table has been booked to full capacity every evening.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING. 4th Sept. 1936

The Hunts, Cambs and Beds Electric Light Company, are making good progress with their scheme, and it is hoped to have the supply of electricity ready for Christmas. It was expected that the wires will be placed underground, but owing to extra expense they will now be overhead except for one short distance in the main street.

ACCIDENT. 4th Sept. 1936

Mr A. Payne, employed by Mr. W. Parish, of Swavesey, cut his head rather badly on Tuesday morning at the Railway Station. He was passing between two stationary wagons when he raised his head too soon and struck the buffer beam of the fruit wagons. Loss of blood resulted, but after attention by Doctor Hart, who ordered Mr. Payne to bed, he progressed satisfactorily.

A DANGEROUS CORNER. 4th Sept. 1936

A correspondent writes;- will you please spare me a little space to call attention concerning the most dangerous corner on the bus route in Swavesey?

It is the Rose & Crown Corner. Many pedestrians have nearly being knocked down by buses, cars and cycles. I trust the authorities concerned will remedy the evil before a coroner's warning is forthcoming.- "Stitch in time."

PASTOR'S WEDDING. 4th Sept. 1936

The Rev Arthur Tilling, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, was married at Bethel Baptist Church, Oldham, near Basingstoke, on Saturday to Miss Ivy M. Weaver, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. C. Weaver, of High Street, Oldham. Mr Tilling is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs B. Tilling, of Basingstoke. The Rev. R. D. Brown officiated, and their hymns were, "O Perfect Love", and "Welcome was the call". Given away by her father, the bride wore an ivory blue satin gown, with veil and shoes to match, and she carried a bouquet of cream rosebuds. The two elder bridesmaids, Miss D. Weaver and Miss D. Tilling sister of the bride and groom respectively, were in blue floral gowns, with picture hats and shoes to match. The bridegroom's little cousin, Miss K Richardson was dressed in pink, with a wreath of rosebuds. All carried bouquets of pale pink carnations. Mr Edwin Tilling, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. After the ceremony the bride's mother gave a breakfast in the Baptist schoolroom, and the many useful presents included a silver cake basket from the bride's fellow members of Oldham Baptist Chapel. The honeymoon is being spent in the south of England.

KING GEORGE MEMORIAL. 4th Sept. 1936

The collection is at the Parish Church for King George V Memorial Fund last Sunday, amounted to £3. 6s 2d .

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 11th Sept. 1936

Jellies & Milket.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday week, Mrs Lee being in the chair. It was decided to arrange a whist drive for October 1st. in the Memorial Hall, the winners to play in the qualifying whist drive to be held some time later in Cambridge. Miss Lailey, of Messrs Chivers and Sons, gave an interesting demonstration on "Jellies and Milket." On the proposition of Mrs C.S. Hepher, a hearty a vote of thanks was accorded Miss Lailey . The social half-hour was arranged by the spinsters, and included "musical parcel," which was won by Mrs Pettitt. The refreshments were served by the Tea Committee.

GALE. 11th Sept. 1936

Much damage was done by the very strong winds on Monday and Tuesday. Trees were stripped of plums, even the late ones being affected. Apples were also blown down. Pickers have since become picker-ups.

OBITUARY. 25th Sept. 1936

Mr. William Blinkhorn, who had been residing in Swavesey for some time, passed away on Thursday morning in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was 70 years of age and a native of Willingham.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 25th Sept. 1936

At the close of the evening service on Sunday last, Mr Jabez Day, in the name of the church and congregation, presented a wedding gift of Treasury notes to the Rev and Mrs Tilling. The harvest festival services will be held next Sunday and Monday, September 27th and 28th.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 2nd Oct. 1936

The last train from Cambridge to Swavesey from Monday to Friday now leaves Cambridge at 7.19 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9:10 p.m.

INTER-SCHOOL GAMES. 2nd Oct. 1936

The football match between Over and Swavesey Council Schools played at Over on Tuesday afternoon was won by Swavesey boys by four goals to three.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING OF CHURCH. 2nd Oct. 1936

The parochial church council at a special meeting on Thursday week accepted the tender of the Beds, Cambs, and Hunts Electricity Company Ltd, for installing electric light in the parish church. The work will be put in hand without delay.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 2nd Oct. 1936

The Treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received a donation of £5.5s. from the Trustees of Over Town Lands, £2.4s 2d., from the Over Women's Institute, proceeds of a whist drive, and £3.3s part of the offertory of their harvest thanksgiving in Over Church.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 2nd Oct. 1936

For the harvest festival services last week in Bethel Baptist church, it was beautifully decorated by the ladies, with a splendid selection of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The pastor was the preacher at the morning and evening

services on the Sunday, good congregations being present at both. On Monday evening a service was conducted by the pastor. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, opened with prayers, and the address was given by Dr H. A. Hanton, of Cambridge, who, basing his message on the 107th Psalm, spoke impressively on the need of gratitude to God. Following the service a good company part took of a harvest supper. The Pastor's third anniversary services will be held on October 8th, the preacher being the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, of Ramsgate, and Rev. R. S. Williams, of Tankerton.

THE LATE MR BLINKHORN. 2nd Oct. 1936

The funeral of Mr William Blinkhorn, of High Street, Swavesey, whose death at the age of 70 years, occurred in Addenbrooke's Hospital on September 24, took place at Over cemetery on Monday afternoon, the Rev. P. H. Crees, Baptist minister, officiating. The mourners included:- Mr Thoday and Miss Thoday, Cambridge, Mrs E. Holmes, Wallington, Surrey, (cousins.) Miss Norris, Willingham, Mr W. R. Wallace, solicitor, Mr and Mrs Fred Asplin, Mr Fred Kirby, Miss J. Kirby, Mrs G. Burton, and Miss Maud Mustill, (Over) Mr and Mrs H. G. Key, Mr H. Peppercorn, Mr. P. Lee, Mrs Frost, Mr Tom Williams, and Mrs Nicholson, Swavesey. Mr Tabony, Fen Stanton, Mr. and Mrs George Hawks, Cambridge, and tenants from Willingham. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs R Mitham and Sons, Swavesey.

RAILWAY EXCURSIONS. 9th Oct. 1936

Twenty four passengers were booked from Swavesey Station by the L.N.E.R. excursion to Nottingham Goose Fair on Saturday, and the 30 by the half day excursion to London on Sunday.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 9th Oct. 1936

The qualifying whist drive, in connection with the W.I. Federation tournament was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, nine and a half tables being in play. Mr Berryman officiated as M.C. The following qualified to play in the final in Cambridge on October 29th. Mrs Oakman, Mrs S. Clark, Mr Braybrook, and Mr Bullen. The prizes were distributed by Mrs Warren, and the proceeds amounting to £2 6s 6d. goes towards Federation Funds.

VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 9th Oct. 1936

There was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Institute, which was held in the billiard room on Monday evening. Mr A. E. W. Melbourne was voted to the chair. The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer and adopted. The following officers were elected. President, W. A.

Bignall. Vice-presidents: Messrs Lee, Holloway, Pontefract, C. W. H. Cole, W. Burton, C.R. Vincent, C. Bond, R. Barwell, P. Godfrey, G. Paine, Doctor Hart, W. A. Cox. Chairman Mr R. Cole, honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr C. Wood, committee re-elected with Mr Hind in place of Mr D. Nightingale, and Mr Smart vice Mr A. J. Willson. Mr. E. Prior was unanimously reappointed caretaker. It was decided that the annual subscription should remain as before, but that the age limit be lowered to 15 years, the subscription from 15 to 18 to be one shilling and six pence. It was agreed that the Bignall cup should be played for amongst members as a knock out handicap. For billiards a team had been entered in the Cottenham League, and friendly fixture are to be arranged for other members. Vote of thanks were recorded to Mr E Smart for his financial help during the year, to the caretaker, the Hon Sec., and to Mr Melbourne for taking the chair. As the billiard table has been thoroughly renovated during the summer it is hoped that all interested in billiards will become members and avail themselves of the privilege of playing on a full-sized table. The Institute will be open every week day evening from 6.30 to 10.

EXCURSION TO LONDON AND ST. IVES. 16th Oct. 1936

41 passengers were booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station by the special evening excursion to London on Saturday, and 308 to St Ives for the Fair on Monday.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 16th Oct. 1936

The Treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the sum of £1. 5s 1d from the Over Baptist Church being part of the offering at their harvest thanksgiving service.

HOCKEY CLUB. 16th Oct. 1936

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey ladies hockey club on Friday the following officers were elected subject to their consent, for the ensuing season. President. Mr P. J. Watts, Vice President, Mr F. Pontefract, Mr R. Williamson, Mr C Cole, Mr R Barwell, Rev. C.C. Dickson, Mr H Warboys, Mrs Norman, Mr G E Canham and Mr A. Day. Capt. Miss B Thoday, vice captain, Miss D Williamson, treasurer, Miss E Dodson, secretary, Miss F Warboys, Manor house, Fen Drayton, New members will be welcome.

SMALL CAKES. 16th Oct. 1936

The monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, including two new members and one visitor.

After a report had been given by the delegate who had attended the autumn Council meeting in Cambridge, Mrs Humphrey, of Arrington, gave an interesting talk on "Small cakes," for which a vote of thanks was accorded her. The prize in the competition for the six best rock cakes was awarded to Mrs L. Godfrey. A play entitled, "A Very Lame Dog" was admirably acted by the following members' children: Ruth Shepperson, Gladys Melbourne, Lennie and Mabel Key. The refreshments were served by the Tea Committee.

PARISH CHURCH. 16th Oct. 1936

The harvest festival was held at the Parish Church on Thursday week, the day commencing with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 am. A large congregation was present at evensong, when the special preacher was the Rev. J Goodchild, Rector of Longstanton, and the music included the anthem "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem", the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. On Sunday, the festival services were continued by the Vicar. In addition to the usual there was a children's gift service, a 3 pm. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, etc. The collections have been devoted to the Church Maintenance Fund, and the children's gifts have been sent to the Harvey Goodwin home in Cambridge.

GOLDEN WEDDING. 16th Oct. 1936

Mr and Mrs Jethro Linford, of the Bell Inn, who were married at St Ives on 12th October, 1886, celebrated their Golden Wedding on Monday with a happy gathering of their two sons, (one son was killed in the war), and seven daughters, their husbands and wives, and 16 grandchildren. Their sons and daughters presented them with a golden eiderdown and silk spread to match, and gave their mother an umbrella, and their father a walking stick. Flowers and other presents and letters of congratulation were received from friends in America, London, Luton, Sutton and Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire, and a cake from Mr Gifford of Fenstanton. During the whole of his married life Mr Linford has been a licence holder in Swavesey, first at the Green Man, and for the last 25 years at 'The Bell'. He was a member of the Parish Council from its inception until three years ago. Mr Linford who is 73 was the son of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Linford of Lolworth and his wife who is five years younger, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Whybrow, of Waterbeach. Both are active and in good health.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th Oct. 1936

Services in connection with the pastor's third anniversary were held at Bethel Baptist Church, on Thursday week. The afternoon service was conducted by

the Rev Hardcourt Samuel, of Ramsgate who gave a practical address on the need of the supremacy of Christ in the life of the believer. A public tea followed, at which Mr J. Day read a telegram of good wishes from members and friends of Oldham Baptist Church. The evening service was again conducted by the Rev Hardcourt Samuel. The Rev R. S. Williams, of Tankerton-on-Sea, Kent, opened with prayers and the Scripture reading, and during the meeting addresses were given by Mr Williams on "The need of the Church" and by Mr Samuels on "The men who fell asleep in church". The offerings during the day were a gift to the pastor.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Oct. 1936

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening the following members being present with the clerk, Mr Prime Godfrey. Mr C.H. Parish, chairman. Messrs. W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, R. Mitham. Jr, and P. Parish. With regard to the boundaries of the fire engine house and the village pound, it was decided that the chairman and Mr Cole should interview Mr G. Oakman, the owner of the adjoining property. The clerk reported that Doctor J. W. Ellis had called the attention of the Rural District Council to the condition of the Chapel pond. It was decided that it would not be practicable to do anything at this season of the year. A letter was read from the Rural Community Council asking the Parish Council to organise a collection on behalf of King George Memorial fund, Mr. Lee offered to receive subscriptions at the post office. A collection made in the room resulted in 17s 6d being handed to Mr Lee. The proceedings were enlivened with music, as the Women's Institute percussion band was practising in another part of the hall separated from the council by folding doors only.

HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND. 23rd Oct. 1936

The annual meeting of local contributors to Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the Rev CC Dickson presiding, supported by Mr Watkins organising secretary. It was stated that the total amount collected by the Swavesey branch during the year ending 30th September was £144.14 shillings and two pence and that 18 inpatients and 88 outpatients from Swavesey, had been treated in hospital. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows. Chairman Rev C.C. Dickson, Mr E.J. Mitham, hon. secretary, Mr. S. F. Mitham, treasurer. Committee Rev A. Telling, Mrs C.S. Hepher, Mrs W. Thorpe, Mrs T. Savage, Mrs Isgrove, Doctor Hart, Messrs A. Turner, F. Prior, H.H. Bowman, H. Unwin, F. Hepher, and R. Hendry. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr.

Watkins, the Chairman, and all voluntary workers. In his interesting address Mr. Watkins emphasised the importance of the younger people joining the scheme, as the future of the maintenance fund was in their hands. The hospital had treated, he said, 5530 in-patients, and 75,000 outpatients last year. He also gave some figures of the cost of running the Hospital, and mentioned that 100lbs of fish. 100 of meat, and 18 stone of bread, and 70 gallons of milk were required daily and 65 tonnes of coal weekly.

HOCKEY. 30th Oct. 1936

The hockey match played at Swavesey on Saturday between Chatteris ladies and Swavesey ladies resulted in a win for the visitors by 7 goals to 0.

WEDDING. 30th Oct. 1936

The marriage of Miss May Mustill, daughter of Mr William Mustill and the late Mrs Mustill, of Swavesey, and Mr Ronald Harold Coles, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Coles, of St Neots, took place quietly at Cambridge on October 22. They will reside at Chester house in Swavesey.

Y.P.F. 30th Oct. 1936

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Tuesday evening. Mr. G. E. Canham was leader and also soloist. Mr Rayner of Cambridge gave an address on "Life and Action", and Mr. F. Stukins, of Fen Drayton, read the lesson. Dr. B .F. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

BILLARDS. 30th Oct. 1936

The return of friendly match between Swavesey Institute reserve team and St Ives liberals, played at Swavesey on Tuesday, resulted in a win for the visitors by four games to one. Scores. The Swavesey names first; Dr J.A. Heart 52, W.J. Abbott 100; A. Hawks 88, E. Chambers 100; P. J. Feakin 16, W.H. Bolton 100; W. Coulson 69, J. Foster 100; S.J. Wright 100, J Reynolds 90.

AGRICULTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT. 30th Oct. 1936

Benefits will begin to be payable in November, under the Unemployment Insurance, (Agricultural) Act, and the Ministry of Labour have been strengthening their organisation in rural areas by appointing, in many cases, Postmasters to act as local agents on their behalf. For Swavesey and District, Mr Lee, postmaster of Swavesey, has been appointed, and he will receive claims for unemployment benefit and assistance from unemployed persons. Applicants living within 4 miles will attend for signing on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays and those over four and under 6 miles will attend on Mondays only. The times will be from 10am until 11 am, and from 2pm, until the 3pm.

BRITISH LEGION. 30th Oct. 1936

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr R. Barwell occupying the chair. The accounts for the year and the secretary's report were presented and adopted, and officers for the ensuing 12 months were elected as follows, President, Rev. C. C. Dickson, vice-presidents, Messrs C. S. Hephher, F. F. Norman, C. Hard, and H. G. Topham; chairman, Mr R. Barwell, vice chairman Mr Crowley, treasurer, Mr P.E. Lee, secretary, Mr G. Skelton, committee, H.H. Berryman, E. Prior, H. Prime, F. Hephher, Watson, Peppercorn, T. Savage, C.S. Hephher and H.G. Topham; auditors, Messrs Turner and Willson; standard bearer, Mr T. Savage. Deputy standard bearer, Mr Fred Causer. Delegate to County Committee, Mr. J. Prior. Before the meeting concluded preliminary arrangements were made for the usual services on Armistice Sunday, November 8th.

CHURCH TEA AND CONCERT. 30th Oct. 1936

The Memorial Hall was well filled on Tuesday evening for the excellently organised by the Parochial Church Council, and also for the non-stop impromptu variety entertainment that followed when one after another volunteer came forward, and there was never a lull in the proceedings. The program included songs by Mrs Ivatt, Mrs CS Hephher Rev CC Dickson, Mr J. Prior, Mr H. Prime, Miss Lily Hephher, Miss Joan Hephher, Master Cyril Watson and Miss Phyllis Hephher, recitations by Master Peter Prior and Miss Barbara Mitham, comedies songs by Mr C.S. Hephher and Mr W.J. Hephher, both of whom were uproariously applauded. Witty talks by Mr Den Williams, pianoforte duet by Miss L and J Hephher, and an action song, "Oak Apple Farm" by Masters Alan Lee, C. Watson, Ray Oakman, Dennis Prior, Dennis Froment, Bernard Prior, Eric Froment, Ken Nightingale, Harry Howlett, and Claude Watson. Mrs J. Coulson singing "John Peel" in costume, and with Mr Trundley, gave a dance to the accompaniment of the "Keel Row". A vote of thanks to all helpers was proposed by the vicar and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought the happy evening to a close.

THE LATE MR. CANNELL. 30th Oct. 1936

We have to record the death of Mr Richard Aves Cannell, landlord for the past eight years of the New Inn on the Cambridge Huntingdon Road, who passed

away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday night. He had been in ailing health for some years, but was in hospital for only three weeks. He leaves a widow and one son with her much sympathy is expressed. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon. The vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, officiated, and during the service the hymn, "Peace Perfect Peace" was sung by those there, accompanied on the organ by Mrs C.S. Hepher. The mourners were; Mrs R. A. Cannell, (widow,) Mr L. A. Cannell, (son), Mr A. Cannell, (brother), Mr and Mrs W. English, (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs H Palmer, (sister in law), Mrs E. Kersey, Miss A. and J. English and N. E. Palmer, (nieces). Among many others present were Mr Perrin representing Messrs Greene King and Sons Ltd, Mrs Dickson, Mr and Mrs C. S. Hepher, Mr C. W. H. Cole, Mr and Mrs Feakin, Mrs T. C. Heasman, Mrs Bridgeford, Mr and Mrs R. Gleaves, Mr C. Walker, Mr C. Culpin, Mr C. H. Bond, Mr and Mrs R. Hepher, Mrs S. Hepher, Mrs C. J. Shepperson, Mr P. P. Fulstone, Cambridge, and Mr W. T. Young, Mr J. Corby, Mr Paice, and Mr G. E. Bath, Boxworth. The oak coffin bore the inscription Richard Aves Cannell, died 24th October 1936, aged 55 years. Messrs R Mitham & Sons, Swavesey, were undertakers.

PARISH CHURCH, 6th Nov. 1936

Last Sunday, All Saints Day, the role of Swavesey people who are now living overseas was read by the vicar at all services. At Evensong the late Rev H. H. Woodward's setting of Tennyson's hymn "Crossing the Bar", was sung as the anthem.

Y.P.F. 6th Nov. 1936

Mrs Tilling took the chair at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when an interesting address was given by Doctor B. F. C. Atkinson, of Cambridge. Miss Easter gave the reading. There was a good attendance. Mr. R. R. Whyatt, of Cambridge will be the speaker next week.

GAMES AT THE INSTITUTE. 6th Nov. 1936

A friendly billiards match between Swavesey Village Institute and Elsworth, played at Swavesey on Monday, was won by the visitors by three games to two. Scores, (Swavesey names first) H. Bridgeford. 100. W. Cooper, 64; M. Coulson. 70, W. Fountain., 100; A. Hawkes, 68, J. Desborough 100; A. Kester, 100, H. Parnell 86; H. Smith, 52, S. Desborough, 100. On Tuesday, when a large party from St Ives British Legion and Ivy Leaf Club were the visitors, a very pleasant evening was spent with billiards, snooker, darts, etc.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 6th Nov. 1936

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mrs Sarah Ann Dodson, wife of Mr John Dodson, who passed away after six weeks illness on October 31st. Aged 85 years. In addition to her husband, who is seriously ill, she leaves two sons and six daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, the vicar, Rev C. C. Dickson, officiating at the service in the parish church and the Rev J.F. Cooksey at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were; Mrs H. Harbon, daughter, Mr J. H. Dodson, son, Mrs L. Worrall, Miss B. E. Dobson, Miss Ellen Dodson, Miss G. Dodson, Miss E. L. Dodson, daughters. Mr C. S. Dodson, eldest son is in Canada, Amongst others present were Mrs Cooksey, (enrolling member), Mrs Dickson, and many other members of the Swavesey branch of the Mothers Union. (Many friends attended.)

BILLIARDS. 13th Nov. 1936

Willingham public hall billiard team who were the visitors at Swavesey Village Institute, won all of the five games played. Scores, Swavesey names first, A. Holmes 93, G. Ambrose 100, B. Feakin 70 D. Few, 100; W. T. Isgrove 76, S. Day 100; W. Hind 79, S. Garner 100; B. Wright 41, J. Collett 100.

Y.P.F. 13th Nov. 1936

Last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship was conducted by Mr George Laverack, the address being given by Mr R.R. Whyatt, of Cambridge. During the evening a pianoforte solo was played by Miss J Williams.

SOCIAL HALF-HOUR. 13th Nov. 1936

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs C.S. Hephher presiding. There was a very good attendance, including one new member, and several new residents from Fen Drayton. After the usual business Mrs Bennett, of Cambridge, gave an interesting talk on the "Social half-hour," for which a vote of thanks was accorded her. In the early part of the year, potatoes were distributed to some of the members for planting. During the evening, roots were brought in to be judged. The members showing roots with the best yield were Mr L. Godfrey, of Swavesey, and Mrs Rich, of Fen Drayton. The social half-hour was arranged by Mrs Childs, of Cambridge. Two members were appointed, on behalf of the W.I. to plant on Armistice Day, crosses in the Field of Remembrance around the War Memorial in the Church yard.

STACK FIRE. 13th Nov. 1936

A haystack in the midst of 16 others stacks in Mr Alfred Day's stackyard at Mill Farm Swavesey, overheated and lighted early on Thursday, and the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade had to be called out about 7.45 a.m. They stood by, under P.S. Clague, with the large Dennis engine, whilst the stack was pulled apart and down. Water was pumped from the chapel pond and the fire was prevented from spreading. The engine returned to Cambridge by 11.30am.

BRITISH LEGION. 13th Nov. 1936

By the sale of poppies in the village the sum of £11.11 shillings was raised for the Earl Haig Fund. The collectors were; Mrs Turner to £2 3s 11d. Miss J. Lee, £2. Miss M. Lee, £1 14s 7d. Mrs Laverack, £1. Mrs C.S. Hephher, £4 5s 2d. 27 members of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion paraded on the recreation ground on Sunday afternoon, under the command of Capt R. Barwell, and, headed by the branch standard, marched to the Memorial Hall where a united service, largely attended by villagers was conducted by the Baptist pastor, Rev A. Tilling. Prior to opening the service, Mr Tilling announced that the vicar, Rev C.C. Dickson, who was to have given the address, had been taken ill, and was therefore unable to attend, and before the close of the service he offered a prayer for the vicar's speedy recovery. The role of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who had made the supreme sacrifice was recited by Capt. Barwell, after which the Last Post was sounded by Mr H Bishop. The hymns sung included "O God our help in ages past", "O Valiant hearts", and "All people that on Earth to dwell". The National Anthem was sung at the close. The collection was taken for Earl Haig's fund.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 20th Nov. 1936

Included sales from overseas, the sale of poppies at Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, and Lolworth, the total amount raised this year for Earl Haig's Fund, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion is £23.14s 1d, an increase of £2.7s 2d on last year. Details of the collections in Swavesey were given last week.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 20th Nov. 1936

The eighth birthday party of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening in the Memorial Hall., which had been decorated for the occasion. Each member invited a friend and a very happy evening was spent. The

proceedings opened with singing "Jerusalem," followed by an excellent programme of games, competitions, dancing, sketches and monologues. A novel feature was the appearance of the recently formed Percussion Band, composed of members of the W.I. After refreshments, the birthday cake was lighted. The cake was then cut by the President, everyone present being served a portion. The birthday parcel was opened, and the President was presented with beautiful salad bowl and servers, in appreciation of her splendid work, devotion and patience in the interests of the Institute. Mrs Hephher then presented a buttonhole of pink carnations to each member of the committee. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr James Prior, on behalf of the visitors, to the Women's Institute. The competitions were won by Master E. Whybrow, Miss Lily Hephher, Mr J. Prior, Miss Warboys, Miss Sylvia Carter, and Master Alan Lee. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr James Prior, on behalf of the visitors to the Women's Institute. A novel feature was the appearance of the recently formed percussion band composed of members of the Women's Institute whose selection was heartily applauded an enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

BETHEL Y.P.S. 27th Nov. 1936

The meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday was led by Mr Ivor Beard, of Fen Drayton. Mr. George Laverack, of Swavesey, gave an interesting address on "The rich young ruler", and also sang a solo to the accompaniment of his violin. Next week Mr. Cyril Day will be the speaker.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 27th Nov. 1936

An interesting address on the Samaritans was given by Mrs. U. Thixton at the Women's Bright hour at Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday. The meeting next Wednesday afternoon will be conducted by Mrs. Goodwin and Davison, of the Friends Evangelistic Band.

W. I. WHIST DRIVE. 27th Nov. 1936

Eight and a half tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held on Tuesday evening at the residence of the President, Mrs C. S. Hephher, kindly lent by her for the occasion. The prizewinners were Mrs G. Prime, Mrs S Clarke, Miss J Holmes, Mr F Martin, Mrs. Lee. Consolation prize Miss H Burling. A vote of thanks was recorded Mrs Hephher for her kindness, and to Mr. Berryman for acting as M.C. refreshments were served by the tea committee. The proceeds amounted to £2 5s 6d., for the W.I. funds.

BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL. 27th Nov. 1936

The annual member was so shown over the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance, especially of member's wives and children. The enjoyable programme arranged by the social committee, consisted of games for the children and dancing for the adults, these being interspersed by vocal items by Mesdames Hind, Ivatt, and Bishop, and Messrs. Topham and J. Prior. An excellent selection of music for dancing was supplied by Billy Bishop and his band. During the interval, thanks were proposed by the chairman, Mr R Barwell, to the artists who had contributed to the programme, the band, Mr and Mrs. E. Prior for preparing the Hall, and to the ladies attending to the refreshments. Cars were provided for the conveyance of the guests from Lolworth, Boxworth, and Fen Drayton. The evening was brought to a close about 11:30 pm, and the expressions of delight and satisfaction were ample proof that this annual event is worthwhile and is becoming more popular than ever

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER. 4th Dec. 1936

Clubs, Dances, etc. 1000 gramophone records. five shillings dozen. sixpence each. Turner's, 36 Trinity Street, Cambridge.

THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE. 4th Dec. 1936

The members of the Village Institute on Tuesday had the pleasure of entertaining a party from the Cambridge Daily News club. Games of billiards, snooker, table tennis, darts and cribbage were played and a most enjoyable evening was spent the return match will be played at Cambridge on Tuesday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th Dec. 1936

There was a good attendance at last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when a helpful address was given by Mr Cyril Day. Miss Brand led the meeting and prayers was read by Miss Spearman. Pastor Crees, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

ST ANDREW'S DAY. 4th Dec. 1936

The patronal festival was observed at the parish church of St Andrew, Swavesey, on Monday. The day I opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 am, and closed with Choral Evensong at 7 pm., when a sermon was preached by the Rev K.G. Sandberg, Rector of Lolworth, and vicar-designate of Haddenham. In last month's parish magazine, the Vicar, Rev. C.C Dickson stated that the Church Council was somewhat anxious about the maintenance of their grand old church, and he asked the people to

give a birthday gift on St Andrew's Day. Envelopes would be distributed in the parish, and he would sit in the church from 1 pm, until evensong, to receive them. This the Vicar did, and the gifts were presented at the altar at the subsequent service. On being opened later the envelopes were found to contain £15.16s 6d,

ACCIDENT. 11th Dec. 1936

Knocked down by Lorry. –

Swavesey woman injured after alighting from Bus.

A serious accident happened to Miss Cole, of The Farm, Swavesey, shortly before five o'clock on Monday afternoon. She alighted from the bus from Cambridge at Church End, Swavesey, and when passing in front of it to go to Mister A. J. Wilson's shop on the opposite side of the road she came into collision with a lorry which was following the bus. She struck the side of the lorry and was thrown against the bus which fortunately was stationary. She was picked up by Mr Harry Brooks, and taken into Mr Wilson's house in a collapsed condition. Her brother Mr Charles Cole, and Doctor Hart were summoned, and the latter after rendering first aid, recommending her removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital where, accompanied by Mrs Wilson, Mr Cole and Doctor Hart, she was conveyed by ambulance to about six o'clock. It is understood that in addition to a double fracture of an arm and serious injuries to an eye - her glasses were smashed in the accident. Miss Cole is suffering from severe shock. The lorry was owned by Mr Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, and was driven by Mr. Sidney Clarke.

Y.P.F. 11th Dec. 1936

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the address was given by Pastor Crees, of Over. The meeting was conducted by the President, Pastor Tilling, who also sang a solo.

ELECTRIC LIGHT. 11th Dec. 1936

During last week the electric light was available for the first time in the few houses in the village which to the present had been wired and connected with the mains cables. The delay in wiring and connecting the remainder is causing some dissatisfaction

INSTITUTE VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE. 11th Dec. 1936

A party from the Swavesey Village Institute paid a return visit to the Cambridge Daily News Club in Cambridge on Tuesday night, and spent the

evening playing billiards darts and cards. There were some "close finishes" in all three matches.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 11th Dec. 1936

A meeting of the Women's Bright Hour, held in the schoolroom at Bethel Baptist Church was led by Miss Easter, and the speaker was Mr Cyril Day, who gave a helpful address on St John, - 11-4. Miss Atkinson, of Cambridge will be the speaker next week.

DEATH OF MRS JAMES SMITH. 11th Dec. 1936

We have to record the death of Mrs Mary Ann Smith, widow of the late Mr. James Smith, market gardener, Boxworth End, who passed away early on Sunday morning, aged 77 years. She leaves four sons and four daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Swavesey Parish Church.

ANNUAL MEETING. 11th Dec. 1936

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, being in the chair. The Secretary, Mrs Laverack gave an excellent report on the year's work, and the accounts presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. Canham, were adopted. Voting for next year's officers and committee then took place, the tellers being Messrs. Berryman and Lee. The following were elected: President, Mrs C.S. Hepher, Vice Presidents Mrs Canham and Mrs Lee, Secretary, Mrs Laverack, Treasurer, Mrs Canham, Committee, Mesdames J. Smith, G. Smart, L. Godfrey, Freestone, E. J. Mitham, J. Marriott, P. Parish, Martin, G. Froment, and Melbourne. An interesting talk on the work of the Women's Institute was given by Miss Warrington, county secretary, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A prize for the best home-made Christmas stocking, was awarded to Mrs. Freestone. The members brought a splendid collection of toys, which will be sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital,. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of carols.

DEATH OF MR R. GLEAVES. 11th Dec. 1936

The announcement that Mr. Ralph Gleaves had died suddenly early that morning came as a shock to the village on Saturday. Although his heart had been troubling him recently, and he had been in the doctor's hands he had been able to carry on his work as a newsagent, and he had been on his usual round on the previous day. Mr Gleaves, who was the third son of the late Mr. Edmund Gleaves of Swavesey, and previously of Willingham, was 64 years of

age. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C. C Dickson, officiating. The immediate mourners were; Mrs R Gleaves (widow), Mrs W. F. Gleaves, Mrs A. Peck, (sisters in-laws). Mr. and Mrs F Burling cousins, Mr and Mrs F Martin, Mr A. Hawks, P.C and Mrs Shanks, Mr and Mrs Edward Smart, Mr and Mrs E.J. Mitham. (List of other friends present). Mrs Gleaves and her late husband's brothers desire to thank all friends for their sympathy, and also for the beautiful flowers.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 11th Dec. 1936

A successful style of work and concert organised by the parochial church council, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week the sale was opened at 3 pm by Rev. K. Sandburg.

MEAT UNFIT FOR SALE. 11th Dec. 1936

Cambs Court Prosecution.

A Cambs butcher was fined at Cambs Divisional Court on Saturday for displaying for sale, unfit meat at his premises on October 30th.. . Penalties totalling £15.10s 6d were imposed. Defendant was Robert Williamson, of Swavesey. Defendant was summoned for exposing for sale a diseased bovine head that was unfit for the food of man at his premises. He was further summoned for not having notified the local authorities that the animal when slaughtered was diseased. The plea in each case was guilty. Eric Benjamin Newman, assistant sanitary inspector to the Chesterton R.D.C. said that on the 30th October he called at defendant's slaughterhouse and at the butcher's shop on the premises.

In the shop he discovered a bovine head and tongue badly affected by tuberculosis. The slaughter man said he did not notice the disease when slaughtered. Witness added that the tongue was still in the head. Had it been removed in the ordinary way at the time of slaughter the disease would have been found in the glands? Cross examined witness said he found no evidence of disease in other meat in the shop. Frederic Bennett, senior sanitary inspector to Chesterton R.D.C. gave evidence of seeing the bovine head, and said it was affected by tuberculosis. Normally, a cautious butcher would have examined the glands to see if they were infected.

Dr. A. Morgan, medical officer to the Council, said he found the head definitely affected. He thought any butcher with any interest should take some steps to see that the head was not diseased. Human beings could be affected from animals, he added, in reply to have further questions. Dr Peters said he appreciated that it was a serious case, but in mitigation he would point out that the defendant was not present at the time of the slaughter, but left it to his

man, who had been with him for 12 years. The rest of the carcass was not affected by the disease. Superintendent Allen said defendant was fined £5 in 1935 for slaughtering animals without notifying the local authority. Defendant was fined £10 for exposing the unfit meat, and £2 for the second offence. He was also ordered to pay £1.10 shillings witnesses' fees and advocates fee of £1.11s 6d.

Buy him a tie at Coads, (advert) 18th Dec. 1936

EXCURSIONS. 18th Dec. 1936

17 passengers were booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R., station to London for the Cattle Show on Thursday week, 28 by the evening excursion to London on Saturday, and seven by the half day excursion on Sunday.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 18th Dec. 1936

The distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick and Share-out Club is taking place this Friday evening, when each member will receive £1.1s 3d. During the year £5.17s 10d has been paid out in sick benefit.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 18th Dec. 1936

A helpful meeting of the Women's Bright Hour was held in Bethel Baptist schoolroom on Wednesday. Mrs Tilling occupied the chair, and an interesting address on Redemption was given by Miss Atkinson of Cambridge. The meeting was opened with prayer by Miss Easter, who also gave a reading. Mrs Savage, Sen., closed with prayer and the Benediction. The next meeting will be on January 5th when the speaker will be Miss Ekins, of Over.

FOR THE BLIND. 18th Dec. 1936

Thirteen and a half tables were in play at the whist drive organised by Mrs. W. Hind, in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. W. Hind officiated as M.C., and Mrs. Hind was assisted by Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Laverack, Miss Walker and Mr. Berryman. The prizes were won by the following: Mrs. Aves, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. D. Brooks, Mr. Hayward, Mr. W. Kester, Mr. Sharp. Knockout. Mr. Coulson and Mr. D. Maguire. The net takings amounted to a £3 1s 6d., making with a collection in the summer, a total contribution of £6 17s 6d., from Swavesey to the Institute for the Blind during the last six months.

LATE MRS JAMES SMITH. 18th Dec. 1936

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, widow of the late Mr. James Smith, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shepperson, of Swavesey, whose death at the age of 77 years was announced last week took place at Swavesey parish church on the 10th inst. The vicar Rev. C.C. Dickson officiated. The immediate mourners were: Messrs. Joseph, Edmund, John Robert, and Hugh Smith (sons), Mrs. Kettle, Miss Henrietta Smith, Miss Helena Smith, (daughters), Mr. William Shepperson, Cambridge, Mr. C. James Shepperson, (brothers), Mrs. C..J. Shepperson, (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Sursham, Norwich, (nephew and niece). Mr. Rose Sen., Ivanhoe, Ramsey, Messrs. Ivin and Oswald Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs, (son-in-law and daughter) could not attend as they are in Nigeria. (long list of attendees follows).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by R. Mitham and Sons. The family desire to thank all friends for their greatly appreciated sympathy, and also Doctor Hart and the district nurse for their kind and devoted attention during Mrs Smith's illness.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. 18th Dec. 1936

Skating at Swavesey – Mr. Charles Hall, Q.C., M.P., who is a great expert in figure skating, and has been for many years a distinguished member of the London Skating club, gave three prizes to be contested for on Wednesday at Swavesey by residents in the Western division of Cambridgeshire. Spectators were not numerous owing to the rapid thaw which had set in, but racing was good. Jesse Cornwell of Waterbeach, won first prize, Pauley of Cottenham, the second, and Charles Cornwell of Waterbeach, the third. Arrangements had been made by the National Skating Association to hold a meeting at Swavesey, at which the race for the Skating championship of Great Britain was to be run, but owing to the thaw this had to be postponed.

CHRISTMAS DAY. 25th Dec. 1936

The service is at the parish church on Christmas day would be as follows; Holy Communion at 6am, with hymns, and 7.30 am. Mattins and Holy Communion at 10:30am, and carol service at 3 pm. On Sunday, carols will be sung at Evensong in place of an address.

BETHEL Y.P.F. 25th Dec. 1936

On the occasion of the visit of members of Fen Drayton Wesley Guild to Bethel Young People's Fellowship, Mr. Housham gave an address on "Truth". During the meeting, which was led by Mr. A. Young, solos, duets and recitations were contributed by the visitors. Miss Spearman conducted this

week's meeting, when Mr. A. Westrop, of Willingham, was the speaker. Mrs. A. Prior also took part in the meeting.

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH. 1st Jan. 1937

For the Christmas Festival the parish church was beautifully decorated with white flowers and evergreens. The services were as follows; holy Communion 6 and 7:30 a.m. Mattins and Holy Communion, with sermon, 10:30 am. Children's service 3 p.m. at which young people brought gifts for the Harvey Goodwin Home, Cambridge, and Evensong at 6:30 pm, when the anthem sung on Christmas Day was repeated and carols were sung in place of an address. The Vicar, Rev. C.C. Dickson, officiated at all services.

POSTPONED. 8th Jan. 1937

The children's social and distribution of prizes organised by the Parochial Church Council, which should have taken place in the Memorial Hall on Monday, had to be postponed to a later date owing to the prevalence of illness in the village.

BRIGHT HOUR. 8th Jan. 1937

Mrs. Tilling presided over the Women's Bright Hour, held in Bethel Baptist Church Schoolroom on Wednesday, when Miss Easter gave a reading and Pastor Crees, of Over, a helpful address. Miss Ekins, of Over will be the speaker next week.

Y.P.F. 8th Jan. 1937

The second part of the winter session of Bethel Young People's Fellowship opened on Monday evening, when the secretary (Mr. Chapman) gave the address and Mrs. W. Savage read an interesting story, entitled, "A Saturday Visitor". Mr. H. W. Chapman of Longstanton, will be the speaker next week.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED. 8th Jan. 1937

The Swavesey ringers were entertained to supper on New Year's Eve at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Dickson. After an excellent supper an enjoyable time was spent with songs, etc, until just before midnight, when an adjournment was made to the parish church, where the Old Year was tolled out and the New Year rung in.

EPIPHANY TEA. 8th Jan. 1937

Owing to the prevalence of influenza, the attendance at the Epiphany tea held in the school on January 6th was smaller than usual, and several trade holders

were unable to attend. The tray-holders were Mrs. W. J. Hephher (taken by Mrs. S. Hephher), Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey (taken by Miss R. Gaunt), Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. Harry Wells, (taken by Miss Daisley), Mrs. C.S. Hephher (taken by Miss L.M. Hephher). After the tea an interesting lantern lecture, was given by Mr. Muspratt, who had just recently returned from Australia. Mr. H. Prime manipulated the lantern. Those responsible for getting the school ready were Mr. C..S. Hephher, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. C. Dean and Mr. Harry Wells.

BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL. 8th Jan. 1937

A very enjoyable social was held on New Year's Eve, in the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion. There were about 120 people present. The well-varied programme consisted of games, songs, dancing and a sketch, the following and being greatly appreciated; Songs, "The other side of the big clouds", (by special request), and "The greater love" by Mrs. Ivatt; and "When the poppies bloom again" and "Its a sin to tell a lie" by Mrs. Bishop. A surprise item by Mr. Lee, in a dressing gown, singing "Too lazy to live, too lazy to die," caused much amusement. Immediately following the interval a sketch entitled "Schoolboy Howlers" was admirably acted by Clarence Wagstaff as, "Arbottle". Messrs. A. Froment, Alan and Norman Lee, Mrs. Martin and Miss Joyce Lee as scholars, with Mr. Lee as teacher. The dance music was supplied by Billy Bishop and his Boys, who provided an excellent selection. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner, and P. Pettitt. Messrs. Skelton, F. Hephher, and A.C. Hephher were in charge of the door. The proceeds were allocated to the branch funds..

LATE MISS G. HEPHER. 8th Jan. 1937

The funeral of Miss Grace Elizabeth Hephher, daughter of Mr. George Wilson Hephher and the late Mrs Hephher, who passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital on December 31st, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday afternoon, the Vicar, Rev. C.C. Dickson officiating. The immediate mourners were Mr. G.W. Hephher (father), Mr. and Mrs. W. King, (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. A. Hephher (brother), Mr. and Mrs. S. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hephher, (uncles and aunts) Miss Phyllis Hephher, (niece) Mrs. C.H. Parish, Mrs. F. Hayward, Mrs. H. Andrews, Mrs. G. Prime, Miss M. Prime (cousins). Mr. and Mrs. John Hephher, Mr. Stanley Prime, Miss M. A. Hephher, Miss M. Hephher, Miss M. Spearman, Mrs. A. Prime, Mrs. R. King, Mrs. A.E. King, Mrs. C. Culpin, Mrs. A. J. Norman, and the following workmates of deceased in Mr. R. C. Cole's fruit garden: Mrs. E. Bath, Mrs. Covill, Mrs. H.

Bridgeford, Mrs. A. Skinner and Mrs. Robinson. Among others present were between 30 and 40 members of the Women's Institute, who met the cortege at the church gate.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 15th Jan. 1937

The Treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received with grateful thanks a donation of £3 4s 2d., the proceeds of an enjoyable entertainment given by Miss Naylor and her pupils at Over.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th Jan. 1937

Probably on account of the prevalence of illness in the village, there was only a moderate attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mr. Canham, vice president, was the leader of the meeting, Mr. H. W. Chapman, of Long Stanton, gave the address, and Mr. T. Carter sang a solo. Mr. Bunting of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Jan. 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the president, Mrs. C. S. Hepher occupying the chair. Before the usual business was dealt with the president spoke of the death of Miss G. Hepher and her long association with the Institute and the members stood in silence for a few minutes as a tribute to her memory. The agenda of the forthcoming annual council meeting was read, and Mrs. G. Froment was elected delegate to attend the meeting. A whist drive in aid of W.I. funds, was arranged for February 3rd, and it was decided to hold the old people's tea as usual. Letters were read from several sick members, who had been visited. Mrs. Rackham then gave an interesting talk on "Prisons of Yesterday and Today" which was very much enjoyed. Tea, games and dancing brought the evening to a close.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 15th Jan. 1937

There was a fairly good attendance on Wednesday at the Women's Bright hour in Bethel Baptist schoolroom. Miss Easter, who presided, gave a reading. The address was given by Miss Ekins, of Over. Miss Reynolds, of Woodhurst, will be the speaker next week.

THE LATE MR JAMES CAIN. 15th Jan. 1937

We have to record the death of Mr. James Cain, who passed away last Friday evening at his residence in High Street, after a long and painful illness. Born 73 years ago, he was the eldest son of the late Alfred and Rebecca Cain, of

Swavesey. For 40 years he was engaged in the drapery trade in Ipswich and London, latterly as a shop walker. On his retirement 14 years ago he returned to his old home in Swavesey, and there he died. At Swavesey he lived a quiet, retarded life, looking after his garden etc, and taking no active interest in parish affairs. The only office he held was that of sideman at the parish church. The funeral took place at the parish church on Tuesday afternoon. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Rev. C. G. Poynder, rector of Boxworth, who officiated in the absence from Swavesey of the Vicar, members of the choir, and Mr W.J. Hepher churchwarden. During the service the hymn, "Thine for ever" and the Nunc Dimittis were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mr. G.H. Skeeles. The immediate mourners were Mrs. Cain, (widow), Mrs. Buckworth, (sister), Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, Jr. (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Fred Hemington, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkes, Mr. F. Harvey, Mrs. G.H. Skeeles, Mrs. C. J. Shepperson, Mrs. E. J. Mitham and Mrs. S. F. Mitham. Among many other present were Mr. Harry Wells, churchwarden. (a long list of friends follows). Mrs. Cain wishes to thank all kind friends for their sympathy in our bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Jan. 1937

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Mr. Bunton, of Cambridge, gave an interesting address, and Miss Osborne, also of Cambridge, sang to greatly appreciated solos. Miss Atkinson, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

DEATH IN SOUTH AFRICA. 22nd Jan. 1937

His old friends in Swavesey will regret to learn that Mr Harry Hawkes has sustained a sad bereavement by the death of his wife, Mrs. Maria Hawkes, who passed away on Saturday at her home, 49, Athlone Avenue, Strubenvale Springs, Transvaal. She leaves four sons and one daughter. Her husband, who is the youngest surviving son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hawkes, of Swavesey, left the village in 1899 for South Africa, and has never since revisited this country.

RAILWAY INNOVATION. 22nd Jan. 1937

Commencing on Wednesday of this week a new facility has been introduced by the L.N.E Railway Co. in the provision of a motor lorry for the collection and delivery of goods and parcel traffic in the district. The lorry is stationed at Swavesey, and in addition to that village and Over, the arrangements covers

also the villages of Lolworth, Boxworth, Elsworth, Conington, and Fen Drayton. A small charge is being made for the services in connection with these five villages. The new facility meets a long felt want in the district.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Jan. 1937

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present Mr. C.H. Parish chairman, Messrs. W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, R. Mitham Jun, with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey.

Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman and Mr. Cole reported that they had made enquiries respecting the boundary of Mr. George Oakman's property. They had seen a letter from the building society's solicitor, enclosing a plan which showed that the piece of land at the back of the building was included in the property. With regard to Mr Oakman's application respect in the adjoining pound Mr Burton proposed that he be offered the use of it for one pound per annum, subject to one month's notice on either side. Mr. Dean seconded the proposition, which was carried. It was decided to nominate Messrs. C.J. Shepperson, B. Hodson, G. Burling, and C. Eason. as fit and proper person is to hold the office of Parish Constable. The question of the collection of un-burnable rubbish was considered, and it was decided to invite tenders which should be sent to the chairman not later than February 2nd. The Chairman, Mr. Cole and Mr. Dean were appointed a committee, with power to deal with the tenders. It was agreed to issue a precept on the rating authorities for £18 for the expenses of the council during the ensuing year. Lastly, the council decided to call the attention of the committee appointed by the Chesterton R.D.C. for Swavesey byways to their deplorable condition and to the urgent need for a good supply of gravel for their repair, and also to the unsafe condition of the bridge across the new dock.

FLOODS. 29th Jan. 1937.

As the result of the recent heavy rains much land, especially on the river and eastern side of the village is flooded, but so far the only occupants of houses who have been put to any inconvenience and those who reside in to railway gatehouses, as the roads leading to them are underwater.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 29th Jan. 1937

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Miss Atkinson of Cambridge, gave an instructive address, and Mrs. G. M. Dodson contributed a recitation. Miss

Brand was the leader. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, will be the speaker next week.

PROPERTY SALE. 29th Jan. 1937

Two Freehold brick and slate cottages, situated in High Street, together with small brick and tile outbuildings and gardens, were offered by auction by Mr. Cyril Watts at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening. Bidding started at £300, and eventually the property was knocked down to Mr. Herbert W. Mustill, of Over, for £385. Messrs. Maule, Sons and Winter, of St. Ives and Huntingdon, were the solicitors concerned.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 29th Jan. 1937

Thirteen tables were occupied at the qualifying whist drive in connection with the County Conservative tournament, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were; ladies, - Mrs. B. Prior, Mrs. S. Clarke, Miss V. Smith, Boxworth. Carrying prize Mr. Warren, (playing as a lady.) Lowest scores;- Mrs. W. Thorpe. Gentleman;- Mr. S. Clarke, Mr. E. B. Smart, and Mr. E. Warboys. Carrying prize;- Mr. Nightingale. Mr H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C. and Mr. Light distributed the prizes.

BRITISH LEGION. 29th Jan. 1937

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held their annual dinner in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, and although there was not so many members present as usual, owing to the prevalence of illness at the present time, a good number sat down to a nicely prepared dinner. The tables were tastefully set out with flowers and the service left nothing to be desired. Among those present were Doctor R..Ellis, of Cottenham, Rev. C.C. Dickson and Doctor Hart. Following the dinner there was a programme of music, etc., including pianoforte selections and songs by the Rev. C.C. Dickson, chronic songs and yarns by Mr. Papworth, of Cambridge: war period choruses by Mr. Lee, the whole company joining in; songs by Mr. Herring, of Fen Drayton, and spicy stories by Doctor Hart. Doctor R. Ellis, replying to the toast to the visitors, gave some interesting reminiscences which were very much appreciated. He also spoke of the work of the British Legion, its record and its influence on the coming generation. Thanks were also tended by Mr. Topham to the ladies, to whom the success of the evening was largely due, for the splendid way in which they had worked together in the cooking, preparing, and serving the dinner. Thanks were also according to Mr. Papworth and to Mr. Coles for his services at the piano. Following a few more items, the

evening was brought to a close with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” and the National Anthem.

BRIGHT HOUR. 26th Feb. 1937

At the Women’s Bright Hour held on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist schoolroom, a helpful time was spent under the leadership of Mr. Rayner, who also gave an address on, “Thankfulness to the Lord”. Miss Easter gave a reading and Mrs. Laverack recited.

OBITUARY. 26th Feb. 1937

Her old friends in Swavesey will regret to learn that Mrs. Jane Mortlock, of 15, Gloucester Street, Cambridge, died suddenly at 163, High Street Chesterton, on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Mortlock, who was 73 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metcalfe, and sister of the late Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, for many years sub-postmaster at Swavesey. The funeral will take place today, (Friday) at St. Giles Cemetery, Cambridge, at 3 pm.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 26th Feb. 1937

The annual Sunday School prizegiving at Bethel Baptist church was held on Thursday week. Following a sumptuous tea, kindly given by friends, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the pastor, at which Scripture recitation were rendered by scholars, including Jean Walker, David Easter, Myrtle Ivatt, Mary Parish, Arthur Chapman, Maisie Holbrook, Richard Parish; also duets by Joan Jacklin and Sylvia Brickwood, and Jean Walker and Sylvia Brickwood. Before the presentation of the prizes an address was given by Mr. W. Chapman, on the children of the Bible.

CRICKET CLUB. 5th March 1937

Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, there was a fairly good attendance at the entertainment which was given in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening in aid of the funds of the Swavesey Cricket club by a concert party from Peterborough, whose well-varied programme was thoroughly in the enjoyed.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 5th March 1937

At the Women's Bright Hour, held on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist schoolroom, a helpful time was spent under the leadership of Mrs. Savage, who also gave an encouraging address on “Fear”. Mrs. A. Prior read the

lesson. Pastor Smith, of the Trinitarian Bible Society, will be the speaker next week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 5th March 1937

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. E.P. Blackaby of Willingham, gave a striking address on the Commission of Saul. Miss J.M. Dodson led the meeting, during which a duet was sung by Messrs. Laverack and Brand. Mr. T. Rendle, of Histon, will be the speaker next week.

OBITUARY. 5th March 1937

We have to record the death of Mrs Charlotte Elizabeth Farr, wife of Mr. Robert Lionel Farr, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., and second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, of Swavesey, who passed away on Tuesday, at the residence of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs W. J. Hephher, in High Street, Swavesey, after a long and very painful illness, aged 53 years. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church at 2.45 pm tomorrow.

WHIST DRIVE. 5th March 1937

A Whist drive in aid of the Women's Institute funds was held at Mrs. C.S. Hephher's house on Wednesday. Seven & half tables being in play, over which Mr. Berryman presided as M.C. The prizes were won by ladies, Mrs. J. Froment, Mrs. Warren. Gentleman, M. Sharp, Mr. Turner. Knockout, Mrs. Berryman and Mr. Warren. Refreshments were served during the interval by Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. H. Wells. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mrs. Hephher for kindly lending her house, and to Mr. H. H. Berryman for acting as MC. The sum of two pounds one shilling and sixpence was realised.

DEDICATION OF GIRL GUIDES FLAG. 5th March 1937

The first Swavesey Girl Guides Flag was dedicated at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, Miss Gaskell, Divisional Commissioner, being present, and also members of the Histon, Willingham and Longstanton Companies, and the Swavesey Company of Girls Life Brigade. The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. C.C. Dickson, Mr. Skeeles was at the organ. The service commenced with the hymn, "He who would valiant be", following which the flag was dedicated, and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow", was sung. After an address by the vicar, the hymn, "Stand up Stand up for Jesus", was sung, and the flag was presented to the company. During the singing of the hymn, "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven", a collection was taken for the N.S.P.C.C. The service concluded with the National Anthem. The Vicarage

was kindly lent for tea, by the Rev. and Mrs. Dickson. Before other companies were dismissed the Vicar, on behalf of the Swavesey Guides, thanked the other companies for attending the service.

OLD FOLK ENTERTAINED. 5th March 1937

For the old people's tea, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, a good number accepted the invitation of the Women's Institute and brave the weather. They were conveyed by car to and from the Hall by Mr. C.S. Hephher and Mr. Canham. The president Mrs. C. S. Hephher welcomed the visitors as they entered. The vicar Rev. C.C. Dickson presided at the sumptuous tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea a game of musical parcels was played while the tables were being cleared. Then followed an entertainment, the program include in songs by Mrs. Shepperson, duets by Misses L. and J. Hephher, and by Mrs. G. Smart and Miss G. Wright, an old-fashioned dance by Mrs. J. Coulson and Mrs. Trundley, old songs by Mr. Trundley, monologues by Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. T. Smart, and Mrs. Laverack, a sketch by Misses L. and J. Hephher, nigger songs and songs in character by members of the W.I. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Savage to the members of the W.I. and their helpers, for providing such enjoyable entertainment.

WOMAN'S CYCLE FALL 5th March 1937

Mrs. Edith May Hart, wife of Doctor Hart of Swavesey, was found lying injured in the road from Swavesey Station to Over by a motorcyclist at about 6.40 last night. The motorcyclist, Mr. Jack Adams, of Fen End Over, was travelling in the direction of Over. Mrs Hart's face and head appeared to be seriously injured, and Mr. Adams's carried her to Mr. Cecil Symond's house nearby. Doctor Hart was sent for, and later Mrs. Hart was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital, by ambulance and detained. Mrs. Hart was riding a bicycle and carrying a bunch of flowers wrapped in paper, and it is thought that these got into her front wheel and threw her off. Except that the handlebars were twisted, the cycle was not damaged. It was stated this morning that Mrs. Hart had spent a comfortable night, but had not fully recovered consciousness.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 5th March 1937

At the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday the Rev. V.C. Sharp, of Willingham, gave an address based on the words of Daniel, "He knoweth what is in the darkness" . A solo was also sung by the vice

president, Mr. Canham. Next week the Fellowship will receive a visit from Mr. W. Coles, of Cottenham.

SNOWSTORM. 5th March 1937

Early on Sunday morning there was a heavy fall of snow, and within a short time the roads, fields, gardens, etc, in and around Swavesey were covered to a depth of about 4 inches. The County Council roadmen were, however, promptly on duty, and before mid-day the roads had been cleared with the snowplough, and foot paths swept. During the day a thaw set in and the snow soon began to disappear.

THE LATE MR GEORGE BROOKS. 5th March 1937

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mr. George Brooks, who passed away on Friday morning at his home in Black Horse Lane, aged 71 years. Deceased had been in very indifferent health for some years. In addition to his widow he leaves seven daughters and two sons. His eldest son was killed early in the Great War. The funeral took place in the cemetery on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Tilling, Baptist minister, officiating. The immediate mourners were; Mrs. Brooks (widow), Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Covell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cracknell, (sons-in-law and daughters) Mrs. Harry Brooks (daughter-in law), Mrs. James Coulson, (sister) and Miss D. Pettitt. (Many friends were present). Harry and Stanley Brooks (sons) were unable to attend owing to illness. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons. Mrs. Brooks and family desire to express their heartfelt thanks for the sympathy extended to them in their bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th March 1937

The lantern lecture, "From burning depths to frozen heights," given in Bethel schoolroom by Pastor Smith (Trinitarian Bible Society) was well attended and proved most interesting. The pastor occupied the chair. Master Neville Canham manipulated the lantern, kindly lent by Mr. C. Symonds of Over. Pastor Smith also addressed the Bright Hour in the afternoon. Mrs. Letch, (Over) will be the speaker next week.

TEA AND SOCIAL. 12th March 1937

The last of the social events arranged by the Parochial Church Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday. The tea at 6 pm was beautifully arranged and served by the lady members of the Council. After an interval for

clearing the Hall an enjoyable time was spent with games and competitions and also dancing, for which Claude Whitham's band provided the music. During a short interval the vicar thanked all who had helped in any way to make the evening a success. The vicar thanked all who had helped with Sir Roger de Coverley and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

BRITISH LEGION. 12th March 1937

An enjoyable social was held on Saturday evening in the Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. There was a large attendance. The dance music was provided by Billy Bishop and his Band, the programme also included songs by Mesdames Ivatt and H. Bishop, and Mr. Stan Braybrook. Games for the children, piano accordion selections by "Cardinella", the London wizard, and some harmonica selections by the "Cardfro Cousins": Mr. Frank Hephher and the hon. secretary (Mr. George Skelton) were the door stewards, and the refreshments were in the capable hands of Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt, assisted by Mr. Berryman and other helpers. The proceeds were in aid of the Branch Funds.

CHURCH MEETING. 12th March 1937

The annual meeting was held in the school on February 4, but owing to the very rough weather and the prevalence of illness in the village the attendance was rather smaller than usual. The vicar presided. The annual report of the Church Council was presented by Mrs. C.S. Hephher, and the accounts by Mr. W. J. Hephher on behalf of the churchwardens. Mr. S. F. Mitham presented the Church improvement fund accounts, showing a good sum in hand for the electric light installation, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. C.S. Hephher were chosen representatives on the Ruri-decanal Conference. As there was more than the required number nominated for the Church Council a ballot took place, the following being elected, Mr. Arnold, Mr. B. Hodson, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. C. S. Hephher, Mr. S.F. Mitham, Mrs. Harry Wells. At a subsequent meeting of the council, Mr. W.J. Hephher was chosen as vice-chairman and Mrs. C.S. Hephher a secretary for the ensuing year; church wardens as treasurers, and Mr. S. Mitham as treasurer for the Church Improvement Fund.

MEMBERS NIGHT. 12th March 1937

It was member's night at the Women's Institute on Tuesday. The meeting opened with the singing of "Mine Ain Countree", after which the routine business was conducted by the President Mrs. C. S. Hephher and Mrs. Laverack. Mrs. T. Froment gave the report of the annual meeting held in Cambridge, and was being elected delegate for the annual N.F.W.I. meeting in

London. An outing to London during Coronation Week was also arranged. Mrs. Berryman then took the chair, and an interesting and greatly appreciated talk on the history of Swavesey from the time of the ancient Britons was given by Mr. Wood. The talk was followed by demonstrations of embroidery by Mrs. Shepperson, who showed some beautiful examples of the work, and by Mrs. T. Howlett on short pile rugs. The competition for the best scarecrow made from a potato was won by Mrs. H Wells. Excellent refreshments were served by Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Pettitt and Miss E. Thorp. The social half an hour was spent in dancing and a game of Musical Parcel, the prize for the latter being won by Mrs. Carrier. At the close Mrs. C.S. Hephher proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Berryman and her helpers for the excellent programme they had arranged.

THE LATE MRS FARR. 12th March 1937

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Farr, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., and second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, whose death at the age of 53 was announced last week took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The vicar, the Rev. C. C. Dickson officiated. The mourners were, Mr. R. L. Farr, (husband) Miss Garner's sister, M. A. Garner (brother), Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Garner (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Hephher (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Hilda Hephher,(niece), Mr. W.S. Garner (nephew), Mr. R.E. Papworth,(uncle), Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders, (uncle and aunt), Miss M.R. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. E. Munsey, Mrs. H. Brasnett, Mrs. J. Nicholas, Mr. F. Sturt, Miss Sturt, (cousins). (a long list of mourners follows). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey. Mr. R. L. Farr and relatives wished to thank all kind friends for their greatly appreciated sympathy, and also for the beautiful flowers.

L.N.E.R. EXCURSIONS 12th March, 1937

14 passengers were booked from Swavesey Station by the evening excursion to London on Saturday, and 15 by the half day excursion on Sunday.

MORE SNOW. 12th March, 1937

The County Council road-men were out about seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and the roads were quickly cleared off the heavy fall of snow with the snow plough. The snow was also swept from the footpaths.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 12th March 1937

There was a good attendance at the Women's "Bright Hour" held in Bethel Baptist schoolroom on Wednesday. Mrs. Tilling presided, and the address was given by the Rev. A. Tilling. Next week will be the anniversary gathering, when the special speakers will be the Rev. and Mrs. Goody, of Winwick.

CRICKET CLUB. 12th March, 1937

The annual meeting of the cricket club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday week, was very well attended. Mr. C Walker, who was in the chair, was re-elected president, and a number of vice presidents were elected. It was decided to run one team in the Turner League and one in the Milton and District Cricket League, instead of two teams in the latter, as during the past few seasons. J. Lyon was appointed captain of the team to enter the Turner League, and John Mitham vice-captain, and W. Wright captain, and N. Canham vice-captain of the Milton League team. D. Canham was re-elected secretary and A. Hepher treasurer. It was decided to raise the membership fee from two shillings and sixpence to three shillings. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President, and to all others who had assisted the club in any way during the past season.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th March 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President, Mrs. C.S. Hepher, occupying the chair. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Mine ain countree", after which the outing to London was fixed for May 18, and it was decided that the dedication of the banner should take place in the church on April 3 to be followed by a tea for members in the Memorial Hall, with an open social in the evening. The president offered a prize of one guinea, open to the entire village, for the best decorated house for the Coronation. An instructive talk on simple house redecoration was given by Mr. Parr, who also judged the competition - the 12 most useful articles costing one penny each. This was won by Mrs. Laverack. The roll call "sing, say or a penny play" caused great fun. Tea was served by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. and Miss Warboys and Mrs. Williams. During the social half-hour members mimed "Cinderella", after which dancing brought the enjoyable evening to a close.

PARISH COUNCIL. 12th March, 1937

A meeting of the parish council was held in the Memorial Hall on land the evening, when there were present Mr. C.H. Parish chairman, W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P.H. Lee, and R. Mitham, Jun. with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. Dean reported that Mr. George

Oakman declined to pay one pound rent for the hire of the Village Pound, as he thought the amount excessive, but was willing to pay 10 shillings. After considerable discussion it was decided by four votes to 3 to accept the smaller sum. The chairman stated that only one tender had been received for the collection of unburnable rubbish, namely from Prime Godfrey, for £3.10 shillings, and that the committee had accepted the tender. With regard to the local celebrations, in connection with the Coronation it was unanimously agreed that the money needed should if possible be raised by voluntary subscription and that a parish meeting should be held at the Memorial Hall at 7 pm, on Monday, 22nd March to decide how the great event should be celebrated. The question of letting the herbage on the recreation ground was debated at some length. Mr. Burton proposed that the herbage be let by tender, and this was seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. F. Hepher moved and Mr. Lee seconded an amendment that the herbage be not let. Two councillors voted for the amendment and four for Mr. Burton's proposition, and it was decided to invite tenders, which should be sent to the clerk not later than Thursday, March 25th.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th March 1937

The wiring having been completed the parish church will be lighted by electricity on Sunday. The permanent fittings will be installed later. On Wednesday during Lent and a lantern service is being conducted in the Church by the Vicar.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th March 1937

The talk to the members of the Women's Institute on the History of Swavesey from the times of the ancient Britons was given by Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey Council School, and not as stated in the report of the meeting in last week's Press and Chronicle.

DAMAGED WALLS. 19th March 1937

A considerable portion of the Causeway wall between Hog Pasture and Church brook is mysteriously crumbling away, and the heavy stone, or concrete cap at the northern end of the churchyard wall has also mysteriously tumbled more than once into the adjacent field, where it was lying yesterday, (Thursday morning).

BETHEL YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 19th March 1937

There was a somewhat smaller attendance on Monday evening, when the speaker was Rev. S.W. Smith of Fenstanton. Taking for his subject The Four

Roads from Damascus, the speaker gave an original and thought provoking message. The president, Pastor Tilling led the gathering, and voiced the thanks of all concerned to the speaker. Next week the Fellowship is to be addressed by Mr. F. Whitehead of Oakington.

FLOODS. 19th March 1937.

The floods around Swavesey are more serious than they have been for the last few years, but so far Mow Fen Railway gatehouse is the only residence that has had to be vacated. On Wednesday the water was falling slightly towards the river, but rising on the other side, and yesterday morning it was running across the Swavesey/Over Road into Mere Fen.

A DOCTOR'S MISHAP. 19th March 1937

Doctor Dudley, of Caxton, when returning home after an inspection of the floods around Swavesey, instead of keeping on through the village drove down Taylor's Lane, and ran into water near the cemetery. In turning round he backed his car into a ditch where it remained fixed. He was eventually extricated by his chauffeur, to whom he telephoned to bring a car to tow the car out.

BRIGHT HOUR. 19th March 1937

The anniversary of the Women's Bright Hour was celebrated in the Bethel Baptist schoolroom on Wednesday. A meeting in the afternoon was conducted and addressed by Mrs. Goody, and Miss Dora Payne gave a recitation. This was followed by a tea. The evening meeting was conducted by Rev. A. Tilling, an addressed being given by Pastor Goody on the Transfiguration. Recitations were contributed by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Savage, a violin solo by Mrs. Chapman, and a violin duet by Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Laverack. Miss L. Brand was at the piano. The proceeds were for the electric light fund. The closing meeting next week will be addressed by Mr. Cyril Day.

A SWAVESEY NONAGENARIAN. 19th March 1937

Mr. William Henry Key, of Top Leys cottage, Taylor's Lane, who was born at Earith, Hunts, on 24 March 1845, will celebrate his 92nd birthday on Wednesday next. In 1870 he left his native village for Swavesey, where he opened a baker's business, which he carried on with success until 1910, when he retired in favour of his son and went to live in Top Leys Cottage. Here he devoted himself to his garden and orchards. During his long life he has held many offices in the parish. He was a church warden for 22 years, the first chairman of the Parish Council, and a member continuously for many years, a

Feoffee of Galon's Charity, trustee of the Fire Relief Fund Charity (Frere cottages,) and a school manager. An active member of the Order of Shepherds at one time or another, he filled every office in the Wheatsheaf (Swavesey) Lodge, and was the only member of the lodge to become Chief Shepherd of the Cambridge District. Although far from being as active as he used to be Mr. Key is in fairly good health.

PARISH MEETING. 19th March 1937

The Parish Meeting for the election of Parish councillors for the ensuing three years was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. S. F. Mitham being voted to the chair. At the commencement both Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Hepher objected to the system of voting by means of the show of hands. They were told by the clerk Mr. Prime Godfrey that nothing could be done in the matter at that meeting, but that the question could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held later that evening. As, however, only nine candidates were nominated for the nine seats on the council there was no voting, and the chairman declared the following duly elected. Messrs. W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham Jr, C.H. Parish, A Payne, W. Spolton (new member). A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Parish, seconded by Mr. C Dean.

The annual Parish meeting was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, after the election of parish councillors for the ensuing three years. Mr. C.H. Parish, chairman of the Parish Council presided. After the audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year ending March 31, 1936, and of Galon's Charity had been read by the clerk, Mrs. C. S. Hepher called attention to the method of electing the parish council. The system of voting by show of hands, was she contended, not only obsolete but was objectionable in that it was not secret, and it was possible for an elector to record more votes than he was entitled to give. The election ought to be by ballot. The chairman explained that nothing could be done at present, and suggested that Mrs. Hepher should raise the question again towards the end of the period for which the new council had been elected. It would be necessary, he added for an application to be made to the County Council. Mrs. Hepher, however, maintained that steps should be taken at once, and she moved that the feelings of the meeting should be taken on whether the present system of election should be altered. This was seconded by Mr. Turner, and on being put to the meeting 29 voted for the motion and 12 against. 46 local government electors were present. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey called attention to the untidy condition of Market Street, and Mr.

C.S. Hepher moved that the County Council be asked to have the matter attended to.

Mr. Cooksey seconded, and the motion was carried. It was also agreed, on the proposition of Mrs. Hepher that the Parish Council be asked to apply for a grant from King George Memorial fund for the improvement of the recreation ground. Other matters discussed including the portable shed on the recreation ground belonging to the Beds. Cambs. and Hunts. Electricity Company, the position of an electric light pole, the letting of the herbage on the recreation ground, the paths and rights of way which were said to be obstructed.

GIRLS LIFE BRIGADE CONCERT. 26th March, 1937

A concert given by the 1st Swavesey Company, Girls Life Brigade, in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was well attended, and the financial results were pleasing. The programme opened with a song by the Company, "The Fleet's in Port Again" which was followed by a recitation by Pte. Carter. Then in succession came another chorus, "Off to Blackpool for the Day"; sketch, "Tiresome Tommy", some of the younger members; characters song; "Gutter Merchants", and surprise item by two old members - Miss E. and M. Godfrey, consisting of a sketch, "The Keynotes". Following another song, "Peter Pop keeps a Lollipop Shop", eight of the senior performers of the sketch, "Transformation", after which, "The Changing of the Guard", was sung by three members, and a capital performance of a sketch, "The Ghost of Classroom A", was given by four members. A lullaby song "La Loo" and the singing of the National Anthem brought enjoyable evening to a close.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES. 26th March 1937

At a well attended public meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. C.H. Parish, Chairman of the Parish Council, it was decided that the local festivities on Coronation Day should be similar to those when celebrating the Jubilee of King George V. It was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. C.S. Hepher, seconded by Mr. A. Turner, that the necessary funds should be raised by public subscription, and the following committee were appointed (with powers to co-opt additional members) to carry out the arrangements. General committee – Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Hon. Sec. Mr. G. E. Canham Treasurer, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Canham, Mr. C. Dean, Mrs. G. Froment, Mr. Holloway, Mrs. Laverack, Mr. P. Lee, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mr. F. Norman, Mrs. Pettitt, Mr. H. Prime, Mrs. Turner, Mr. C. Walker.

Sports committee, - Messrs. Wilfred Parish, C. S. Hepher, G. Oakman, T. Savage, S. F. Mitham, F. Hepher, F. Norman, Miss P. Wilson, Mrs. L.

Godfrey, and Miss Joyce Lee. Mrs. Hepher announced that a united service would be held in the Parish Church on Coronation Day, which the Vicar hoped, representatives of all organisations in the village would have attended.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th March 1937

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, when there were present Mr. C. H. Parish, (chairman) Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, P. H. Lee, and R. Mitham Jun, with the clerk Mr. Prime Godfrey. Referring to the recreation ground the Chairman said that in view of the opinions expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting he thought it would be advisable to rescind the council's resolution to let the herbage. A discussion ensued, and eventually Mr. F. Hepher moved, and Mr Lee seconded, that the resolution be rescind, but on being put to the meeting only two councillors voted in favour of rescinding and five against. A letter was then read from Mrs. C.S. Hepher, President, stated that the Women's Institute were desirous of providing a seat to be placed on the Recreation Ground to commemoration the Coronation, and asked whether the council would accept it. This, it is needless to say, the Council did with grateful thanks. Attention was called to the damaged condition of the railings protecting the trees in Market Street, at Swan Pond and on the Recreation Ground, and Messrs. Burton and Cole were deputed to inspect them and authorised to have any necessary repairs carried out.

Vestry Meeting. 2nd April 1937.

At the annual vestry meeting held at the school on Tuesday, Mr W. J. Hepher was again nominated by the Vicar as his warden, and Mr Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden.

CHURCH FETE. 2nd April 1937

At a meeting held in the school on Tuesday it was decided that a garden fete should be held on July 8, the proceeds to be divided between the Parish Church maintenance fund and the organ fund, a small sum being reserved for the purchase of a bath chair for Parish use.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd April 1937

The annual Good Friday tea and meeting have been held as usual. Considering the wintry nature of the day, quite a good company met for the tea. The preacher at the evening service was pastor P. H..Crees, of Over, who based his address on Revelations verse 12. The Young People's Fellowship are having their anniversary gathering on Sunday and Monday next.

BILLIARDS. 2nd April 1937

The friendly match between teams representing Swavesey Institute and Willingham Public Hall played at Swavesey on Wednesday week resulted in a win for the home team by 535 points to 466. Scores of Swavesey names first; P. Crowley, 90, D. Few, 100, R.H. Coles, 67, C. Day, 100, F. Britain, 100, R. Royston, 81, E.E. Smart, 100, E. Hopkins, 67, A. E.W. Melbourne, 100. A. N. Other 18. A. Kester, 78. L. Denson, 100.

PARISH CHURCH. 2nd April 1937

The service is at the Parish Church on Good Friday were, Mattins and ante-Communion 10.30 am, addresses on the last word from the Cross 1-3pm. Litany (taken by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey). 3:15 pm., Evensong 7 pm., followed by a lantern service, at which slides of the crucifixion were shown. For Easter Day the church was simply but effectively decorated with spring flowers by the usual band of devoted ladies. The usual services took place, including children's service at 3pm and Evensong 6:30pm when the vicar preached an excellent sermon, and the choir gave a creditable rendering on Elvey's anthem "Christ being raised from the dead". The service concluded with the singing of Te Deum. All services were well attended.

WEDDING. 2nd April 1937

The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated at the marriage of the Parish Church on Saturday of Miss Agnes Mary Wagstaffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wagstaffe, of Swavesey, and Mr. Thomas and William Fenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fenson, of Elsworth. The service including the hymns, "Lead us heavenly Father", and "The voice that breathed o'er Eden". The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mister Douglas Wagstaffe, wore a gown of oyster satin, with hat to match, while the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Wagstaffe (sister of the bride), and Miss Winnie Fenson (sister of the bridegroom) were attired in pink satin, trimmed with rosebuds. Mr. Fred Circus, (uncle of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's aunt, Miss Stockbridge. The presence were numerous and useful.

EASTER WEDDING. 2nd April 1937

The marriage of Miss Jenny Pettitt, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Pettitt, of Swavesey, and Mr. Gerald Edwin Littlechild, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Littlechild, of Cambridge, took place at the Parish Church on Easter Monday, the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiating. The bride, who was given

away by her father, wore a dress of cream georgette, with silk lace veil and halo of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of tulips and double jonquils. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Molly Chance and Edna Brooks, (god-child of the bride), who were attired in pale green organdie, with headdresses of forget-me-nots. They wore necklaces, the gift of the bridegroom and silver horseshoes, the gift of Miss Molly Chance and Mr. John Brooks. Mr. E. Chance, of Stevenage, was best man. The bride's bouquet was subsequently placed on her grandmother's grave, and Edna Brooks' bouquet on the grave of her uncle. The reception after the ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall, and later Mr. and Mrs. Littlechild left for Stevenage, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and useful.

CORONATION PROCESSION. 9th April 1937

Swavesey W.I. had drawn a seat on Constitution Hill which will enable one member to view the Coronation procession in comfort.

DROVE LETTING. 9th April 1937

Once again very poor prices were realised for the herbage of the droves of Swavesey at the annual letting by auction, which took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, by direction of the Chesterton Rural District Council.

SOCIAL. 9th April 1937

For the social which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, in aid of the funds of the Women's Institute, an excellent programme had been arranged, and was successfully carried out by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who acted as M.C. The hall was quite full. A most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing, for which Claude Whitham's band provided an excellent selection of music. There were also games and competitions, a sketch was performed by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Marriot, and songs in character were sung by W.I. members.

DEDICATION OF BANNER. 9th April 1937

The banner of the Swavesey Women's Institute was dedicated at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, about 60 members and their friends, including the Rev. A. Tilling, attended the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, who gave a short address. While the last hymn was being sung a collection was taken for the animal clinic. After the service the members preceding the banner, carried by Miss. L. Hephher, and attended by a

colour party (Miss F. Warboys and Miss L. Melbourne) walked to the Memorial Hall, where an excellent tea was provided.

DEATH OF MRS D. WILDERSPIN. 9th April 1937

The announcement that Mrs. Edith Mary Wilderspin, wife of Mr. Dick Wilderspin, had passed away suddenly came as a great shock to the village on Monday morning. She had been suffering from influenza since Saturday morning, but appeared to be going on satisfactorily until early on Monday, when haemorrhage of the brain supervened. Mrs. Wilderspin, who was 53 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. John Furniss, of Fen Drayton. In addition to her husband she leaves four sons and four daughters, for whom sincere sympathy is expressed. The food and rural took place yesterday afternoon at Fen Drayton Parish Church.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 9th April 1937

The Young People's Fellowship anniversary services were held on Sunday and Monday. The attendance on Sunday was very good at the morning and evening services, when the special preacher was the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs. A young people's meeting was held in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. G. E. Canham, vice president. For the annual rally which was held on Monday evening, under the chairmanship of the pastor, the church was well filled. Miss W. Osborne, of Cambridge, was the soloist, singing most feelingly Jude's setting of the two well-known hymns, "Take my life" and "At evening o'er the sun was set". A roll call was responded to by representatives of societies at Godmanchester, Haddenham, Over and Cottenham Young People's Societies, Cottenham Salvation Army, Fen Drayton Wesley Guild, and Basingstoke Baptists C. E. Society. Mr. Mackenzie gave a practical address on the subject of "The Three Doors". Following the meeting about 150 friends met for supper. The proceeds after payment of expenses are to be devoted to the Sunday School and electric light fund.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 9th April 1937

A successful sale of work and concert, organised by the Parochial Church Council in aid of missions, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The sale of work was opened at 3 pm by Rev. J. Goodchild, Rector of Longstanton, who spoke of the need of support of overseas mission work. The stalls, competitions, etc all of which were well patronised, were under the charge of the following; work stall, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. W. J. Hepher. Mrs. Burling. Gift stall, Mrs. D. J. Linford. Miss G. Froment; sweet

stall, Mrs. H. Prime. 6d and 3d stall, Mrs. T. Williams. Refreshments, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. E. J. Mitham. Competitions - Weight of Easter Egg, Miss L. J. Hephher, (won by Mrs. L. Godfrey). Darts, Miss M. Mitham and Miss L. Key, (won by Rev. C. C. Dickson). Feeling Bag, Miss I. Melbourne, (won by Miss L. Key). Elephant from newspaper, Mrs. F. Causer, (won by Miss L. Key). An excellent concert was given in the evening by Miss Errington and her pupils, and by pupils of Miss E. Lewis. The following players were admirably acted. "Martha and Mary", "Forfeits". "The Rescue". "Mistress Runaway". "Footprints" and "Just a few minute". The programme also included songs.

DAMAGED WALL. 16th April 1937

On February 19th, attention was called in the "Independent Press and Chronicle" to the fact that the causeway wall, between Hog Pasture and Church Brook, was mysteriously crumbling away, and since then the Parish Council has agreed that the damage to the wall should be brought to notice of the responsible authority. No steps have, however, been taken to repair the wall, and now the mischief has extended from a few feet to about a dozen yards. Last Sunday evening people returning from the service in the Parish Church had to walk over a path strewn with broken bricks. Attention was also called in these columns in February to the northern end of the wall separating the churchyard from the main road, where the heavy stone, or concrete, cap and some of the brickwork had fallen off into the adjoining field. The cap and the bricks are still lying in the field, and are being trampled on by horses.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th April 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President Mrs. C. S. Hephher occupying the chair. The proceedings open with the singing of "Mine Ain Countree," after which the date for the group meeting to be held at Swavesey was fixed for May 5th. It was announced that the outing to London previously arranged, is fixed for that date. Any members or their friends desiring to take part in the outing to London on May 18 should notify Mrs. Lee as soon as possible. An instructive talk on "Nutrition" illustrated by lantern slides, given by Mr. Parsons, was much enjoyed. During the tea interval Mr Isgrove judged the Madeira cake competition, awarding first prize to Mrs Freestone and second to Mrs. C. S. Hephher. The three penny parcel stall did an excellent trade. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Berryman, Bridgeford, Canham, and Walker. A game entitled "How green are you" & dancing occupied the social half hour. After the meeting the committee remained behind to express regret to Mrs

Melbourne, who is leaving the village, and the President, on their behalf, presented her with a small gift, and wished her happiness in her new home.

LATE MRS D. WILDERSPIN. 16th April 1937

The funeral of Mrs Edith Mary Wilderspin, wife of Mr. Dick Wilderspin, whose death, at the age of 53 years, was recorded in our last issue, took place on Thursday week at Fen Drayton Parish Church. The Vicar, Rev. Roland Hills, officiated, and during the service the hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way" was sung. Miss E. Johnson was at the organ. The immediate mourners were; Mr. Dick Wilderspin (husband) Messrs. Victor and Ralph Wilderspin (sons) Mrs. J. Harrop, Miss Joan Wilderspin, Miss May Furniss (daughters,) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furniss, Mr. Arthur Furniss, Mr. Ralph Furniss (brothers and sister-in-law), Nottingham. Mr. and Mrs. H. Culpin (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Gamlingay, Mr. and Mrs. F. Braybrook, Hemmingford (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. E. Furniss, Mr. Fred Furniss, Hilton, (cousins), Mr. C. Briton, Hilton. (plus a long list of friends) Mr. Dick Wilderspin and family desire to tender their heartfelt thanks for the very many expressions of sympathy they have received in their bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers.

LABOUR PARTY. 23th April 1937

At a well attended meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr. A. Rignell, of Cottenham, Alderman A. E. Stubbs, prospective Labour candidate for the county, commented in an address on various political questions of the day, and suggested that a local Labour Party should be formed for Swavesey and District. The suggestion was unanimously adopted, and officers were elected as follows, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Bert Walker, chairman, Mr. A. P. Payne, committee, Messrs. S. Bishop, Harold Bridgeford, Clarence Wagstaff, Owen Walker, William Whybrow, and Harry Wright. Members of the Cottenham Labour Party, who accompanied Mr. Rignell, congratulated the meeting on forming a party, and expressed appreciation of the cordial reception accorded them.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23th April 1937

The first meeting of the newly elected parish council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening the following members being present; - Messrs. W. Burton, C.W.H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham Jr., C.H. Parish, A. P. Payne, and W. Spolton, with the clerk Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. C. H. Parish was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. Dean vice-chairman. Mr. Burton reported that the railings round the tree in

Market Street and on the Recreation Ground were being repaired. The only tender for the herbage of the recreation ground, viz, from the cricket and football clubs for £1-10s was accepted. Mr. Burton proposed that the hall management committee should consist of three councillors and three other parishioners. This was seconded by Mr. Spolton. An amendment moved by Mr. Payne, and seconded by Mr. F. Hepher, that the committee should consist of four councillors and three other parishioners was, however, carried and the following were elected to form the committee. Messrs. Burton, Dean, F Hepher, and W. Spolton, (councillors) and Mr. H.H. Berryman. F. Norman, and C. Savage, (non-councillors.)

The following appointments were also made: school managers, A.L. Parish and C.W.H. Cole: Fire-Capt, E. Mitham. Sub-captain T. Froment; Trustees of Galon's Charity: C. H. Parish and B. Hodson. Representatives on the assessment committee: Messrs. C. W. H. Cole and C. H. Parish. It was agreed that the council should be affiliated to the Parish Councils advisory service, and with regard to a question respecting the Recreation Ground, the cricket and football clubs should be asked to appoint representatives to meet the Parish Council. Attention was again called to increasing damage to the Causeway wall between Hog Pasture and Church Brook, and Clerk undertook to see the County Road Authorities in the matter. During the meeting a document dated 9th July, 1907, and bearing the seal of the Charity Commissioners, was produced, which definitely stated that the Recreation Ground "shall be administered and managed by the Parish Council of Swavesey as the Trustees thereof".

OBITUARY. 30th April 1937

Taken ill suddenly on Friday last, Mr Benjamin Sutton passed away on Tuesday morning, aged 71 years. A native of Over, he worked in various parts of this country and also spent 20 or 30 years in Canada. For some years past he had resided in Swavesey. The funeral would take place at Over Parish Church at three o'clock this Friday afternoon. It is asked that no flowers be sent..

DEATH OF MR ROBINSON MITHAM. 30th April 1937

Swavesey has lost a widely known and highly respected parishioner by the death of Mr. Robinson Mitham, who passed away shortly before midnight on Wednesday, aged 81 years. He had been in failing health for some time. Until a few years ago Mr. Mitham held many public offices, amongst them clerk of the Parish Council and Galon's Charity, assistant overseer, collector of rates

and taxes. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church at three o'clock on Monday afternoon no flowers by special request.

CORONATION ARRANGEMENTS. 30th April 1937

At a meeting of the committee, held at the Memorial Hall on Monday, the programme for the local celebration of Coronation Day was settled as follows: 9:30am, Assemble at the Memorial Hall of organisations, with banners if any; 9:45. Procession to the Parish Church for United service at 10 a.m. 11 a.m. broadcast in church of Coronation service at Westminster Abbey; 2 p.m., tea for children, elderly people over 65, and sports committee; 4:45 and 5:15 p.m. broadcast of the King's speech in Memorial Hall, followed by a social; 10p.m., bonfire; 10:30 pm., to midnight, social and dance. Rubbish and other material for the bonfire will be collected by Mr. Godfrey on Monday, May 10th, if placed outside houses. On the following day the judging will take place of the decorating houses for the prize of one guinea offered by Mrs. C.S. Hephher, and at four o'clock on the same day the souvenir cups and saucers will be presented at the Memorial Hall to all children in the Parish 14 years of age and under.

THE FEAST, 14th May, 1937

This has been the village feast week, but for the first time for many a long year Market Street, usually crowded with roundabouts, coconut shies, swings, shooting galleries, stalls, and other attractions, has been deserted. One caravan that of a woman palmist, arrived on Sunday morning and at 10am on Monday departed. Cricket matches were played on Saturday we went Swavesey entertained Woodhurst in the Turner League, and on Monday, when Willingham were the visitors. Both games were won by Swavesey. On Saturday evening a social promoted by the cricket club in the Memorial Hall was so poorly patronised that at 10 pm., it was decided to close down and the entrance money was returned. The football club's dance on Monday was more successful. For both, Claude Whitham's band provided a good selection of music. At the Parish Church on Sunday the special form of service in connection with the Coronation was used in the morning and evening service and at the latter service Hopkins anthem, "Lift up your heads" was sung by the choir.

DEATHS, BUT NO BIRTHS. 7th May 1937

Since the 1st January there have been six deaths in Swavesey, but no births.

CHILDREN'S SOUVENIRS. 7th May 1937

In order to avoid misunderstanding, we are asked to state that mothers can take their children under school age to the Memorial Hall at 4 pm on Tuesday to receive the Coronation souvenir cups and saucers. All parents will be welcome to attend.

ACCIDENT. 7th May 1937

Mrs. T. Williams, of High Street, was somewhat seriously injured on Sunday when she fell down the stairs in her house. In addition to severe shock and bruises, she sustained an extensive cut on her head, necessitating the insertion of eight or nine stitches by Doctor Hart.

BRITISH LEGION. 7th May 1937.

At the meeting of the committee of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion it was announced that Mrs. C.S. Hepher had kindly offered to organise the sale by Poppy Day workers of Coronation emblems in the villages covered by the branch, on Saturday, May 8th. The proceeds are for the British Legion Pension Fund and King George V. Jubilee Trust Fund.

FUNERAL. 7th May 1937.

The funeral of Mr Benjamin Sutton, whose death at the age of 71 years was announced last week, took place at Over Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the vicar, the Rev. F. G. Weston, officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. J. Clarke (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton, (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. H. Nightingale, (step daughter), Mr. H. Nightingale, (son-in-law), Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Seamore (cousins), Dudley and Marguerite Nightingale, (grandchildren), and Mr. James W. Williams. There were no flowers by request. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

GROUP MEETING. 7th May 1937

The spring meeting of the Over, Willingham, Elsworth and Swavesey group of Women's Institutes took place at Swavesey on Wednesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher occupying the chair. The proceedings opened with, "The Song of the Music Makers" after which the secretary of each Institute gave a report on the activities her Institute since the last group meeting. Mrs. Chaplin and then explained three resolutions on the N.F.W.I. agenda, and Miss Brocklebank gave an interesting lecture on, "Music in the Institutes", and also led the members in the singing of rounds. Both speakers were accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Edwards, of Over. During tea, served by Swavesey members, a quilt which had been made by fifty members from Over, and other excellent specimens of work done during the winter were

exhibited. The prizes for the best Victoria sandwiches were awarded to Mrs. Canham, Mrs. C.S. Hepher, and Mrs. Laverack. Mrs. Isgrove kindly did the judging. The programme for the social half an hour arranged by Swavesey members included a sketch entitled, "Remedies", performed by Mrs. Laverack, Miss L. Hepher, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs P. Willson, and Mrs. L. Godfrey. Dancing then filled the rest of the evening, which ended with votes of thanks to Swavesey members for providing such a pleasant evening being recorded by the visiting Institutes.

LATE MR ROBINSON MITHAM. 7th May 1937

There was a very large attendance at the parish church on Monday afternoon at the funeral of Mr. Robinson Mitham, whose death on April 28th, at the age of 81 years, was announced last week. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, the choir and the churchwardens, Mr. W. J. Hepher and Mr. Harry Wells. The service was fully choral, and included the hymns, "Let Saints on Earth" and "Abide with me," and Psalm 90. The organist also played "O rest in the Lord", and as the body was born from the church to the grave in the churchyard the Nun Dimittis was chanted. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham, (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skeeles, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shepperson, (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. Ellen Thorpe, (housekeeper), Ernest and John Mitham, (grandsons), Mary Mitham, Mary Shepperson, Anne Shepperson, and Joan Mitham, (granddaughters). Rev P. J. Beaumont, Edith Weston, Stamford, Rev. A. Beaumont, Polesworth, Mr. Jack Mitham, Lolworth, Mr. Fred. Furniss, Hilton, (nephews) Mrs. F. Hemington, (niece) Mr. W. Scarr, Cambridge, Mrs. J. Cain, Mrs. E. Hawkes, Cambridge, Mr. W. F. Hepher and Miss Mabel Hepher, Wisbech, (cousins), Mrs. Jack Hemington, Mr. George Hawkes, and Messrs. G. Brand, H. Brooks and J. Close, (employees). A long list of friends and business acquaintances were named. It was asked that no flowers should be sent, but upon the panelled oak coffin there was one beautiful wreath bearing the inscription, "With love from his children and Ellen". Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers, Mr. Edgar Skeeles, of St. Ives, acting for them at the funeral. In addition to the various public offices held by the late Mr. Mitham mentioned last week, he was a member of the parish church choir for over 60 years, and a member of the parochial church council for many years. He was a son of the late Mr. John Mitham, of Swavesey, and was educated at Abingdon House School, Northampton, and at Burwell. The family take this opportunity of thanking all friends for their greatly appreciated expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th May 1937

Coronation in Swavesey. 14th May 1937.

For days before the Coronation, the people of Swavesey were busily engaged in adorning their houses and premises, and on Wednesday morning the village was gay with bunting, flags and other red white and blue decorations notwithstanding that some of them being of paper had suffered owing to rain and wind. At the Memorial Hall a flag staff, longer needed, had been erected, and from this proudly flew the Union Jack, and the front of the building was effectively decorated with the national colours. A prize of one guinea was offered by Mrs. C. S Hephher, President of the Women's Institute for the best decorated house, and this was awarded by Miss Pate, Luton, who acted as judge, to Mrs. George Brooks, of Blackhorse Lane. Mr. John Wilderspin, of Boxworth End, received a consolation prize. Both the White Horse and the Rising Sun inns were nicely decorated, the former gain the consolation prize given for country houses owned by Dale's Brewery. The children of 15 years of age received their souvenir Coronation cups and saucers at the hands of Mrs. James Norman on Tuesday afternoon. Coronation Day opened with a celebration of Holy Communion in the parish church at 7:30 am. At 9:30 am. members of the following village organisations with their standards or banners assembled at the Memorial Hall, and after being marshalled by Mr. H. H. Berryman marched to the Parish Church: British Legion, (Mr. Crowley) women's Institute, (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) Girl's Life Brigade, (Mrs. Isgrove) Church Sunday School, (Mrs. J. Linford and Miss G. Froment) Mothers Union, (Mrs. Cooksey) , Girl Guides, (Miss Willson). On arrival at the church the standards and banners were received at the altar by the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson and Rev. A. Tilling, Baptist pastor. The authorised form of service was used. There was a good congregation. From 11 am to 2 pm the people had the opportunity of listening at the church to the broadcast of the ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

At 2 pm there were sports for children on the recreation ground under the management of Mr. C. Wood and Mr. Holloway, and these fortunately were concluded before the rain began to fall heavily.

At 4 pm, an excellent tea was provided in the Hall for all children, residents over 65 years of age, and the sports committee. Teas in two sittings, for other residents followed later. Owing to the rain the fancy dress parade took place in the Hall, the prize is being awarded by the judges, Mrs. Dickson, Miss Christmas, and Mrs. Tilling, as follows; John Prime, (Pirate) Alan Lee, (Nigger) Jill Feasey, (Mother Hubbard)

The day concluded with the broadcast of the King's address to the Empire in the hall, followed by a social which was kept up until midnight. A bonfire on the recreation ground was set alight at 10 o'clock and blazed furiously for some hours. The adult sports which had to be postponed would take place next Monday,

A SWAVESEY MYSTERY. 28th May 1937

From a correspondent with a sense of humour - and a grievance - I received the following note this week.

"Come to Swavesey and see something not discovered but found. In the distance that looks like part of ancient Rome sprung up on a piece of bog land. As you get closer to it, it looks like Julius Caesar's committee room where he used to entertain his councillors. But when you get opposite to it, it looks like a breeding place for silk worms and butterflies. It is worth anyone's time to see it, and it is a puzzle for a stranger to know what it is, unless he has been told to come and take a snap of the New School".

From our correspondent's caustic comments, it looks very much as if Swavesey has got a rival to the much criticised University library.

EXCURSION FROM LONDON. 5th June 1937.

Thirty-nine passengers alighted at Swavesey Station from the L.N.E.R. special excursion train from London on Sunday.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 5th June 1937

The Treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received £1.10s 10d, part of the offertory at the parish church on Feast Sunday.

HEALTH VISITING. 5th June 1937.

The Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association wished to make it known publicly that their nurse has undertaken the health visiting with her other duties.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 5th June 1937

The annual house to house collection in Swavesey for the British Red Cross Society mounted to £3.14 shillings. The collectors were: Miss M. Parsons, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss J. Hephher, Miss Easter, Miss Anne Shepperson, and Miss Joan Mitham.

A BELATED FEAST. 5th June 1937

Messrs. Manning and Sons, who were unable to attend Swavesey feast this year, owing to the Coronation taking place during the same week, paid a visit to the village last Friday and Saturday with their Jollity Farm and other attractions. Before leaving they sent a donation of 10 shillings, to the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which Mrs. Cooksey, (president and treasurer) has gratefully acknowledged.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th June 1937

The 97th anniversary service was held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week in glorious weather. The special preacher was the Rev. H.T.N. Ussher, of Northampton, a previous pastor of the church, who is much loved and greatly respected by a large circle of local friends. At the afternoon service there was a good congregation, when the address was based on Kings viii. 56. Over 80 friends were present at the tea which followed in the schoolroom. For the evening service, when the body of the church was nearly full, Mr. Ussher spoke on prayer, placing his remarks on St Luke xi. 2. The choir rendered me anthem, "O love the Lord". The proceeds of their collections, etc, amounted to over £10, were for the church funds.

FUNERAL. 5th June 1937

The funeral of Mrs. Susan Bridgeford, of Woodhurst, widow of the late Mr. David Bridgeford, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs George Trundley, of Swavesey, who died on May 28 after a long illness, aged 65 years, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Tuesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling, Baptist pastor. The mourners were Mr. A. Trundley, (brother), Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Bath, Mrs. Barker, and Mrs. S. Trundley, (sisters). Mrs A Payne, (sister-in-law), Mr. James Trundley, Mrs. J. Trundley, Mrs. White, (cousins), Mrs. Sewell, Miss V. Bath, Miss L. Bath. (nieces). Wreaths were sent by the brother and sisters of deceased; Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne and Dora; Mrs. F. White, and by the nieces.

HOME FROM AUSTRALIA. 5th June 1937

Mr. James Smith Dean, eldest son of Mrs. J. Dean and the late Mr. J.W. Dean, who arrived in Swavesey from Australia on a visit to his mother on Saturday, received a hearty welcome from his old friends in the village. He has spent an adventurous life. When a lad he went to sea in 1893, as an apprentice on a sailing vessel, but not caring for a seaman's life, in 1898 he set out for South Africa, and during the subsequent war served with the Cape Mounted Rifles, and was wounded. After the war he again returned home, but soon went back and joined the South African Police, with whom he served until 1906. He then

went to Australia, and immediately after arriving at Sydney casually met another Swavesey man, the late Mr. Ezra Williams. He married a young English lady who he had met in Australia, and in the following year he and his wife went to Western Australia. In 1915 he joined up for the Great War, and served with the 10th Australian light horse in Egypt, Palestine and Trans Jordan, until he was seriously wounded in the head in 1918, and was sent back to Australia and discharged as medically unfit. On recovery he carried on a successful bakery business at Cannington, Western Australia, but has now retired.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. 11th June 1937

The standard of St. George of England was flown at the parish church on Wednesday, on the occasion of the celebration of the King's birthday.

A SWAVESEY OCTOGENARIAN. 11th June 1937

Alderman Doctor J.W. Ellis, who was born at Swavesey on June 10, 1853, celebrated the 84th anniversary of his birth yesterday. He is the father of the Cambs County Council, having been a member of that body since 1891, except for a short break between 1895 and 1898. He, however, has not the distinction of being Swavesey's oldest inhabitant.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th June 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the president Mrs. C. S. Hepher occupying the chair. The proceedings opened with the song of the "Music Makers", after which arrangements were made for the annual garden party on June 22nd, when all members' children under the age of 14 years will be entertained to tea, followed by games, etc. It was also decided that the garden fete for WI funds should take place on June 29th, the President kindly offering the use of her garden for both parties.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Canham, presented the monthly accounts, and also announced that as the result of the recent collection in Swavesey and Fen Drayton 1,649 eggs had been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital. They had been very kindly conveyed to Cambridge by Mr. Canham. An excellent account of the spring Council meeting was given by Mrs J. Froment, after which Mrs. Clark gave an instructive demonstration of loose cover making. There were many entries for the knitting competition, Mrs. G. Prime winning the prize. Tea was served by the hostesses of the evening Mrs. Ding, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Dickson. During the social half hour a competition,

married musical chairs, was won by Mrs. Laverack and Miss L. Hephher, and charades and singing were enjoyed.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 18th June 1937

A welcome donation of £2 10s. has been received by the treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association from Mr. J. Warboys, of Chingford.

COUNCIL SCHOOL. 18th June 1937

Of the twelve children attending Swavesey Council School who sat for the recent County Minor Scholarship examination, Sophia Parish and Austin Hephher have been awarded scholarships, and the following passed as fee-payers:- Phyllis Hephher, Coral Prior, Harry Heron, Jean Walker, Peter Prior, Jean Wilderspin, Harry Howlett and Sylvia Brickwood. Two failed. Five sat for the Cambridgeshire Technical School examination. Of these Olive Froment has gained a free studentship, Joan Mitham and Mary Wagstaffe passed as fee-payers, and two failed.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS. 18th June 1937

At the meeting of the Coronations Celebrations Committee held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, Mr. Canham (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed that £36 5s. had been collected, and £34 7s. 1d. spent, leaving a balance of £1 17s. 11d., which, after some discussion, it was decided to offer to the Parish Council to provide a permanent memorial of the Coronation. Votes of thanks were passed to the treasurer, secretary and chairman, and also to all others who had in any way helped to make the celebrations a success. The statement of accounts has been posted in the Post Office window this week.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. 18th June 1937

A correspondent writing yesterday morning states: It is rumoured in the village that there is to be a serious alteration to the postal arrangements in the district on and from Monday next, but so far there has been no official notification. For instance, it is said, that the day mail dispatch will be made at, or soon after, 10 a.m., instead of 1.15 p.m. as at present. We used to have a third delivery in the evening, but that was discontinued during the war, and never restored. Subsequently the night mail dispatch was made at 6.30 p.m., an hour earlier than previously. The earlier dispatch of the day mail will inevitably result in fewer letters, etc., being sent by it, and before long we shall be told that it is not a paying proposition, and therefore must be dropped.

FETE AT SWAVESEY. 18th June 1937

Nursing Association's Successful Effort.

For the first time for several years the annual fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, in the grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) took place on Thursday week in really fine weather, and as a result there was a large attendance, and the whole of the programme was carried out as arranged. There was, however, a sudden heavy rainstorm about 9.30 p.m., but by that time only a few people were in the grounds and they hurriedly left for home.

The fete was opened by Mrs. Weston, of Over, who in a short speech spoke of some of the difficulties with which the association had to contend, and appealed for increased support. She was presented with a bouquet by little Beryl Prime.

STALLS, SIDESHOWS, ETC.

The stalls, sideshows, etc., all of which were well patronised, were under the charge of the following: Work stall – Mesdames J. Norman and C. Dean; fancy stall – Mesdames Chew and W. J. Hephher; produce and pound stall – Mesdames G. Burling and W. Thorp; sweets – Mesdames Lee and E. J. Mitham; bran tub – Miss P. Parish; refreshments – Mesdames Berryman, J. T. Daintree and A. J. Norman. Side-shows: Chinese Washing, Mrs. H. Prime; clock golf, Mrs. W. Kester (won by Miss Mavis Fox); lawn billiards, Mr. U. Thixton (won by Mrs. Key); darts, Mr. Thixton (won by Mr. W. J. Hephher); bowls, Mr. Thixton (won by Mr. W. J. Hephher and Nurse Claydon). Guessing competitions: Weight of cake, Misses L. and M. Mitham (won by Mrs. Crees, of Over); number of chocolates, Mrs. G. Prime (won by Mrs. J. Thoday, Over); name of doll, Mrs. Brooks, Madingley (won by Mrs. G. Prime).

BABY SHOW.

A feature of the fete is always a baby show, limited to infants born in the three villages. This was under the management of Nurse Claydon. Fourteen babies were entered, and Dr. French (county medical officer) and Miss Graham (lady superintendent, Cambs. Nursing Association) who acted as judges, awarded the prizes as follows:-

Six months and under – 1 Philip Raymond Stowers (Over), 2 Bryan Sutton (Over), 3 Gloria Marsden (Swavesey); six to 12 months – 1 Leonard Froment (Swavesey), 2 Gladys Bishop (Swavesey), 3 Michael Aubin (Fen Drayton); 12 to 18 months – 1 Betty Leggett (Over), 2 Valerie Ginn (Over), 3 Steward Johnson (Fen Drayton). Every entrant received a Coronation tea spoon.

DANCING DISPLAY AND FANCY DRESS PARADE.

Other attractions included a very pretty and greatly appreciated display of dancing by the pupils of Miss Chapman, of Cambridge, and a fancy dress parade arranged by Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. L. Godfrey. In the latter, prizes were awarded to the following: 1 Beryl Prime, Buttercup; 2 Tom Howlett, Gipsy Woman; 3 Roger Godfrey, Little Boy Blue. In this also every entrant was given a Coronation spoon.

Messrs. C. Dean and U. Thixton shared the duties of gate stewards.

Including generous donations, the total proceeds of the day's effort amounted to £30 5s.

CHILDREN'S STRAWBERRY TEA. 25th June 1937

The children of members of the Women's Institute up to 14 years of age were entertained by the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) and Mr. Hepher in their garden on Monday. About 30 attended as soon as school was over, and enjoyed the swings, see-saw, etc., until tea was served. This included strawberries and cream and lots of cakes. After tea there were sports, which were watched by a good number of parents and friend. The prizewinners for the various events were: - Boys, 10 to 14 years – 1 Don Froment, 2 Bernard Prior, 3 Ray Oakman; 7 to 10 years – Claud Walker, 2 John Walker, 3 Denis Prior; 5 to 7 years – John Shepperson, 2 Brian Oakman, 3 John Walker. Tinies – 1 Bert Walker, 2 Keith Oakman, 3 Betty Crouch; consolation race – Roger Godfrey and Ann Smart. Girls, 10 to 14 years – 1 Jean Walker, 2 Olive Nightingale, 3 Joy Ivatt; 5 to 7 years – 1 Betty Walker, 2 Dorothy Prior, 3 Kathleen Williams. Three-legged races – Boys, 1 Ray Oakman and Ben Prior, 2 Denis Prior and Don Couch; girls – 1 Joy Ivett and Olive Nightingale, 2 Maisie Holbrook and Jean Walker; tennis ball race – 1 Olive Nightingale, 2 Joy Ivett; hopping race – 1 Claude Walker, 2 Ray Oakman, 3 Bernard Prior; consolation race – Ken Nightingale, Harry Howlett; mother's race – 1 Mrs. L. Godfrey, 2 Mrs. G. Crouch, 3 Mrs. E. Mitham. The sports being over, refreshments were served to the children and friends, and sweets were scrambled on the lawn by Mr. Hepher, all joining in the fun. The prizes for the races were presented by Miss L. Hepher, the youngest W.I. member, every child who did not win a prize getting a little present, and all the tinies chocolates by the President. Before leaving for home the children gave three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Hepher for giving them such a happy ending.

DEATH OF MRS. H. G. KEY. 18th June 1937

The announcement about 11 o'clock last Friday morning that Mrs. Agnes Annie Key, wife of Mr. Henry George Key, baker, of High-street, had passed away suddenly, came as a great shock to the village. She had been ill for

about six weeks, and the question of her removal to hospital had been under consideration. Her condition appeared to be improving until early last week, when she had a relapse, and on Friday morning an ambulance was sent for to convey her to Addenbrooke's Hospital, but shortly before its arrival the end had come. She leaves three daughters, for whom and for her husband sincere sympathy is expressed. Mrs. Key, who was 52 years of age was the younger daughter of the late Mr. John Williams, coal merchant, and for many years parish clerk of Swavesey. There was a very large attendance at the funeral which took place at the parish church on Tuesday afternoon. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson), the choir and the churchwardens (Messrs. W. J. Hephher and Harry Wells). Forty-two members of the Women's Institute, with the president (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) and the vice-president (Mrs. G. E. Canham) lined the path to the church porch. The service was choral, and included the hymns "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" and "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended," the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The mourners were: Mr. H. G. Key (husband), Misses Lucy, Lenie and Mabel Key (daughters), Mrs. J. Williams (mother), Mr. D. Williams (brother), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. P. Williams (aunt), Mr. W. H. Key (father-in-law), Mesdames E. Day, W. F. Gleaves, J. Hawkes, F. Williams (sisters-in-law), Mr. A. Hawkes (nephew), Mrs. Elsdon (niece).

THE LATE MRS. KEY. 2nd July 1937

The name of Mrs. D. Williams (sister-in-law) was inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in the report of the funeral of Mrs. H. G. Key in last week's issue.

DISTRICT NURSE. 2nd July 1937

We are asked to state that from the 1st to the 14th of July, inclusive, the District Nurse will be residing at Mrs. Harry Prime's house in High-street, Swavesey.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET. 2nd July 1937

The match between Longstanton and Swavesey Schoolboys, played at Longstanton on Saturday, was won by the Swavesey lads by 20 runs. Scores: Longstanton, 1st innings 15, 2nd innings 52; Swavesey, 1st innings 54, 2nd innings 33.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd July 1937

Services in celebration of the Sunday School anniversary were held on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church in glorious weather. The special preacher for the occasion was Mr. Leonard Nye, of Cambridge, a prospective missionary to Brazil. The children, under the leadership of Mr. G. E. Canham, sang special music throughout the day. At the afternoon service the Pastor presided, and children took part, the programme including a trio by Sylvia Brickwood, Mary Parish and Jean Walker, and a solo by David Easter. The offerings throughout the day were the Sunday School funds.

CHESTERTON R.D.C. MEETING 2nd July 1937 SWAVESEY DRAINAGE.

The committee also reported the receipt of the following report from the Medical Officer on the general drainage of the parish of Swavesey:

“Broadly speaking, most of the drainage of Swavesey is discharged into the brook which runs round the west side of the village and eventually finds its way to the river.

“The drainage is laid in two sections in order to avoid cutting through the rise in High-street. One section commences near Wallman’s-lane and runs southwards down the High-street to the Turnbridge, where it is piped along the bank of the brook, ultimately finding its way to the main outfall near the church, as shown on the plan. The other section commences over the crest of the rise near Market-street and runs northwards, finally uniting with the first section near Church Bridge.

“The brook is in very bad condition, and is nothing more or less than an open sewer. It carries some sewage from the Middle-watch and School-lane neighbourhood, but undoubtedly, the worst feature is the extremely defective condition of the piped drain running along its bank. The drain is now practically useless, as nearly every joint is cracked or broken, allowing the contents to be discharged directly into the brook. This gives rise to serious nuisances, especially in the summer months when the brook contains very little water.

“At the time of inspection on the 20th May the brook from the Turnbridge to the end of Market-street was in a most offensive state.

“It appears to me that the only effectual manner of dealing with the state of affairs outlined above would be the provision of a sewerage and sewage purification scheme.”

The report was referred to the Sewage Disposal Sub-Committee for consideration.

THE RAILWAY STATION. 9th July 1937

The platforms at Swavesey Railway station, once drab and dreary, are now gay with flowering plants. Mr. Cox, who had not long before been appointed stationmaster, and some of his staff, introduced a few plots of flowering plants, but the effort was made rather too late in the season for any really effective result to be obtained. This year more plots have been added, each edged with old roof tiles, and all contain plants, most of which are in full bloom. This varied collection includes: Dwarf nasturtiums, burning bush (kochia), salvias, sweet Williams, larkspur, poor man's pepper, lobelia, lupins, scarlet flax, calendulas, pansies, ivy geraniums, antirrhinums and candytuft. Rambler roses are trained along the railings separating the up platform from the goods yard; nasturtiums planted in old fruit sieves cunningly fitted around the bases, will soon be climbing up the posts which support the platform roof. The shrubs on the down platform have been skilfully pruned, the lamp-posts have been repainted, and everything practicable done to make the station "spick and span." All the plants have, it is understood, been generously provided by Mr. Cox. Mr. W. E. Few, one of the porters, is the head gardener.

FOR W.I. FUNDS. 9th July 1937

The garden fete in aid of the funds of the Women's Institute, which was held last week at the residence of the president, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, opened with an excellent tea, after which the various stalls, competitions, etc., were well-patronised. At 7 p.m., Miss Queenie Chapman's pupils gave a greatly appreciated display of dancing. During the evening there was a whist drive in the garage, and dancing for which Claude Whitham's band provided the music, was enjoyed on the lawn. About 10.30 p.m. the prizes won in competitions, etc., were presented by the President to the following: Farthings in bran, Mr. T. Froment; name of doll (Diana), Mrs. Canham; chocolates, Mr. J. Sutton; basket of fruit, Mrs. Lander; lawn billiards, Mr. Unwin; balls in pail, Mr. T. Froment; clock golf, Miss L. Hephher; whist drive, ladies, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. S. Clark; gentlemen, Mrs. Thorp (playing as a gentleman), Mrs. Isgrove. The contents of the mystery parcel were not guessed, so they were sold. The stalls, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the undermentioned: Sweet stall, Mrs. E. Mitham and Mrs. Heasman; gift stall, Mrs. J. Coulson; cake stall, Mrs. J. Smith and Mr. L. Godfrey; produce stall, Mrs. Ding and Mrs. Freestone; white elephant stall, Mrs. R. Hephher, Mrs. S. Hephher, and Mrs. Smith; tea, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Froment, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Marriott. Competitions – balls in pail, Miss E. Thorp; mystery parcel, Mrs. Pettit; chocolates, Miss L. Hephher; basket of fruit, Mrs. Crouch and Mrs. Oakman; farthings in bran, Master Allan Lee; clock golf, Mrs. T. Froment; name of doll, Mrs. P. Parish, lawn billiards, Mr. Warren. Mrs. Canham was in

charge of the gate. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, on the proposition of Mrs. Lee.

GIRL GUIDES. 16th July 1937

In accordance with their practice on the second Sunday in each month, the Swavesey Company of Girl Guides, under their captain, Miss Willson, paraded with their colours last Sunday and attended the mid-day service at the parish church.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th July 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, in the chair. Before opening the meeting all stood in silence for two minutes in memory of a highly respected member, Mrs. Key, who had passed away since the last meeting. The proceedings began with the singing of "The Music Makers," after which the monthly letter was read by the secretary (Mrs. Laverack). Mrs. Canham (treasurer) presented her financial statement, which showed that the result of the garden party was most satisfactory, and Mrs. J. Froment gave an excellent report of the N.F.W.I. meeting in London, which she had attended as delegate. Miss Caister then gave an instructive demonstration on physical fitness, members joining in the exercises, which were much enjoyed, and she was accorded a vote of thanks. The roll-call "Why I belong to the W.I." brought some excellent answers. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. G. Froment, Miss G. Froment and Mrs. L. Godfrey. Games and dancing made a very pleasant social half-hour. The prize for the best window plant was awarded to Mrs. Warren. The produce stall did excellent trade. Mrs. C. S. Hepher was the accompanist for the evening. Before the close members were reminded of the N.F.W.I. coming of age celebrations on July 21st. It is hoped all members will try to be present.

GARDEN FETE. 16th July 1937

The annual fete in aid of church funds was held in the Vicarage ground on Thursday week, the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs. Ellis Long, wife of the lay rector. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little Ann Smart. The Somersham Town Band played an excellent selection of music during the afternoon and evening. The stalls, competitions, etc., all of which were well patronised, were under the charge of the following: New work stall, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. G. Burling and Mrs. R. H. Linford; gift stall, Miss Froment; china, Mrs. Harry Wells and Mrs. E. J. Mitham; produce, Mrs. J. Smith and Miss Jean Smith; sweets, Mrs. C. S.

Hepher, Miss Willson, Miss H. Culpin, and Miss M. Nightingale; soap, Mrs. C. Ding; handkerchiefs, Mrs. W. J. Hepher, in place of Mrs. H. Prime, who was unable to attend owing to illness; refreshments, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. J. T. Daintree, Mrs. W. Thorp and helpers. Competitions (arranged by the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Miss G. Froment, Miss Willson and Mrs. C. S. Hepher): Bowls, Mr. D. Williams (won by Mr. C. Maskell); Aunt Sally, Mr. B. Hodson; weight of cake, Mrs. R. Brookes (won by Mr. C. S. Hepher); clock golf, Master Alan Lee (won by Miss G. Turner); darts, Mr. A. Hepher (won by Miss Kester and Master E. Warren); bean bags, Mrs. Skeeles; ringing bottles, Miss J. Lee (won by Mr. Maurice Godfrey); pipe cleaners, Miss G. Froment and Miss P. Hepher (won by Miss Waters); weight of a supper, Mrs. S. Mitham (won by Mr. E. Smart); mystery parcel, Mrs. T. Froment (won by Mrs. Johnson); box of chocolates (weight), Misses P. and R. Wilderspin (won by Master Alan Lee); bottles and corks, Mrs. E. Prior (won by Master B. Prior); suitcase from newspapers, Mrs. J. Cain (won by Mr. J. Mitham); lucky number, Mrs. W. J. Hepher (won by Mr. E. Braysheer). During the evening pupils from Over Council School, trained by Miss Vermell and Miss Rogers, gave an excellent display of folk dancing to a very appreciative audience. Miss Emilie Lewis, who was present, also arranged a most enjoyable concert.

BUSES AND GROCER'S AFFAIRS. 16th July 1937

“Customers Taken From the Village”

SWAVESEY MAN'S LOSSES.

A Swavesey tradesman, in the course of his public examination at Peterborough Bankruptcy Court on Friday, attributed his failure largely to the introduction of bus services, which took his customers to the neighbouring towns of Cambridge and St. Ives, and to the traversing of the village by “shop vans” from neighbouring towns.

Debtor was Alfred John Willson (59), residing and carrying on business as a grocer at Swavesey, Cambs. He had lodged a statement of affairs which disclosed gross liabilities £613 14s. 4d., liabilities expected to rank for dividend £260 18s. 8d., net assets £28 9s. 1d., leaving a deficiency of £232 9s. 7d.

The examination was held before the Registrar (Major S. G. Cook), and was conducted by the Assistant Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Ellam, Cambridge).

Debtor said that he was apprenticed to the grocery business and worked as an assistant for various firms until 1916, when he joined the Army. He was demobilised early in 1919, and again went to work as an assistant, earning about 50s. a week, with commission.

“BEGAN WITH CAPITAL OF £100.”

In March, 1925, he began business on his own account at Swavesey, with a capital of about £100, his savings. In 1913 he had purchased the house in which he resided. When he bought it, it had been damaged by fire at both ends. He paid £100 for the house, and spent about another £100 in having the damage made good, all the money coming from his savings. His grocery business proved satisfactory for the first few years, and his takings were round about £20 a week, of which 15 per cent. would be gross profit. About four or five years ago the business began to deteriorate, consequent upon the agricultural depression. Competition began to get very keen, with various stores sending out vans and calling from door to door, while buses began to run and customers went into the towns to shop.

“THE LAST STRAW.”

His chief suppliers had been Messrs. Johnsons, of St. Ives, and in 1929 he owed them about £367. He executed a mortgage deed in their favour, and they extended his credit. He did that, hoping that things would improve, but his takings continued to drop, and decreased by about 25 per cent. The starting of the bus services seemed to be about the last straw.

The Registrar: Do you find that bus services do cause great damage to these small shops in the villages?

Mr. Ellam: I am afraid they do, sir. This debtor alleges that the buses took people out of Swavesey into Cambridge and St. Ives, and they did their shopping there instead of at the local store. They take the opportunity of having a cheap day out and doing their shopping in some other town.

Debtor agreed that this was so.

In further examination, debtor said that various creditors began to press four or five years ago, and by early in June this year four executions had been levied by the High Bailiff. He then realised that it was impossible to carry on, and consulted his solicitor, who advised that a meeting of creditors be called. This was held at St. Ives, and the meeting suggested that he should file his petition, which he did.

Debtor said that he had only kept a book showing goods supplied to customers on credit; he had kept no cash book, while he had not used his banking account since June, 1934. He realised three years ago that he was insolvent, but kept on hoping for an improvement and paying off what he could from his accounts. The household furniture belonged to his wife, who bought it with her own money before and at the time of their marriage. All his money went in the house and business.

WEDDING. 23rd July 1937

The marriage took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday morning of Miss Queenie Ethel Spolton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spolton, High-street, Swavesey, and Mr. George Henry Gotobed, only son of Mr. George Young Gotobed, of Stretham. The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in oyster satin, with veil, and she carried a bouquet of salmon carnations and fern. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss E. Penny, who wore a dress of green moiré satin. Mr. William Gotobed (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man. The wedding breakfast, after the ceremony, was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gotobed left by car for a short honeymoon at Clacton, the bride travelling in a blue two-piece suit with hat to match.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd July 1937

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman), who presided, Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, F. Hephher, R. Mitham, C. H. Parish, and A. P. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Burton reported that the iron fences protecting the trees in Market-street and on the Recreation Ground had been repaired by Mr. M. C. Culpin. A letter was read from Mrs. C. S. Hephher, hon. secretary of the Coronation Celebration Committee, asking for the Council's permission to erect three swings for the use of children on the Recreation Ground. On the motion of Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. F. Hephher, permission was granted, subject to the position of the swings being approved by the Council. Messrs. Hephher and Payne were delegated to meet the representatives of the Coronation Committee. On the proposition of Mr. Parish, seconded by Mr. Payne, Mr. Dean was appointed to represent the Council at the meeting of parish councillors to be held in Cambridge on July 24th. Attention was called to the nuisance on the Recreation Ground by wires from motor tyres – remnants of the bonfire on Coronation Day. Mr. Godfrey undertook to have them removed.

21ST ANNIVERSARY. 23rd July 1937

Owing to the inclement weather, the celebration of the 21st anniversary of the inception of the Women's Institutes was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, instead of in the president's garden, as previously arranged. Upwards of 100 members of Swavesey, Willingham and Elsworth Institutes listened in to the broadcast of Lady Derman's speech, and then sat down to a sumptuous tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed. After tea a short whist drive

was played by some members, while others enjoyed games and music, kindly provided by Mr. H. Norman. At 7.30 a display of physical fitness exercises was given by Miss Clarke, of Cambridge, and her ladies, at the special request of Miss Griffiths, to show the kind of classes that are arranged under the County Council in the physical fitness campaign. This was eagerly watched and heartily applauded, and on the proposition of Mrs. Hephher, Miss Clarke was cordially thanked for the display. Dancing was then enjoyed for the rest of the evening. The musical parcel was won by Mrs. S. Carrier, and the winners of the whist drive were: Ladies, Mrs. Frohock, Mrs. Symonds; playing as gentlemen, Mrs. Denson, Mrs. Shepperson. At the close of the evening a vote of thanks was proposed to the members of Swavesey W.I. for their invitation and very pleasant evening by Mrs. Denson (President of Willingham W.I.). This was supported by Elsworth W.I.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. 30th July 1937

Evensong at the parish church on Sunday took the form of a service of remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, parishioners who had passed away. The Vicar Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated at the service, which included appropriate hymns and the anthem "Crossing the Bar." Flowers taken by children were presented at the altar, and were subsequently placed on the graves of relatives in the churchyard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING. 30th July 1937

For their annual outing this year the children attending the Parish Church Sunday School, the party including teachers and friends, journeyed by special train to Clacton on Wednesday. The weather was kind and a most enjoyable time was spent, not only on the journey, but also at the sea. Bathing, a trip on the sea to Walton by 16 boys and a teacher, visits to the fun fair and a really good tea were among the many happenings of the day. Altogether a very tired but happy party arrived home at 10.20 p.m. Those travelling with the children included the Vicar and Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mrs. T. Williams and Miss G. Froment. Members of Bethel Band of Hope also took advantage of the train for their annual outing.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Aug. 1937

In the absence of the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, on holiday, the services at the parish church next Sunday and on the three following Sundays will be taken by Rev. W. S. Bethway, vicar of St. Mary's, Northampton. Mr. Bethway and his family will reside at the Vicarage.

TIMBER BY ROADSIDE. 6th Aug. 1937

A correspondent writes: "Several months ago some timber, which, it was understood, was to be used in rebuilding the footbridge across Covell's drain in Mow Fen, was dumped on the grass verge of the main road through the village opposite the Vicarage gateway. The timber, it was stated, could not then be taken to Covell's drain owing to the flooded state of the land, but that difficulty disappeared long ago. If it has since been decided not to rebuild or repair the bridge, and thus deprive the parish of an ancient right of way to the river, why leave the timber by the roadside?"

SUNDAY EXCURSION. 13th Aug. 1937

Thirteen passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the half-day excursion to Clacton on Sunday.

"LET'S GO CRUISING." 13th Aug. 1937

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held on Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall, Mrs. C. Hepher (president) taking the chair, a talk on "Let's go cruising, and what happens when we do," was given by Miss Clay, of Meldreth. This was much enjoyed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Clay, on the proposition of Mrs. G. Froment. The programme for the social half-hour included a musical story and singing, the winners of the former being Mrs. Turner 1st and Mrs. Sharp 2nd, after drawing with Miss King. Mesdames C. Hepher, G. Hodson and Heasman, and Miss L. Hepher, were the hostesses for the evening.

HOBB'S BAT. 20th Aug. 1937

Warren Wright, a member of the Swavesey Cricket Club, who took seven wickets for one run in the Swavesey II v. Dry Drayton match, played at Swavesey on August 7th, has been awarded a Hobb's bat by the "News Chronicle."

ADVERT. 27th Aug. 1937

GUSTO SELF-RAISING FLOUR makes the Best Cakes, Pies and Pastry. — From Holloway's Stores, Swavesey.

DISTRICT NURSE. 27th Aug. 1937

We are asked to state that from Saturday, August 28th, until Saturday, Sept. 11th, the District Nurse, if wanted, will be found at Mrs. Walter Thorp's house at Boxworth End, Swavesey.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN DODSON. 27th Aug. 1937.

Swavesey has lost a very old and highly respected parishioner by the death of Mr. John Dodson, who passed away on Sunday evening, aged 86 years. The funeral took place at the parish church yesterday afternoon.

CHURCH CAUSEWAY. 27th Aug. 1937

The wall protecting the raised causeway between Hog Pasture and Church Brook on the main road through the village is at last being repaired by the County Council. Attention was first called in these columns on Feb. 19th to the fact that a portion of the wall was mysteriously crumbling away. On April 16th it was pointed out that no steps had been taken to repair the wall, and that the mischief had then extended from a few feet to about a dozen yards. How the damage was caused in the first instance can only be surmised, but mischievous persons were undoubtedly responsible for its extension. Had the wall been repaired at once it would have been a matter of hours, whereas now two men have already been employed on the work for about three days. Another improvement has been effected close by within the past few days. The hedge belonging to the Vicarage, which had reached abnormal proportions and was encroaching on the side-walk, has been cut down to a reasonable height, a broken fence has been repaired and tarred, and the Vicarage gate has been repainted.

SWAVESEY STILL LEADS. 3rd Sept. 1937

Further interest was taken this week in the quest which I began a fortnight ago to find the Cambs. innkeeper or hotel keeper who has held his or her licence the longest.

Last week I gave the fine record of Mr. Jethro Linford, of Swavesey, who has held a licence for 52 years.

Now comes news from Over which reveals that here also is a licensee with a very creditable total, although the length of service is some years short of Mr. Linford's.

The Over claimant is Mr. William Robinson, who has held the licence of the Red Lion for 33 years.

Next, please!

SUNDAY EXCURSION. 3rd Sept. 1937

About 60 passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. evening excursion to Hunstanton on Sunday. Complaint has been made of the noisy behaviour of some of them on their return about midnight.

CHURCH CAUSEWAY WALL. 3rd Sept. 1937

The repair of Church Causeway wall, which had to be suspended last week for lack of suitable bricks, has now been completed, and all concerned can be congratulated on the excellent way in which the work has been carried out. As only well-weathered bricks have been used, the repaired section matches admirably with the undamaged portion of the wall.

THE LATE MR. DODSON. 3rd Sept. 1937

The funeral of Mr. John Dodson, whose death at the age of 86 years was announced in our last issue, took place at the parish church on Thursday week the service being taken by the Rev. W. S. Bethway, assisted at the grave in the churchyard by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Dodson (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. H. Harbon, Mrs. L. Worrall, Misses D., E., G. L. and E. L. Dodson (daughters), and Mrs. R. Mitham. There were no flowers by request. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons. The late Mr. Dodson leaves two sons and six daughters. His wife died on October 31st last, aged 85.

PARISH CHURCH. 10th Sept. 1937

The services at the parish church last Sunday were conducted by the Rev. A. Macintosh (secretary of the S.P.C.K., Eastern District). The collections were in aid of the Society.

BEST KEPT STATIONS. 10th Sept. 1937

It was a surprise and disappointment to many people using the station to learn that in the annual competition for the best kept stations on the London and North-eastern Railway, Swavesey had only been awarded a certificate of commendation, while of the neighbouring stations, Longstanton had been awarded a second-class prize of £3 and Oakington a fourth-class prize of £1, Histon receiving a certificate of commendation. While in no way questioning the admirable way in which Longstanton and Oakington stations are kept, or that they thoroughly deserved their awards, it is felt that the difficulties with which the Swavesey staff were faced were not fully realised by the inspecting officials. The platforms at Longstanton and Oakington have for years been noted for their well kept beds of brightly coloured flowers, whereas at Swavesey there were only a few shrubs on the down platform until last year, when shortly after Mr. W. A. Cox had been appointed stationmaster, there was an attempt to improve things, and two or three beds for flowering plants were made on the hard surface of the platforms. This year Mr. Cox and his staff were determined to make their station a credit to the L.N.E.R., and the

admiration of the people of the district and of the passengers travelling in the trains. Many more beds, cleverly edged with old roof tiles, etc., were made, and when the inspection took place in July all were filled with plants of various kinds, some of which were in flower, but, unfortunately, some, owing to adverse weather conditions, were only in bud. Not many days later, however, both platforms were a blaze of colour. In order that the station should be spick and span in every respect the lamp posts, etc., had been repainted, windows and glass lamp shades were kept brightly polished, and no weeds or tufts of grass could be found on the permanent way. It is suggested that if there had been a horticultural expert among the inspectors Swavesey might have fared better.

FOOTBALL. 17th Sept. 1937

We have received the following letter from "A Correspondent":- "Players and supporters of Swavesey Football Club are asking what has become of the executive who ran the club last season. For weeks past, everyone interested has been expecting the annual meeting to be called. Now it is too late. If the executive could not see their way clear to carry on, why did they not call a meeting? Surely this was the proper thing to do in any case, to wind up the old season. By their apathy they have deprived their village of a team for this season, and likewise prevented them from entering any of the competitions which they usually do. There are plenty of young fellows keenly interested in sport, who would rather have taken over the management than see the present unsatisfactory state of affairs."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th Sept. 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was in the chair. Final arrangements were made for the social and whist drive to be held on Sept. 25th. Mrs. G. Froment will attend the autumn council meetings as delegate. The statement of accounts was presented by Mrs. Canham. Miss Tomlin gave a helpful talk on dressmaking. Mrs. Hepher thanked Miss Tomlin on behalf of the members. Tea was served by the hostesses for the evening – Miss King, Mrs. E. Mitham, Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Martin. During the interval Mrs. Mitham offered a mystery parcel in aid of the sick fund. This was won by Mrs. H. Bridgeford and Mrs. Laverack. The social half-hour was spent in folk dancing and games. Musical chairs was played, the winner being Mrs. G. Crouch.

WEDDING. 17th Sept. 1937

The marriage took place on September 11th, at Christ Church, Islington, of Mr. Charles Wilfred Thurbon, a native of Swavesey, and Miss Grace Emily Bennett. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Thurbon, of 55, Earl-street, Edgware-road, London, and nephew of the well-known Swavesey thatcher. The service was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by her father was attired ivory satin, with veil and orange blossom (lent by her mother) and she carried a bouquet of red roses. The three bridesmaids wore pretty dresses of blue satin and lace overlay and crinoline hats to match. The chief bridesmaid, a cousin of the bride, carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations, and the others baskets of pink roses. After the ceremony a reception was held at Highbury Hall, where 84 guests were entertained. The newly-married couple, who were the recipients of numerous presents, left subsequently for Devon, where they are spending the honeymoon.

DARTS CLUB. 1st Oct. 1937

A darts club, to be known as the Rising Sun Darts Club, was formed at a well-attended meeting on Monday evening. It was decided to play friendly games at home and away, and officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. B. J. Feakin; hon. secretary, Mr. S. J. Wright; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. B. Smart; captain, Mr. W. Wright; vice-captain, Mr. H. C. Bishop.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 1st Oct. 1937

A large number of past and present members of the Swavesey Football Club attended a meeting in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, called specially to consider the present position of the club. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to carry on, although it would not be possible to run a team this season. The treasurer's financial statement for the past year showed that all bills had been paid, and that a balance of two shillings remained in hand. The following were elected to serve on a committee to raise funds during the winter months, so that the club could be run as usual next season: Messrs. S. J. Wright and J. Mitham (joint secretaries and treasurers), Messrs. P. H. Lee, G. Oakman, W. J. Kester, W. Wright, S. Clark and A. E. W. Melbourne. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mr. P. H. Lee for presiding, and to Mr. S. Clark for storing the goal posts and nets.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 1st Oct. 1937

The harvest thanksgiving services were held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, the special preacher being Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over. An exceptionally good congregation was present, including many friends from Over, Yelling, Cambridge, etc. The first part of the service was conducted by

the Pastor, and prayer was offered by Pastor H. A. Hall, of Yelling. Taking as his text St. John vi., 35, Pastor Crees gave a helpful address on the "Bread of Life." Later in the evening a harvest home supper was attended by a good company of friends. The collection and proceeds of the supper, amounting to five guineas, was for the church funds. The services were continued on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. A. Burton, of Teversham, who spoke in the morning on the "Gift of God," and in the evening on the "Love of God." At an afternoon service, presided over by Mrs. Tilling, Mr. Burton spoke to the children and young people upon the Good Shepherd. The gifts of fruit and vegetables have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 1st Oct. 1937

In aid of the funds of the Women's Institute, a whist drive, followed by a social, was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. For the whist drive six tables were in play, and Mr. G. Oakman acted as M.C. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. G. Crouch, Mrs. Ivett; gentlemen – Mrs. F. Martin (playing as a gentleman), Mr. T. Froment; mystery number, Mr. Warren. There was a large attendance at the social, when the programme included dancing, games and competitions. An excellent selection of music was provided by Claud Whitham's dance band. Prizes were won by the following: Skipping competition, Mr. Dudley Warrington and Miss Vera Savidge; musical chairs, Miss S. Carter and partner, and Miss M. Nightingale and partner. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Hepher, sen., the oldest member of the W.I. present. Mrs. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C. for the social, with the help of Mr. Oakman in place of Mr. Hepher, who was unable to be present through illness. During the interval refreshments were served by the W.I. committee.

PROMOTION OF STATIONMASTER. 1st Oct. 1937

Mr. W. A. Cox, who has been stationmaster at Swavesey since the beginning of September, 1935, has been appointed stationmaster at Black Bank with charge of Chettisham Station and Pymoor sidings. While heartily congratulating Mr. Cox on his well-earned promotion, all who use Swavesey station sincerely regret his departure. During the comparatively short time he has been at Swavesey several improvements have been effected at his instigation, among them the delivery and collection by the railway company of parcels, etc., in Swavesey and adjoining villages; the provision at the station of a shed for bicycles; the brightening up of the previously dreary platforms by beds of flowering plants; the issue of workmen's tickets to Cambridge by the

8.23 a.m. train; and of holiday season tickets direct from the station. His courtesy and never failing willingness to help have been greatly appreciated.

FUNERAL. 8th Oct. 1937

The funeral of Mr. Charles Willson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Willson, of Market-street, Swavesey, whose death at the age of 63 years occurred at Peterborough on October 4th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated.

THE INSTITUTE. 8th Oct. 1937

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Village Institute, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. Wood occupying the chair. The accounts for the past year, which were presented, showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The President, vice-presidents, chairman and secretary and treasurer were re-elected, and the following were elected to serve on the committee (quorum to be five): Messrs. Crowley, E. Prior, W. Spolton, E. Smart, W. Britten, P. H. Lee and H. Bridgeford. It was agreed that the Bignell billiards cup competition should be run as last year, and the prize money allocated to the several winners. Mr. E. Prior was re-appointed caretaker, and was granted an honorarium for his services during the past 12 months. It was decided that there should be no alteration in the hours the Institute should be open, that the minimum age for members should be lowered to 15 years, that two teams should be entered for the Cottenham Billiards League, and that a darts board should be obtained. It was stated that during the past year a new set of billiard balls and new cues had been provided, and that new lino had been laid on the floor of the billiard room.

SWAVESEY AND IMPINGTON COLLEGES. 12th Oct. 1937

Cambs. Education Committee meeting.

The sub-committee also received the following letter from the Board of Education:-

The Board have given careful consideration to the authority's proposals for the reorganisation of the Swavesey-Cottenham-Histon district, and in view of the scattered nature of the population they are prepared to approve in principle the authority's proposal to provide for the seniors of the western end of it by building a new village college at Swavesey, subject to satisfaction of the requirements of Sections 18 and 19 of the Education Act, 1921.

The Board also agree with the authority's decision that it is desirable that Impington Village College should be erected as soon as possible.

The Board note that the authority are proposing to make attendance at Impington Village College optional for the senior children of Cottenham. They are of opinion that it would have been educationally more satisfactory to have provided for the whole of the Cottenham senior children at Impington. They appreciate, however, the authority's desire, in view of local feeling, to proceed tentatively, and therefore do not propose to take exception to an optional alternative for the time being.

The Chairman remarked that it was expected that the tenders would be received in the next week or two.

FOR LAND SETTLEMENT CHILDREN.

Regarding Fen Drayton Council and Swavesey Council Schools, the sub-committee received the report of a special sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman (Councillor A. R. Fordham) and Councillor P. J. Watts, who visited these two schools on 11th June, 1937, together with a report of the Buildings Sub-Committee, with regard to the accommodation of the Land Settlement children at Fen Drayton.

It was resolved (1) that, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, a temporary timber-framed classroom be erected on the site of the recently demolished teacher's house at Fen Drayton Council School at an estimates cost of £250, and that the expenditure be met from the amount of £500 included in the estimates for improvements to Council schools; (2) that Councillor Watts be asked to interview the owner of orchard land behind Fen Drayton School, and to report to the sub-committee as to the possibility of purchasing land for an extension of the playground and possible permanent extensions to the school premises, and (3) that the hire of the Memorial Hall at Swavesey be continued in order to provide temporary accommodation for the senior children at Swavesey Council School, and that one of the rooms at the old school be fitted up as simply as possible for classes in woodwork and domestic subjects.

The sub-committee received a letter from the Board of Education giving approval to the erection of a timber-framed classroom to provide additional accommodation, subject to the provision of additional offices.

It was resolved that a further report be made to the sub-committee at their next meeting regarding the acquisition of a piece of land at the back of the school as a site for new offices and an extension of the playground.

The sub-committee confirmed the acceptance of the tender of Papworth Industries, Limited, for £246 6s., for the erection of the timber-framed classroom.

BRIGHT HOUR. 15th Oct. 1937

There was a good attendance at the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday when a helpful address was given by Miss Atkinson. Miss Easter, who was the accompanist, also gave a reading. Next week the first of the monthly "at homes" will be held.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th Oct. 1937

There was an excellent attendance at the opening meeting of the winter session of the Young People's Fellowship, which was held in Bethel Baptist Church Schoolroom last week, when the Rev. A. Tilling (president) gave the address. At this week's meeting the address was given by Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, who took as his subject "The thought of prayer." The Rev. A. Tilling was in the chair, and Mr. T. Carter was the soloist. The speaker next week will be Mrs. Letch, of Over.

GROUP MEETING. 15th Oct. 1937

The fourth group meeting of the Willingham, Over, Longstanton, Fen Drayton and Swavesey branches of the British Legion held in Swavesey Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was attended by a good number of members. Mr. R. Barwell was in the chair. An interesting address was given by Major Newton Phillips (area vice-president) followed by an explanatory talk on, and outline of, the air raid precaution scheme by Capt. Abbey. Mr. W. A. Diver, county hon. secretary, gave a brief survey of the work done respecting pensions, and cited a few cases where applications had been successful. It was generally agreed that these group meetings were instructive, and members were urged, for their own benefit, to attend them as frequently as possible.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Oct. 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, opened with the singing of the "Music Makers." The President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was in the chair. The Treasurer (Mrs. Canham) gave a statement of accounts, and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Laverack gave interesting reports of the autumn council meeting, at which they were delegates in place of Mrs. Froment, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Harvey, who deputised for Mrs. Humphrey, then gave an interesting talk on "Cookery for to-morrow," with a number of useful recipes. After a round table conference on the 1938 programme, dancing brought the happy evening to a close. Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Lee were the tea hostesses.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th Oct. 1937

The harvest festival was held at the Parish Church on Thursday week and on Sunday. On Thursday the day opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. There was a fairly good congregation at evensong at 7 p.m., when the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "Ye shall dwell in the land," and the Rev. J. A. V. Wallace, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Chesterton, was the special preacher. On Sunday the services were: Holy Communion (with hymns) at 8 a.m., mattins with sermon at 10.30 a.m., followed by a celebration of Holy Communion, children's gift service and baptisms at 3 p.m., and evensong with sermon by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m. The church was, as usual, beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., which were afterwards sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital; the collections, except that at the children's service, were for the church maintenance and choir funds. The children's gifts have been sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home in Cambridge, and the offertory at their service to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.

WEDDING. 15th Oct. 1937

The Vicar, Rev. C. C. Dickson, officiated at the marriage at the parish church on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Covell Thomas Bishop, son of Mrs. H. Carter, of Swavesey, and the late Mr. Thos. Bishop, and Miss Constance Annie Dring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dring, of Melbourne-place, St. Ives. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ankle length dress of white satin, with veil and halo of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Misses Sylvia, Joyce and Rosemary Carter (step-sisters of the bridegroom). The two elder maids wore dresses of pink silk, and carried sheaves of bronze chrysanthemums and fern, while the youngest was in green silk and carried a posy of mixed flowers. All wore headdresses of forget-me-nots. Mr. Douglas Wagstaff was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where a large number of guests were entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, who were the recipients of many useful presents, will reside in the Ramper-road, Swavesey.

BRITISH LEGION. 15th Oct. 1937

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, the Rev. C. C. Dickson presiding over a good attendance. The hon. secretary gave a good report of the year's progress, and the hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a substantial balance in hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. C. C. Dickson; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. F.

Norman, W. Northill, C. S. Hepher, C. Hand and H. Topham; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Crowley; secretary, Mr. Lee; treasurer, Mr. A. J. Willson; auditors, Messrs. Turner and Topham; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; deputy, Mr. F. Causer; delegate to county committee, Mr. Jas. Prior. It was decided to hold the members' social on November 20th, and the annual dinner on January 26th. It was also agreed that the branch should enter for the President's cricket competition, and that friendly fixtures should be arranged with other teams; and further that remembrance services should be held in the Memorial Hall and the Parish Church as in previous years. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and the retiring hon. secretary and treasurer for their services during the year just ended.

DARTS. 22nd Oct. 1937

The Rising Sun Dart Club was entertained by the C.U. and C.S. at their club on Thursday week, and after a very enjoyable evening the Cambridge players were the winners by four games to one.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Oct. 1937

Mr. Canham took the chair at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Mrs. Letch, of Over, gave an address on "Prayer," and Miss Easter also gave a reading. There was an excellent attendance. Dr. Basil Atkinson, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 22nd Oct. 1937

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received with grateful thanks the following sums from Over: £3 3s. parish church harvest thanksgiving; £5 5s., trustees of the Over Town Lands; £1 10s., Baptist Chapel harvest thanksgiving.

WHIST DRIVE. 22nd Oct. 1937

Nine tables were in play at the qualifying whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week in connection with the W.I. County Federation tournament. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Medcalf, booby, Mrs. Clark; gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mrs. Bullen (playing as gentleman), booby, Mr. F. Martin. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C.

FOR THE BLIND. 22nd Oct. 1937

A whist drive, organised by Mrs. Hind, in aid of Cambridgeshire blind, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 11½ tables being in play. The

prizewinners were: Highest score for the evening, Mr. Brooks (190); ladies, Miss E. Holiday, Mrs. C. Symonds; gentlemen, Mr. D. Brooks, Mr. S. Clark; knock-out, Mrs. Holliday and Mr. Jellings. The proceed amounted to £2 17s. 6d. Mr. W. Hind officiated as M.C.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 22nd Oct. 1937

The first of the monthly "at homes" in connection with the Women's Bright Hour, which was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon, was very well attended. The proceedings were of an informal nature, members contributing to the programme. A cup of tea was enjoyed during the interval, Mrs. Savage acting as hostess. Mrs. J. Day and Mrs. A. Prior gave readings, Mrs. Savage, sen., and Mrs. Laverack recited. There will be no meeting next week on account of the pastor's fourth anniversary on the following day, Oct. 28th.

THE NEW STATIONMASTER. 22nd Oct. 1937

Mr. T. Dawson, stationmaster at Six-Mile-Bottom, has been appointed stationmaster at Swavesey in succession to Mr. W. A. Cox, who is shortly leaving on promotion to stationmaster at Black Bank, near Ely, with charge of Chettisham station and Pymoor sidings. Mr. Dawson joined the service of the G.N.R. at Clayton, near Bradford, Yorks., in May, 1912, and subsequently served at Bradford, Wakefield Westgate Station, and Ardsley. In August, 1934, he was appointed stationmaster at Six-Mile-Bottom. In the Great War, Mr. Dawson served in the Royal Navy from January, 1916, to January, 1919.

DANCE. 22nd Oct. 1937

The social activities for the winter of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion opened on Saturday evening with a dance in the Memorial Hall. The attendance was not up to expectations, especially considering the good dance band which had been engaged for the occasion, but those who were present had a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Lee acted as M.C., and Messrs. Skelton and Willson were on the door. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt. Dance music was supplied by Audrey and her Ladies' Orchestra. Thanks were tendered by the M.C. to the patrons for their support, which, he said, was much appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Oct. 1937

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hopher, B. Hodson, R.

Mitham, and A. P. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). A letter from the Chesterton Rural District Council respecting the proposal of the County Council to close the Isolation Hospital at Oakington, all infectious cases from the rural district in future to be treated at the Borough Isolation Hospital in Mill-road, Cambridge, gave rise to a long discussion, and eventually, on the motion of Mr. A. P. Payne, seconded by Mr. C. Dean, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should support the Rural District Council's opposition to the scheme. At the meeting of the Council in July permission was granted the Coronation Celebrations Committee to erect three swings on the Recreation Ground for the use of children. The committee now found that their surplus funds were not sufficient to provide swings, and they asked to be allowed instead to give an extra seat, the cost of fixing it to be borne by the Council. Mr. Cole proposed, and Mr. Burton seconded, that the offer of a seat be accepted, provided the committee paid the cost of erection. Mr. F. Hepher moved as an amendment that the seat be accepted, and that the cost of its erection by borne by the Council. Mr. Payne seconded. Three councillors voted for the amendment and two for Mr. Cole's proposition. The amendment was, therefore, declared carried. Mr. Payne called attention to the dilapidated condition of some of the old parish water supply pumps, and the Clerk undertook to see the Sanitary Inspector in the matter. Before the meeting closed it was unanimously decided that a further application should be made for the imposition of a speed limit through the village.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 29th Oct. 1937

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Dr. Basil Atkinson, of Cambridge, was the speaker. Mrs. Tilling was in the chair, and a duet was sung by Misses G. Dodson and L. Brand. Next week's meeting will be conducted by Mr. F. T. Varney, of the Caravan Mission for Village Children.

OBITUARY. 29th Oct. 1937

The announcement of the death of Mr. Tom Williams, of High-street, Swavesey, was received with great regret by his many friends in the village. He was taken ill while on a visit to Clare College Farm, Lolworth, where he passed away on Sunday night, aged 76 years. The funeral took place at Swavesey Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE. 29th Oct. 1937

The annual local meeting in connection with Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on the 21st inst., the Rev. C.

C. Dickson presiding. There was a very small attendance. The hon. treasurer presented his report, which showed that during the year ended the 30th September contributions amounting to £139 14s. 9d. had been paid in. The Rev. C. C. Dickson was again elected chairman for the ensuing year. All of the other officers were also re-elected.

ADVERT. 5th Nov. 1937

HAVE YOU TRIED PRIVATE CHRISTMAS CARDS with your own name and address inside? – Lee has three books from which to choose. Ask to see them.

CYCLISTS ON FOOTPATH. 5th Nov. 1937

Pedestrians are complaining that they are being forced into the roadway, or run the risk of being knocked down by cyclists riding on the kerbed footpath, especially between the old school and the shops in High-street.

DARTS. 5th Nov. 1937

The return match between the Rising Sun, Swavesey, and the King William the Fourth, Fenstanton, Darts Clubs, played at Swavesey on Tuesday, was won by the home team by four to two, and was their first success since the club was formed.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 5th Nov. 1937

The fourth anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. A. Tilling as minister of Bethel Baptist Church was observed on Thursday week. The Rev. Dr. T. F. Ellis, of Felixstowe, conducted the afternoon service, and gave a practical address on the "Necessity of prayer," based on Genesis iv., 26. A public tea followed in the schoolroom, efficiently served by a willing band of lady workers. The evening service, which was under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. A. Ashby, of Langley, near Slough, opened with prayer, and the Scripture read by Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over. Greetings were read from the Odiham Baptist Church, Hants., and the Rev. R. D. Browne, of Waltham Cross. Mr. Ashby gave an encouraging address on the presence of God at all times (I Kings xx., 23), and Dr. Ellis spoke helpfully upon the "Final Perseverance of the Saints." The offerings during the day were for the Pastor. On Sunday, Mr. F. T. Varney, of the Caravan Mission to Village Children, commenced a fourteen days' campaign, and helpful, well-attended meetings are being held every night.

THE LATE MR. T. WILLIAMS. 5th Nov. 1937

The funeral of Mr. Tom Williams, son of the late Mr. John Williams, farmer, of Swavesey, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Thursday week, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the Rev. H. R. C. Lovell (Rector of Lolworth) officiating. During the service the hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Abide with me" were sung, and the Nunc Dimittis chanted. Mrs. S. C. Hepher was at the organ. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Tom Williams (widow), Mrs. R. Dawson, Cleethorpes, Miss Williams, Grimsby (daughters), Miss Amy Williams, Cambridge (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. John Mitham, Mrs. Horace Corbett (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. F. Hemington, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding, Mrs. F. Mitham (nephews and nieces). The plain oak coffin bore the inscription: "Tom Williams, died 24th October, 1937, aged 76 years." Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

100 YEARS AGO. (FROM CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE, 18th NOV, 1837)

12th Nov. 1937

Swavesey Inclosure.

Notice is hereby given that application is intended to be made in the next session of Parliament for leave to bring in a Bill for Dividing, Allotting and Inclosing the Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, Common Pastures, Commons and other Commonable Lands and Waste Grounds in the parish of Swavesey, in the County of Cambridge. And notice is hereby also given that it is intended to raise money for defraying the expenses of the said Inclosure by a Rate on the Proprietors of the lands to be inclosed, or by some other means to be provided for by the said Bill.

OBITUARY. 12th Nov. 1937

We have to record the death of Mrs. Eleanor Mary Johnson, wife of Mr. Walter Johnson, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, and formerly of Fen Drayton, who passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, aged 71 years. The funeral will take place at Fen Drayton Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 12th Nov. 1937

There was a good attendance at the Women's Bright Hour held in Bethel Schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Varney, of the "Caravan Mission to Village Children," the subject of his

address being, "He saved others, Himself He could not save." Miss Ekins, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

AN INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT. 12th Nov. 1937

The Girl Guides' concert, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, opened with the song "Music Makers," sung by the company, after which Guide Barbara Mitham gave a recitation and Guide Jean Messenger danced. Sketches were performed during the evening by the three Patrols, "O Jemima," by the Lily of the Valley Patrol (Patrol Leader L. Key and Guides M. Key, O. Nightingale, A. Northill, P. Hephher); "Slightly Mixed," by the Kingfisher Patrol (Patrol Leader M. Shepperson and Guides M. Mitham, O. Froment, R. Shepperson, J. Ivatt); and "False Alarms," by the Robin Patrol (Patrol Leader J. Hephher and Guides J. Mitham, A. Shepperson, J. Smith, M. Wagstaff, J. Williams and J. Messenger). Lieutenant L. Hephher and Patrol Leader J. Hephher sang and also played a duet, and Patrol Leaders M. Shepperson and L. Key acted a duologue entitled "The Burglar." The programme closed with a "camp fire." The proceeds were in aid of Company Funds.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Nov. 1937

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, occupying the chair. The proceedings opened with the singing of "The Music Makers," after which the members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of a much-respected member, Mrs. Thorp, who had passed away. Arrangements were made for a jumble sale at the President's house on November 23rd, and also for a whist drive on the same day, and members were reminded of the birthday party to be held on November 16th. Nominations were taken for 1938 committee. Mrs. Hephher then gave a helpful talk on handicraft, showing some beautiful examples of the work and urging members to try to do something for 1938 Handicraft Exhibition. A class was formed and Mrs. Hephher offered to teach members some of the beautiful work. Mrs. Laverack followed with a demonstration of the making of thrift rugs, after which tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. G. Oakman, and Mrs. Nightingale. The competition for the best jar of fruit was judged by Mrs. Williamson, who awarded the prize to Mrs. S. Carrier. During the social half-hour, a competition, making most words in ten minutes out of the word "Swavesey" caused great fun, the winners being: Mrs. G. Crouch (36 words) and Mrs. Sharpe (27). The game of two's and three's and a dance brought the evening

to a close. After the sick fund expenses had been taken out of the collection enough remained for a small Garden of Remembrance.

THE LATE MRS. WALTER THORP. 12th Nov. 1937

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Thorp, widow of the late Mr. Walter Thorp, who passed away on November 5th, after several months of great suffering, aged 69 years, took place at the Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar and the choir. During the service the 90th Psalm was chanted, and the hymns "How bright those glorious spirits shine" and "There is a land of pure delight" were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Wayman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jellings, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brooks (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. B. Prior (sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. Warboys, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Warboys (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pontefract, Miss A. Joyce (Conington), Mrs. J. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Daldry (Cambridge), with Mrs. Cooksey and 18 members of the Mothers' Union and Mrs. C. S. Hepher and 25 members of the Women's Institute.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. 12th Nov. 1937

Twenty-four members of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion paraded on the Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoon under the command of the chairman (Mr. R. Barwell) and headed by the branch standard marched to the Memorial Hall, where a united service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the Baptist minister (Rev. A. Tilling). Among the large congregation were the Swavesey company of Girl Guides. During the service the roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who made the great sacrifice was recited by Mr. Barwell, after which the "Last Post" was sounded by Mr. H. Bishop. An address was given by the Vicar. The hymns "O God our help in ages past," "O valiant hearts," and "All people that on earth do dwell" were sung, Mrs. C. S. Hepher playing the pianoforte accompaniment. The service concluded with the National Anthem. A collection was taken for Earl Haig's Fund which amounted to £1 5s. 10d. A wreath of laurel and poppies was hung below the roll of honour, in the lobby of the hall.

The large congregation at evensong at the Parish Church included 32 ex-servicemen, all of whom, except three or four who were in the choir, paraded at the churchyard gates, and, headed by the British Legion standard, marched thence into the church. The service was conducted by the Vicar who in his sermon spoke of some of his personal experiences while serving as a chaplain with the British Army in France. After the sermon the Vicar read the roll of

the 26 men of Swavesey who died in the War and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. Bishop. During the service the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "What are these" (Stainer), and the hymns included "The Son of God goes forth to war," "Onward Christian soldiers," "O valiant hearts" and "Hark! The sound of Holy voices." The National Anthem was sung after the Blessing. The offertory in aid of Lord Haig's Fund amounted to £3 2s. 6d.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 19th Nov. 1937

Twenty-two passengers were booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station by the day excursion to London on Saturday.

DANCE. 19th Nov. 1937

An enjoyable dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. The attendance was very satisfactory. The dance music was supplied by Cyril Ellis and his band, of Great Eversden, and their playing left nothing to be desired. Mr. Lee acted as M.C., and Mr. Skelton was cashier. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt, assisted by Miss Vera Savidge and Messrs. Tom Savage and J. Prior. The proceeds were allocated to the branch funds.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th Nov. 1937

The 9th birthday party of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, each member having the privilege of inviting a friend. The hall was tastefully decorated and was well filled by 7.30 p.m. when the President, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, welcomed the visitors. The evening's programme included dancing, games and competitions, and a sketch entitled "Remedies" performed by members. During an interval refreshments were served by the committee, and Mr. G. Prior took this opportunity to express thanks to the W.I. on behalf of the visitors. The birthday cake presented by the President was cut by the oldest member, Mrs. S. Hephher, each person receiving a piece. Mrs. Lee then presented the President with an art jug filled with flowers from members of the committee as a small token of their appreciation of her work during the year. After this came the birthday parcel filled with little gifts for various people present. The parcel was opened by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Smith. The rest of the evening was spent in games, dancing, etc., for which Claude Whitham's Band provided the music. At 11.45 p.m. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought the happy party to an end. Competition prizes were won by the following: On the links, Miss H. Savage and Miss J. Carter; whistling race, Mr. Eric Parish and Miss F.

Kester; waltz, Mr. A. Turner and Miss M. Kester; candle race, Miss S. Carter and Mrs. L. Peters.

THE LATE MRS. WALTER JOHNSON. 19th Nov. 1937

The funeral of Mrs. Eleanor Mary Johnson, wife of Mr. Walter Johnson, of Swavesey, and formerly of Fen Drayton, whose death at the age of 71 years was announced last week, took place at Fen Drayton parish church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. Rowland Hills officiating. During the service the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" and the Nunc Dimittis were sung, and Miss Edith Johnson, who was at the organ, played "The Lord is mindful of His own" and "O rest in the Lord" the latter as the cortege left the church for the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mr. Walter Johnson (husband), Miss Dorothy C. K. Johnson (daughter), Messrs. Reginald W. and Bernard E. Johnson (sons), Mrs. A. J. Johnson and Miss S. E. Hitchcock (sisters), Miss M. M. Johnson and Mrs. G. Butler (nieces), Mr. Sidney Johnson, Oldhurst, and Mr. George Butler (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton, Milton, Mr. Steward Johnson, Miss Emily E. Johnson (cousins). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

ARMISTICE DAY. 19th Nov. 1937

The Two Minutes' Silence on Armistice Day was duly observed in the village. At the Parish Church there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., at which the roll of honour was read by the Vicar, who officiated. There was also a short service at 10.45 a.m. which included the period of silence. On the Memorial Cross in the churchyard there was a large wreath of laurel and poppies from the local branch of the British Legion, and around the base were other floral tributes.

During the day Flanders poppies were sold in the village for the benefit of Earl Haig's Fund.

ADVERT. 26th Nov. 1937

SMOKERS! Don't go to work without your Tobacco and Cigarettes. I am open every morning from 6 – 10 a.m., ready to serve you. – LEE, Swavesey.

ILLNESS OF THE VICAR. 26th Nov. 1937

In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) through illness, the mid-day service at the parish church on Sunday was conducted by Brother Joseph, of St. Ives, and the service in the evening by two students from Westcott House, Cambridge, one of whom gave an address.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 26th Nov. 1937

There was an excellent attendance at last Monday's meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when an interesting talk on missionary work at Yahu-su was given by the Rev. Millman, who has recently returned from the Congo. The Rev. A. Tilling was in the chair. Mr. Cole, of Cottenham, will be the speaker next week.

EARL HAIG'S FUND. 26th Nov. 1937

By the sale of poppies in the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion £19 13s. 7½d. has been raised for Earl Haig's Fund, viz., Swavesey £12 10s. (collectors, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Miss Y. Lee, Miss M. Lee, Mr. N. Lee and Miss G. Froment); Boxworth, £1 16s. 6½d.; Lolworth £1 1s. 3d.; Conington £1 0s. 1d.; Fen Drayton £3 5s. 9d.; total £19 13s. 7½d. To this sum has to be added the collection at Boxworth Church, 14s. 8d., making a grand total of £20 8s. 3½d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 26th Nov. 1937

A successful jumble sale in aid of the funds of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday afternoon at "Estelle" by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Trade was brisk at the stalls, in charge of which were Mrs. R. Hephher, Mrs. S. Hephher, and Mrs. Smith. The sale was followed by a whist drive at which 14 tables were in play. Mr. Berryman acted as M.C. Refreshments were served during the interval by members of the committee. The prize-winners were: Ladies – Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. Ellwood, booby Mrs. R. Thoday (Over), first half highest score Mrs. Nightingale; gentlemen – Mr. G. Froment, Mr. S. Clark, booby Mr. Turner, first half highest score Miss F. Kester (playing as gentleman). A competition, guessing name of a doll, was won by Miss P. Willson. The W.I. funds benefited to the extent of £6 3s. 6d., viz., £1 6s. from the jumble sale, and £4 17s. 6d. from the whist drive.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 26th Nov. 1937

The 1st Swavesey Company Girls' Life Brigade held their annual open meeting and prize distribution on Thursday week in Bethel Schoolroom. The proceedings commenced with the Brigade hymn, "Our G.L.B. shall ever" and prayer offered by the Chaplain, Rev. A. Tilling, who was in the chair. After a short address by the chairman, and a recitation by Mr. Parish, an admirable display of Swedish drill was given by a few of the senior members. The programme also included recitations by Rose Carter, Mabel Hodson and Joyce Carter, two action songs by the company, and a sketch "A Companion for Life" performed by R. Bath, O. Isgrove, M. Britten and E. Loades. An

address was also given by the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, on a few thoughts suggested by an amber necklace. After the presentation of the awards won by the girls during the past year, the singing of "O Master, when Thou callest" concluded the programme.

BRITISH LEGION. 26th Nov. 1937

An enjoyable evening was spent when the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion held their annual members' social and re-union on Saturday. There was a large attendance of members, their wives and children from Boxworth, Fen Drayton and Swavesey, cars being provided for the members living outside the village, thanks to the kindness of Messrs. Barwell, Topham and C. S. Hephher. The programme for the evening included dancing, games for the children arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, songs by Messrs. Topham and J. Prior, and a sketch by Mr. Lee's company, entitled "Schoolboy Howlers." Much amusement was also caused by the antics of Messrs. Tom Savage and H. Prime, one of whom wore a mortar-board and the other a low bowler hat. Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt, assisted by Miss V. Savidge, were in charge of the refreshments, which were carried round by willing helpers. Dance music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his band. Thanks were tendered by the Chairman of the branch (Mr. R. Barwell) to all who had helped to make the social such a success. The evening was brought to a close about 11.30 with the singing of the National Anthem.

50 YEARS AGO, (WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 9th, 1887) 3rd Dec. 1937 Swavesey Allotments.

An application by the labourers of the parish of Swavesey for allotments having been made to the St. Ives Sanitary Committee, according to the provisions of the Allotments Act, the Committee appointed the Rev. C. F. Shaw and Mr. T. W. Carter as their deputies, and they called a meeting in the National School to consider the question. There was a good attendance of farmers and labourers. The Rev. T. G. L. Lushington was voted to the chair. The Rev. C. F. Shaw explained the Act, and invited the labourers to ask questions for further information. After a short discussion, in which Mr. W. Cole, sen., Dr. Ellis and Mr. A. W. Richmond took part, it was decided to apportion Galon's Charity land in the Hale and a field of Mr. Fowler's adjoining, the Feoffees of the charity and Mr. Fowler agreeing to let their land, and the labourers being content to wait until proper notice could be given to the present occupiers.

SWAVESEY ROADMAN'S COLLAPSE. 3rd Dec. 1937

Dismounted from Cycle and Died.

Mr. George Wilson Hephher, 72, of School-lane, Swavesey, County Council roadman, when returning after breakfast on Monday to his work in Fen Drayton road, was seen by Mr. Alexander Kester to dismount from his bicycle, walk a few yards, and then collapse on the grass verge.

Dr. Hart, of Swavesey, who was at once sent for, pronounced life extinct.

The matter was reported to the Coroner, who ordered a post mortem examination, as a result of which it was decided that no inquest was necessary.

ADVERT. 3rd Dec. 1937

DOLLS (reduced prices), Toys, Games, Plush and Fur Animals and Bon-Bons, will this year be on show at our Market-street Store. Christmas Cards are now ready at LEE's, Swavesey.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 3rd Dec. 1937

There was a good attendance at the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. The meeting was led by Mrs. W. Savage, sen., who also gave a helpful address on Psalm 55. Miss Easter will be the speaker next week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 3rd Dec. 1937

Mr. Coles, of Cottenham, was the speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mr. G. Laverack was in the chair, and also sang a solo to violin and piano accompaniment. There was an excellent attendance. Mr. G. Laverack will be the speaker next week.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd Dec. 1937

The social, arranged by the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was a great success. There was a very large attendance, and all spent a most enjoyable evening. Claude Whitham and his Band supplied the dance music, and the entertainment items were contributed by Mrs. Leigh, the Three Knibs, Eddie and Jack, and Mr. Bill Lee. There were three sketches, entitled "Proverbs," "Harbour Lights," and "Harmonious House Hunting"; also songs, duets, and duologues. These items were interspersed by dancing. Mr. B. Lee, in giving his impression of "Mr. Ramsbottom," was very amusing. During the interval the thanks of the Branch were tendered by Mr. J. Prior to their friends from Bourn for coming over to give their items for the benefit of the British Legion. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. B. Lee, the ladies serving

refreshments, their helpers, and all who, by their efforts, had contributed to the success of the evening. The proceeds were in aid of Branch funds.

PARISH CHURCH. 3rd Dec. 1937

The services at the parish church last Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. C. Moule, Professor of the Chinese Language and History, Cambridge, and late Vicar of Trumpington. On Tuesday (St. Andrew's Day) the Rector of Boxworth (Rev. C. G. Poynder) officiated at evensong, and on next Sunday and the following seven Sundays the services will be taken by the Rev. H. Williams, of Cambridge.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. A. COX. 3rd Dec. 1937

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Railway Station on Tuesday afternoon, when gifts, in the form of a case of pipes, tobacco, set of brushes, and an Eversharp pencil, were handed to the stationmaster, Mr. Cox, on his departure from Swavesey, owing to his promotion to the stationmastership of Black Bank. Mr. Chapman, senior clerk, who presided over the gathering, voiced the feelings of all present in expressing the pleasure all felt at Mr. Cox's promotion, whilst at the same time regretting that they were losing him. He emphasised the spirit of helpful comradeship which had existed amongst them during Mr. Cox's stay at Swavesey.

CAMBS. BABY'S DEATH. 3rd Dec. 1937

Succumbs to Head Injury.

Injured by a piece of metal on Sunday evening, a 20-months old Cambs. baby died in Addenbrooke's Hospital shortly after admission.

The child was Dennis Oakman, whose parents live at School-lane, Swavesey. It is understood that a metal object thrown up into the air accidentally fell on the baby's head.

The inquest has not yet been arranged.

TRAGEDY OF IRON BAR. 3rd Dec. 1937

How Cambs. Baby Was Fatally Hurt.

How a Cambs. baby was fatally injured, while at play, by an iron bar let fall by his brother was described at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday.

The inquest, held by the Borough Coroner, Mr. W. R. Wallis, was on Dennis Oakman, aged 19 months, of School-lane, Swavesey.

George Oakman, of School-lane, Swavesey, a petrol roller driver, employed by the Cambs. County Council, gave evidence of identification.

His wife, Gladys May Oakman, of the same address, said that on Saturday morning three of her children, including Dennis, were out at play near the house. They were burning rubbish. Her fourth son, Keith, was holding a piece of iron, a bedstead bar (produced).

Raymond, another son, subsequently brought Dennis into the house. There was a small wound on the side of his head. Witness sent for the doctor and the nurse.

CHILD BECAME UNCONSCIOUS.

The child seemed restless that night, and witness lifted him into her bed. Next morning he had a fit and became unconscious. She sent for the doctor again and he told her to send the child straight to hospital.

The next witness was Dennis's 12-years-old brother, Raymond. He said that while he and his brothers were playing round a small bonfire, Keith, who was holding the bar of iron referred to – one end of it being on the ground and the other in his hand – said he would go and fetch some more paper. He let the bar fall and it struck Dennis's head.

He was certain that Keith did not lift the bar off the ground before dropping it. He did not see if Dennis was bending forward.

Dr. G. A. Hart, house surgeon at Addenbrooke's, said that Dennis was unconscious when admitted. The brain was injured. An operation was performed and the wound explored. There was a punctured wound which had pierced the skin and the skull bone. The brain was lacerated. The cause of death was cerebral laceration. The head was pierced to a depth of about an inch.

The Coroner said that from the evidence Dennis must have been leaning forward at the time the accident happened, otherwise the height of the child and of the bar did not correspond at all.

He returned a verdict of "Accidental death," from cerebral laceration due to an injury to the head.

The funeral is taking place to-day (Friday), at 2.30.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 10th Dec. 1937

At Monday's meeting of Bethel People's Fellowship Mr. G. Laverack gave a helpful address on "Judas," and also sang a solo. Miss L. Brand was in the chair. There was a good attendance. Pastor Crees, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CHILD. 10th Dec. 1937

The funeral of Dennis Oakman, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Oakman, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on November 28th, took place

at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. G. Poynder, Rector of Boxworth, officiating. During the service the hymn "There's a friend for little children" was sung, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. C. S. Hephher. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Oakman (parents), Raymond and Neville Oakman (brothers), Joyce Carter (nursemaid), Mr. E. Oakman and Mr. H. Holmes (grandfathers), Mr. A. Holmes (uncle), Mrs. P. Clowes, Mrs. G. Crouch, Mrs. F. Seymour (aunts), Mrs. A. Whybrow, Mrs. C. Savage, Mrs. H. Carter (great aunts), Mrs. H. Unwin (godfather). Mr. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE HEPHER. 10th Dec. 1937

The funeral of Mr. George Wilson Hephher, County Council roadman, of School-lane, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. G. Poynder, rector of Boxworth. A report of Mr. Hephher's sudden death on the roadside when returning to work after breakfast appeared in the "Independent Press and Chronicle" last week. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hephher (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. King (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. Hephher (son), Misses Phyllis and Jean Hephher (grand-daughters), Messrs. William Hephher, S. Hephher and F. Hephher (brothers), Mrs. S. Hephher, Mrs. F. Hephher and Mrs. D. Prime (sisters-in-law), Mr. J. Hephher, Mrs. W. Impey, Mrs. J. Hephher, Miss Mary Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kester, Mr. A. Prime, Mr. Stanley Prime, Mrs. F. Hayward, Mrs. C. Parish, Miss M. Prime, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. W. Baker (nephews and nieces). Messrs. G. Day, E. Prior, W. Harvey and W. Kester (County Council roadmen) acted as bearers, and other Council roadmen engaged in kerbing work in the village stood bare-headed by the roadside as the cortege passed the school on its way to the church. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

EXCURSIONS TO LONDON. 17th Dec. 1937

Twelve passengers booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station on Saturday by the evening excursion to London, and seven by the half-day excursion on Sunday.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 17th Dec. 1937

The distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick Benefit and Share-out Club will take place this (Friday) evening, when each member will receive 15s. 10d. During the year £17 18s 4d. has been paid out in sick benefit.

CAROLS. 17th Dec. 1937

Carols will be sung in the village streets next Wednesday evening from Boxworth End to the School, and on Friday evening from the School to Church End. The collection which will be taken en route will be divided between the District Nursing Association and Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Y.P.F. 17th Dec. 1937

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the address was given by Pastor Crees, of Over. The chair was taken by Mr. G. E. Canham. Mr. Cyril Day, of Boxworth, will be the speaker next week.

BRIGHT HOUR. 17th Dec. 1937

The Women's Bright Hour had a happy "at home" meeting on Wednesday, in which several friends took part, including the President, the Rev. A. Tilling, who spoke on "The Wise Men." The next meeting will be on January 5th, when Pastor P. H. Crees will be the speaker.

DANCE. 17th Dec. 1937

A very enjoyable dance was held by the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a fair attendance. The music was supplied by Audrey's Ladies' Dance Orchestra, whose programme, which included a selection of old-time music, comprising veleta, waltz and polka, was much appreciated. During the evening one of the ladies of the band played selections on her piano accordion. Another feature was the twilight waltz. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt and Miss V. Savidge, assisted by many willing helpers. Mr. Skelton was in attendance at the door and Mr. Tom Savage inside.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th Dec. 1937

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the chair being taken by the president, Mrs. C. S. Hepher. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Mine ain countree," after which the accounts for the year were read by Mrs. Hepher as the treasurer, Mrs. Canham, was unable to be present. These showed a good balance in hand. The president took this opportunity to thank the officers, Committee and members for all they had done to help to make the year a success. Mrs. Pemberton then gave an instructive talk on "Co-operation," for which she was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Godfrey. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. E. Prior and Miss Melbourne. The result of the ballot for the new committee was announced,

the following being elected: Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. G. Froment (vice-president), Mrs. L. Godfrey, Mrs. Heasman, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (president), Miss L. Hephher, Mrs. J. Kester, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Lee (vice-president), Mrs. F. Marten, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. Williamson, Miss P. Willson. The tellers, Mr. U. Thixton and Mr. Pontefract, were thanked by Mrs. Lee. The social half hour was spent in singing carols which were effectively mimed by members of the committee. Before the meeting concluded the President wished the members a very happy Christmas, and Mrs. Lee took this opportunity to thank Mrs. Hephher and Mrs. Laverack for the work they had done for the Institute during the year.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 17th Dec. 1937

The annual sale of work for the benefit of the funds of the Parish Church was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, the Rural Dean (Rev. F. G. Weston) performing the opening ceremony. The various stalls, etc., were under the charge of the following: Work stall, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. G. Burling and Mrs. C. S. Hephher; crockery, Mrs. Harry Wells and Mrs. E. J. Mitham; pound stall, Mrs. W. J. Hephher and Mrs. S. Mitham; fancy stall, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. H. Prime; missionary stall, Miss E. J. Linford and Miss G. Froment. Competitions: Bagatelle, Miss J. Prior (won by Master B. Prior); observation test, Mr. N. Lee (won by Mrs. W. J. Hephher); beads and bent pins, Mrs. F. Causer (won by Miss G. Thorpe); weight of cake, Miss P. Hephher and Miss Yvonne Froment (won by Mrs. Hodson); charm in plum pudding, Miss Joan Hephher (won by Miss G. Froment); weight of box of chocolates, Miss J. Mitham (won by Mr. Lawfield and Miss B. Mitham). Teas were served by Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. J. Daintree, Mrs. Pettit and Mrs. R. Mitham. In the evening there was an excellent concert arranged by Miss Emilie Lewis.

SWAVESEY MAN FINED £20. 17th Dec. 1937

Condemned Meat Prosecution.

“FOR DOGS AT CAXTON KENNELS.”

Heavy penalties were imposed on a Swavesey slaughterer by the Cambs. Divisional Justices on Saturday.

In this case Capt. F. Johnson did not adjudicate.

Defendant was R. W. , High-street, Swavesey, and the summons alleged that he had in his possession meat for the purpose of sale, or of preparation for sale, and intended for the food of man, the meat having been lawfully seized and adjudged diseased and unfit and condemned, and ordered to be destroyed. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. W. H. Kester prosecuted on behalf of the Inspector of Nuisances of Chesterton Rural District Council, and Dr. S. J. Peters, M.P., was for the defendant.

Eric Benjamin Newman, sanitary inspector, in the employ of the Chesterton Rural District Council, said that on November 2nd he went to defendant's premises on a routine visit. A cow had been slaughtered, and was in the process of being dressed. It was diseased, and he detained it for a further inspection.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Later in the day he condemned the whole carcase and all the offal because of tuberculosis. Another inspector and N., defendant's slaughterman, were present. He told N. of his decision and left the carcase for defendant to see.

He received a message by telephone from defendant at 4.45 p.m. He said he had seen the carcase and agreed that it was not fit for food. He asked if he might keep it and sell it to a knacker, as he might get £1 or £2 for it. Witness told defendant that there would be no objection, provided he told him where the carcase had gone.

On November 3rd he went to Mr. Munn's knackery at Fen Stanton and found there was no trace of the hindquarters. As a result he returned to defendant's premises. No one was there. He could find no trace of the hindquarters. N. arrived and there was a conversation. N. said that all the carcase had gone to Munns', and that he saw it all go. He denied all knowledge of the whereabouts of the rest of the carcase. He also said that he was working until 8 p.m. on November 2nd, and was there at 7 a.m. on the 3rd. He did not know where the hindquarters were.

HINDQUARTERS IN GARAGE.

About 4 p.m. he went back to Swavesey and at 4.30 saw defendant. He said the carcase went to Mr. Munns', and that all of it went. He told defendant that the hindquarters did not arrive there, but he maintained the whole carcase went. Defendant eventually admitted that he had the hindquarters, and showed them in the rear of a private garage on the other side of the road. The udders had been removed, and the meat had been trimmed up just as it would be for sale. They were the same hindquarters. A magistrate was fetched.

W. then told witness he wanted to sell the hindquarters for dogs' meat. He had not mentioned that before. If meat was being used for dogs, it was not treated in the same way.

The meat was later destroyed.

Cross-examined, witness did not agree that at Caxton dog kennels it would be necessary to use dressed meat. He had known "rough stuff" to be used there.

Defendant concealed where the meat was; he (witness) did not know who put the hindquarters in the garage.

Peter Frank King, assistant sanitary inspector to Chesterton Rural District Council, gave evidence that on November 2nd he went to defendant's slaughterhouse at 7.30 p.m. He saw Mr. Munns' lorry there and saw the forequarters being loaded. The remainder was in the slaughterhouse. He told defendant all the beast must be removed, and Freeman said if witness went into his premises the next day he would see the whole lot in the boiling pot.

William Freeman, employee of Mr. Munns, a knacker, said that he went to defendant's premises to collect a carcass of beef. Defendant and his man were present. An inspector arrived and said the whole carcass had to go on the lorry. N. cut the forequarters off and put them on the lorry, with the head and the offal. He said, "Leave them to-night, and I will ring you in the morning if I want you to fetch them," referring to the hindquarters.

William Sawyer, butcher, of Sutton, said that he went to defendant's slaughterhouse at 7 a.m. on November 3rd to collect a side of beef. A pair of hindquarters was hanging in the slaughterhouse; it was dressed.

Answering Dr. Peters, witness said that defendant did not attempt to sell him the diseased meat.

"ASKED INSPECTOR ON THE PHONE."

Defendant, in the witness-box, said that Sawyer came to him on November 1st or 2nd to purchase meat. Witness sold him a side of beef, and later told him he had to kill another because an inspector had condemned the meat intended for Sawyer. He asked the inspector on the phone if he could sell the meat for dogs' meat. He told the inspector that he was going to send some of the meat to Caxton.

Witness said he took the hindquarters to the garage about 7.15 a.m. on November 3rd. N. dressed them. When he sold dogs' meat to Caxton Kennels he did not usually dress it. They would trim it up a bit. The meat in question was properly dressed.

On November 2nd he was away all day at Leicester, and when he came back saw the inspector. He told him the hindquarters were in the garage; he did not conceal where the hindquarters were.

He did not offer the meat for sale to anyone. He had sent quite a lot of diseased meat to Caxton Kennels.

In cross-examination, defendant said that the kennels did not order their meat. When he had meat he took it there. He would not have told them it was condemned.

"I don't think the dogs mind if they eat tubercular meat," said defendant.

In further answers, defendant admitted that the meat was not fit for human being to eat. The inspector was telling lies if he said that anything was mentioned over the phone about dogs' meat. He did not hear the inspector say that the whole carcass was to be loaded.

The Chairman (his Honour H. G. Farrant) announced that the magistrates had decided to convict.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

Supt. Allen said that in June, 1933, defendant was charged with moving swine without a licence, and the case was dismissed on payment of costs. In February, 1935, he was fined £5 and 10s. costs for slaughtering certain animals without notifying the local authority. On December 5th, 1936, he was fined £10, expenses, and advocate's fee for exposing for sale certain meat unfit for human consumption. At the same court, for failing to give notice that the animal was diseased or unsound, he was fined £20.

The Chairman: The question arises as to whether his slaughterhouse licence should be revoked.

Mr. Kester said the magistrates had power to revoke the licence and disqualify any portion of the premises used as a registered slaughterhouse. A letter had been received from the defendant by the Council in which he said: "I have given up the butchering business and my son has taken over from December 1st, 1937. Will you please transfer the licence to him?"

If he had thrown the licence in there was no licence attaching to these premises. The position was extremely obscure.

Dr. Peters said the offence had nothing to do with the slaughterhouse. If the licence was taken over by the son the point did not arise.

Defendant was fined £20 and ordered to pay £1 3s. 6d. expenses and £3 3s. advocate's fee. There was no revocation of the licence.

WHITE HORSE CLUB. 24th Dec. 1937

The annual distribution of the White Horse Money Club took place on the 16th inst., when about £160 was paid out to the 66 members. Each full share amounted to 25s.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 24th Dec. 1937

Mr. C. Day gave a helpful address on "Grace" at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday. Miss Leah Spearman led the meeting, and the Rev. A. Tilling sang a solo. There was a good attendance. The next meeting will be held on January 3rd.

CHRISTMAS DAY. 24th Dec. 1937

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, there will be fewer services than usual at the parish church on Christmas Day. They will be as follows: Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., Mattins and Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 24th Dec. 1937

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Charlotte Daisley, of High-street, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Daisley, who passed away on December 17th after a long illness, aged 84 years. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon.

WHIST DRIVE. 24th Dec. 1937

Ten tables were in play at the whist drive held by the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion on Thursday week. Mr. Berryman was M.C., and Mr. Lee was in attendance at the door. The prizes, mostly given by members of the branch, were won by the following: Ladies, Mrs. Nightingale, Mr. Crowley (playing as lady); gentlemen, Mr. Anderson, Mr. N. Lee, Mr. Ted Burton; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. J. Prior. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Barwell. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettett, assisted by many helpers. The proceeds were for the branch funds.

CAROLS. 31st Dec. 1937

The collection made while the carol singers were perambulating the village on Wednesday week and Christmas Eve amounted to £5 11s., and this sum has been equally divided between Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. On Wednesday evening Mr. A. C. Hepher and Mr. Wilfred Parish were the collectors, and on Christmas Eve, Mr. Hepher and Mr. Arthur Kester. The lamp was kindly lent by Mr. G. E. Canham.

PARISH CHURCH. 31st Dec. 1937

For the Christmas festival the parish church was simply, but effectively, decorated with evergreens, etc., and near the font at the western end of the south aisle was an excellent representation of the Holy Crib, the work of Alan Lee, a juvenile member of the choir. On Christmas Day the services were: Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and Mattins at 10.30 a.m., followed by Holy Communion (choral), and on Sunday, Mattins at 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion at 11.45 a.m., children's gift service at 3 p.m., and Evensong and carols at 6.30 p.m. There were 102 communicants on Christmas Day. The services on both days were conducted by the Rev. A. H. Gray, Vice-Principal of Lichfield

Theological Hostel, who will also officiate next Sunday. The children's gifts have been sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home in Cambridge.

THE LATE MRS. S. DAISLEY. 31st Dec. 1937

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Daisley, whose death at the age of 84 years was recorded in our last issue, took place on Wednesday week at the parish church, the Rev. F. G. Weston, Vicar of Over, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. James Daisley (son), Miss Frances Daisley (daughter), Mr. J. Froment (nephew), Mrs. Harry Wells (niece), Mr. John Daisley, Mrs. A. Papworth, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Froment, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding, Mr. Albert Ding, Mrs. Jeffs, Misses M. and F. Ding, Mr. W. Layton, Miss E. Phillips (nephews and nieces), Mrs. D. Robinson, Miss Grace Froment, Mrs. E. Prior (cousins), Mr. Harry Wells (churchwarden). Mr. A. L. Parish represented the managers, and Miss G. V. Thoday the headmaster and staff of the school where the late Mrs. Daisley had been cleaner for sixty years. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

SWAVESEY MEN IN ROAD CRASH. 7th Jan. 1938

Two young men of Swavesey were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the Borough Police Ambulance as a result of a head-on collision between the motor car in which they were travelling and a large lorry on the Huntingdon-road on Wednesday.

They were Mr. Victor Wilderspin, eldest son of Mr. Dick Wilderspin, of High-street, Swavesey, and Mr. Lionel Wood, R.A.F., sergt.-pilot, third son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey school for many years. Mr. Wilderspin was slightly injured and was allowed to leave hospital after treatment, but Mr. Wood was detained.

The collision occurred about 11.30 p.m. midway between the New Inn and King William IV on the Huntingdon-road.

The driver of the lorry, which was owned by J. Slack, haulage contractor, of 60, Bernard-street, Nottingham, was thrown from his cabin into a ditch, but was unhurt. The front of the car and the front wheels of the lorry were extensively damaged.

The lorry, which was laden with timber, blocked a large part of the road for some time afterwards.

NEW YEAR'S EVE. 7th Jan. 1938

In accordance with custom the old year was tolled out and the new year rung in on the bells of the Parish Church.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 7th Jan. 1938

At the first meeting of the new year of the Women's Bright Hour held on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, Pastor Crees, of Over, gave a helpful address on Hebrews xi. 6, and Miss Easter contributed a reading. There was a good attendance. The speaker next week will be Mrs. W. Thixton.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 7th Jan. 1938

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mr. Henry Boyce, who passed away on Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Horace Ellwood, at Boxworth End. He was 81 years of age.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th Jan. 1938

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday, when the speaker was Mr. G. Pibworth, of Fen Drayton. Mr. C. Day was in the chair. A violin solo was rendered by Mr. J. Williams, accompanied on the piano by Mr. G. Day. Next week Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, will be the speaker.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL. 7th Jan. 1938

An enjoyable children's social, arranged by the Parochial Church Council, was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday. Dancing, games and competitions, for which small prizes were given, and excellent refreshments, all kindly provided by friends, were served by Mrs. Wells and members of the Council present. At 8 p.m. the Church Sunday School prizes were presented by Mrs. Cooksey, who complimented the children on their attendance. After a few more games the happy evening was brought to a close with three hearty cheers for the organisers. Mr. Harry Wells (churchwarden) kindly undertook the duty of doorkeeper.

SOCIAL. 7th Jan. 1938

The New Year's social held by the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening was a great success. There were about 140 present. The interior of the hall was seasonably decorated. The programme included an amusing comedy sketch, by Mrs. J. Mitham, Mrs. Y. Martin, Messrs. Reg. Ansell, Reg. Townsend, Ted Harvey, Wilf Martin, and Brother Joseph, another short sketch by members of the Band and Mr. Alan Lee, and a song, entitled "Shake hands with a millionaire," by Mrs. Ivatt. Mr. B. Lee also caused much laughter with his impressions of Mr. Ramsbotham in the army. Games, including candle lighting and a hat race, were much enjoyed, and an

excellent selection of dance music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his Boys. Mr. P. H. Lee was an indefatigable M.C., and Mr. Skelton was in attendance at the door. The refreshments were nicely served by Mesdames Berryman, Turner, J. Prior, and Misses P. Willson and V. Savidge, assisted by willing helpers. The proceeds were in aid of the branch funds.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Jan. 1938

Mr. A. Day took the chair at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, was the speaker. There was a good attendance. The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, will give an address at next week's meeting.

MISSIONARY TEA. 14th Jan. 1938

The annual missionary tea held in the school on Jan. 6th was well attended. Dr. Snell, of the C.M.S., who subsequently gave a lecture, being amongst those present. The ladies responsible for the tea were: Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. W. J. Hepher, Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, and Miss L. M. Hepher in place of Mrs. Dickson. After tea Dr. Snell gave an interesting lantern lecture, most of the slides from the photographs taken of himself dealing with work in Africa. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Snell, on the proposition of Mr. W. J. Hepher, seconded by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey. The collection and the proceeds from the tea amounted to £1 11s. 9d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th Jan. 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening opened with the singing of "Jerusalem," after which the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) welcomed several new members. The annual agenda was discussed, and Mrs. L. Godfrey was chosen as the delegate to attend the annual meeting in Cambridge. The committee for members' night were chosen as follows: Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. Ding, Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Covell, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. Walker. Miss Smith then gave an interesting talk on Cornwall, which was greatly appreciated, as two members had lived in Cornwall. Mrs. G. Froment proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. The competition for the best darn done in 10 minutes was won by Mrs. H. Wright. During the social half-hour, arranged by Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Whybrow, several interesting games were played, and Mrs. G. Hepher won the prize for paper hat making. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Heasman and Mrs. J. Kester, and the hostesses were Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Shepperson, Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Symonds.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 14th Jan. 1938

The funeral of Mr. Henry Boyce, formerly of Woolwich, whose death at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Horace Ellwood, Boxworth End, was recorded in our last issue, took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week, the Rev. Rowland Hills, of Fen Drayton, officiating. During the service the hymn "On the Resurrection morning" was sung, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. C. S. Hephner. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyce (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. E. Downer (daughter), Mr. H. Boyce (son), Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wainwright (step-sons and their wives), Mr. Eric Boyce (grandson), Miss Edna Downer, Miss Joan Wainwright (granddaughters). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons. The late Mr. Boyce, who was 81 years of age, passed away on the 2nd inst., after five weeks' illness. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

DEATH OF AN OLD RAILWAY MAN. 14th Jan. 1938

We have to record the death of Mr. William Whybrow, son of the late Mr. John Whybrow, of Willingham, who passed away at his home, No. 1, Mayleigh, Swavesey, on December 31st, aged 71 years. He had been in failing health for some time. For 36 years he was employed on the G.E.R. and later L.N.E.R. permanent way staff, retiring six and a half years ago. In addition to his widow, he leaves two sons and six daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at Over Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over, assisted by Pastor A. Tilling, of Swavesey, conducting the service during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The mourners were: Mrs. Whybrow (widow), Messrs. William and Ernest Whybrow (sons), Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. Cloughton, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Gower (daughters), Mr. E. Bryant and Mr. S. Cloughton (sons-in-law). Mr. Smith Whybrow, Over (brother), Mr. Isaac Whybrow, Mr. and Mrs. George Whybrow, Miss Annie Whybrow (nephews and nieces), Mrs. B. Farrington, Mrs. A. Brown (sisters-in-law). Mrs. Gallacher and Mrs. Bryant (daughters) were unable to attend. Mr. S. Hemington, Over, was the undertaker.

THE NEW STATIONMASTER. 21st Jan. 1938

Mr. T. Dawson, lately stationmaster at Six-Mile-Bottom, who was appointed stationmaster at Swavesey last October in succession to Mr. W. A. Cox, took over the charge of Swavesey station yesterday (Thursday).

BRIGHT HOUR. 21st Jan. 1938

A very happy time was spent at the monthly "at home" meeting of the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. Several members took part in the proceedings, and all present enjoyed a cup of tea at the close. Miss Goodwin and Miss Davidson, of Wistow, will be the speakers next week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Jan. 1938

An interesting address was given at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening by the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham. The Rev. A. Tilling was in the chair. A duet was also sung by Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Canham. There was a very good attendance. Pastor Brown, of Great Gidding, will be the speaker next week.

DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 21st Jan. 1938

We have to record the death of Mrs. Alice Mary Gilby, widow of the late Mr. John Gilby, of Swavesey, who passed away on January 17th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, in Chain-road, Over, with whom she had been living for the last 19 years. Mrs. Gilby, who was 83, had been in failing health for the last two years. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over) conducting the service. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilby, Woodford, Mrs. Wallis, Cambridge (nephews and nieces), Mrs. J. Thoday, Mr. W. Thoday, Mrs. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thoday, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Over (cousins). Mr. Dennis Adams was unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Jan. 1938

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when there were present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne, and W. Spolton, with the Clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the County Council stating that the Parish Council's request for the imposition of a speed limit of 30 miles per hour through the village had been referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee. The following were nominated as fit and proper persons to serve as parish constables during the ensuing year: Messrs. C. J. Shepperson (the present constable), B. Hodson, C. Eason and G. Burling. It was decided to issue a precept for £16 for the expenses of the Council during the ensuing twelve months. It was also agreed

that the parish fire engine and the hose should be tested, and that the now disused street lamp posts, which had been taken down by the County Road Authority in the kerbing operations now in progress, should be stored, for the time being, at the Memorial Hall. It was decided that tenders should be invited for the collection of unburnable rubbish in March, and the Chairman, Mr. Dean and Mr. Cole were appointed a committee to deal with the tenders, which must be sent to the Chairman not later than March 5th. Before the meeting concluded Mr. Spolton called attention to the condition of the stiles on the right-of-way from the Recreation Ground to Brickhill Drove.

OLD FOLK ENTERTAINED. 21st Jan. 1938

A good number of villagers over 65 years of age were entertained to tea by the Women's Institute in the Memorial hall on Thursday week. Among the guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Tilling. The tables were tastefully decorated by members of the committee, crackers containing fancy hats and jewellery adding to the merriment. After tea an enjoyable concert was given by members and members' children.

CAMBS. JUVENILE COURT. 21st Jan. 1938

Saturday. – Before his Honour H. G. Farrant (in the chair), Mrs. Pease, and Mr. W. W. Pemberton.

THEFT CHARGE.

Two boys, aged 16 and 15, were charged with stealing a lamp and dynamo valued at £1, the property of Mrs. Grace May Rolt, at Swavesey, on Dec. 31st. Mrs. Rolt said she lent her cycle to her brother, who went to a cinema show at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey.

Ronald Robson gave evidence of leaving the cycle in the yard at the hall and of coming out and finding it had been shifted a few yards. The dynamo and lamp on the cycle had been removed.

Sergt. Gilbey also gave evidence.

The boys were each fined £1 and ordered to pay 4s. costs.

QUEEN WASPS. 28th Jan. 1938

Under a piece of sacking covering the top of one of his hen coops, Mr. William Burton a few days ago found no fewer than 25 queen wasps.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 28th Jan. 1938

Mrs. A. Tilling took the chair at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when the speaker was Pastor Brown, of Great

Gidding. A reading was also given by Miss L. Brand. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Bunten, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 28th Jan. 1938

The attendance at the weekly meeting of the Women's Bright Hour, held on Wednesday, in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, was very good. Miss Goodwin led the meeting and sang a solo, and Miss Davidson gave a helpful address on "Mary, the sister of Lazarus." Miss Easter gave a reading. Mr. Cyril Day will be the speaker next week.

BRITISH LEGION. 28th Jan. 1938

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held their annual dinner in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a very large attendance, including members and visitors. Among the guests were Major W. N. Phillips (area vice-president) and Mr. W. A. Diver (county hon. secretary). The dinner, arranged and supplied by the wives of members, under the direction of Mrs. C. S. Hephner, left nothing to be desired. The tables were beautifully laid out, and the menu was solid and satisfying. The drinks were supplied by Messrs. Greene, King. Following the dinner was a programme of variety, supplied by friends from Fen Drayton (Messrs. W. W. Messenger, Heron and Collier), Messrs. G. E. W. Wright, H. Cole, P. Lee and H. Topham. The toasts included H.M. the King, the Guests, Visitors, and the Branch and the British Legion. Thanks were tendered by the Chairman to the ladies, the artistes, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Prior for services rendered. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 11 with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

W.I. SOCIAL. 28th Jan. 1938

The social organised by the Women's Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, proved a great success, every moment being packed with interest and fun. Dance music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his boys. Competitions, games, etc., arranged by the entertainment committee, were won by the following: Spot light, Miss S. Carter and Mr. C. Denson; spearing corks, Mrs. C. Denson and Mr. H. Whitehead; circles, Miss M. Kester and Mr. G. Bishop; blindfold musical chairs, Mr. G. Prior and partner. A monologue and Mrs. Kruschen's Keep Fit Class were admirably performed by members from Mepal W.I., as also were a duologue and sketch by Mrs. Jeeps, Mrs. C. Denson, Miss Garner and Mr. G. Mustill, from Willingham. Mr. W. Lee, a member of the band, with his now famous "skits," was another popular performer. A very happy evening was

brought to a close with the dance "Sir Roger de Coverley." Refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. J. Kester and Mrs. Heasman, Mr. C. S. Hephher officiated as M.C., and Mr. Smith and Mr. F. Martin were the doorkeepers.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL COURT. 28th Jan. 1938

Saturday. – Before his Honour H. G. Farrant (chairman), Mrs. H. B. Pease, Col. L. Tebbutt, Messrs. W. W. Pemberton, H. G. Gray, H. G. Spicer, Capt. Johnson.

LORRY'S INEFFICIENT BRAKES.

S. P., 10, High-street, Swavesey, was summoned for using a motor van with an inefficient braking system on Jan. 3rd at Swavesey.

W. S., High-street, Swavesey, was summoned for permitting the offence alleged.

Mr. W. R. Wallis appeared for both defendants and pleaded guilty.

Sergt. Gilbey said that at 9.30 a.m. he was at Boxworth End, Swavesey, with Mr. Prest, a traffic examiner. He stopped a vehicle driven by P. and owned by S. At 25 m.p.h. with the foot-brake applied the vehicle stopped in 128ft. with the hand-brake in 309 ft. The hand-brake was useless. P. said that he had told S. several times about the brakes being not good, and alleged that S. had driven the vehicle in that condition.

Witness said that he saw S. and told him of the tests and their result. S. said, "I know the brakes are bad. I had an accident at Madingley last Tuesday." When told he would be reported, S. said, "I expect it will cost me two or three pound."

Mr. A. G. Prest, a vehicle examiner for the Traffic Commissioners for the Eastern Traffic Area, gave similar evidence as to the test. He said that with the hand-brake applied it was possible to push the vehicle along.

He examined the brake shoes and found that in six out of the eight the linings had worn away. He issued an immediate prohibition order because of the dangerous condition of the vehicle.

Mr. Wallis said that owing to procrastination the repairs were not carried out.

Supt. Allen said that in view of the evidence, the police did not press the case against P.

P. was fined 10s., and S. £5.

SWAVESEY MAN REMANDED.

E. E. L., of Council Houses, Boxworth End, Swavesey, appeared on remand charged with carnally knowing a girl between the ages of 13 and 16 at Swavesey between February, 1937, and January, 1938.

Supt. Allen said that the case had been referred by the Chief Constable to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and as inquiries were not yet complete he asked for a further remand until next Saturday.

Evidence of arrest was given by P.S. Gilbey, who stated that when charged accused replied, "I don't know what to say."

On this accused was remanded in custody for a week.

WEDDING. 28th Jan. 1938

The marriage of Miss Lilian Gertrude King, second daughter of Mr. Albert James King, of Fen Drayton, and Mr. John Henry Wright, fifth son of Mr. Sidney W. Wright, of Swavesey, took place at the parish church on Saturday, the Rev. Rowland Hills officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in blue silk, with hat to match. Mr. O. E. W. Wright (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The presents were numerous and useful.

LANTERN LECTURE. 4th Feb. 1938

An interesting lantern lecture on Missionary Work in Bolivia was given on Thursday week in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom by Mr. Shakeshaft, who for 22 years has worked on behalf of the Bolivian Indian Mission. There was a good attendance. The lantern was kindly loaned by Mr. C. Symonds, and was operated by Mr. N. Canham.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 4th Feb. 1938

Mr. Cyril Day was the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday afternoon at Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Tilling presided, and Miss Easter gave a reading. The speaker next week will be Pastor Smith of the Trinitarian Bible Society, who will also give a lantern lecture in the evening.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th Feb. 1938

An enjoyable time was spent at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Mr. Bunten, of Cambridge, gave an address on "Ruth" and two solos were sung by Miss W. Osbourne, also of Cambridge. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. Tilling. There was an excellent attendance. Mr. H. Chapman, of Longstanton, will be the speaker next week.

SWAVESEY MAN COMMITTED. 4th Feb. 1938

Alleged Offences Over Three Years.

The Swavesey labourer who had been remanded on a serious charge against a girl under the age of 16 was, at the Cambs. Divisional Court to-day, committed for trial at Hertford Assizes.

Accused, E. E. L., of Council Houses, Boxworth End, Swavesey, pleaded not guilty. The girl is now 14 years of age, and the offence was alleged to have taken place between February, 1937, and January, 1938.

Mr. G. J. Balls, who prosecuted for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that the evidence would show that association with the girl had been going on since 1934.

The girl's mother said she spoke to her on account of her health on October and November. The girl made a communication to her.

Dr. Joseph Adrian Hart, of Swavesey, gave in evidence the result of his examination of the girl, who then entered the witness box and spoke of the various occasions on which the offences were alleged.

“IMPOSSIBLE”

P.S. Gilbey, of Longstanton All Saints', stated that when he arrested accused at his house on January 19th, L. asked the meaning of the charge. On being told he said, “It's impossible. Can we have a doctor to see her?”

Witness then took him to the County Police Station at Cambridge, and when he was charged and cautioned by Supt. Allen, he replied, “I don't know what to say.”

Asked if he wished to give evidence, L. said, “I only want to say I am not guilty.

He added that he had no witnesses.

Supt. Allen said that morning he charged accused with carnal knowledge between September, 1934, and January, 1938. He made no reply.

In view of the fact that it might be unwise for the administration of justice, L. was refused bail, his Honour H. G. Farrant remarking that he could apply to the judge at the higher court for it.

L. was granted legal aid.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Feb. 1938

The mid-day and evening services at the parish church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. G. Hibbert-Ware, of Girton.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 11th Feb. 1938

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a donation of £1 3s. from the now defunct Swavesey Women's Liberal Association.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 11th Feb. 1938

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Mr. H. Chapman, of Longstanton, gave a helpful address on "Beauty." Mr. I. Brand occupied the chair. Mr. S. J. Miller, of Histon, will be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 11th Feb. 1938

A successful Australian whist drive and knock-out was held by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Twelve tables were in play. Mr. Berryman acted as M.C., and Mr. Lee was in attendance at the door. The prizewinners were: Mrs. and Mr. Crowley, Mrs. and Mr. C. S. Hepher, Miss Warboys and Mr. B. Grey; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. James Prior. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. 11th Feb. 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, opened with the singing of "The Music Makers," after which arrangements were made for a whist drive to be held at Mrs. C. S. Hepher's house on Feb. 15th, and a short report of the annual meeting was given by Mrs. Laverack. The rest of the programme was organised by the members' night committee, which included Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Ding, Mrs. Covell, and Mrs. Symonds. Mrs. Ivatt was unable to attend owing to the death of her father, so Mrs. Hepher took the chair. A talk on air-raid precautions, open to the public, was given by Capt. Abbey, who also answered many questions. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Capt. Abbey, on the proposition of Mrs. Cooksey. Games and competitions were enjoyed, prizes being won by the following: Peeling potatoes blindfolded (judged by Miss Pearce), Mrs. Hepher and Miss L. Melbourne; musical parcel, Miss G. Wright. The "guessing pie," in charge of which was Mrs. T. Howlett, was not guessed. Solos were also sung by Mrs. B. Walker and Mrs. J. Coulson. Excellent refreshments were served during the evening.

THE LATE MR. WESTBROOK. 11th Feb. 1938

The funeral of Mr. Walter Westbrook, of High-street, who passed away on February 4th, after five years' illness, took place at the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. A. Tilling conducting the service, during which the hymn "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung. The mourners were: Mrs. Westbrook (widow), Mr. G. Westbrook (son), Mr. and Mrs. Ivatt, Mr. and Mrs. Symes (sons-in-law and daughters), Messrs. R. Westbrook and Dennis

Ivatt (grandsons), Myrtle Ivatt ("Pip") (granddaughter). The oak coffin bore the inscription: "Walter Robert Westbrook, died Feb. 4th, 1938, aged 76 years." Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

HEALTH LECTURES. 18th Feb. 1938

The Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council have arranged a course of five lectures on "Everyday matters concerning health," to be given in the Memorial Hall. The first lecture will be at 7.30 p.m. on Monday next, when Dr. F. Robinson will speak on "The body, its friends and its enemies." A fee of 1s. 3d. is being charged for the course.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th Feb. 1938

Mr. G. E. Canham presided at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an interesting address was given by Mr. S. J. Miller, of Histon, and a solo was sung by Mrs. W. Chapman, accompanied at the piano by Miss L. Brand. There was a good attendance. The Rev. R. F. Gascoyne, of Haddenham, will be the speaker next week.

CRAZY WHIST DRIVE. 18th Feb. 1938

Excellent results were obtained at the crazy whist drive held at Mrs. C. S. Hephher's house on Tuesday. Twelve tables were in play, over which Mr. Berryman was M.C. Refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Heasman. The prizewinners were as follows: Ladies, Mrs. Crouch, Miss M. Kester; gentlemen, Mrs. G. Froment (playing as gentleman), MR. P. J. Watts; highest score for first half, Mr. J. Mitham; gentleman with highest number of noughts in the second half, Mr. G. Froment; lady with highest number of noughts in first half, Mrs. F. Martin.

SWAVESEY MAN AND GIRL. 18th Feb. 1938

Grave Charge Fails at Assizes.

At Hertford Assizes on Wednesday, E. E. L. (34), of Boxworth End, Swavesey, engineer and general labourer, was found not guilty of grave offences against a girl under the age of 16.

Offences were alleged to have taken place at Swavesey between September, 1934, and January, 1938.

Accused, who was represented by Mr. Boyd Carpenter, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. G. Frampton prosecuted.

Evidence for the prosecution was given by the girl, her mother, Dr. J. Hart and P.S. Gilbey.

Accused denied ever being intimate with the girl.

Mr. Carpenter, addressing the jury, stressed the need for corroboration of the girl's story, which he said was the basis of the prosecution but which was riddled with improbabilities.

Mr. Justice Branson, summing up, warned the jury of the danger of acting on the uncorroborated evidence of the girl. It was a charge which could very easily be made against a man, because by their very nature, such things only took place when no one else was present.

After an absence of about 20 minutes the jury returned their verdict as stated, and L. was acquitted.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Feb. 1938

In the absence through illness of the Vicar, the services at the parish church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. A. C. E. Widdicombe, Minor Canon and Librarian of Ely Cathedral.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 25th Feb. 1938

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. R. F. Gascoyne, of Haddenham, gave an interesting address on "Listening to God." Miss J. Williams played a pianoforte solo. Miss L. Spearman occupied the chair. Mr. R. R. Whyatt, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

HEALTH LECTURE. 25th Feb. 1938

The first of a course of five lectures arranged by the Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council on Everyday Matters Concerning Health, was given in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening by Dr. F. Robinson, who spoke on "The body, its friends and its enemies." Dr. J. A. Hart occupied the chair. There was a poor attendance.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 25th Feb. 1938

The monthly "at home" meeting of the Women's Bright Hour was held on Wednesday afternoon, a good company being present. The chair was taken by Mrs. Teeing, and the following members took part in the programmed: Miss Brand (reading), Mrs. Laverack (recitation), Mrs. Chapman and Miss Brand (violin and pianoforte duet). The speaker next week will be the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 25th Feb. 1938

A qualifying whist drive in connection with the County Conservative tournament was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, 17 tables

being occupied. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. Mortlock, Willingham, Mrs. Chambers, Gransden, Mrs. Elsome, Willingham; gentlemen, Mr. Stringer, Over, Mrs. Hind, Swavesey (playing as gentleman), Mr. Martin, Swavesey. Mr. P. J. Watts, of Over, officiated as M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £4 3s. 6d.

CRICKET CLUB. 25th Feb. 1938

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was poorly attended. Mr. Arthur Hephher was in the chair. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. C. Walker; vice-presidents (subject to their acceptance of office), Rev. C. C. Dickson, Mrs. J. Norman, Messrs. C. Dean, E. Bond, John Parish, G. E. Canham, E. C. Church, C. W. H. Cole, W. D. Isgrove, F. Pontefract and P. Lee; treasurer, Mr. N. Canham; secretary, Mr. G. H. Norman, High-street; general committee, Messrs. T. Savage, F. Hephher, A. Hephher, D. Canham, M. Coulson, with the captains of both teams; selection committee, Messrs. M. Coulson and Sidney Wright, and the captains. It was decided to run two teams again this season, and to enter both in the Milton and District League, and one in the Milton and District Cup competition. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Coulson, a vote of thanks was accorded the patrons of the club, and all others who had assisted in any way during last season.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th March 1938

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening. Mr. G. Day presided. An interesting address was given by Mr. R. R. Whyatt, of Cambridge. Mr. Prior also gave a reading. Mr. J. B. Tupman, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 4th March 1938

At the weekly meeting of the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave the address, and Miss Easter a reading. The anniversary services will be held on Thursday next, when the speakers will be the Rev. and Mrs. F. Goody, of Harston.

PARISH CHURCH. 4th March 1938

In the absence of the Vicar through illness, the Rev. G. Hibbert-Ware, of Girton, conducted the services at the parish church on Sunday. On Ash Wednesday the services were: Morning prayer, Litany, communion service

and ante-communion at 10 a.m., and evening prayer with address at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey officiated in the morning and the Rev. C. G. Poynder (Rector of Boxworth) in the evening.

PUBLIC HOUSE CLOSED. 4th March 1938

The licence of "The Bell" in Middle Watch has been surrendered, and the house closed as licensed premises on Wednesday. Mr. Jethro Linford has retired into private life after having held a licence in Swavesey for 53 years, first for the Green Man at Boxworth End for 26 years, and then for The Bell for 27, and during that long period he has had a clean record so far as the police are concerned. There are now only two licensed houses in the village.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE. 4th March 1938

The second of a course of five lectures under the auspices of the Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council on everyday matters concerning health, was given in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening by Mr. T. B. Parsons, M.A., who gave a most instructive talk on "Food: what the body needs and why." Mr. C. Wood was in the chair. There was a much larger attendance than at last week's lecture, and this, it is understood, was mainly due to the personal efforts of Mr. Parsons.

WHIST DRIVE. 4th March 1938

Seventeen tables were in play at the enjoyable whist drive in aid of the local Company of Girl Guides, which was held at Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher's house on Tuesday evening. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. G. Froment, Miss P. Willson, most sixes in score, Mrs. Nightingale, consolation, Mrs. G. Hawkes; gentlemen, Mr. A. Sharp, Mr. F. Martin, most sixes, Mr. A. Willson, consolation, Mr. W. Isgrove. Mr. C. S. Hepher officiated as M.C., and Miss Joyce Willson and Girl Guides were in charge of the refreshments. The net proceeds of the evening's entertainment amounted to £5 5s.

BRITISH LEGION. 4th March 1938

An enjoyable dance was held by the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, but unfortunately owing to the wet weather the attendance was not up to the usual standard. The music was supplied by Audrey's Ladies' Dance Orchestra, and their playing was heartily applauded. Mr. J. S. Watson was cashier, and Mr. Lee did duty inside the room, assisted by Messrs. Tom Savage and H. Cole. Mesdames Berryman, Turner and Pettitt, with helpers, were in charge of the refreshments.

The winner of the prize for the lucky ticket was Mr. Alan Lee, who surrendered it in favour of Miss Rose Ginn.

DANGER BY THE RIVER. 4th March 19328

A correspondent writes: In June, 1936, attention was called in the "Independent Press and Chronicle" to the unsafe condition of the handrail on the sluice gates at the river end of Covill's drain. The question was also asked as to when the footbridge over the drain would be re-erected. As regards the latter, it was pointed out that the Parish Council in February, 1936, when replying to a communication from the County Council respecting footpaths in the parish, recommended that the bridge which had disappeared should be replaced. Two years have elapsed, but nothing whatever has been done in regard to the bridge, and the hand-rail on the sluice gates has gone, and unless pedestrians perform the risky Blondin trick of walking on the top of the gates, all access along the river bank is cut off at Covill's drain. During the summer months hundreds of men, women and children go to the river for a pleasant walk, or to picnic. To walk across the sluice gates is extremely dangerous.

25 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING MARCH 7th, 1913. 4th March 1938

Disastrous Fire at Swavesey.

The fire fiend reigned supreme at Swavesey for about two hours on Monday afternoon, and enormous damage was done to cottage property and workers' tenements at Church End. Many families were rendered homeless, and in many cases the poorer inhabitants lost the little all they possessed. Swavesey presents a sorry picture at the moment; blackened walls and charred debris are the relics of what were originally 29 thatched cottages, barns, buildings, and so forth. The suddenness of the outbreak and rapid succession of events practically put the villagers in a panic. Just before 2 o'clock fire broke out at Mr. George Hephher's house, through, it is supposed, a spark settling on the thatched roof. The wind was blowing a gale at the time, and fiercely burning masses of thatch were whirled and scattered in all directions. Mr. A. Prime's house, which adjoins that of Mr. Hephher, was speedily involved in flames and huge sparks were blown across the road to Mr. Williamson's premises, which became ignited, and within minutes premises on the farther side of the main street near the Little Rose Inn were alight. All the thatched cottages on both sides of the main street at Church End were eventually destroyed. The damage is estimated at about £10,000. The disaster has come with the greatest hardship on the village, as Swavesey was one of the places which suffered so severely from the abnormal floods during harvest time last year and also during the late autumn.

GIRL GUIDES' WHIST DRIVE. 11th March 1938

The refreshments at the Girl Guides' whist drive at Mrs. C. S. Hepher's house on March 1st were under the charge of Patrol Leaders L. Key and J. Hepher, assisted by Girl Guide Joan Mitham and Miss Joyce Willson, and not as stated in the report of the drive last week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 11th March 1938

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when an interesting address was given by Mr. J. B. Tupman, of Cambridge, and Miss Gwen Dodson gave a recitation. The Rev. A. Tilling was in the chair. Mr. Rendall, of Histon, will be the speaker next week.

HEALTH LECTURES. 11th March 1938

The third of the course of five lectures on everyday matters concerning health, arranged by the Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council, should have been given in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, when Mr. W. G. Clements, L.D.S., was to have spoken on "The Mouth: The Gateway to the Body." Only two persons attended, and after waiting for about three-quarters of an hour, Mr. Clements decided not to give the lecture.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11th March 1938

On the occasion of the prize distribution in connection with Bethel Sunday School on Thursday week a happy company of scholars enjoyed a sumptuous tea kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Canham, after which the Pastor (Rev. A. Tilling) presided over a meeting of past and present scholars, parents and friends. The following children took part: Duet by Sylvia Brickwood and Jean Walker, recitations by Margery Isgrove, Hilda Jackson, Myrtle Ivatt and Jean Walker, solo by Myrtle Ivatt. The Pastor gave an interesting address upon "The Catacombs," after which the prizes were distributed.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th March 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, opened with the singing of "Mine Ain Countree." Mrs. C. S. Hepher presided. Arrangements were made for the group meeting at Willingham and for the exhibits for the forthcoming handicraft exhibition at Cambridge. Suggestions for the outing were discussed, a trip to King's Lynn, Sandringham and Hunstanton being suggested. Prizes were offered by members for the competitions at the monthly meetings. A financial statement

was presented by the treasurer, showing a good balance in hand. Miss Marshall then gave an instructive demonstration on "Home treatment of slight injuries," for which, on proposition of Miss Willson, she was accorded a vote of thanks. There was a good number of entries for the competition for the best jar of marmalade. Miss R. Gaunt, who acted as judge awarding the prizes to Mrs. H. Wright and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, one of the prizes being given by Miss Gaunt. The roll call on old-fashioned remedies caused much interest. There was a brisk trade at the bring and buy stall, and a considerable amount of money was obtained. The programme for the social half-hour, arranged by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. H. Prime, included a sketch performed by Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. G. Prime and Mrs. T. Howlett, which was greatly appreciated by members. During the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Heasman and Mrs. Kester, the hostesses being Miss E. Thorpe, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. H. Wright and Miss G. Wright.

ADVERT. 18th March 1938

WAR. – Our Stock in flight. Prices ruthlessly mowed down. Boys' School caps 9d., T.O.T. Hose 6d., Sports Shirts 9d., Toes 4d., Blazers 1s. 6d., Jerseys 1s. – at LEE'S, of course.

THE VICAR'S RETURN. 18th March 1938

The Vicar, who has been away from the parish since November owing to illness, returned to Swavesey on Friday improved in health. He conducted all the services at the parish church on Sunday.

HEALTH LECTURES. 18th March 1938

The course of lectures on everyday matters concerning health, which the Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council had arranged to be given at the Memorial Hall has unfortunately had to be discontinued owing to lack of support.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th March 1938

Mr. G. E. Canham presided over a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Mr. Rendell, of Histon, gave a much appreciated address. Miss Easter also gave a reading. The meeting next week will be conducted by Capt. Siney, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps, and a few friends.

DANCE. 18th March 1938

Claude Whitham and his Boys' ladies' night dance, held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was a great success. An excellent programme of dancing and cabaret by the band and the Draytonians' troupe, with comedy by Billy Howard, was enjoyed by the large company. Prizes were won by: Mr. Pond (lucky number), Mr. E. Coxall and Miss Jarman (spot dance), Miss J. Wilson and Mr. Friar (elimination dance), Miss H. Rose (girl with gorgeous smile), and Misses L. Key, G. Dalton and Mr. S. Laurence. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman, Pettitt and helpers.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 18th March 1938

The anniversary gatherings of the Women's Bright Hour were held on Thursday week. The afternoon service was conducted by Mr. Tilling, and the address was given by Mrs. Goody. Mrs. Chapman played a violin solo, accompanied by Miss L. Brand at the piano. A largely attended faith tea followed. In the interval between the tea and the evening meeting members of the Bright Hour provided a short programme, Miss Easter contributing a solo, Miss Brand and Mrs. Chapman duets, and Mr. Laverack and Mrs. Marriott recitations. The evening meeting was conducted by the Pastor, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. F. Goody, of Harston. The offerings during the day were in aid of the electric light fund. Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, will be the speaker at next week's meeting.

SWAVESEY MAN KILLED. 18th March 1938

Crushed Between Two Lorries.

Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning Clarence Wagstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff, of Council Houses, Market-street, Swavesey, was killed instantly in High-street, Swavesey, by being crushed between two lorries belonging to Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, Swavesey and Godmanchester.

It appears that an empty lorry was being towed by another lorry fully laden towards Boxworth End. When opposite the Memorial Hall the driver of the towed vehicle found that his engine would work, and the lorries stopped. Wagstaff proceeded to unhook the towed lorry, and at that moment its engine started, the lorry jumped forward, and Wagstaff's head was crushed between the two vehicles.

Mr. John Parish, butcher, whose shop is close by, phoned immediately for P.C. Shanks and Dr. J. A. Hart, and both were quickly on the scene.

The inquest will be held at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, at 5 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

CRUSHED BETWEEN TWO LORRIES. 18th March 1938

Inquest on Swavesey Driver.

“ACCIDENTAL DEATH.”

“He went between the two lorries and bent down, apparently doing something to the chain. Then the second lorry seemed to leap forward and hit him.”

These were the words of a woman who saw Clarence Sidney Wagstaff, 24-years-old lorry driver, of Market-street, Swavesey, crushed to death between two lorries when she gave evidence at the inquest at Swavesey Memorial Hall on Wednesday.

The inquiry was conducted by the County Coroner (Mr. Jasper Lyon) with a jury.

Supt. A. E. Allen watched the proceedings for the police.

Mr. S. T. Miller appeared on behalf of the driver of the other lorry, and his employer, Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, of Swavesey and Godmanchester.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Joseph Adrian Hart, of Swavesey, who said the cause of death was an extensive fracture of the skull. Death was instantaneous.

Douglas Arthur Wagstaff, bricklayer's labourer, of Market-street, Swavesey, identified deceased as his brother.

“JUMPED FORWARD.”

Douglas Bert Fulcher, of Colne, Hunts, a lorry driver, employed by Mr. Prime Godfrey, of Swavesey, said he went to work as usual at 6.30 on Tuesday morning. He drove a lorry with a Diesel engine, and on this occasion could not get it to start, so it was decided that his lorry should be towed by another lorry, driven by Clarence Wagstaff, a steel chain being used as a tow-rope. Witness was at the wheel of his own lorry, which was towed from Market-street towards the school.

“Eventually we got the lorry to start,” he continued, “and then I pulled up a little closer behind the lorry in front to slacken the chain. The lorry at this time was still in gear.

“I then put on the hand-brake and put the engine out of gear, as I thought, but the lorry then jumped forward and crashed into the rear of the other lorry, crushing Wagstaff, who had gone between to take the chain off.”

Supt. Allen: If the lorry was out of gear it would not have moved forward provided the hand-brake was on? – No, sir.

Was the ground level? – There was a slight slope.

Sufficient to make the lorry move forward? – No.

Do you say that you actually had the hand-brake on? – Yes.

You know, if you had done so, the lorry would not have moved forward? – I put it on sufficient to stop it from running forward.

Further answering the Superintendent, witness said by putting the hand-brake on there was no effect on the gears.

PARTLY IN GEAR?

He might have left the gear partly in. He always put the hand-brake on before taking out the gear.

Supt. Allen: What do you think occurred then? – I cannot say.

Were the brakes in good order? – Yes, they were afterwards tested by the police.

In reply to a juror, witness said Wagstaff was not between the two lorries when he eased up to slacken the chain.

Another juror: How long have you been driving? – Six months with a current driving licence and three months with a provisional licence.

Questioned by Mr. Miller, witness said he was quite certain that he put the hand-brake on, but the gear lever might not have been in neutral.

Miss Grace Froment, of High-street, Swavesey, stated that about five minutes past seven the previous morning she was in the kitchen of her house when she heard a noise outside. Going to the front room window she saw a lorry being towed by another lorry.

“Young Wagstaff got down from one of them,” she proceeded. “He went between the lorries and bent down, apparently doing something to the chain.

“Then the second lorry seemed to leap forward and hit him. He fell forward and rolled right over on his back.”

Witness added that she immediately ran outside to see if she could do anything for him.

ENGINE STILL RUNNING.

Samuel John Martin, lorry driver's mate, of Church End, Swavesey, another eye-witness, said he did not see Wagstaff get out of his lorry, but saw him go between the lorries. The chain was attached to the front axle of Fulcher's lorry and to the back axle of Wagstaff's and he would have to stoop to detach it. When the witness reached the scene the Diesel engine was still running, and he remembered making the remark to Fulcher, “For the Lord's sake stop it,” and he did so.

P.C. Owen Shanks said that following a message he immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident. Deceased was lying in a pool of blood underneath the front lorry. The chain measured 13ft. 8ins., and as about 2ft. was under each lorry there was about 9ft. of chain between the two lorries. The brakes of the Diesel lorry were tested and found to be in excellent order.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of “Accidental death.”

Mr. Miller, on behalf of Mr. Prime Godfrey and Fulcher, expressed sincere sympathy to deceased's relatives, and the expression was endorsed by the foreman of the jury, the Coroner, and Supt. Allen on behalf of the police. The funeral of Clarence Wagstaff will take place at Swavesey Parish Church at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday.

ADVERT. 25th March 1938

RAIDS carried out on our shop this week by discriminating buyers resulted in the capture of many bargains. Offering now: Ladies', Girls' and Children's Dresses at 1s. Hats for 1s. Small Boys' Jersey Suits 1s. – At LEES.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 25th March 1938

Mrs. Laverack occupied the chair at the Women's Bright Hour in the Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, when a reading was given by Miss Easter and an address by Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham. Mrs. Temple, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 25th March 1938

A very pleasant evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, when Capt. Siney, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps, gave an address on "Excuses." He also brought with him Bandmaster Wayman, who played two cornet solos, accompanied at the piano by Mr. G. Day. The Rev. A. Tilling occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

A SWAVESEY NONAGENARIAN. 25th March 1938

Mr. William Henry Key, of Top Leys Cottage, Taylor's-lane, who was born at Earith Hunts., on 24th March, 1845, attained the great age of 93 yesterday. In 1870 he left his native village for Swavesey, where he opened a baker's business, which he carried on with success until 1910, when he retired in favour of his son. After his retirement he devoted himself as long as he was able to his orchards and garden. During his long life he held many offices in the parish, all of which he has now relinquished. Considering his great age Mr. Key is in fairly good health.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 25th March 1938

The concert given in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week by the 1st Swavesey Co., Girls' Life Brigade, was a great success. The opening chorus, "Here we are again," was sung by the Company, after which a short display of Swedish drill was given by selected members. The subsequent programme

included the song "Little old lady," a sketch "A Silly Little Idiot," performed by Ruby Bath, Joyce Carter, Rose Carter, Mona Dawson and Olive Isgrove; song, "Horsey Horsey"; a short sketch "Honours Divided," by the Captain and Sylvia Carter; action song, "Gipsies," by six members; sketch, "The Ring," by Mabel Hodson, Pauling and Mary Parish and Olive Walker; song, "Ten Pretty Girls"; another action song, "The Fisher Girls," and a humorous sketch, "The 1st of April," capitably performed by Edna Prime, Joan Williams, Elsie Dodson and Peggy Brittain, the greatly appreciated programme concluding with the song "Good-night to you all" and the National Anthem.

FUNERAL OF CLARENCE WAGSTAFF. 25th March 1938

There was a very large and representative attendance at the funeral at the parish church on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Clarence Sidney Wagstaff, a report of whose tragic death appeared in these columns last week. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the choir. During the service the hymns "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" and "Abide with me" were sung, and the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis chanted. Before the service the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles, played "O rest in the Lord," and as the mourners were leaving the church for the grave "Blest are the departed." The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. Fensom (brother-in-law and sister), Messrs. Douglas, Lennie and Cyril Wagstaff (brothers), Misses Margaret and Mary Wagstaff (sisters), Miss Olive Coulson (fiancée), Miss Dolly Rooke, Miss Stockbridge (aunt), Messrs. W. and F. Stockbridge (uncles), Mr. Cyril Stockbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Shadwell, St. Ives, Mr. Norman Randall, Over, Mr. George Stowers, Over (cousins). Mr. Reginald Godfrey, with whom was Mrs. R. Godfrey, represented Mr. Prime Godfrey, deceased's employer, and the following fellow employees lined the churchyard path:- Messrs. L. Godfrey, A. Froment, G. Prime, S. Clark, J. Martin, F. Coulson, A. Prior, F. Pink, G. Fink, H. Pink, T. Prior, W. Smith, A. Allen, A. Thompson, D. B. Fulcher, H. Brooks, M. Andrews, J. Wright, S. Wright, W. Peppercorn, while four others, Messrs. T. Savage, T. Froment, L. Froment, and J. Hills acted as bearers. There were very many wreaths. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

ADVERT. 1st April 1938

KNITTERS, NEEDLEWORKERS, Wools, WENDY, PATONS, VIYELLA, Plains, Marls, Mixtures, reduced to 4d. per oz. PEARSALL'S Silks and Stamped Linen, a third off. BUY NOW, from LEES.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 1st April 1938

At the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday a helpful address was given by Mrs. Temple. Miss Easter gave a reading and Mrs. Laverack closed the meeting with prayer. The final meeting of the session will be held next week, when the Rev. A. Tilling will be the speaker.

OBITUARY. 1st April 1938

Some of our older Swavesey readers will regret to learn that Mr. Charles Bridgeford passed away at March on Sunday, aged 75. He was a native of Swavesey, being a son of the late Mr. John Bridgeford. For many years he was employed on the permanent way staff of the Great Eastern Railway. The funeral took place at March on Wednesday.

DANCE. 1st April 1938

A very enjoyable dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. The music was supplied by Audrey's ladies' dance orchestra, and their playing was heartily applauded. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Berryman and Pettitt assisted by Messrs. T. Froment and A. Lee. Mr. J. Watson was doorkeeper.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st April 1938

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship when Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, was the speaker. Mrs. Savage was in the chair. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) led in prayer. There was an excellent attendance. The annual rally will be held on Sunday and Monday next, when the special speaker will be the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs. The services on Sunday will be at 10.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m., with a special young people's service at 3 p.m., and on Monday at 7 p.m., followed by a supper.

FOR THE BLIND. 1st April 1938

The whist drive organised by Mrs. W. Hind, in aid of the Cambridgeshire blind, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, was a great success, 22½ tables being in play. The prizewinners were: Highest score Miss R. Hemington (Over); ladies – Mr. H. Peppercorn (playing as a lady) Mrs. Anderson (Over), highest score first half Mrs. Stringer (Over), second half Mrs. Robinson (Over), longest at one table Mrs. Isgrove; gentlemen – Mr. Northrop, Mr. Wilson (Longstanton), highest score first half Mr. A. Kester, second half Mr. Sutton (Over), longest at one table Mr. Haward (Over);

knock-out Mrs. F. Brittain (Over) and Mr. Burton (Over). Mr. W. Hind acted as M.C. Other helpers were Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Ivatt, Miss Nightingale, Miss Walker, Mr. Berryman and Mr. Brittain. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. R. Asplin (Over). The Cambridgeshire Blind Fund benefited to the extent of £5.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 8th April 1938

The winter session of the Women's Bright Hour closed with a meeting held in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, when Miss Easter gave a reading and Rev. A. Tilling a helpful address.

DROVE LETTING. 8th April 1938

Although rather better than last year very poor prices were realised for the herbage of the droves in the parish of Swavesey, at the annual letting by auction at the White Horse inn on Monday evening.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY. 8th April 1938

The fifth annual rally of Young People's Societies was held on Sunday and Monday at Bethel Baptist Church, when the special speaker was the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs. Mr. G. E. Canham presided at the special young people's service on Sunday afternoon, at which addresses were given by Mr. R. Whyatt and Mr. Biggs, of Cambridge, Mr. G. Laverack and Miss W. Osbourne. A solo was also sung by Miss Osbourne, and recitations were given by Miss G. Dodson and Miss L. Spearman. The chapel was crowded on Monday evening when members of visiting societies responded. The chair was taken by the President (Rev. A. Tilling) and Pastor Crees, of Over, led in prayer, and the Rev. R. F. Gascoyne, of Haddenham, gave a Scripture reading. A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham, and the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie gave an address. After the service about 200 friends and visitors sat down to supper.

25 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING APRIL 11th, 1913. 8th April 1938

Swavesey Housing Problem.

Swavesey is now face to face with a very complex housing problem, and action must be taken in the matter very quickly, or farmers and other agriculturists may be met with a shortage of labour. One-eighth of the houses in the village went down before the ravages of the recent fire, and many families were rendered homeless. Temporary accommodation was found for those people, but it is obvious that things cannot remain as at present. Private enterprise is not forthcoming, and the only solution seems to be a scheme from

the Rural District Council. As predicted some time ago, the Relief Committee could not set apart money which was subscribed for the relief of the sufferers for the purpose of building houses, and thus aid the local rates. All that the Relief Committee would do – and quite rightly – was to erect four cottages for old age pensioners. About 20 houses are required, and in addition to the four pensioners' cottages six have already been promised. It remains for the District Council to provide about ten or a dozen cottages. It was suggested at the Parish Meeting, held on Monday, that some of the houses might be of the two-bedroom variety, but it is to be hoped the District Council will not adopt any scheme of so short-sighted a nature. Two bedrooms may be sufficient in some cases at the present time, but let Swavesey look a little further ahead, and do something to settle the housing and overcrowding difficulty for many years.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 15th April 1938

A special service is being held at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.45 on Good Friday, when the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Melbourn, will be the preacher. The service is being preceded by a public tea at 5.30 p.m.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th April 1938

The services at the Parish Church on Good Friday and Easter Day will be as follows: Good Friday: 10.30 a.m., Ante-Communion; 1 – 3 p.m., Devotional Service: 3.15 p.m.; Litany; 7 p.m.: Evensong and Devotional Organ Music. Easter Day: Holy Communion, 6 a.m. (with hymns), 7.30 a.m. and Mid-day (choral), Mattins, 10.30 a.m.; Evensong with Festal Te Deum, 6.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th April 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. After the singing of "Hope the Hermit," Mrs. C. S. Hepher took the chair, and the Women's Institute County Rally, which is to be held at Trumpington Hall in July, was discussed. Mrs. Laverack was elected by ballot to be the delegate at the annual N.F.W.I. meeting in London. A talk on National Health Services was given by Dr. F. Robinson, for which, on the proposition of Mrs. Hepher, a vote of thanks was accorded to him. The competition for the best face cut in a potato with a spoon brought many entries, and was won by Miss L. Melbourne. During the social half-hour the percussion band accompanied several well-known community songs, which caused great amusement. Excellent refreshments were served by Mrs. Heasman and Mrs. Kester, with the help of the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Williamson and Miss Willson.

VESTRY MEETING. 22nd April 1938

At the vestry meeting on Tuesday Mr. W. J. Hephher was again nominated by the Vicar as his warden and Mr. Harry Wells was re-elected people's warden.

OBITUARY. 22nd April 1938

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Ellen Gibbs Wickes, who passed away somewhat suddenly on Tuesday at Frere Cottages, Church End. She was 80 years of age.

PARISH MEETING. 22nd April 1938

At the annual Parish Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening the only business was the presentation of the audited accounts of the Parish Council and the accounts of Galon's Charity. There was a very poor attendance.

FORTHCOMING GARDEN FETE. 22nd April 1938

At a meeting on Tuesday, after the Parochial Church meeting, it was decided to hold the annual fete in the Vicarage grounds on July 14th, that this year it should take the form of an advertisement fair, and that the proceeds should be devoted to the Church Maintenance Fund, the Organ Fund, and also to provide new chairs for use in the Lady Chapel.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 22nd April 1938

The annual Good Friday tea and meeting were held as usual at Bethel Baptist Church. About 60 friends met at the tea tables. The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Melbourn, a late pastor of the church. The services on Easter Sunday were conducted by the Pastor, fairly good congregations being present. At the evening service the choir rendered the anthem, "Hallelujah, the strife is o'er."

CHURCH MEETING. 22nd April 1938

There was only a fair attendance at the annual Parochial Church meeting, which was held in the school on Tuesday evening. The Vicar presided. The annual report and accounts were presented, the latter showing a good balance in hand. Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. C. S. Hephher were elected Ruridecanal representatives (to serve for one year), and the following were elected members of the Church Council: Mr. C. S. Hephher, Mr. S. F. Mitham, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. B. Hodson and Mrs. Harry Wells. The sidesmen were all re-elected. The Vicar thanked all those who had carried on

so nobly during his absence, and said he was proud to be vicar of such a parish where there were so many willing helpers.

PARISH CHURCH. 22nd April 1938

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were: 10.30 a.m., Mattins and Ante-Communion; 1 – 3 p.m., devotional service; 3.15 p.m., Litany; 7 p.m., Evensong, followed by a recital of devotional music by the organist (Mr. G. H. Skeeles), including: “He was despised” (Messiah), “Angels ever bright and fair” (Theodore), “Lord God of Abraham” (Elijah), “Comfort ye, my people” (Messiah), “O Gladsome Light” (Sullivan), “O rest in the Lord.” For Easter Day the church was simply but effectively decorated with Spring flowers. The services were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m. (with hymns), 7.30 a.m. and mid-day (Choral – Hall’s service), Mattins 10.30 a.m., and Evensong at 6.30. At Evensong the choir gave an excellent rendering of Roland Smart’s anthem “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem,” and the service concluded with a Festal Te Deum. All services were well-attended, the communicants numbering 132. The collections were, as usual, an Easter offering to the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson).

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd April 1938

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, when there were present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hephher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, C. H. Parish, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton, with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. Mr. C. H. Parish was re-elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, a letter was read stating that the County Council could not recommend the imposition of a speed limit through the village, and on the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Payne, it was agreed to ask the County Council their reason for their decision. It was also agreed that the parish fire engine and hose should be tested in the presence of the Council at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26th. With regard to the refusal of the Rural District Council to pay for attendance to the clock on the old school, it was agreed, on the suggestion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Payne, that the bill should be forwarded to the Vicar, as one of the trustees of the building. A communication from the Rural Community Council respecting the method of electing parish councillors was discussed at some length, and the clerk was instructed to reply that the Parish Council were not in favour of any alteration at present. Mr. Dean was appointed delegate to attend the forthcoming conference called by the Rural Community Council, when this, and other matters concerning parish councils, would be dealt with. Mr. F. Hephher

proposed that the herbage of the Recreation Ground be not let this year. Mr. Payne seconded. An amendment, moved by Mr. Dean, and seconded by Mr. Hodson, that the herbage be let by public tender, was, however, carried, and it was decided that tenders should be handed to the clerk on or before April 30th. Before the meeting closed attention was called to the defective footbridge at the end of Covill's drain, but it was pointed out that the Parish Council was not responsible for the bridge.

ADVERT. 29th April 1938

LEE'S, the Drapers, for your LAUNDRY Agent for St. Ivo Laundry. Despatched on Mondays, brought home Fridays. We collect and deliver if required.

FIRE ENGINE. 29th April 1938

At last week's meeting of the Parish Council it was decided that the fire engine, now about 130 years old, and the hose, should be tested on the Recreation Ground in the presence of the whole of the Council. This took place on Tuesday evening, when it was found that while the engine and hose were in a satisfactory condition, the hydrants in the roads, some of which were also inspected, were far from satisfactory, as the boxes were clogged with dirt and tarmac and the normal pressure of water not sufficient to be of much practical use in the event of a fire.

THE LATE MRS. THOMPSON MORTLOCK. 29th April 1938

Her many friends in Swavesey will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Edith Mortlock, wife of Mr. Thompson Mortlock, and daughter of the late Mr. William Thurbon, basket maker, of Swavesey, which occurred suddenly after a short illness on April 19th at her home, 86, Crafton-street, Coventry. Mrs. Mortlock was 61 years of age. In addition to her husband and her aged mother, she leaves two sons, three sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at Coventry Cemetery on Saturday.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 29th April 1938

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Gibbs Wickes, of Frere Cottages, whose death at the age of 80 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Friday, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) conducting the service. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. George Hall Baker (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. Thixton and Mrs. Turner. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

SALE OF WORK AND CONCERT. 29th April 1938

A missionary sale of work was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. There were no quite as many present as was hoped, but in spite of this, the result was good. The following were in charge of the stalls, competitions, etc.: - Work stall, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. G. Burling, Mrs. E. J. Linford; gift stall, Miss Daisley, Miss G. Froment; 6d. and 3d. stall, Mrs. W. J. Hepher; sweets, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. Lee; refreshments, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. S. Mitham, Mrs. E. J. Mitham. Competitions: Marbles and plant pot, Joan Mitham (won by Mrs. S. Hepher); advertisements, Alan Lee (won by Miss G. Froment); guessing colleges, Misses L. Key and A. Northill (won by Rev. C. C. Dickson); darts, Miss L. Hepher (won by Alan Lee); weight of Easter egg, Misses J. Hepher and A. Shepperson (won by Mr. H. Peppercorn). During the evening an excellent entertainment was given by a concert party from Willingham. The programme, which was greatly appreciated, included the following items: Song, "Come, sweet morning," Mrs. Robinson; monologue, Mrs. S. Few, duologue, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Denson, musical monologue, Mr. G. Mustill; duet, "Watchman, what of the night," Mrs. Robinson and Mr. R. Thoday; dramatic monologue, Mrs. Ellwood; song, "The Trumpeter," Mr. R. Thoday (encore, "In cellar cool"); sketch, "The Matrimonial Agency" – Miss I Garner, Miss J. Wayman, Mrs. Kilburn, Mrs. C. Denson, Miss K. Mustill, Mrs. S. Few, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. G. Mustill. The artistes were very kindly conveyed by Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. C. Denson and Mr. W. J. Hepher. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had helped in any way, on the proposition of the Vicar. Mr. Harry Wells kindly undertook the duty of doorkeeper both in the afternoon and evening. The total proceeds amounted to about £11.

ADVERT. 6th May 1938

LEE's the DRAPERS, Require Several Club Holders. Liberal commission. Everything for Ladies, Gents and Children supplied. Also Household Drapery, Curtains, etc.

EGGS FOR ADDENBROOKE'S. 6th May 1938

For the 1,075 eggs collected in the village by members of the Women's Institute for Addenbrooke's Hospital, a letter of thanks and appreciation has been received from the Secretary-Superintendent (Mr. Beardsall).

RAILWAYMAN'S PROMOTION. 6th May 1938

Mr. W. Chapman, who has been stationed at Swavesey since May, 1930, and for the last six years has been chief clerk, has been promoted to stationmaster

of Digby, near Sleaford. He hails from the West Riding of Yorkshire, and commenced his railway service at Ingrow, near Keighley, in 1918. During his stay in Swavesey he has been actively connected with Nonconformist circles.

SEAT FOR RECREATION GROUND. 6th May 1938

With the unspent surplus of money raised for last year's Coronation festivities it was decided some time ago to purchase an additional seat for the Recreation Ground. At a meeting of the committee held last week it was reported that the balance in hand was not sufficient to defray the cost and that £1 was still needed, and the hope was expressed that this sum would soon be forthcoming. Mr. G. E. Canham will be pleased to receive donations, no matter how small.

50 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING MAY 18th, 1888. 13th May 1938

Choral festival. – The members of St. Ives parish church choir attended the choral festival held in Swavesey Church on Monday afternoon. A rehearsal took place at one o'clock, and the service at three. The musical portion was very satisfactorily rendered. The music was that used in the Ely Diocesan Festival of last year. The Rev. E. Tottenham (Vicar of St. Ives) was the precentor, Mr. Holloway, of St. Ives, was at the organ, and the Precentor of King's College conducted.

STATIONMASTER ARTIST. 13th May 1938

Admirable hand-drawn notices on a fairly large scale have recently been exhibited at the railway station, and it has transpired that they were the work of the stationmaster, Mr. T. Dawson.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th May 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. After the singing of "Come lassies and lads," Mrs. C. S. Hepher took the chair. Mrs. H. Prime was chosen to be delegate at the Spring Council meeting in place of Mrs. L. Godfrey, who is unable to attend owing to her mother's illness. Mrs. Williamson was appointed to attend the treasurer's conference on May 21st at Trumpington Hall in place of Miss Willson. One of the best demonstrations ever given at a meeting in Swavesey was that on twine mats by Mrs. Hinckes. As the twine comes off orange boxes the cost is negligible and this made the demonstration most interesting to members, many of whom made a start on their mats during the meeting from materials kindly supplied by Mrs. Hinckes, who was cordially thanked. A keenly contested competition for the best buttonhole done at the meeting in 10 minutes was won by Mrs. Hepher and Mrs. H. Prime. The programme for the social half-

hour, arranged by Mrs. B. Walker and Mrs. H. Bridgeford, consisted of musical parcel, won by Mr. Crouch, and dancing. Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Wright, Miss G. Wright, Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Bridgeford were the hostesses for the evening.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY. 20th May 1938

This year's collection in the village for the British Red Cross Society amounted to £3 8s. 5½d. Miss Muriel Parsons, Mrs. C. S. Hephner, Miss Easter, Miss Mary Shepperson and Miss Joan Mitham were the collectors.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES. 20th May 1938

In the recent house-to-house collection made in Swavesey for Dr. Barnardo's Homes the sum of £3 10s. 3d. was raised. The collectors were: Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Ivatt, Misses R. Shepperson, A. Shepperson and D. Payne. The collection was organised by the Rev. A. Tilling.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION. 20th May 1938

Mr. W. Chapman, who has been clerk at Swavesey L.N.E.R. station for the past eight years, was presented with an eight-day clock on Friday, as a mark of esteem from the station staff, to mark the occasion of his appointment to the position of stationmaster at Didby, Lincs. Mr. T. Dawson, stationmaster, made the presentation. Messrs. Kester and Carter also voiced their good wishes.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 20th May 1938

The results of the recent Sunday School Union Scripture examination are now to hand, one teacher and seven scholars from the Bethel Baptist Sunday School entering, and all passed. The marks were as follows: Teachers' division – Miss Lilian Brand 81; scholars – Joan Brand 90 (4th prize), Arthur Chapman 77, Sylvia Brickwood 75, David Easter 71, Esme Parish 69, Jean Waller 59, Myrtle Ivatt 54.

FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY. 27th May 1938

Born on the 24th May, 1888, Mr. Charles H. Parish, who for some years has been chairman of the Swavesey Parish Council, celebrated his 50th birthday on Empire Day.

FEAST WEEK CRICKET. 27th May 1938

The following matches for the Swavesey Hospital Cup will be played next week: Monday, Swavesey v. Fen Drayton; Tuesday, Barwell's Tyre Works v. British Legion; Wednesday, the final. All matches will start at 6 p.m.

GRASS LETTING AUCTION. 27th May 1938

Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, attended at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening and offered about 62 acres of grass keeping in Middle and Cow Fens, the whole of the grass was sold, the prices realised being from 9s. to 24s. per acre.

EMPIRE DAY. 27th May 1938

In honour of Empire Day the Standard of St. George was flown at the parish church and the Union Jack at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. At the school the headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) gave an address on the British Commonwealth, and the children sang "Land of our birth" and Kipling's "Recessional," concluding with the National Anthem.

DEATH OF MRS. SEEKINGS. 27th May 1938

The village has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Phoebe Seekings, wife of Mr. Stephen Seekings, who passed away on Friday, aged 74 years. In addition to her husband, she leaves three sons and five daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at the parish church on Sunday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The immediate mourners were – Mr. S. Seekings (husband), Messrs. H., G. and R. Seekings (sons), Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Few, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. P. Freestone, Mr. and Mrs. F. Day (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. R. Seekings (daughter-in-law), Messrs. Covell, Harry, Leslie and George Dudley Bishop (grandsons), Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. C. Bishop, Misses Sylvia and Joyce Carter (granddaughters). Mrs. H. Bishop (granddaughter) was unable to attend owing to illness. There were no flowers by request. Mr. S. F. Mitham was the undertaker.

POLITICAL PROPAGANDA. 3rd June 1938

Quite a good crowd welcomed Mr. W. W. Light and the National Government's cinema propaganda van when they visited Swavesey on Wednesday evening.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 3rd June 1938

The 98th anniversary of Swavesey Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday week, the Rev. J. A. Ashly, of Longley, Bucks, being the special preacher.

Taking his text from Job, xxxvi., 24, in the afternoon, he spoke of remembrance as a Christian duty. Our fathers, he said, thought grandly of God, and we need to recapture the vision again. Appreciation of God's greatness was always followed by a declaration of it. After the service about 60 friends met for tea in the schoolroom. In the evening, when there was a fairly good congregation, Mr. Ashly spoke from Revelation iii., 22. The offerings were for the church funds. Mr. G. E. Canham was at the organ.

THE FEAST. 3rd June 1938

This has been the village feast week. On Sunday the services at the parish church were of a festal character, and in the evening, when there was a very good congregation, the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem, "O, taste and see" (Goss). On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Market-street was occupied by Messrs. Manning and Sons' Jollity Farm, swings, etc., with a number of stalls and other attractions, including two lady fortune tellers, but unfortunately on Tuesday, when usually there is the largest attendance, rain kept many people away. Three cricket matches for the Swavesey Hospital Cup had been arranged. Those between Swavesey C.C. and Fen Drayton on Monday, and Swavesey British Legion and Barwell's Tyre Works on Tuesday were played, but the final between Swavesey C.C. and Barwell's Tyre Works on Wednesday had to be postponed owing to rain. The only other attraction was a dance organised by Claude Whitham's band in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday night.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL COURT. 3rd June 1938

Saturday. – Before his Honour H. G. Farrant (in the chair) and Mr. H. F. Cook. APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted: Full transfer of the Rising Sun, Swavesey, from Bertram James Feakin to George Henry Meekings, together with approval of proposed structural alterations to the Rising Sun, Swavesey.

SWAVESEY HOSPITAL CUP. 10th June 1938

The final for the Swavesey Hospital Cup, which was postponed owing to rain, will be played on the Recreation Ground next Wednesday evening.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY. 10th June 1938

Yesterday being the day appointed for the official celebration of the King's birthday, the standard of St. George of England was flown at the parish church and the Union Jack at the Memorial Hall.

85 TODAY. 10th June 1938

Born at Swavesey on June 10th, 1853, Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis is celebrating the 85th anniversary of his birth to-day. He retired from practice some years ago, but retains his seat on the County Council, of which he has the distinction of being the "Father," having been a member since 1891, except for a short break between 1895 and 1898.

FETE AT SWAVESEY. 17th June 1938

Nursing Association's Annual Effort.

For the second successive year the annual fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association which took place on June 9th in the grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) was favoured with fine weather. The attendance was larger than last year, but to the great disappointment of the organisers the proceeds, all for the association, did not show a corresponding increase. They were, however, only five shillings short, viz., £30 against £30 5s. in 1937.

The fete was opened by Mrs. Petter, who in a charming little speech, spoke of the pleasure it gave her, a newcomer to the village, to help in any way such a worthy cause, and one that was in great need of increased support. She was presented with a bouquet by Brian Norman, the little grandson of Mrs. J. Norman, of the Manor House, a keen supporter of and worker for the Association.

STALLS, SIDESHOWS, ETC.

The stalls, sideshows, competitions, etc., all of which were well-patronised, were under the charge of the following: Work stall, Mrs. J. Norman and Mrs. C. Dean; fancy stall, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; pound and produce stall, Mrs. Burling and Mrs. Ellwood; sweets, Miss E. Dodson and Miss Parsons; refreshments and teas, Mrs. J. T. Daintree, Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. B. Hodson, Miss R. Gaunt, Miss M. Fox, Mrs. Wagstaff and Miss M. Wagstaff; bran tub, Miss P. Parish; clock golf, Mrs. W. Kester (won by Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Norman Lee); lawn billiards, Mr. U. Thixton (won by Master J. Hodinnott); darts, Mr. Arthur Kester (won by Mr. Norman Lee); bowls, Mr. U. Thixton (won by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. F. Causer). Guessing competitions: Weight of cake (given by Mrs. Cooksey), Mrs. S. F. Mitham (won by Mrs. S. Hephher); name of doll, "Isabell" (given by Miss Beaumont), Miss Joan Mitham (won by Mrs. C. S. Hephher).

BABY SHOW.

A feature of the fete is always a baby show, limited to the infants born in the three parishes, and for this there were fourteen entrants. Dr. French (County Medical Officer), who acted as judge, reported that the general standard was

even better than that of last year. He awarded the prizes as follows: One to three months – 1 Joy Pamela Loades (Swavesey), 2 Pearl Elizabeth Smart (Swavesey); three to seven months – 1 Sidney Ambrose (Swavesey), 2 John Hemington (Over); seven to twelve months – 1 Barbara Mary Lyon (Over), 2 Shirley Day (Over), 3 Leslie George Gotobed (Swavesey). Every child entered received a prize.

FANCY DRESS PARADE.

Among other attractions was a children's fancy dress parade, arranged by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Harry Prime, for which there were twenty-three entrants. Dr. and Mrs. Petter, who undertook the duty of judging, had a difficult task in allocating the prizes as all the costumes were excellent. The children were arranged in four groups. The following were the prize-winners: Group I. – Phyllis Hepher (Quaker Girl), 2 Victor and Nora Smart (Darby and Joan), 3 June Warrington (Window). Group II. – John Prime (Pirate), 2 Brian Hepher (Postman), 3 Jean Hepher (Nurse). Group III. – June Brooks (Knitting bag), 2 Dorothy Prior ("Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary"), 3 Roger Godfrey and Anne Smart (Jack and Jill). Group IV. – Roy Prime (Butcher), 2 Roy Smart (John Bull). In this also every entrant received a prize.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The parade was followed by a greatly appreciated entertainment. The programme included songs by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson), Miss Ingle (Over) and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, recitations by Miss Easter, and a sketch, "Daughters and Daughters," by the following members of the Mothers' Union: Mesdames B. Hodson, T. Howlett, Lee, R. Mitham and G. Prime.

Mr. C. Dean was in charge of the gate. Mr. Thixton rendered valuable assistance both before and during the fete.

DISTRICT NURSE. 17th June 1938

We are asked to state that until Monday, June 27th, the district nurse will be residing at Mrs. Harry Prime's house in High-street, Swavesey.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT. 17th June 1938

We have to record the death of Mrs. Clara Thurbon, widow of the late Mr. William Thurbon, of Swavesey, who passed away in London on Tuesday. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

DARTS CLUB. 17th June 1938

For their first outing the members of the Rising Sun Darts Club went on Sunday by motor coach to Clacton, where they spent a happy day. They had

lunch at the Empire Cafe, and afterwards had a pleasant surprise when they were present at Queen Mary's visit to the war memorial. The party left Clacton at 7 p.m., and arrived safely about 10.30 p.m.

THE LATE MR. SIDNEY GLEAVES. 17th June 1938

It was with sincere regret that his friends in Swavesey heard that Mr. Sidney Gleaves had passed away in hospital in London on June 9th, after only three days' illness. Born 69 years ago at Willingham, the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gleaves, practically the whole of his working life was spent in London in the early days with Messrs. Harrod, and for the last 45 years at Messrs. Rylands and Sons, Ltd., wholesale drapers, in Wood-street, in the city of London. He was well known in Swavesey owing to his frequent visits during the lifetime of his father and mother, and since to his brother, Mr. W. F. Gleaves – in fact, but for his illness he would have spent the Whitsun holiday in Swavesey. He was unmarried. The funeral took place at West Hampstead cemetery on Monday. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Edmund Gleaves and Mrs. W. F. Gleaves (sisters-in-law), Mrs. J. Hawkes, Mr. and Mrs. Norris, and Mr. Dyer. His surviving brothers, Messrs. Edmund and W. F. Gleaves, were unable to attend owing to ill-health.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th June 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, opened with the singing of "Billy Boy," after which excellent reports were given by Mrs. Williamson, of the Treasurers' Conference, Mrs. H. Prime of the Spring Council meeting, and Mrs. Laverack of the N.F.W.I. annual meeting, for which all three speakers were cordially thanked. Certificates were presented to Mrs. Hephher and Miss L. Hephher for work recently exhibited in the handicraft exhibition. Arrangements were made for an outing to the House of Commons on July 6th, and also made for the children's party on June 22nd and the garden party on June 29th, both to be held in the President's garden. An interesting talk was then given by Captain Holmes on "the work of the Cambridgeshire blind," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A keenly contested competition for the best bunch of flowers from a member's garden, judged by Capt. Holmes, was won by Mrs. W. Kester. The programme for the social half-hour, arranged by Mrs. Ding, and Mrs. Carrice, included games and dancing. Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Covell, Mrs. Coulson and Mrs. Carrier were the hostesses for the evening.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 24th June 1938

The funeral of Mrs. Clara Thurbon, widow of the late Mr. William Thurbon, whose death in London at the age of 83 years was announced last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Lauzzari, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Fagan (daughters), Messrs. William and Walter Thurbon (sons), Messrs. T. Mortlock and Hayden (sons-in-law), Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Levell, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Savage, Miss B. Dodson (granddaughters), Messrs. Ronie Lauzzari, Jonas Dodson, George Fagan, John Mortlock, Albert Mortlock, Chas. W. Thurbon, Pat Fagan (grandsons), Connie Levell, June Savage, Derrick Mortlock, Patrick Fagan (great-grandchildren), Mrs. Lander (niece). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. F. Mitham, Swavesey.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED. 24th June 1938

An enjoyable evening was spent by the children of members of the Women's Institute in the garden of the President on Wednesday. Tea was served by members of the committee at 5 p.m., at which 30 children sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the sumptuous fare provided. After tea, games were enjoyed on the lawn, and afterwards sports were entered into with great zest. The mothers' race caused much amusement, one mother finishing full length on the grass and two others minus a heel on their shoes. At the end of the evening prizes were presented by Mrs. S. Smith, one of the older members present. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Hepher for entertaining the children, who showed their appreciation by giving three hearty cheers. Mrs. Hepher, in reply, said it was a pleasure to have the children and thanked all who had helped. The prizewinners were as follows: - Flat races: Over 11 years – girls, 1 Phyllis Hepher, 2 Myrtle Ivett; boys – 1 Don Froment, 2 Bernard Prior; 7 – 11: girls – 1 Dorothy Prior, 2 Betty Walker; boys – 1 John Walker, 2 Leslie Ding; under 7 years: girls – 1 Kathleen Williams, 2 Beryl Prime; boys – 1 John Shepperson, 2 Bert Walker. Three-legged race, girls – 1 Betty Walker and Dorothy Prior, 2 Jean Walker and Myrtle Ivett; boys – 1 Ray Oakman and Bernard Prior, 2 John Prime and Claude Walker. Potato and spoon: girls – 1 Joy Ivett, 2 Phyllis Hepher; boys – 1 Harry Howlett, 2 Neville Oakman. Wool hunt, Myrtle Ivett and Ray Oakman; consolation race – Roger Godfrey, Brian Oakman, Keith Oakman, Guy Prior, Brian Hepher, David Crouch. Mother's race – 1 Mrs. J. Prior, 2 Mrs. Godfrey. After the distribution of prizes a scramble of sweets by Mr. Hepher brought the happy evening to a close.

THE LATE MRS. J. MITHAM. 24th June 1938

Preceded by a Requiem on Friday at Chevington, Bury St. Edmund's, the funeral of Mrs. Emily R. Mitham, widow of the late Mr. John Mitham, whose death was reported last week, took place at Swavesey parish church on Saturday. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) conducted the first part of the service during which the hymns "Holy Father, cheer our way" and "On the Resurrection morning" were sung, and the Rev. A. K. Shrewsbury (Vicar of Chevington) officiated at the committal. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mitham (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hemington (son-in-law and daughter), Jack Hemington and Jimmie Mitham (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, Mr and Mrs. Horace Wells (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mitham, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skeeles, Miss Beaumont, Mrs. J. Shepperson (nephews and nieces), Mrs. F. Mitham, Mrs. J. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkes (cousins). Mr. S. F. Mitham was responsible for the funeral arrangements.

PROPERTY MARKET. 24th June 1938

SALE OF SWAVESEY HOUSES.

Mr. Cyril Watts attended at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon last and offered the following Swavesey properties by auction, by instructions of the exors. of the late Mr. Robinson Mitham, the results being as follows:-

Lot 1. – A pair of newly-erected brick and slate dwelling houses. Purchaser, Mr. Wm. Burton at £480.

Lot 2. – Four dwelling houses in Church-end. Purchaser, Mr. W. J. Hepher at £800.

Lot 3. – Building or garden plot, Church-end. Purchaser, Mr. C. W. Cole, £75.

Lot 4. – The small dairy or stock farm, comprising 107 acres, with cottage and buildings, known as Friezland Farm, after spirit bidding was knocked down to Mr. F. P. Woods for £1,725.

Lot 5. – 10a. 1r. 21p. of accommodation old pasture land known as Chantry Close was withdrawn at £290.

There was a large attendance at the sale, which attracted considerable local interest. The bidding was brisk, and the prices realised were considered very satisfactory.

FIRE AT SWAVESEY STATION. 1st July 1938

High Tension Wires Involved.

An unusual fire early on Wednesday near Swavesey Railway Station involved high tension electricity cables and was the cause of goods trains being delayed or diverted.

It occurred at the top of a pole carrying the high tension wires over the railway on the Beds., Cambs., and Hunts. Co.'s system. Fanned by a high wind, the fire glowed brightly and threw out showers of sparks. There was a constant danger of "live" wires falling on to the railway line.

Owing to some fault in the Post Office telephone system, there was considerable delay in getting into touch with St. Ives and having the current cut off.

THE LATE MRS. J. MITHAM. 1st July 1938

The names of Mrs. T. Williams and Mrs. H. A. Corbett (sisters) were inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in the report of the funeral of Mrs. John Mitham last week. The Rev. Anderson Wells (brother) was unable to attend owing to illness.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 1st July 1938

Services in celebration of the anniversary of the Sunday School were held at Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday, good congregations being present throughout the day. The special preacher was the Rev. Frank Goody, of Harston. In the afternoon, at a young people's service conducted by the Pastor, various scholars took part, the programme including recitations by Myrtle Ivatt, Hilda Jackson and Maysie Holbrook, a Scripture reading and solo by Sylvia Brickwood, duet by Myrtle Ivatt and Jean Walker. The address was given by Mr. Goody and Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over, opened in prayer. The preacher next Sunday will be the Pastor.

GARDEN PARTY. 1st July 1938

The annual garden party under the auspices of the Women's Institute, which was held in the President's garden on Wednesday, was declared open by Mrs. Cooksey, who spoke of the valuable work done in the village by the W.I. The stalls were well patronised, as was also the appetising tea served attractively at little tables on the lawn. After tea competitions were keenly entered into, and a display of country dancing was given by about 30 children from Over School. These showed careful training, and the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and onlookers. The Head Mistress (Miss Vermell) and her assistant (Miss Rogers) were in charge of the children. After the dancing the children enjoyed swings and a see-saw and excellent refreshments. Owing to the very unsettled weather the rest of the evening was

spent in the Memorial Hall. There the first beetle drive was very much enjoyed, and which was as popular as ever. Mr. C. S. Hephher was M.C. for beetle and Mr. Berryman for whist. The hall was then cleared and a happy evening was spent in dancing, for which Claude Whitham and his boys provided a well-chosen selection of music. At the close Mrs. Lee thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hephher for lending their garden to help W.I. funds. The following were in charge of the stalls and competitions: Gift stall, Mrs. J. Coulson; sweets, Mrs. H. Prime; cakes, Mrs. W. Kester; produce, Mrs. Williamson; white elephant, Mesdames Smith and R. and S. Hephher; dressing clothes peg, Miss F. Kester (won by Mr. C. S. Hephher); advertisements, Mrs. S. Wright (won by Mrs. Dawson); plant pot and marbles, Mrs. B. Walker (won by Mrs. F. Warrington); number of sweets in bottle (given by Mrs. G. Froment), Mrs. Pettitt (won by Mrs. E. Webb); lawn billiards, Miss E. Thorp (won by Mrs. Dawson); weight of basket of fruit (given by Mrs. Hephher), Mrs. Crouch and Mrs. Oakman (won by Mrs. Cooksey); mystery parcel (given by Mrs. Lee), Mrs. Dawson (won by Mrs. E. Webb); weight of cake (given by Mrs. Laverack), Miss Wright (won by Mrs. Crouch). The prize-winners in the whist drive were: Miss G. Dalton (ladies), Mr. Warren (gentlemen), and in the beetle drive Mrs. Ivett (ladies), Mr. S. Wright (gentlemen). Mrs. Lee kindly did gate duty during the afternoon, and Miss Willson door duty for the dance.

WEDDING. 8th July 1938

The marriage took place at St. Hilda's Church, Brockley Rise, London, S.E., on June 30th, of Mr. R. Berry, of London, and Miss Olive Hawkes, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Hawkes, late of Swavesey and granddaughter of Mr. W. H. Key.

FELL FROM LOAD OF STRAW. 8th July 1938

Mr. Tom Savage, of Boxworth End, while tying a load of bundles of straw on a lorry on Monday at Longstanton, fell from the top on to the cabin of the lorry and thence on to some bricks on the ground. Very badly bruised and shaken, he was taken home, and Dr. Petter was called in. As far as is known at present, no bones were broken, but it will be two or three weeks before the injured man will be able to work again.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 15th July 1938

The annual meeting of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association was held in the old school on Thursday week, Mr. H. Edwards, of Over, occupying the chair. The accounts for the past year, which had been audited by Mr. Edwards, were presented and approved. They showed that the

receipts had amounted to £221 6s. 2½d., and the expenditure to £213 8s. 1d. It was reported that the nurse had made 3,868 visits during the year. Officers for the ensuing twelve months were elected as follows: - President and treasurer, Mrs. Cooksey; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. Norman; assistant treasurer, Mrs. C. Dean; committee, Mrs. Harry Asplin, Mrs. Harold Asplin, Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. T. Ingle and Mrs. Silk (Over), Mrs. Burling, Mrs. C. Dean and Miss Elsie Dodson (Swavesey), Mrs. Fred Johnson and the wife of a Land Settler (Fen Drayton). At the request of the Rural Community Council Mrs. Fred Johnson was appointed to represent the Association on the committee of Fen Drayton Village Hall. The meeting, unfortunately, was very poorly attended, those present, almost without exception, being officers of the Association.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th July 1938

Owing to the unsettled weather the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall, instead of the President's garden. The President occupied the chair and a good number of members were present, with one visitor. The proceedings commenced with the song, "Drink to me only," after which a discussion took place with regard to evening classes, folk dancing and rug making classes gaining the preference. Arrangements were made for attending the rally at Trumpington on July 21st, and it was announced that the bus would leave Market-street at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. H. Prime were elected delegates to attend the group committee meeting on July 18th. A demonstration of soft toy making was given by Mrs. Hinckes, of Cambridge, for which she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The competition, best use made of two ounces of three-ply wool, was won by Mrs. Freestone. A roll call on household hints in hot weather brought some very useful suggestions. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Culpin, Ding and Dawson. The programme for the social half-hour, arranged by Mrs. G. Prime and Miss E. Thorp, included a treasure hunt, won by Mrs. G. Froment, and a beetle drive, in which the prizewinners were – 1 Miss L. Melbourne, 2 Mrs. Crouch.

BRITISH LEGION. 22nd July 1938

Forty-eight passengers booked from Swavesey station on Sunday morning by the special L.N.E.R. excursion for the rally of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely branches of the British Legion at March.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 22nd July 1938

At the annual meeting of the Football Club, held in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, a good number of members being present, the following

officers being elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. H. Lee; vice-presidents (subject to their consent), Rev. C. C. Dickson, Rev. A. Tilling, Rev. A. Beaumont, Messrs. G. E. Canham, W. Crouch, C. S. Hepher, A. E. W. Melbourne, C. Dean, A. E. Holloway, E. C. Bond, J. G. Inglis and Dr. Petter; captain first eleven, N. Hemstock; vice-captain, J. Mitham; hon. secretary, S. J. Wright; hon. treasurer, J. Mitham; groundsman, W. J. Kester. It was decided to enter the following competitions: Cambs. League, Cambs. Minor Cup and Willingham Nursing Cup, and that the subscription should be 2s. 6d. (juveniles 1s. 6d.). A proposal that a supporters' club should be run, with a membership fee of one shilling, was carried unanimously and officers were appointed as follows: Chairman, Mr. Turner; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Hendry; treasurer, Mr. G. Oakman. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to run a second eleven, if the number of playing members allowed.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd July 1938

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, was attended by the following members: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton, with the clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). A communication was read from the County Council explaining why, on a report of the Chief Constable, the Parish Council's request for a speed limit through the village had not been complied with. The Parish Councillors notwithstanding remained strongly of opinion that a speed limit was absolutely necessary, especially through the middle of the village where the schools are situated, but, as more than one of them remarked, they supposed nothing would be done until a child had been killed. The clerk stated that representatives of the Rural District Council, who had made an inspection, had reported that the public water supply in the village was not of sufficient force for fire-fighting purposes, and that the village would have to rely on the ponds, which, however, would have to be cleaned out to be of effective use. After considerable discussion, in course of which it transpired that funds were not available for dealing with the three ponds, Mr. Burton proposed, and Mr. Mitham seconded, that the Swan pond should be cleaned out for a start. Mr. Cole moved as an amendment, that the School pond should be attended to first, as it was in the middle of the village. This was seconded by Mr. Dean, and carried. The Chairman then suggested that a small committee should be appointed to ascertain how best the work could be carried out, but no member of the Council was willing to serve, and so the matter was left in abeyance. Mr. Payne mentioned that complaints had been made that the public water supply had on several occasions been cut off

without notice to the users, and that serious inconvenience had been caused. The clerk replied that the proper course for the complainants to adopt was to make a representation to the R.D.C. Before the meeting closed it was decided that four seats on the recreation ground should be re-varnished, Mr. Burton undertaking to see that the work was done.

CHURCH FETE. 22nd July 1938

The annual church fete in the Vicarage grounds, which was held this year on July 14th, was much enjoyed. Mrs. Robert Ellis, J.P., opened the fete at 3 p.m., and was presented with a charming bouquet by Little June Brooks. After the opening good trade was done at the stalls and competitions. The whole fete was enlivened by the music of Messrs. Cheesewright's radiophone. Many people, who previously had preferred a brass band, thoroughly enjoyed this innovation, and it was much appreciated. Attractive teas were served on the lawn, and these were supplemented by fruit salad and cream. During the evening a charming play, "The Turn About Spell," was well performed by 20 children, 15 of whom were "tots." The children were trained by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, and showed great credit to her training. A whist drive, for which Mr. Berryman was M.C., was held at the front of the Vicarage, at which a good many players enjoyed an hour or so. Dancing then began, and this time was free to everyone, and was thoroughly enjoyed while there was any daylight. The prizegiving then took place, Mrs. Dickson very kindly undertaking this. The Vicar then thanked everyone who had helped in any way, finishing up with three hearty cheers for Mrs. Hepher, who had undertaken the organisation. The following were the stallholders: New Work, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. J. Linford, Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. G. Burling; gift, Miss G. Froment and Miss Daisley; china, Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. E. J. Mitham; refreshments, Mrs. R. Mitham, Mrs. J. Daintree, Mrs. B. Hodson and helpers; produce, Mrs. W. J. Hepher; soap, Mrs. C. Ding; 6d. or 3d. stall, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. H. Prime; sweets, Miss E. Dodson and Miss Parsons; fruit salad and cream, Mrs. W. Kester. Competitions: Bowls, Mr. D. Williams (won by Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Mr. Brittain); Aunt Sally, Mr. B. Hodson; the clock, Master Alan Lee; weight of cake (given by Mrs. Bloodworth), Mrs. G. Prime and Mrs. R. Brooks (won by Mrs. G. Oakman); obstacle race, Mrs. G. Froment (won by Miss O. Nightingale); ping-pong chopsticks, Mrs. F. Causer (won by Mr. J. Mitham); darts, Mr. A. Hepher (won by Mr. Cheesewright and Mrs. C. S. Hepher); Corinthian bagatelle, Mr. N. Lee (won by Mrs. Curtis); weight of a tea, Mrs. S. Mitham (won by Mr. D. Williams); number of windows in church, Miss L. J. Hepher (won by Mrs. E. J. Mitham); cake competition, Mrs. J. Cain (won by Mrs. J. Linford and Mrs. C. S. Hepher); number of sweets in

bottle, Miss J. Lee (won by Miss Robertson); clock golf, Miss J. Prior (won by Mr. Cheesewright and Miss F. Warboys); Mickey Mouse bagatelle, Mr. H. Prime (won by Mrs. H. Wells and Mrs. Bloodworth). Prizewinners in the whist drive were: Ladies, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Warboys; gentlemen, Mr. Dean and Mrs. Bloodworth. Buttonholes were sold during the afternoon by Misses P. Hephher and O. Nightingale.

A DAY AT SKEGNESS. 29th July 1938

Forty-five children and thirty adults joined the special United Sunday Schools' excursion to Skegness at Swavesey L.N.E.R. station on Wednesday morning.

LADIES' CRICKET MATCH. 29th July 1938

There was a good crowd on the Recreation Ground on Monday evening to witness a cricket match between the ladies of Swavesey and Lolworth. The home team won.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT. 29th July 1938

Mrs. Rosa Alice Parish, wife of Mr. James W. Parish, of Rushden, Northants, and formerly of Swavesey, died suddenly on July 23rd, aged 69 years. In addition to her husband she leaves one son. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Swavesey Cemetery, Mr. Camp, pastor of the Strict Baptist Chapel, conducting the service. The mourners were: Mr. James W. Parish (husband), Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parish, London (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Golding, St. Ives (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Alf Parish, Colne (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. Jabez Parish (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Parish, London (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Mrs. Jabez Parish (sister-in-law) was unable to be present owing to ill-health.

PROTECTION FROM FIRE. 29th July 1938

A Resident writes: According to the report of the meeting of the Parish Council in last week's "Independent Press and Chronicle," it would appear that in the event of a fire in the village no water, or at any rate only an inadequate supply, would be available. R.D.C. representatives, it was stated, had reported that the public water supply was not of sufficient force for fire-fighting purposes that the village ponds would have to be relied upon, and that to be of effective use they would have to be cleaned out. The Council, it was said, had not sufficient money to deal with the three ponds, but it was agreed that a start would be made with one of them. The Swan pond was proposed, but an amendment was carried that the pond adjoining the recreation ground as being in the middle of the village should be the first tackled. Then the

Chairman suggested that a small committee should be appointed to see how best the work should be carried out, but no member of the Council would serve. And there the matter was left. That this is very unsatisfactory must be admitted. May I, however, suggest that there is an authority in the village that is superior to the Parish Council, namely the Parish Meeting. Perhaps if a parish meeting were called two or three public spirited parishioners might be induced to serve on a committee to have the selected pond cleaned out, and it is within the range of possibility that means could be devised for raising enough money to have the other two ponds put in a condition to be of effective use.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. 5th Aug. 1938

In honour of the 38th birthday of her Majesty the Queen the standard of St. George of England was flown at the parish church yesterday.

PARISH CHURCH. 5th Aug. 1938

The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) will be absent from the village on holiday until the beginning of September, and the Rev. C. G. Earwaker, of Eastbourne, will be in charge of the parish. He will reside at the Vicarage.

BOYS NEARLY CAUSED "BLACK-OUT" 12th Aug. 1938

Stone Throwing at Wires at Swavesey.

Damage caused by two boys might have cut off electricity supplies from Cambridge and several large factories, it was disclosed by a witness at a Cambs. Juvenile Court at the Shirehall on Saturday.

The magistrates were his Honour H. G. Farrant (in the chair), Mr. H. F. Cook and Mrs. Pease.

Two boys were alleged to have been concerned together in causing malicious damage to 17 insulators attached to Pole 289 at Uttons Way, Swavesey, doing damage to the amount of £14 10s. to the property of the Beds., Cambs. and Hunts. Electricity Co., between May 2nd and July 2nd.

Mr. Abrahams (of Messrs. Wade-Gery and Brackenbury, St. Neots) prosecuted for the Company, and Mr. W. R. Wallis appeared for the defence, pleading guilty in respect of one boy and not guilty on behalf of the other.

Leonard Bernard Norman, a linesman, gave evidence as to damage caused to 17 insulators.

Henry John Smith, district manager for the Company, explained the seriousness of the damage, which, he said, might have had the effect of cutting off the electric supply to several factories as well as the town of Cambridge.

INTERVIEWS BY SERGEANT.

P.C. Shanks said that on July 5th he was with P.S. Gilbey, and after visiting the pole and seeing several stones lying in a field not far from the pole, he visited the boys' house and saw one of them, who ran away. He was called back, and after being questioned, said he had never thrown any stones at the wires.

His brother was then interviewed and made a statement, in which he said he was with his brother when they saw two other boys who appeared to be throwing stones at the wires. The other boys ran away when they approached. When he and his brother got to the pole they saw some of the insulators were broken, and after they had thrown several stones he broke one of the insulators. His brother also threw stones, but did not break anything.

The other boy was interviewed and admitted throwing stones, but denied breaking any insulators.

Witness said he had made inquiries respecting any boys who had been there, but had been unable to find any.

Mr. Wallis called the boy who pleaded not guilty, and he gave evidence to the effect that he had not broken any insulators, but admitted throwing stones.

The boys' father gave evidence as to his sons' characters and as to his means.

The Bench found the case proved against both boys, and fined each of them 30s. and 7s. 6d. costs each, the money to be paid by their father.

Mr. Abrahams waived the amount of the damage.

SEARCHLIGHT DEFENCE. 12th Aug. 1938

The detachment of the 346th Company, 36th Battalion, Middlesex R.E. (T.A.), who have been encamped in a field on Fen Drayton-road since July 31st, engaged on searchlight defence, left for Fenstanton yesterday (Thursday).

A SWAVESEY MAN'S PROMOTION. 12th Aug. 1938

His old friends in Swavesey will be pleased to learn that Mr. Frank Beaumont has recently been appointed Deputy Accountant to His Majesty's Treasury. He is the second surviving son of the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who for over 40 years was headmaster of Swavesey School.

B.W.T.A. 12th Aug. 1938

An enjoyable meeting of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Wednesday at the Manor, Swavesey, by kind invitation of Mrs. J. Norman. Owing to the showery weather the proceedings were held indoors instead of in the garden, as originally planned. A good company met for tea. The meeting was under the chairmanship of the Rev. A. Tilling, and the speaker was Mrs. W. Coles, of Cottenham, who gave a

practical address, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Tilling, seconded by Mrs. Laverack. The next meeting will be held on October 18th, when the speaker will be Miss Bressey, a national demonstrator from London.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Aug. 1938

The attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday was rather smaller than usual owing to holidays. Mrs. C. S. Hephher was in the chair. It was decided to arrange a whist drive and beetle drive for Federation funds on October 20th, to be followed by a social for W.I. funds on October 27th. Final arrangements were discussed for the group meeting at Swavesey on Sept. 22nd. It was also agreed to form a thrift club instead of the outing funds. An excellent demonstration of miming was given by Mrs. Hodges, in which many members took part. The two competitions were poorly supported, Mrs. Williamson winning the prize for a collection of vegetables and Mrs. Laverack for the best bunch of wild flowers. During the social half-hour there was a short whist drive, a word making competition, and a song guessing competition arranged by Mrs. Heasman and Miss L. Hephher. The prizewinners were: Miss Melbourne (competitions), Mrs. Pettitt and Miss F. Kester (whist drive).

PROPERTY MARKET. 12th Aug. 1938

SWAVESEY SALE.

Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives, attended at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Monday, and offered the following properties by auction by direction of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilderspin.

Mordaunt House, together with yard, farm buildings and small orchard, bought by Mr. Dick Wilderspin for £560.

Chester house and Clare Cottage, sold to the same buyer for £460.

A pair of cottages adjoining were withdrawn at £65, but afterwards sold by private treaty.

Three dwellings, adjoining, known as York Cottages, sold to Mr. Hephher for £250.

Three lots, comprising 39a. 1r. 21p. of pasture land in Cow Fen, were withdrawn at £400, but afterwards sold privately.

Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes, of Cambridge, were the solicitors concerned for the vendors.

HARVEST REPORT. 12th Aug. 1938

After the very dry Spring and summer, the winter crops are in a very good average, but Spring corn came in two crops and is rather thin, especially where sown late. Wheat, 7 to 8 combs per acre; barley, 6 – 7 per acre; oats, 10 – 12 per acre. Meadow hay, a very light crop, about 5 to 10 cwts. per acre. The seeds up to a ton per acre. Sugar beet and roots a fair crop.

A few strawberries, but practically no plums or apples, except in one or two isolated orchards. This season is a better one than last, but the grass land has carried very little stock.

Most of what farmers and gardeners have produced has been sold below the cost of production, hence the need for subsidies. – C. Cole.

CAMBS. VILLAGE “SCENE” 19th Aug. 1938

Trouble on Milk Round at Swavesey.

A street “scene” at Swavesey had a sequel at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday, when J. K., of Askew-row, Swavesey, was charged with assaulting Florence Warboys, of Manor House, Fen Drayton, at Swavesey, on August 5th.

Mr. R. H. H. Whitehead appeared for the complainant, and Mr. W. H. Kester represented defendant, who, he said, was out of work, and asked for a certificate for legal aid to be granted.

The Bench decided not to grant the application.

Miss Florence Warboys, Manor House, Fen Drayton, said that on August 5th she was with her mother delivering milk in Askew-road, Swavesey. Witness remained near the car and heard her mother say, “Good morning, Mr. K.,” to defendant. Defendant said, “You are just the person I want to see. You have been gossiping about me.” Her mother denied this, and he alleged that she had lost him a job.

“I’LL GET MY GUN.”

Defendant threatened to throw a bucket of water over her mother, and witness went up to her mother. Defendant swore at her and threatened to shoot her. He said, “I am going to my house to get the gun.”

Witness and her mother left as he was on his way to his house.

Answering Mr. Kester, witness said she drove the car on the milk round. She did not remain in the car on this occasion. She had known defendant for as long as she could remember.

Mrs. Elizabeth Warboys, mother of the previous witness said that when she said “Good morning” to defendant he began to accuse her of being a gossip-monger and of doing him harm. She told him she did not know what he was talking about. He threatened to throw a bucket of water over her. Her daughter called her away, and he said he would fetch a gun. She and her

daughter drove away in the car, and witness collapsed in Market-street. She suffered from a weak heart and was very upset by the incident.

She wanted defendant to leave her alone.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kester, witness said defendant was washing in the pail when she saw him. Defendant was not "quite nice about it" when he accused her of gossiping. He threw the bucket down and said he would get his gun and shoot her daughter. Witness said she had not been on the round since the incident occurred. Her daughter had since asked Mrs. Rooke if she had heard anything about it.

This concluded the complainant's case.

Mr. Kester called Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Rooke, of Askew-road, Swavesey, who said she was just inside her door. She heard a "few words" and heard defendant say he would throw some potatoes he had in a bucket. No one said anything about a gun.

Cross-examined by Mr. Whitehead, witness said defendant did not pick the pail of water up to throw the potatoes and did not say he would throw them at him. She did not hear him say anything.

Mrs. Louisa Carter, of Askew-row, Swavesey, said defendant was washing potatoes in a pail at the tap. She heard him say he would throw the potatoes and saw him pick the pail up and set it down in the middle of the yard. Nothing was said about a gun or shooting.

"YAPPING WOMEN."

Answering Mr. Whitehead, witness said she had good hearing. Defendant opened the conversation by asking what "you women have been yapping about me for."

Re-examined, she said defendant was in his usual good temper. Miss Warboys' attitude was cheeky.

On oath, defendant said it was a long time since he had last been in the court.

On August 5th he was washing potatoes at the tap in the road. He had heard that Mrs. Warboys had been talking about him. He asked her about it, and she denied talking about him and went by. When she came back she kept on talking, but he took no notice. He was then attracted by a cattish noise from the end of the street. It was Miss Warboys shouting and bawling, and he thought she told him to leave her mother alone. He told her that if she came down the street he would throw the water over her.

He had not got a gun and had no ammunition.

Replying to Mr. Whitehead, defendant said he did not threaten to get a gun.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. Kester said that they all knew defendant. He had been there time and time again, but since he had appeared on a serious charge he had not been up there.

Mr. Kester told the Bench that defendant was endeavouring to get a job and was behaving himself. Why should he be bound over because these women went along there and -----

His Honour: And yapped?

Mr. Kester: Yes.

Mr. Kester then asked that defendant should not be bound over.

The Bench, after a retirement, decided to dismiss the case.

OBITUARY. 26th Aug. 1938

Miss Frances Daisley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Daisley, passed away early on Monday morning at her home in High-street. She would have been 64 years of age if she had lived until Wednesday. Miss Daisley had been in failing health for some time, but refused to see a doctor – in fact she had not been attended by a medical man for many years. The funeral took place at the Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

LADIES' CRICKET MATCH. 26th Aug. 1938

In the return match between the lady cricketers of Swavesey and Fen Drayton played on the Recreation Ground on Thursday week, the Swavesey ladies were again victorious.

CIRCUS. 2nd Sept. 1938

Frisco Frank's Continental Circus paid a visit to Swavesey on Friday. Two performances should have been given in a large tent in Mr. Dick Wilderspin's field in Cow Fen, but that in the afternoon did not take place owing to the very small attendance. The performance in the evening was, however, well attended.

ICE CREAM VENDOR'S MISHAP. 2nd Sept. 1938

When proceeding along High-street at about 5 p.m. on Tuesday an ice cream vendor riding a motor cycle combination came into collision with a motor lorry which was turning into Wallman's-lane at the Turn Bridge. The cycle was badly damaged and the ice cream spilt on the road, but no one was injured. It is understood that the mishap was due to the snapping of the brake rod of the cycle.

MIDNIGHT ALARMS. 2nd Sept. 1938

The bell connected with the clock on the old school was struck 112 times at midnight on Monday, eight times less than on a previous occasion. Is this to be regarded, asks a correspondent, as the clock's protest against the refusal of

the Chesterton R.D.C. to be responsible for the small stipend of the winder previously paid for years without question by the now defunct Swavesey R.D.C.

THE LATE MISS DAISLEY. 2nd Sept. 1938

The funeral of Miss Frances Annie Daisley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Daisley, of High-street, whose death two days before her 64th birthday was announced in our last issue, took place at the Parish Church on Thursday week. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Rev. C. G. Earwaker and the choir, and during the service the hymns "Thy way not mine, O Lord" and "Abide with me" were sung and the 23rd Psalm and Nunc Dimittis chanted. Mr. Earwaker also gave a short address in the course of which he spoke of the late Miss Daisley's long years of devoted service to the church and the Sunday School. Mr. James Williams was at the organ. The mourners were: Mr. James Daisley (brother), Mrs. Harry Wells, Mr. and Mrs. J. Froment, Mr. and Mrs. A. Froment, Mr. A. Papworth (Over), Mrs. Robert Papworth (Over), Mr. and Mrs. C. Ding, Mr. Albert Ding, Mrs. M. Jeffs, Mr and Mrs. Layton (Cambridge), Mr. Phillips (Cambridge), Mrs. H. Thoday (Over), Miss G. Robinson, Mrs. D. Robinson (cousins). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons. – The late Miss Daisley will be much missed. For 46 years she was a Sunday School teacher, and for about the same period a member of the church choir. She was also an active member of the Women's Guild, and for very many years, in conjunction with her mother, cleaner of the National (now Council) School.

MEMORIAL HALL. 9th Sept. 1938

The dance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening proved a great success, notwithstanding that owing to rain many of the dancers did not arrive until late. Claude Whitham and his boys provided an excellent programme of music. The refreshments were arranged by Miss M. Symonds, Mr. G. Wright was in charge of the door, and Mr. H. C. Pender acted as M.C.

WEDDING. 9th Sept. 1938

The marriage of Miss Edna Dora Page, daughter of Mrs. C. E. Page, of Swavesey, and Mr. Horace Owen Taylor, son of Mr. O. S. Taylor, of Histon, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. Mr. E. Yardy (cousin of the bride) was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. G. Yardy, was attired in blue marocain. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Betty Reynolds, in pink. Mr. S. Taylor (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a

reception was held at the bride's home, and later the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent touring in Devon and Cornwall.

25 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12th 1913. 9th Sept. 1938
Champions Defeated. – Swavesey, the champions of Division I of the Milton and District League, were defeated on Saturday by a team representing the pick of the League clubs. The Swavesey innings realised 102, C. Wood being the top scorer with 31. The remainder of the side made only a very moderate show, and this was probably due to the bowling of S. G. Mansfield (Histon Institute) and V. Gautrey (Cottenham). The Rest's innings was conspicuous by the brilliant batting of J. Kefford (Trumpington Institute). He batted together with V. Gautrey for some time, but the latter fell after scoring 30. Kefford reached 124, and was caught out a few minutes before the finish. His total included ten 4's, a 5 and a 6. The Rest scored 192 for the loss of six wickets.

FORMER CAMBS. COUPLE. 9th Sept. 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Parish's' Golden Wedding.

A golden wedding of interest to many Cambridgeshire people has been celebrated in Manchester this week. Mr. Jethro Parish, of Swavesey, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Wilkin, of Over, were married at Over Baptist Chapel on September 5th, 1888. Their married life has been spent in Manchester, where Mr. Parish is a director of J. and J. Parish and Son, Ltd., builders and contractors, but they are frequent visitors to their old homes.

Mr. Parish, who is 79 and a well-known Manchester figure, still attends daily the business which he founded over 50 years ago and which is known in many parts of the kingdom. The firm has been concerned in work for the B.B.C. in Manchester and Wales, and their latest work of this kind is in Aberdeen. Mr. Parish says that building the special rooms for wireless broadcasting is a most interesting part of the business. A great deal of church work has been done, too, and there is a local example in St. Paul's Church, Withington, Manchester, where the firm built a war memorial chapel, which contains some beautiful and unusual carving. There are now two sons in the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish still attend regularly the Particular Baptist Chapel in Rochdale-road, Manchester, where Mr. Parish was for 18 years treasurer of the Sunday School, and for 33 years a member of the chapel committee. Mrs. Parish is president of the Dorcas Society at the chapel, an organisation that worked for the soldiers and sailors during the war, and was continued as a peace-time activity for the benefit of people in hospitals, workhouses, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish have four sons, all of whom served in the war, three daughters and nine grandchildren. One son and a daughter-in-law are missionaries in Bolivia, and so were not able to join in the family celebration which was held on September 3rd at the Tudor Cafe, Manchester. In proposing the health of Mr. and Mrs. Parish, warm tributes were paid by the sons and a son-in-law. A bouquet of golden roses was presented to Mrs. Parish from the grandchildren.

On Monday and on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Parish were at home to their friends, and many people came to offer good wishes. Many other messages and gifts of good will have been received from friends at a distance. They are both in good health and unusually active for their age.

EXCURSION TO YARMOUTH. 16th Sept. 1938

Twenty-four passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. day excursion to Yarmouth on Wednesday morning.

STATION GARDENS COMPETITION. 16th Sept. 1938

Swavesey station has been awarded a fourth-class certificate in this year's competition for best kept stations on the L. and N.E.R.

AUGMENTED TRAIN SERVICE. 16th Sept. 1938

An improved service with Cambridge, St. Ives and Kettering is offered in the winter train service, which commences on September 26th. Certain L.M.S. trains, which previously ran through, will be booked to stop regularly at Swavesey. The additional departure times are: 7.50 a.m., 11.44 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Kettering, and 11.53 a.m. to Cambridge.

WEDDING. 16th Sept. 1938

The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated at the marriage at the parish church on Saturday of Mr. Leonard Charles Wagstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wagstaff, of Market-street, and Miss Dorothy May Rooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rooke, of Askew-row. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Mr. Oliver Bath, of Boxworth, was attired in blue, with hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and fern. The bridesmaids, Miss Mary Wagstaff (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Margery Rooke (sister of the bride) were attired in pink with head-dresses of pink roses and silver leaves. Each wore a wrist watch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. Mr. Douglas Wagstaff (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception after the

ceremony was held at the residence of Miss Stockbridge (aunt of the bridegroom). Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wagstaff received about 50 presents.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Sept. 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, opened with the singing of "Drink to me only," after which the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) took the chair and welcomed two new members and three visitors. Final arrangements were made for the group meeting to be held in the Memorial Hall next Thursday. Mrs. Shepperson was chosen as delegate to the autumn council meeting in Cambridge and Mrs. Martin was appointed Press correspondent for the remaining months of the year. Miss McKay then gave a useful talk on "Renovations," for which, on the proposition of Mrs. Shepperson, she was accorded a vote of thanks. As Mrs. Froment and Mrs. Godfrey were unable to be present to arrange the social half-hour, community singing, accompanied by the percussion band, filled the breach. The competition for re-footing a stocking was won by Mrs. Williamson. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Walker, Miss F. Kester and Miss G. Wright. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th.

DISTRICT NURSE. 23rd Sept. 1938

The district nurse will reside with Mrs. George Prime, Station-road, from September 24th to October 1st, and with Mrs. H. Prime, High-street, from October 1st to 8th.

CAMPANOLOGY. 23rd Sept. 1938

By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) a peal of minor was rung on St. Andrew's Church bells on Saturday. The peal consisted of 720 changes each Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, 5,040 changes in all. The ringers were: A. J. Abrams 1, A. R. Paul 2, W. Young 3, W. Seekings 4, D. Paul 5, F. Warrington 6. The peal occupied 2 hours 54 minutes and was conducted by F. Warrington.

DANCE. 30th Sept. 1938

The Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion held another of their popular dances at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Owing to the heavy downpour of rain the attendance during the first hour was very small, but later the weather improved, when a goodly number of people entered. The dance music was played by Billy Bishop and his boys, and their playing was

much appreciated. Refreshments were nicely served by Mesdames Turner, Ellwood and J. Prior. Messrs. Watson and S. Clark officiated as cashiers. The proceeds were allocated to the branch funds.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 30th Sept. 1938

The harvest thanksgiving services were held on Thursday of last week, the church being decorated by many lady helpers. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Byrt, of Arbury-road Baptist Church, Cambridge, who is at present Moderator of the Cambs. Baptist Association. He gave an unusual and interesting message. Following the service, over 70 friends met for an excellent harvest home supper. Electric light, recently installed in the church and schoolroom, was used for the first time for the harvest services. The services were continued on Sunday last, when the special preacher was the Rev. V. F. Sutton, of Burwell, who gave helpful and inspiring messages. The gifts of fruit and vegetables, etc., have been sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. The preacher next Sunday will be the Pastor, who will on that day be commencing his sixth year of ministry in Swavesey.

W.I. GROUP MEETING. 30th Sept. 1938

The Group meeting of Swavesey, Willingham, Over and Elsworth Women's Institutes was held at Swavesey on Thursday week in the Memorial Hall. The chair was taken by Mrs. C. S. Hephher (Swavesey president), supported on the platform by Mrs. Edward (Over), Mrs. C. Denson (Willingham), Miss Gaskell and Mrs. Allen (Willingham), the convenor. About 180 members were present. The speaker was Mr. Mason. Mrs. Allen gave her report of the last group meeting at Willingham. The secretary of each Institute added their reports, after which Miss Gaskell gave the county news. Mrs. Mason spoke on the Red Indian women, and showed some beautiful work done by them. Mrs. Allen was chosen as convenor. Refreshments were served by the Swavesey committee, who also organised the entertainment. The competitions were won by Mrs. Whybrow (Willingham), Miss Wright (Swavesey), Miss Reed (Willingham) and Mrs. C. S. Hephher (Swavesey). On the proposition of Miss Cook (Willingham) and Mrs. Edwards (Over), Swavesey members were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 7th Oct. 1938

The treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received from the Over Church Council the generous gift of £2 10s. for which she tenders grateful thanks.

THE GALE. 7th Oct. 1938

No very serious damage was caused in Swavesey by the gale this week. Flowers, vegetables, etc., suffered in some of the gardens, a few slates and tiles have been displaced, and on Tuesday morning one of the large poplar trees at the entrance to Trinity College Farm in Middle Watch was blown down.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. 7th Oct. 1938

An emergency meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week to consider a communication from the County Council respecting Air Raid Precautions. Gas masks were issued to the villagers on the same day and also on Friday.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 7th Oct. 1938

The opening meeting of the Women's Bright Hour was held in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. The Rev. A. Tilling, who presided, gave an address. Mrs. Savage, sen., opened with prayer and Miss Easter gave a reading. The meeting next week will take the form of an "at home," and Miss Easter will give an address.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 7th Oct. 1938

Under the auspices of the Swavesey Institute Football Club a social and dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, when a good crowd helped to make the effort a success. Music for dancing was provided by Claude Whitham and his boys. The programme also included: musical parcel (won by Mr. D. Ginn and Miss Golding), a monologue by Mr. Lee (Cambridge), and a surprise turn by Sergts. J. M. Kemp and W. Daniels (Radcliffe-on-Trent), of 42nd Batt., A.E.S.I., consisting of a comic action song, which was loudly applauded. Mr. P. H. Lee acted as M.C., Messrs. G. Oakman and W. J. Kester were the doorkeepers, and Mrs. J. Kester, Mrs. G. Oakman and Miss F. Kester were in charge of the refreshments.

THE LATE MRS. J. LOADES. 7th Oct. 1938

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Loades, wife of Mr. John Loades, late of Swavesey, who passed away at Pitsea, Essex, on September 29th at the residence of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Maddox, took place on Tuesday at Swavesey Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners were: Mr. J. Loades (widower), Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Clark (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. Renelt, Mrs.

B. Gray (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. E. Loades (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. James Loades (grandson). The late Mrs. Loades was 75 years of age.

BRIGHT HOUR. 14th Oct. 1938

An enjoyable time was spent at the weekly meeting of the Women's Bright hour, held in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. Mrs. Tilling presided. An address on "God's songs" was given by Miss Easter. Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Savage gave interesting readings. The speaker next week will be Pastor Crees, of Over.

Y.P.F. 14th Oct. 1938

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday night, when Mr. W. Andrews, of Cambridge, was the speaker, and the chair was taken by the President (Rev. A. Tilling). During the evening a duet was sung by Miss S. Halls and Mr. W. Andrews. The speaker next week will be Mr. Rayner, also of Cambridge.

THE INSTITUTE. 14th Oct. 1938

The annual general meeting of the Swavesey Institute was held on Wednesday week in the billiards room, a good number of members being present. The chair was taken by Mr. R. Coles. The balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory sum in hand, was presented and passed, and all the officers of the preceding year were re-elected. The usual routine business was transacted, various items which needed attention were brought forward, and the Secretary was instructed to have them attended to. Votes of thanks to Mr. P. Lee for his interest in the Institute and to the hon. secretary concluded the meeting.

SOCIAL. 14th Oct. 1928

In spite of the wet weather, there was a very good attendance at the enjoyable social which was held under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. The programme was lively and varied, and included dancing, two games, "feeding the baby," which caused much amusement, and "balloon handball"; straight songs by Mr. Lee, and humorous songs by Mr. Thompson, all of which were much appreciated. The dance music was played by Claude Whitham and his band. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Turner, Ellwood, and J. Prior, and Messrs. Willson and Watson were in charge at the door. The proceeds were in aid of the branch funds.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th Oct. 1938

For the harvest festival on Thursday week and Sunday the parish church had been tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, etc. On Thursday there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., and festival evensong was at 7 p.m., when the Rev. H. R. C. Lovell (rector of Lolworth) was the special preacher, and the choir gave an excellent rendering of Barnby's anthem "O Lord how manifold are Thy Works." On Sunday the services were Holy Communion at 8 a.m. (with hymns) and after matins, children's gift service at 3 p.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. when the choir again sang Barnby's anthem, and the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) preached the sermon. Except on Sunday afternoon, the collections were in aid of the choir fund and church maintenance fund. The collection at the children's service was for the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and the gifts for the Harvey Goodwin Home, Cambridge.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th Oct. 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, opened with the singing of "John Peel," after which the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher), who was in the chair, welcomed three new members. Mrs. Shepperson then gave her report of the Autumn Council meeting, and was followed by Mrs. Bull, who gave an interesting demonstration of fruit and vegetable savouries, the Calor Gas Co. kindly lending a cooker. Mrs. Bull was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Hephher. A round table conference next took place on next year's programme, and a competition for a cold supper dish costing not more than 6d. was won by Mrs. Berryman. The social half-hour arranged by Mrs. Martin and Miss Willson was devoted to games. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. S. Hephher, Mrs. R. Hephher and Mrs. F. Hephher. It was announced that a qualifying whist drive and beetle drive would take place in the Memorial Hall on October 27th, and that country dancing and cookery classes were being arranged for the winter months.

THE LATE MR. HERBERT WILDERSPIN. 14th Oct. 1938

Swavesey has lost another well-known inhabitant by the death of Mr. Herbert Wilderspin, who passed away at Cambridge on October 5th, after eight months' illness, aged 83 years. In addition to his widow, he leaves four sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at Swavesey Cemetery, the Rev. A. Tilling (Baptist minister) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Henry Wilderspin, Mr. B. Wilderspin (sons), Mrs. P. Walker, Miss A. Wilderspin (daughters), Mr. V. Wilderspin (grandson), Miss R. Wilderspin (granddaughter), Mr. P. Walker (son-in-law), Mr. T. L. D.

Porter and Mr. L. Porter, Ilford (nephews). Mrs. Wilderspin (widow) was unable to attend owing to old age, and Mr. F. Wilderspin (son) as he is in Australia. There were no flowers by request. Mr. E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Oct. 1938

Mrs. A. Tilling occupied the chair at the meeting of Bethel Y.P.F. on Monday evening, when Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, gave an address on "Love," and Mr. G. E. Canham sang a solo. There was a good attendance. The Rev. W. Lee will be the speaker at the next week's meeting.

BRIGHT HOUR. 21st Oct. 1938

At the Women's Bright Hour in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, Pastor Crees, of Over, gave a helpful address, taking his text from St. Matthew v., 41. The Rev. A. Tilling led the meeting in prayer and read the scripture. Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, will be the speaker next week.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st Oct. 1938

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. C. Cole, C. Dean, F. Hepher, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton. Arising out of the minutes of the recent emergency meeting, it was reported that the local branch of the British Legion would undertake to provide the utility squad, but the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) stated that he had received no reply to his letter respecting the supply of equipment. A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing circulars asking for volunteers for A.R.P. These Mr. Godfrey undertook to distribute. Mr. Payne said he had been asked to inquire whether the Parish Council would allow the use of electric light in the Hall for about half an hour daily during the time the Hall was occupied by the school. The Chairman and the Clerk both replied that the Parish Council had nothing to do with the lighting of the Hall, and that it was a matter entirely in the hands of the Hall Management Committee. During the discussion that ensued it was stated that the committee last year had offered to allow the use of electric light, when necessary, during school hours for 2s. a week, and that the Education Authority had refused to pay that amount. The Council eventually decided that if the light was still required, further application should be made to the Hall Committee. Our local correspondent was subsequently informed that the charge of 2s. a week for lighting mentioned at the Council meeting is the sum paid by the Village Institute for lighting, whereas the charge which the

Education Authority refused to pay was considerably larger, and out of all proportion to the electricity that would be used.

THE LATE MISS CLARA METCALFE. 21st Oct. 1938

The funeral of Miss Clara Metcalfe of Homeleigh, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Metcalfe, of Swavesey, who passed away after three week's illness on October 13th, took place at Swavesey on Monday afternoon. The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. C. Dickson) and the Rev. R. J. Kaye, M.C. (Vicar of Caldecote), with the choir. The service in the church was choral, and included the hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "On the Resurrection morning," and the 90th Psalm. The Nunc Dimittis was chanted as the mourners left the church for the interment in the churchyard. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The mourners were: Mr. and Miss Tingey, Mrs. A. G. Brunt and Miss S. Woodward, of Caldecote, Mrs. Clara Whitfield and Miss Joan Maudlin (god-children). After the funeral a muffled peal was rung on the church bells. Messrs R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

EXCURSIONS. 28th Oct. 1938

By the special L.N.E.R. evening excursions on Saturday, 13 passengers booked from Swavesey for Cambridge and eleven for London. Thirty-two passengers alighted at Swavesey from the excursion train from London on Sunday.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 28th Oct. 1938

The contributions to Addenbrooke's Maintenance Fund received by the Swavesey Hospital Aid Committee during the 12 months ended the 30th September, 1938, amounted to £145 13s. 9d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 28th Oct. 1938

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday when the Rev. K. G. Lee, of St. Paul's Church, Cambridge, gave a helpful address on "Duty of the believers." The chair was taken by the Rev. A. Tilling, and a solo was sung by Mr. G. Laverack to violin accompaniment. Mr. Pomeroy, of Cottenham will be the speaker next week.

BRITISH LEGION. 28th Oct. 1938

The annual general meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, Mr. Barwell occupying the chair, supported by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Lee). There was a

good attendance. The statement of accounts, presented by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. A. J. Willson) showed a substantial balance in hand. A lengthy report was submitted by the Hon. Secretary, in which he reviewed the work during the past year. It showed that the Branch was making good progress, and that the membership now stood at 56, which included five new members, five rejoined, and one member transferred from another district. There had been held six dances, two socials, two whist drives, the annual dinner, and the member's social. In addition, the Branch had entered for the President's Cricket Cup and "The People" Darts Competition. The Poppy Day receipts at £25 4s. 7d. were the highest yet. On the Benevolent side there had been 11 applications for assistance, which had been granted in every case. The officers for the current year were elected as follows: - President, Rev. C. C. Dickson; vice-presidents, Mr. C. S. Hephher, Mr. F. Norman, Mr. Topham, and Mr. Dawson; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. Crowley; hon. secretary, Mr. P. Lee; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Willson; general committee, Messrs. Dawson, T. Savage, F. Causer, E. Prior, E. Wright, jun., Topham, C. Hephher, T. Froment, Turner and J. Prior; relief committee, Messrs. G. Howlett, F. Norman, W. Hind and H. Smith; social committee, Messrs. Skelton, Watson, Clark, J. Prior, C. Hephher and Dawson; auditors, Messrs. Topham and Turner; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; Deputy, Mr. F. Causer; delegate to County Committee, Mr. J. Prior. It was decided to hold the annual dinner on January 18th and to have a summer outing next year. It was also agreed that there should be two members' socials during the financial year, one before and one after Christmas.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL COURT. 28th Oct. 1938

Saturday. – Before his Honour H. G. Farrant (chairman), Mrs. Ellis, Mr. G. W. Hart, Mr. W. D. F. Davey, Mr. W. Leach, Mr. L. Tebbutt, Mr. H. F. Cook, Mr. H. G. Gray, Mr. W. W. Pemberton and Mr. F. Kisby.

CHANGED PLATES.

F. C., Boxworth End, Swavesey, appeared to answer summonses which alleged that he used a motor cycle without a licence at Conington on July 31st and that he fraudulently used a certain mark for identifying a motor cycle, to wit, index mark and registration No. E.R. 3090.

He pleaded guilty.

P.C. Yeomans said that he saw defendant riding an Excelsior motor cycle combination, registration No. E.R. 3090, which number witness knew was a number allotted to a Triumph motor cycle. Defendant said the old Triumph broke down, so "he hung this on" referring to the numbers.

Defendant said he did not think he was wrong in hanging the plates on when the Triumph let him down.

Mr. S. F. Culver, inspector of licences, said that the licence on the Triumph expired on September 30th, 1938, and that on the Excelsior on September 30th, 1932. The loss to the revenue was 16s. 7d.

Defendant said that he used the machine for business and did not know he was doing wrong in changing the plates.

Supt. Allen said there were six offences against defendant, dating from 1898 to 1925.

He was now fined £2 on the first charge and £4 on the second.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 4th Nov. 1938

Fourteen passengers were booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station by the special half-day excursion to London on Sunday.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 4th Nov. 1938

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received the following welcome sums: £5 5s. from the Trustees of the Over Town Lands, and £1 10s. from Over Baptist Chapel (harvest thanksgiving).

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 4th Nov. 1938

Under the leadership of Mrs. Tilling, a happy time was spent at the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom. Miss Atkinson gave a helpful address, and a well rendered recitation was given by a friend. Mrs. Smith, of St. Ives, will be the speaker next week.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th Nov. 1938

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Mr. Pomeroy, of the Cottenham Salvation Army Corps, was the speaker. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Brand. During the evening Mrs. A. Prior gave a reading and Mr. Pomeroy sang a solo. There was a good attendance. Pastor Crees, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 4th Nov. 1938

An enjoyable whist drive, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, when those not interested in whist played in a beetle drive, 14 tables being occupied for whist and three for the beetle drive. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. C. Denson; gentlemen – Mr. C. Coote, Mr. O. Brasher; knock-out Mr. O. Brasher and Mrs. Morgan; beetle drive, Mrs. S. Wright and Mrs. Pettitt. The winners

in the whist drive qualified for the final at the Dorothy Cafe on November 17th. As a result £3 7s. is being sent to W.I. Federation funds.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. 11th Nov. 1938

After assembling on the Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoon 26 members of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion, under the command of the chairman (Mr. R. Barwell) and the local company of Girl Guides, headed by the Legion Standard, marched to the Memorial Hall, where a united service was conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling (Baptist minister), assisted by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson). There was a large congregation. During the service the Roll of the men of Swavesey, Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton and Lolworth who made the supreme sacrifice in the War, was read by Mr. Barwell, after which the Last Post was sounded by Mr. H. Bishop. An address was given by Mr. Tilling, and the hymns "O God, our help in ages past," "O Valiant Hearts," and "All people that on earth do dwell" were sung, Mrs. C. S. Hepher playing the pianoforte accompaniment. The service concluded with the National Anthem, followed by the Blessing pronounced by the Vicar. The collection in aid of Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £1 9s. 6½d. The large congregation at Evensong at the parish church included 36 ex-Service men, all of whom, except two or three who were in the choir, paraded at the churchyard gates, and headed by the British Legion Standard, marched thence into the church. During the service the Vicar, who officiated and preached, read the Roll of the 26 men of Swavesey who died in the War. The choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "Crossing the Bar," and the following hymns were sung: "The Son of God goes forth to war" (processional), "O Valiant Hearts," "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "For all the Saints" (recessional). At the close of the service the National Anthem was sung, and Mr. H. Bishop sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. The collection for the Earl Haig Fund amounted to £3 2s. 3d.

FORMER VICAR OF SWAVESEY. 11th Nov. 1938

Death of Rev. A. C. Vidler at Cambridge.

Formerly vicar of Swavesey, the Rev. Arthur Coleman Vidler died on Tuesday morning at St. Medan's, Glebe-road, Cambridge, where he had been living in retirement. He was aged 86.

The second son of Mr. James Coleman Vidler, of Rye, Sussex, he was educated at Hurstpierpoint School, and later at Jesus College, Cambridge. He rowed in the second boat and was a prominent figure in other college sporting activities.

After he was ordained he became curate of St. James', Clapton, from 1877-83. He was headmaster of St. John-at-Hackney Grammar School from 1879-95, when he accepted the living of Swavesey. From 1883-91 he was a chaplain to the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, and curate of St. John-at-Hackney during 1891-5.

For four years he was Rural Dean of North Stowe, and in 1912 he became rector of Tewin, where he remained until his retirement in 1930.

His successor to the rectory at Tewin was the Rev. C. F. Stebbing, also a former vicar of Swavesey.

The funeral will take place at Swavesey on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

BRIGHT HOUR. 11th Nov. 1938

At the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday a helpful address on "Peace" was given by Mrs. Smith. Miss Easter led in prayer and also gave a reading. The address next week will be given by Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge.

DARTS. 11th Nov. 1938

The match between the Rising Sun, Swavesey, and the King William IV., Fenstanton, Darts Clubs, played at Swavesey on Tuesday, was won by the home club. Towards the close of the evening the landlord served a light supper, which was much enjoyed.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 11th Nov. 1938

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Pastor Crees, of Over, was the speaker. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Day. During the evening a reading was given by Mr. J. Brand, and a duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham. Dr. Basil Atkinson, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

DANCE. 11th Nov. 1938

A company numbering over one hundred was present at the dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, and for which Claude Whitham and his band and Miss Joy Sargent provided an excellent programme. The prizes for the spot dance were won by Miss S. Froment and partner, and Mr. C. Badcock held the lucky number ticket. Mr. S. Wright was at the door. The proceeds were handed to Miss M. Symonds (hon. treasurer of the Over Lawn Tennis Club) on Monday evening by H. C. Pender, who acted as M.C.

SOCIAL. 11th Nov. 1938

Under the auspices of the Women's Institute a well-arranged social was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Claude Whitham and his Boys provided a good programme of dance music, and this was supplemented by games, competitions and two sketches by the W.I. members, viz., "Aunt Dorinda," performed by Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. G. Prime and Mrs. G. Howlett, and "Bring a Man," well acted by Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. L. Godfrey, Mrs. J. Prior, Miss G. Wright and Mrs. G. Froment. The winners of the competition, lemon prod, were Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Lee. Excellent refreshments were served by Mrs. Kester and Mrs. Heasman, assisted by members of the committee.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Nov. 1938

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, opened with the singing of the hymn "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," after which the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) took the chair and welcomed two new members. A demonstration of cake icing was then given by Mr. Papworth, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Nominations were handed in for the 1939 committee, and a competition for the best snapshot taken by a member was won by Mrs. H. Prime. Another competition for a cake was won by Mrs. R. Hepher. The programme for the social half-hour, arranged by Mrs. Pettit and Mrs. Freestone, included musical parcels (won by Miss Milmer), and dancing. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Ivatt and Miss F. Kester. Notice was given that the birthday party would be held on November 22nd, and that the folk dancing classes would commence next Monday. Members were also reminded of the Garden of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

MISCHIEF OR MALICE? 11th Nov. 1938

The 5th November bonfire on the recreation ground, for which the village schoolboys had for weeks been collecting materials was prematurely set alight on Friday evening while most of the youngsters were at the "pictures" in the Memorial Hall. Shortly after nine o'clock two lads were seen loitering near Turn bridge not many yards from the recreation ground, and a few minutes later, two youths, one of whom had been standing at the corner of School-lane, and the main road, cycled away rapidly in the direction of Fen Drayton, passing several people on the way. By this time the bonfire was blazing furiously. Mr. Burbridge, who was passing in his car, gave the alarm, and with Mr. C. Wood (the headmaster of the Council School) and Mr. Ernest Prior, promptly removed the football goalposts, which were in danger of being

burned, but the bonfire could not be saved. On complaint being made to the police it was stated that no action could be taken as damage could not be proved. Swavesey boys, however, were not to be beaten. Early on Saturday they pluckily set to work with hand-drawn and hand-propelled trollies to collect bushes and other burnable rubbish, and by the afternoon had built a bonfire as big as the one that had been destroyed, and with this blazing merrily and with an almost inexhaustible supply of fireworks, they spent a very happy time.

ARMISTICE DAY. 18th Nov. 1938

The two minutes' silence was generally observed in the village. At the Senior School a hymn was sung before the period of silence, after which the Headmaster (Mr. C. Wood) read the Archbishop of York's message to children and also gave a short address. This was followed by Kipling's "Recessional," and the National Anthem. There was no service at 11 o'clock as had been the case in previous years.

Poppies were sold in the village by Mrs. Laverack, Misses J. and M. Lee, Mr. N. Lee and Mrs. C. H. Hephher, realising £14 5s. 3d., and making with the collections at the Remembrance services in the Memorial Hall (£1 9s. 6d.) and at the Parish Church (£3 2s. 3d.) on November 6th a total contribution to Lord Haig's Fund of £18 17s., or including the other villages in the area covered by the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion, a grand total of £27 9s. 10d., about £2 more than last year.

FORMER CAMBS. VICAR. 18th Nov. 1938

Funeral of Rev. A. C. Vidler.

The funeral of the Rev. Arthur Coleman Vidler, Vicar of Swavesey 1895-1912 and Rector of Tewin, Herts., 1912-1930, who died in Cambridge on November 8th, aged 86, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday afternoon.

The cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the Rev. C. C. Dickson (Vicar of Swavesey), Rev. A. R. Vidler (cousin of deceased), Rev. C. F. Stebbing (Rector of Tewin and formerly Vicar of Swavesey) and the Rev. J. C. Paterson Morgan (Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge), Mr. W. J. Hephher (church warden), and the choir. Mr. Harry Wells (people's warden) was unable to attend owing to illness.

During the service, which was taken by the Rev. A. R. Vidler, the Vicar of Swavesey reading the Lesson (1 Thessalonians, iv., 13-18), the hymns "Rock of Ages," "Just as I am, without one plea," and "Let Saints on earth" were sung and the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis chanted. Mr. G. H. Skeeles

was at the organ. The Rev. A. R. Vidler officiated at the grave in which the aged priest was laid by the side of his wife, who died in September, 1905.

Although 26 years had passed since he left Swavesey it was evident from the large congregation that the parishioners still remembered their old Vicar with affection, and the same may be said of the people of Tewin, seeing that nine of them at least made the long journey to be present.

The immediate mourners were: Miss R. M. Vidler, Miss E. H. Vidler (daughters), Deaconess M. K. Irby, Miss E. M. Irby (nieces), Miss H. M. Beaton, Mr. John Baker (cousins), Major W. E. Collison (godson), Mr. Noel Prentice, of Rye.

A long list of others present follows in the newspaper, as also does a list of beautiful floral tributes.

THE LATE REV. A. C. VIDLER. 25th Nov. 1938

It may be of interest to mention that the violet frontal on the altar at the parish church at the funeral of the Rev. A. C. Vidler was given by him to the church as a memorial of his wife, who died in September, 1905.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 25th Nov. 1938

Owing to the rough weather there were not so many as usual at the weekly meeting of the Women's Bright Hour, held on Wednesday in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, Miss Ekins, of Over, gave a helpful address on "Secret Disciples." Miss Easter also gave a reading. Next week the meeting will be the monthly "at home."

THE GALE. 25th Nov. 1938

During the gale on Wednesday the telephone wires were smashed and a pole damaged by the roof blown off a house on Mr. Cole's farm at Boxworth end, and telephone wires were also broken near the station, with the result that the Swavesey Telephone Exchange was entirely cut out for some hours. Slates, tiles, chimney pots were blown off many houses and buildings, Mr. Godfrey's house in Market-street, and the recently closed Blue Bell Inn being those most seriously damaged. In the churchyard large branches were torn from an old cedar, and in other places trees and branches of trees were blown down. Fortunately no person was injured.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 25th Nov. 1938

The Rev. John Bell, representing the Baptist Missionary Society, who was the preacher at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday evening, has spent 10 years with the Congo Mission and 23 years in China, and he spoke on "The Challenge of

China to the Christian Church.” The preacher in the evening was the Pastor. On Monday evening, instead of the usual Y.P.F., the missionary meetings were continued. Mr. Bell gave a most interesting address on “The threefold work of the missionary,” namely, preaching, teaching and healing. The collections were for the Baptist Missionary Society. The speaker at the meeting of the Young People’s Fellowship next Monday will be Mr. Coles, of Cottenham.

BRITISH LEGION. 25th Nov. 1938

The Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held the first of this season’s members’ socials in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. There was a very large attendance of members, their wives and children. The programme, arranged by the newly-appointed social committee, was an excellent and varied one, and included games for the children, arranged by Mrs. E. Hephher; a competition, “Hidden Singers,” a laughable game, “Feeding the Baby”; humorous songs by Mr. Topham and Mr. Thompson; a solo by Mrs. Ivatt on the harmonium-flutina; selections on the piano-accordion by Mr. Edwin Cardnell, who paid a special visit from London for the occasion, together with his brother, Mr. Les Cardnell, who, with Mr. A. Froment, accompanied him in further selections with their harmonicas. Each item was interspersed by dancing, for which Mr. Harry Bishop and his band provided the music. During the interval refreshments were served by Mesdames Turner, Ellwood and J. Prior. The social was brought to a close about midnight amid expressions of pleasure at having had such an enjoyable evening.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 25th Nov. 1938

The tenth annual birthday party of the Women’s Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) welcomed the visitors and hoped they would all spend a happy evening. The programme included songs by Mrs. Coulson, a duologue by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Laverack, a monologue by Mrs. Few, and a sketch performed by members of Willingham W.I. Mrs. Walker won the mystery parcel. Refreshments were served during the evening, after which the birthday cake, given by the President, was cut by the oldest visitor, and everyone present was given a piece. An evening bag, given by the committee, was presented to the President by Mrs. G. Froment for her work during the past year. A plant was also presented to Mrs. Laverack and a bunch of flowers to Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Froment. During the evening great fun was caused by the snowball, from which many present received gifts. Various games were enjoyed and prizes

were given to the winners. Sir Roger de Coverley was danced by ladies in old-fashioned dresses. Claude Whitham's band played for dancing.

CREDITORS' MEETING. 25th Nov. 1938

Swavesey Farmer.

A meeting of the creditors of Mr. Frank Hepher, farmer, of Ryder's Farm, Swavesey, was held at the Official Receiver's office, 41, Sidney-street, Cambridge, on Friday afternoon.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities expected to rank for dividend £556 11s. 10d., assets £49 14s., leaving a deficiency of £506 17s. 10d.

The Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

FOLK DANCING. 2nd Dec. 1938

Under the auspices of the County Education Committee, folk dancing classes are being held in the new junior school every Wednesday from 6.45 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS. 2nd Dec. 1938

Commencing on December 17th, the following trains will be cancelled: 1.6 p.m. from Cambridge to Huntingdon, due at Swavesey at 1.30 p.m. (Saturdays only); 2.35 p.m. Huntingdon to Cambridge, due at Swavesey at 2.53 p.m. (Saturdays only).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 2nd Dec. 1938

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Mr. Coles, of Cottenham, was the speaker. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair, and Miss Easter gave a reading. There was an excellent attendance. Miss Atkinson, of Cambridge, will be the speaker next week.

PARISH CHURCH. 2nd Dec. 1938

The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) sat in the parish church on St. Andrew's Day from 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. to receive gifts for the church from parishioners. Next Tuesday the Rural Deanery Missionary Festival will be held at Swavesey, when the Rev. J. A. Rees, of St. Luke's, Chesterton, who has been a missionary in Newfoundland, will be the special preacher at the service in the parish church at 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 2nd Dec. 1938

A happy time was spent at the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday at the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom. There was a good company present. It being the monthly "at home" meeting, various members took part, including Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Marriott and Miss Easter, who gave readings, and Miss Dora Payne, who played a pianoforte solo. The meeting was led by Mrs. Tilling, and tea was served by Mrs. Prior. The meeting next week will be conducted by Misses Goodwin and Davidson, of the Friends' Evangelistic Band.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd Dec. 1938

The fifth anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. A. Tilling as minister of Bethel Baptist Church was observed on Thursday week. The Rev. Stephen Madden of Lewen-road, Streatham, London, was the special preacher, deputizing for the Rev. E. W. Mills, who was unable to be present owing to the serious illness of his wife. In the afternoon Mr. Madden gave a practical address on the vital necessity for practical Christian living. A public tea followed in the Schoolroom, efficiently served by a willing band of lady workers. The evening service was conducted by the Pastor and Mr. Madden, who gave an encouraging address on the necessity of praise and thanksgiving in every department of life. The offerings during the day, after expenses had been paid, were for the Pastor.

CAROLS. 9th Dec. 1938

On the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 22nd, 23rd and 24th, carol singers will perambulate the village, and a collection will be made en route for the District Nursing Association and Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 9th Dec. 1938

There was an excellent attendance on Monday evening at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Miss Atkinson was the speaker. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair, prayer was led by Mr. G. E. Canham, and an excellent solo was sung by a lady visitor, Miss Maltby, of Cambridge. Mr. C. Day will be the speaker next week.

BILLIARDS. 9th Dec. 1938

The friendly match between Swavesey Institute and Willingham Public Hall billiard teams played at Swavesey on Friday resulted in a win for the homesters by 570 points to 542. Scores (Swavesey names first): F. Causer 120, S. Garner 113; H. Bridgeford 102, J. King 120; R. H. Coles 120, R. Denson 81; D. Spolton 108, J. Garner 120; H. Webley 120, K. Day 108.

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL. 9th Dec. 1938

The fairly good congregation at the Rural Deanery Missionary Festival at Swavesey parish church on Tuesday evening included a number of people from other parishes. The clergy present were: the Rural Dean (Rev. F. G. Weston), the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. C. Dickson), Rev. L. S. Maurice (Cottenham), Rev. T. L. Havers (Rampton), H. Kitchener (Madingley) and the Rev. J. A. Rees (St. Luke's Chesterton). The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Hills reading the lesson. An exceptionally interesting address on Newfoundland, the country and the needs of the Church there, was given by the Rev. J. A. Rees, who spoke from personal knowledge, as he had served in that diocese. The intercessory prayers after the address were conducted by the Rural Dean. The offertory was for the Church in Newfoundland.

EXCURSIONS TO LONDON. 16th December 1938

Sixteen passengers were booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. evening excursion to London on Saturday, and 17 by the half-day excursion on Sunday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 16th Dec. 1938

The president (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday evening, when Mr. Cyril Day was the speaker, and Mr. George Day the soloist. There was a good attendance. Next week the speaker will be Mr. G. Laverack.

BRIGHT HOUR. 16th Dec. 1938

There was a good attendance at the Women's "Bright Hour" in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, when Mrs. Savage gave an address and Miss Easter a reading. Mr. Cyril Day will be the speaker at the next meeting, which will be held on the first Wednesday in the New Year.

DIOCESAN RINGERS. 16th Dec. 1938

By permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) a meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Ringers' Association was held at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3.25 p.m., a good standard being maintained. Methods rung included London, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Ken and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Several leading ringers of the district were present, including Mr. B. D. Buttress (Fulbourn), Mr. F. Hurry (Sawston), Mr. S. Brown (Exning), Mr. A. J. Abrams (Chatteris), and five from Exning, with

the District Secretary (Mr. F. Warrington). Tea was partaken of at Mr. Isgrove's, after which there was further ringing. Evensong at the church was attended by the ringers. Mr. B. Hodson welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Swavesey ringers. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of his church bells.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Dec. 1938

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, opened with the singing of "Good King Wenceslas". The President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) took the chair. The Secretary (Mrs. Laverack) presented her report of the activities of the past year, and Mrs. Hephher gave the statement of accounts on behalf of Miss Willson, who was absent through illness. The Entertainment Secretary (Mrs. G. Froment) gave a report of the social activities, and other reports were presented by the following: Mrs. Heasman (tea), Mrs. Lee (Thrift Club), and Mrs. H. Prime (Sick Club). The President expressed thanks to all who had helped in any way during the year. After an interesting demonstration by Miss Neech, from Messrs. Metcalfe and Co., on paper hats and dresses, voting for the New Committee took place, the following being elected: Mrs. C. S. Hephher (President), Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Dawson (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. Laverack (Secretary), Miss Willson (Treasurer), Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. Froment, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. Williamson, Miss J. Hephher, Miss G. Wright, Mrs. Kester. Mr. S. Mitham and Mr. U. Thixton, who acted as Tellers, were accorded a vote of thanks, and so was Mr. C. S. Hephher. Mrs. Laverack won the prize for best Home Christmas decorations. Mrs. Kester and Mrs. Wright were responsible for the social half-hour, during which a game of musical parcel was won by Miss Wright, and carols were sung. A good number of toys for children in Addenbrooke's Hospital were brought by members. Mrs. Kester, Miss Kester and Miss Wright were the hostesses for the evening.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 23rd Dec. 1938

The annual distribution of the Rising Sun Sick Benefit and Share-out Club is taking place this (Friday) evening, when every member will receive 15s. 6d. The contributions, etc., during the year amounted to £46 5s., and £17 7s. 6d. has been paid out in sick benefit.

DARTS. 23rd Dec. 1938

The Rising Sun, Swavesey, Darts Club were at home to the Green Man Club, Grantchester, on the 14th inst., the match resulting in a win for the home team. The darts team from Abbots Ripton expected on Wednesday evening failed to

put in an appearance, no doubt owing to the weather and the dangerous state of the roads.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. 23rd Dec. 1938

On Tuesday evening the juniors and infants had a very enjoyable tea and party. This included Christmas cake, and the children did full justice to the plentiful fare provided. The arrangements were made by the teachers, Mrs. Ingle and Miss Pearce, and Mrs. F. Dodson was a willing helper too. The heavy fall of snow outside and a daintily decorated room inside combined to make a real Christmas party. Two other friends in the village generously contributed to the party, and thanks are offered to all.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY. 23rd Dec. 1938

On Friday afternoon the juniors and infants of the Junior School gave a Nativity play. The principal parts were taken by the following: Jean Hephher, St. Mary; John Prime, St. Joseph; Brian Hephher, Gabriel; Neville Oakman, David, the shepherd boy; Raymond Hookham, Reuben, the innkeeper's son; Molly Martin, Eileen Hookham, Victor Smart, kings; Brenda Yeomans, Nora Smart, Enid Parish, angels; Andrew Gray, stranger; Richard Parish, rich man; Claud Walker, Chrissie Parish, Guy Prior, David Crouch, Dennis Loades, John Shepperson, shepherds. There were 13 scenes, and these were linked by carols sung by a hidden choir. The school was crowded with parents and friends. At the close the Vicar expressed his admiration of the play and the lessons to be learned from it by children and adults. Later on many parents and friends voiced their appreciation of the play and of the admirable way in which the children had been trained by their teachers, Miss Pearce and Mrs. Ingle. A collection, to be devoted to a Christmas party, amounted to £1 3s. 10½d.

FIRST AID IN CAMBS. VILLAGES. 23rd Dec. 1938

Classes at Swavesey, Over and Willingham.

Under the direction of the British Red Cross Society, courses of first aid instruction have just been concluded in Swavesey, Over and Willingham. Those in Swavesey and Over were given by Dr. Petter, and met with an enthusiastic response, and it is anticipated that in these two villages there will be over fifty candidates for the first certificate.

In Willingham and also in Longstanton, where lectures are still in progress under the direction of Dr. Cane, the response has been no less encouraging, and it is felt that the ground has been well prepared for further instruction in

the New Year, when training in home nursing and anti-gas and more advanced first aid lectures will be organised.

Grateful acknowledgement for their splendid help and co-operation is due to the various chief air wardens in the district, also to Sergt. Gilbey and P.C. Shanks, as well as those others whose help has been so readily given.

SKATING RACES POSPONED. 23rd Dec. 1938

Lingay Cup Events Snowed Off.

Skating has been in progress this week at Lingay Fen and Mere Fen, Swavesey, but heavy snow on Wednesday put the damper on arrangements for races.

The Emergency Committee of the Fen Department of the National Skating Association arranged to hold the Morley Cup (one mile, for members of the N.S.A. who have not won their first class speed badges) at Lingay yesterday, but the event had to be called off, mainly because the roads and approaches to the Fen were thick with snow.

The committee had also decided to hold the Duddleston Cup (one mile, for amateurs) to-day, but this event, too, has been abandoned.

The committee made no arrangements with regard to the amateur and professional championships.

CUP EVENTS AT SWAVESEY.

Arrangements for the following skating events at Mere Fen, Swavesey, were made at a meeting of the Swavesey and Over Skating Association on Tuesday. To-day.

Chicago Cup (Open to Over and Swavesey), one mile (holder, L.B. Carter).

Boys' races (under 18, eight miles radius), approximately three-quarters of a mile.

Racing will start at 2 o'clock.

To-morrow.

Williamson Professional Cup (open to all England), 1½ miles (holder, D. Pearson).

Williamson Amateur Cup (open to a radius of eight miles), one mile (holder, L. B. Carter).

It was stated yesterday afternoon that conditions were not good, but a decision as regards racing was deferred to see whether there was a sharp frost last night.

NO CAROLS. 30th Dec. 1938

Owing to the very inclement weather the carol singers who were to have perambulated the village on Christmas Eve and two preceding evenings, did

not venture out, with the exception of the conductor, Mr. James Williams, who was at the appointed meeting place each evening.

DANCE. 30th Dec. 1938

Owing to the severe weather conditions the attendance was not as good as expected at the carnival dance promoted by Claude Whitham and his band, which took place in the Memorial Hall on Boxing night, but all who were there spent an enjoyable time.

DEATH OF MRS. J. DEAN. 30th Dec. 1938

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Jemima Dean, widow of the late Mr. James W. Dean, who passed away on Monday morning. The funeral took place at the parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

PARISH CHURCH. 30th Dec. 1938

The services at the Parish Church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy communion 6 a.m. (with hymns), 7.30 a.m., and after mattins at 10.30 a.m., evensong with anthem "Behold, I bring you good tidings (Goss) and carols 6.30 p.m. The collections throughout the day were for the sick and needy. The church was nicely decorated with evergreens, etc.

MARRIAGE OF MISS W. M. GODFREY. 30th Dec. 1938

The marriage of Mr. Cyril Charles Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole, of Swavesey, and Miss Winifred May Godfrey, daughter of Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, Swavesey and Godmanchester, and Mrs. Prime Godfrey, took place at Godmanchester Parish Church on December 26th. The Vicar (Rev. L. C. Askham) conducted the service during which the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "O perfect love" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress of parchment velvet with veil and coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Mabel Godfrey, and Miss Doris Cole (sister of the bridegroom), both of whom wore dresses of scarlet velvet and pill box hats. Mr. Reg. Dawson was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in Godmanchester Church Hall.

OBITUARY. 6th Jan. 1939

Mr. James Hephher, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hephher, of Swavesey, died in Peterborough Hospital on Sunday, aged 62 years. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday (Thursday).

NEW YEAR WELCOMED. 6th Jan. 1939

In accordance with old custom, the old year was tolled out and the New Year rung in on the bells of the parish church.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 6th Jan. 1939

At the meeting of the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, Mrs. Tilling presided and a solo was sung by Miss Easter, and Mr. Cyril Day gave a helpful address. The speaker next week will be Pastor V. Sharpe, of Cottenham.

AT LONG LAST. 6th Jan. 1939

The "school" warning sign in High-street was moved on Friday from near Turn Bridge to near the end of Market-street, so as to cover the Memorial Hall, which has been used for the greater part of the school since the old building was condemned in November, 1934.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 6th Jan. 1939

There was a fair attendance at the opening meeting of the second half of the session of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the President (Rev. A. Tilling) gave the address. The meeting was led by Mr. G. E. Canham. The Rev. R. F. Gascoyne, of Haddenham, will be speaker next week.

SOCIAL. 6th Jan. 1939

A very successful social was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion. There were about 170 present. A programme was arranged by the social committee, and there was not a dull moment during the whole of the evening. Vocal items were rendered by Mr. Isherwood, Bro. Joseph, and Mr. Lee. Competitions included balloon race, candle race and a bun derby. A short sketch by Miss Joyce Lee and Mrs. W. Martin was much appreciated. All items were interspersed by dances, for which Claude Whitham and his Boys supplied the music. A competition for a 4lb. box of Rowntree's chocolates was won by Mr. Roy Godfrey. The duties of cashiers were taken in relays by various members of the branch, and the refreshments were admirably served by Mesdames Turner, Ellwood and J. Prior, assisted by many willing helpers. The gross proceeds amounted to £7 12s. 11d.

THE LATE MRS. J. W. DEAN. 6th Jan. 1939

The funeral of Jemima Dean, widow of the late Mr. James Waters Dean, and daughter of the late Mr. John Smith, Manor Farm, Dillington, Great Staughton, Hunts., took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Miss Dean, Mrs. Podmore and Mrs. Hoddinott (daughters), Mr. George Dean (son). The plain oak coffin bore the inscription: "Jemima Dean, died 25th December, 1938, aged 82 years." With the exception of a cross and a wreath from her children, there were no flowers by request. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Mitham Bros., Middle Watch, Swavesey. The late Mrs. Dean leaves four sons, two of whom are abroad, one in Australia and the other in South Africa, and three daughters. Her husband died on 26th November, 1900.

BRIGHT HOUR. 13th Jan. 1939

The weekly meeting of the Women's Bright Hour was held last Wednesday in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, when a good company gathered to hear an address given by Pastor V. Sharpe. The speaker next week will be Mr. Thixton.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Jan. 1939

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday, when the Rev. R. F. Gascoyne, of Haddenham, was the speaker. Mr. A. Brand was in the chair. During the evening Mrs. Savage gave a reading. Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, will give the address at next week's meeting.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Jan. 1939

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, and one new member was welcomed. The chair was taken by Mrs. Lee (vice-president) in the absence through illness of the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) from whom a letter was read, expressing her regret at being unable to attend. After arrangements had been made for the old people's tea on Jan. 26th and for members' night on Feb. 14th an interesting talk on "Into the Land of the Northern Lights," was given by Mrs. Mason, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded on the proposition of Mrs. G. Froment. The prize for the competition – something new from something old in knitting – was won by Mrs. Ted Smart. During the social half-hour games and dancing were enjoyed. Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Laverack, and Mrs. Martin were the hostesses for the evening.

EPIPHANY TEA. 13th Jan. 1939

There was a much better attendance than had been the case for several years at the annual Epiphany (or missionary) tea, which took place in the old school on Monday evening. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. M. Rooke (who deputised for Mrs. W. J. Hepher), Mrs. Barwell, Mrs. H. Prime, Misses L.N. and J. Hepher (who deputised for Mrs. C. S. Hepher). After tea a very interesting account of Church work in the diocese of Nassau was given by the Rev. Rowland Hills, vicar of Fen Drayton, and secretary of the Ely Diocesan Missionary Council, who spoke from personal knowledge, as he had been engaged in missionary work there. The Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. C. Dickson) was in the chair. The collection taken during the evening, and also the proceeds from the tea, will be forwarded to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HEPHER. 13th Jan. 1939

The funeral of Mr. James William Hepher, whose death on January 1st at the age of 62 years was briefly announced in our last issue, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Thursday week. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Eason (sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. S. Hepher (sister-in-law), Mr. G. Hepher, Mr. and Mrs. S. Badcock, Miss F. Daintree, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daintree, Mr. W. J. Hepher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne, Mrs. G. E. Hepher, Mr. P. Eason, Mr. Walter Taylor (nephews and nieces). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons, Swavesey. The late Mr. James W. Hepher was a son of Robert and Jane Hepher, of Swavesey. He passed away in Peterborough Hospital after two weeks' illness, death following an operation.

DARTS. 20th Jan. 1939

The match played at Swavesey on Tuesday evening between the Rising Sun, Swavesey, and the Abbots Ripton darts team was won by the visitors by 6 games to 3.

EPIPHANY TEA. 20th Jan. 1939

The Rev. Rowland Hills, who was the speaker at the Epiphany Tea on the 9th inst., is the S.P.G. secretary for the North Stowe Rural Deanery, and not secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Council, stated in our report last week.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 20th Jan. 1939

A good company gathered on Wednesday to hear Mrs. Thixton give a helpful address based on Psalm 20 at the Women's Bright Hour held in the Bethel

Baptist Schoolroom. Miss Easter also gave a reading. The meeting next week will take the form of the monthly "at home."

Y.P.F. 20th Jan. 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday evening at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Church, when Mrs. Coles, of Cottenham, was the speaker. Mrs. A. Tilling occupied the chair, and Mr. G. E. Canham led in prayer. During the evening a solo was sung by the President (Rev. A. Tilling). There was a very good attendance. Next Monday's meeting will take the form of a social.

N.B.W.T.A.U. 20th Jan. 1939

A successful social evening under the auspices of the local branch of the N.B.W.T.A.U. was held in Bethel Schoolroom on Thursday week. The Rev. A. Tilling, who presided, gave a short address, and the interesting programme which followed included solos by Miss S. Brickwood, Miss Easter and Mr. G. Day, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. G. Canham, recitations and readings by Mrs. Savage, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Isgrove, Mrs. Prior and Miss D. Payne. Refreshments were served during the evening.

WEDDING. 20th Jan. 1939

The marriage of Mr. Edward John Bull, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bull, The Limes, Swavesey, and Miss Evelyn Gertrude Nicholls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nicholls, St. John's-road, St. Ives, took place at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, on Saturday, the Pastor (Mr. W. Camp) officiating. During the service hymns Nos. 710 and 324 in Denham's Selection, were sung, accompanied on the organ by Miss M. Parish. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece tweed dress with a spray of shell pink chrysanthemums. Mr. T. W. Carrier, of Houghton (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man. About thirty guests were present at the wedding breakfast which was held in the Chapel Schoolroom after the ceremony. The happy couple were the recipients of about sixty useful presents.

BRITISH LEGION. 20th Jan. 1939

There was an excellent attendance at the annual dinner of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Among the guests were: Dr. Petter, Mr. Curtis, Messrs. Wolfe, Braysher and Collier (hon. secretaries of Willingham, Over, and Fen Drayton, respectively), Messrs. Lewis, Searle and C. H. Jeeps (Willingham), Mr. Heron (Fen Drayton), and Mr. J. Trundle. The dinner was arranged, cooked and

served by Mesdames C. S. Hepher, H. Prime, E. Turner, R. Willson and M. Lee, and a nicer meal one could not wish for. The tables were tastefully decorated with beautiful cut flowers. The toasts included "The King," "The British Legion," and "The Guests and Visitors." A special feature of the programme was the item "Reminiscences," several members giving amusing accounts of their experiences during the Great War. Other items in the programme were comedy songs by Mr. Heron, songs by Mr. Collier, Mr. Barwell, Mr. Topham, Mr. O. E. Wright, Mr. Northill, Mr. Trundley, Mr. Searle, and Mr. Lee, and saxophone solos by Mr. Harry Bishop. Thanks were tendered by the Chairman (Mr. Barwell) to the ladies for providing such an excellent repast, to which Mrs. Hepher suitably replied, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Prior for preparing the hall for the occasion. The evening was brought to a close about 11.30 p.m. with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

PARISH COUNCIL. 20th Jan. 1939

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of a communication from the Rural District Council respecting the transfer from the Parish Council to the R.D.C. on the 29th inst. of all matters relating to fire protection, it was decided to recommend Mr. Ernest Mitham, the present captain of the fire engine, for the position of local fire officer, and also to notify the R.D.C. that the Parish Council estimated the value of the existing appliances as follows: Fire engine (an interesting relic by Merryweathers, at least 130 years old) £10, and 100 yards (approx) fire hose and standpipes for hydrants £15. A suggestion by the Assistant County Surveyor that the hydrants should be marked by white posts was left in abeyance in view of the impending change in the arrangements. It was decided to give notice to the captain and sub-captain of the fire engine terminating their engagement. Messrs. Ernest Prior, Bert Hodson, Horace Ellwood and George Hodson were nominated as fit persons to hold the office of parish constable. A letter was read from the R.D.C. respecting the repair of the clock on the tower of the parish church, the clock being a gift to the parish by the late Mr. George Long. With the letter was sent a bill for repairs recently carried out by Mr. E. C. Sebley, 8, Bridge-street, Cambridge, and an estimate for further repairs which were deemed necessary. The latter would require scaffolding, etc. A lengthy discussion ensued in course of which it transpired that the clock, which had been stopped for two or three months, was set going

when attended to by Mr. Sebley's men, but stopped again within a few hours. Eventually Mr. Payne proposed, and Mr. Dean seconded, that the estimate be approved, provided a guarantee be given that the clock would be in good order for three years. Mr. Cole, however, considered the estimate excessive, and moved as an amendment that the R.D.C. be asked to obtain a further estimate subject to the condition that the clock should be kept in good condition for three years. Mr. Spolton seconded the amendment, which was carried.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th Jan. 1939

The evening service at the parish church last Sunday was conducted by Mr. E. C. Hullock, Police Court Missioner.

EXCURSIONS TO LONDON. 27th Jan. 1939

Eight passengers from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. special evening excursion to London on Saturday, and five to Cambridge and nine to London by the half-day excursion on Sunday.

RAILWAY ENTERPRISE. 27th Jan. 1939

Owing, it is understood, to the late running of the train from Peterborough to Cambridge, due to leave Swavesey at 8.23 a.m. yesterday (Thursday), the passengers from Swavesey and intermediate stations were conveyed by a special train which reached Cambridge a few minutes after scheduled time.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 27th Jan. 1939

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was only a small attendance at the Women's Bright Hour, which was held in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday. It was the monthly "at-home," and Mrs. Coulson, Miss Easter and Mr. A. Prior gave readings, Miss D. Payne played a pianoforte solo, and the Rev. A. Tilling gave a short address on Jabez. The Rev. A. Brown, of Spaldwick, will be the speaker next week.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 27th Jan. 1939

At a meeting under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society, to be held in the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on Tuesday next, Major Lee Warner (County Director) will present certificates to the successful candidates in the recent first aid examinations in Swavesey and Over. There will also be a demonstration of first aid by Cambs. 13, under Mr. Greener, and a talk on the forming of detachments in the district, which the society hopes to do in the near future.

Y.P.F. 27th Jan. 1939

In connection with the Y.P.F. an enjoyable social was held in the Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening. Mr. A. Brand presided, and the Rev. A. Tilling led in prayer. An interesting programme was contributed by the following members: Recitations by Mrs. F. Dodson, Mrs. Laverack, Miss L. Spearman, Miss G. Dodson and Miss R. Bath, solos by Miss S. Brickwood, Miss J. Brand, Mr. G. Canham, Mr. G. Day; duets by Miss G. Dodson and Miss L. Brand; violin solos by Mr. G. Laverack. Refreshments were served during the evening. The speaker for next week will be the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 3rd Feb. 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, was the speaker, and Miss Easter the soloist. The chair was taken by the President (Rev. A. Tilling). The Rev. J. Swain, of Cottenham, will be the speaker next Monday.

FLOODS. 3rd Feb. 1939

Hundreds of acres of land around Swavesey are flooded, and during the week-end the Middle Fen, Mow Fen, and Fen Drayton railway gate-houses had to be evacuated, and later the Swavesey-Over road near Mere Fen was covered to the depth of about six inches. This road now, however, is clear, and the water generally appears to be falling.

BRIGHT HOUR. 3rd Feb. 1939

There was a very good attendance at the Women's Bright Hour at Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday when the Rev. A. Brown, of Spaldwick, gave a helpful address on "God's Promises," and Miss Easter gave a reading. Mrs. Tilling presided. The speaker next week will be Pastor J. Smith, of the Trinitarian Bible Society, who will also give a lantern lecture at 7.15 in the evening, entitled "Pioneering with the Bible."

OLD PEOPLE ENTERTAINED. 3rd Feb. 1939

The annual tea given by the Women's Institute to the old people of the village was held in the Memorial Hall on January 26th. The invitations this year were extended to widows and widowers, and in spite of the rough weather there was a larger gathering than ever before. Cars were kindly lent by Mrs. Hepher, Mrs. Williamson and Mr. C. Dean to convey all those who wished to and from their homes. After tea the whole company entered into the spirit of the party

by the pulling of crackers, and much fun was caused when paper hats were worn. The entertainment then commenced with community singing, followed by violin solos by Mr. George Laverack, selections on the mouth organ and piano-accordion by Master Gerald Prior, a solo by Mrs. Hephher, character song by Mrs. Coulson, and four sketches – “Bring a Man,” performed by Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. J. Prior, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. G. Froment and Miss G. Wright; “Aunt Dorinda,” by Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. T. Howlett and Mrs. H. Prime; “Mrs. ‘Arris and Mrs. ‘Awkins” by Mrs. Martin (Lolworth) and Miss J. Lee, and “Mary Ann and Mary Jane,” by Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Lee. Items by the W.I. percussion band were also heartily applauded. Votes of thanks were accorded the president and the members of the W.I., on the proposition of the Rev. A. Tilling, supported by Mr. Smith and Mr. Trundley, for providing such an enjoyable evening, which was brought to a close with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 3rd Feb. 1939

A most successful meeting in connection with the British Red Cross Society was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by all who attended was very encouraging to the organisers and supporters of the Red Cross in the district. The Chairman (Dr. Petter) introduced Major Lee Warner (County Director of the B.R.C.S.), who gave an interesting talk on the work of the society in peace and war time, and a brief summary of the work it would do if a crisis should arise. He then presented certificates to the following successful candidates in the recent examinations in first aid in Over and Swavesey: First certificates in Swavesey – Mrs. A. Barwell, Mrs. I. Bishop, Mr. F. Brittain, Miss S. Carter, Miss C. Cassidy, Miss M. Cole, Mrs. S. Froment, Mrs. E. Godfrey, Mrs. G. Howlett, Mr. R. Henry, Mrs. M. Inglis, Miss J. Lee, Mrs. F. Prior, Miss P. Sharpe, Mrs. P. Shepperson, Miss B. Thoday, Miss G. Thorp, Miss F. Warboys, Mr. A. Kester; second certificates – Miss May Parish, Miss Mildred Parish and Mr. H. Peppercorn. The first certificates in Over were then presented. Mr. Greener (Acting Commandant, Cambs. 13) then gave an interesting demonstration of first-aid, assisted by members of his detachment. Mr. Ginn (Assistant County Director) also spoke on the work and formation of detachments. The response to the request for volunteers to form a men’s and a women’s detachment was so great that Major Lee Warner’s stock of forms was quickly exhausted. Mrs. Cooksey, for many years vice-president of the Swavesey Division, who retired last year, sent a letter of encouragement and regretted her inability to be present.

BIGNELL CUP. 10th Feb. 1939

The final of the Bignell Billiards Cup, played at the Institute on Saturday evening was won by Mr. H. Bridgeford, who beat Mr. H. Webley after a good game by 16 points. Both players started from scratch.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 10th Feb. 1939

Pastor Smith, of the Trinitarian Bible Society, gave a helpful address at the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom. The Rev. A. Tilling presided, and Miss Easter gave a reading. The speaker next week will be the Rev. W. G. Lee.

TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY. 10th Feb. 1939

On Wednesday an interesting lantern lecture, entitled "Pioneering with the Bible," was given at Bethel Baptist Church by Pastor J. S. Smith, the deputation secretary at the Trinitarian Bible Society. The lantern, kindly loaned by Mr. Symonds, was operated by Mr. N. Canham. The Rev. A. Tilling presided. A collection was taken for the funds of the society.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 10th Feb. 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when the Rev. J. S. Swain, of Cottenham, was the speaker. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair, and during the evening a solo was sung by Miss Sutton, of Cottenham. There was an excellent attendance. Capt. Snell, of Willingham Salvation Army Corps, will be the speaker next week.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 10th Feb. 1939

At a meeting of the newly-formed Red Cross Men's Detachment for Swavesey, Over and Lolworth, held in the old school on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Commandant, Mr. R. Hendry (Swavesey); assistant Commandant, Mr. A. Barker (Over); Quartermaster, Mr. J. Prior (Swavesey). Dr. Petter is the medical officer of the detachment, which now has about 24 members.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 10th Feb. 1939

A whist drive and dance, organised by the Women's Institute, was held in the Memorial Hall on February 2nd. For whist, eight tables were in play, and Mr. C. S. Hephner acted as M.C. The following were the prizewinners: - Ladies: Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. S. Clark; consolation, Mrs. Warren. Gentlemen: Mr. G. Froment, Mr. Carruthers; consolation, Mr. J. Prior. Refreshments were served

during the interval by members of the committee. The music for dancing was provided by Claude Whitham and his band.

DANCE. 10th Feb. 1939

The dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening proved to be a great success, although a good many of the dancers did not put in an appearance until late. The music was supplied by Claude Whitham's Band, but unfortunately they were without Mr. Whitehead, who was unable to attend owing to illness. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher (spot dance) and Mrs. Kester (lucky chair). The proceeds were handed to Miss M. Symonds (hon. treasurer of the Over Lawn Tennis Club) on Monday evening by Mr. H. C. Pender, who acted as M.C.

"AT-HOME" WHIST DRIVE. 10th Feb. 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent on Tuesday, when a whist drive to augment W.I. funds was held at Estelle, the residence of the president (Mrs. C. S. Hephher). Fifteen and a half tables were in play. The following were the prizewinners: Mrs. Stringer, Miss Wilson, consolation, Mrs. Bullen; gentlemen, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. F. Webb, consolation, Mr. E. Burton; highest score at half-time, Mr. A. J. Willson; knock-out, Mr. P. J. Watts and Miss B. Thoday. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C. So successful was this effort that the W.I. funds will benefit by the sum of £4 7s. 1d. On the proposition of Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. A. Asplin, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Hephher for kindly lending their house.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 17th Feb. 1939

There was a good attendance at the Women's Bright Hour in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, when the Rev. W. G. Lee gave a helpful address on "The Gardens of God." The Rev. A. Tilling was in the chair. The monthly "at home" will be held next Wednesday.

BILLIARDS. 17th Feb. 1939

The friendly billiards match between teams representing Swavesey Institute and Willingham Public Hall played at Swavesey on Friday evening, resulted in a win for the home team by 562 points to 539. Scores (Swavesey names first): H. Bridgeford 125; J. Garner 86; F. Peters 125, E. Hopkins 110; H. Webley 114, S. Garner 125; B. Whybrow 73, K. Day 125; R. C. Coles 125, D. Few 95.

OBITUARY. 17th Feb. 1939

Mrs. Elizabeth Prior, of Thornley, County Durham, wife of Mr. John Prior, a native of Swavesey, died on Wednesday week at the advanced age of 81 years, following a long illness. Mr. Prior is an ex-constable of the Durham County Constabulary, and has relatives at Swavesey and Over. Mrs. Prior was one of the earlies members of the Thornley branch of the Mothers' Union.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY. 17th Feb. 1939

Capt. Snell, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps, was the special speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Society on Monday. The president (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair, Mr. G. Canham led in prayer, and during the evening a duet was sung by Misses L. Brand and G. Dodson. There was a fair attendance. Next week the meeting will be conducted by members of the Cottenham Old Baptist Young People's Society.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 17th Feb. 1939

Swavesey has lost an old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Ding, widow of the late Mr. Peter Day Ding, who passed away in Cambridge on Tuesday after a long illness, aged 74 years. Mrs. Ding, who leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss, was a daughter of the late Mr. Charles Dodson, a noted local bricklayer and well-known fen skater. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 17th Feb. 1939

A series of six lectures to be given by Mrs. Petter on "Home Nursing" were begun last week on Tuesday in Over and on Wednesdays in Swavesey, the good attendance at each meeting including most of those who attended the first-aid lectures and several men from the newly formed men's detachment of the British Red Cross. At the close of the meetings, Mrs. Petter spoke of the proposal to form a women's detachment in Over and Swavesey, and it was decided to form a detachment with one section in Over and one in Swavesey. There was a very satisfactory number of enrolments, 17 from Over and 19 from Swavesey. The following officers were elected: Commandant, Mrs. Inglis; assistant commandant, Mrs. R. Wayman; medical officer, Dr. Petter; lady superintendent, Mrs. Petter; quartermaster, Mrs. Norman.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 17th Feb. 1939

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) was in the chair for the first part of the meeting, during which the delegate's report

was presented of the annual meeting of the Cambs. Federation of Women's Institutes, and a letter was read, asking for help for a Spanish food ship. In connection with the latter the members decided to knit a blanket and give small gifts of food and clothes. The chair was then taken by Mrs. Ivatt, who, with her committee, was responsible for members' night. The programme consisted of two talks, "An Institute meeting of the W.I. in New Zealand," by Mrs. Ivatt, and "My Trip to Scotland," by Mrs. Whybrow. Then followed three demonstrations – pulling needlework by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, bread-making by Mrs. Lee, and orange jelly made from fresh fruit, by Mrs. Laverack. The social half-hour was devoted to games and dancing. A prize for "pinning the donkey's tail on" was won by Mrs. Hepher, and the prize for a novelty dance, "The Snowdrop Waltz," was won by Mrs. S. Wright and Mrs. G. Wright. The President then thanked Mrs. Ivatt and her committee for a most entertaining evening. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. T. Smart, Misses F. and M. Kester, and the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

OVER FORTY YEARS ON RAILWAY. 17th Feb. 1939

Swavesey Signalman's Fine Record.

Mr. W. Kester, a signalman at Swavesey Station, retired on Saturday, after over 43 years' service on the railway, and at a meeting held at the station he was presented with a suitably inscribed canteen of cutlery, subscribed for by members of the staff and platelayers.

Mr. T. Dawson, stationmaster, presiding, referred to the event as a milestone in Swavesey railway history. He had nothing but praise for the way in which Mr. Kester had carried out his duties, and the happy manner in which he had worked with his colleagues. His ever genial disposition had made him a friend of everyone.

He was appointed to the service of the old Great Eastern Railway Company in September, 1895, and, apart from a few odd weeks relieving at other stations, worked the whole time at Swavesey, and had been in the signal box since January, 1900. During these 39 years in the signal box Mr. Dawson estimated that Mr. Kester must have dealt with some 320,000 trains, involving about 3½ million lever movements and nearly eight million bell signals. A conservative estimate of the number of telegrams he must have dealt with would be about 50,000. In attending the level crossing gates he must have climbed up and down the signal box steps at least 5,000 times each year, which represents an annual climb to a height of ten miles. He could safely be called an experienced railwayman, and he had a record upon which he could look back with pride.

Mr. S. B. Carter, signalman, spoke of his long and friendly association with Mr. Kester in the signal box, during which never a wrong word was spoken between them.

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRIBUTES.

Letters of appreciation of Mr. Kester's long and faithful service with the company from Colonel H. H. Mauldin, superintendent, London and North-Eastern Railway (Eastern Section), and from Mr. G. Sutcliffe, district superintendent, were read, also from Mr. C. A. Crane, who, as signalman at Longstanton, on the same shift, had worked in harmony with Mr. Kester for 32 years.

On behalf of the staff, the Stationmaster asked Mr. Kester to accept the canteen of cutlery as a token of the regard in which he was held by his fellow railwaymen, and hoped that he and his wife would have many years of good health to enjoy their retirement.

Mr. Kester thanked the staff for their expression of good wishes, and said he would treasure the presentation with pride. He had served at Swavesey under six station-masters, and had always worked well with the staff, and had been on good terms with them all. Although he was retiring from active service he would still take an interest in railway matters, and he hoped that the lean times under which the railways were at present labouring would soon be overcome.

CHURCH BRIDGE. 24th Feb. 1939

It may be of interest to some of our readers to know that the bridge near the parish church, known locally as "Church Bridge," is 100 years old, having been erected in 1839 as recorded on a stone on the Vicarage side of the bridge.

DANCE. 24th Feb. 1939

A successful dance, arranged under the auspices of the Women's Institute, was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. An excellent programme of music was supplied by Dan Maskell's Band. Refreshments were served by members of the committee.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE. 24th Feb. 1939

Ten and a half tables were occupied at the qualifying whist drive which was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week in connection with the County Conservative tournament. Mr. H. H. Berryman officiated as M.C.

BRIGHT HOUR. 24th Feb. 1939

The women attending the "Bright Hour" held their monthly "at-home" meeting on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom, when Miss D. Payne

read the Scripture portion, Mrs. F. Dodson gave a recitation, and Mrs. Marriott and Miss Easter readings. After the singing of the last hymn Mrs. Laverack closed with prayer. The speaker next week will be the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 24th Feb. 1939

Members of the Cottenham Old Baptist Y.P.F. conducted the weekly meeting of the Swavesey Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. Solos were sung by Mrs. Cornell and Miss Q. Collins, and a portion of Scripture was read by Mrs. F. Easy. The Rev. J. Swain, who was in the chair, gave a helpful address. Various papers were read by the visitors, and interesting discussions took place on them. Mr. G. Canham spoke on behalf of the Bethel Y.P.F. It was announced that Mr. S. G. Miller, of Histon, would be the speaker next week.

THE LATE MISS C. L. CARTER. 24th Feb. 1939

The funeral of Miss Christine Lottie Carter, L.R.A.M., youngest daughter of the late Mr. Frederic Carter, of Fornham-road, Bury St. Edmund's, and at one time of Ryder's Farm, Swavesey, took place at Swavesey, her native village, on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating at the service in the parish church and at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Carter (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. F. Carter (sister-in-law), Miss A. Carter (Cambridge), Mr. C. W. Cole and Miss Cole (Swavesey), Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirby (Over), Miss Roberson and Miss Nunn (Bury St. Edmund's). The late Miss Carter, who died of bronchial pneumonia at Sussex House Nursing Home, Sutherland-avenue, London, W.9, on the 15th inst., aged 68, was a teacher of music for a long period at the East Anglian School for Boys, Bury St. Edmund's, and at the High School for Girls, Thetford, and until the last few years she had a considerable number of other pupils in Bury and district.

CRICKET CLUB. 24th Feb. 1939

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, Mr. T. Dawson presiding over a fairly good attendance. Officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. T. Dawson; President, Mr. C. Walker; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dickson, Dr. Petter, Mrs. J. Norman, Messrs. C. Dean, P. Lee, C. Cole, G. E. Canham, J. Parish, W. F. Gleaves, J. Lewin, E. Bond; Captain, 1st XI., A. Kester, vice-captain, N. Canham; Captain 2nd XI., F. Peters, vice-captain, G. Norman; Hon. Treasurer, N. Canham; Hon. Secretary, G. Norman; General Committee, Messrs. T.

Savage, A. Hephher, T. Dawson, J. Mitham, F. Britton, together with the Captains; Selection Committee, Messrs. T. Savage, T. Howlett, together with the Captains; Delegates to League Meetings, Messrs. A. Hephher, J. Mitham, N. Canham; groundsman, Mr. T. Howlett. It was decided to run two teams, both to enter the Milton and District League and one the Milton and District Challenge Cup. A vote of thanks to the Patrons, and all the others who had assisted the club during the last season, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. F. Britton, concluded the proceedings.

FUNERAL OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 24th Feb. 1939

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Ding, widow of the late Mr. Peter Ding, whose death at the age of 74 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, the service being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson). The mourners were: Mr. C. Ding, Mr. A. Ding (sons), Mrs. Chaddock, Mrs. Jeffs (daughters), Mrs. C. Ding (daughter-in-law), Mr. Jeffs (son-in-law), Master Leslie Ding (grandson), Mr. John Dodson (brother), Mrs. D. Prime, Mrs. S. Gray (sisters), Mr. G. Ding, Mr. S. Gray (brothers-in-law). Mrs. W. Brown (sister) was unable to attend owing to illness. There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 3rd March 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Y.P.F. on Monday evening, when Mr. S. J. Millar, of Histon, was the speaker. The President, Rev. A. Tilling, occupied the chair. Pastor V. Sharp, of Cottenham, will give the address next week.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES. 3rd March 1939

The house-to-house collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes made in the village last week, under the direction of Miss Easter, amounted to £3 2s. 9½d. The collectors were: Miss Ann Shepperson £1 3s., Miss Gwen Dodson, £1, Miss Dora Payne 13s. 3d., Mrs. Frank Dodson 6s. 6½d.

BRIGHT HOUR. 3rd March 1939

At the Women's Bright Hour on Wednesday in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom a helpful address was given by the Rev. R. P. Blackaby. Instead of the usual meeting next Wednesday the anniversary services will be held on the Thursday, when the Rev. and Mrs. F. Goody, of Harston, will be the special speakers.

MEMORIAL HALL. 3rd March 1939

Shortly before the opening of the British Legion social at the Memorial Hall on Saturday smoke was noticed to be issuing from behind one of the stoves. The stove was promptly emptied, and it was found that the wood flooring under the iron plate on which the stove stood was smouldering. This was quickly attended to, and the social proceeded without further interruption. This week the stove has been placed upon a concrete base.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 3rd March 1939

The village has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgeford, of Frere Cottages, widow of the late Mr. Edward Bridgeford. She passed away in Cambridge on Feb. 26th after a long illness, aged 86 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. T. Howlett (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Payne (nephew and niece), Miss Dora Payne, Mrs. David Prime and Mrs. S. Wright. Messrs. R. Mitham and Sons were the undertakers.

BRITISH LEGION. 3rd March 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, when the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion held the second members' social of the season. Owing to the wet weather the attendance was not so good as last time, but enough braved the elements to make the social go with a swing. The programme, arranged by the social committee, with the assistance of Mrs. Ivatt, who introduced some friends from Cambridge, was a good and varied one. It included songs by Mr. Neal, jun., accompanied by his brother on the ukulele, and also by Mr. Vince on the harp; community singing, led by Mr. Walker and Mrs. Ivatt, accompanied by Mr. Vine on the piano accordion; a humorous sketch entitled "The Mountaineer," by Miss Gladys Wright and Mr. Bob Wright, a clever series of conjuring acts by Mr. Hancock, and games, including candle lighting, fixing tail on pigs, and aeroplane trips, the last causing much amusement. Billy Bishop and his band supplied the music for dancing, which interspersed all the foregoing items. Refreshments, which were generously provided by members and their wives, were tastefully served by Mesdames Turner, Ellwood, H. Prime and J. Prior, assisted by willing helpers. Members of the social committee attended to the clearing up. The social was brought to a close about midnight.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 3rd March 1939

The annual open meeting and distribution of awards in connection with the 1st Swavesey Co., Girls' Life Brigade, took place on Tuesday, the occasion being also the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Company. The programme consisted of Brigade hymns, recitations by R. Bath and M. Dawson, members of the Company, and "The Legend Beautiful" by the Captain. A solo, "Awake, O soul of youth," was also admirably rendered by Mrs. Canham, the Company giving the response. Olive Isgrove gave the Bible reading and the hymn "My faith it is an oaken staff" was sung by Olive Isgrove, Ruby Bath, Mona Dawson and Pauline Parrish. The Rev. A. Tilling gave an inspiring talk on "Tens." The awards for the past year were then presented, after which the Pastor referred to the impending departure of the Captain, Mrs. Isgrove, who has been in charge of the Company since the beginning. A beautiful Bible, with the inscription: "Presented to Mrs. Isgrove from the officers, members and friends of the 1st Swavesey Co., G.L.B., on her retirement from the Company, in which she has served as Captain for 10 years," was then handed to Mrs. Isgrove, who briefly responded. A fountain pen was also given to Olive Isgrove, who has been a member for more than five years. Lieut. Norman spoke of the happy years of work spent together. Another pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation to Lieut. Norman of the long service medal awarded to her by the headquarters of the G.L.B. on the completion of ten years' service as officer. The meeting was then brought to a close with a hymn and prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL. 3rd March 1939

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. Payne and W. Spolton, with the clerk, Mr. Prime Godfrey. A letter was read from the Chesterton Rural District Council respecting the Parish Council's objection to Mr. Sebley's estimate for the repair of the parish clock on the church tower, and stating that as the clock appeared to be in a bad state of repair the R.D.C. were of the opinion that no further expense was justified. The parish councillors were, however, unanimously of opinion that the clock was not in such a bad condition, and it was decided that further inquiries should be made on their behalf. With regard to the issue of a precept for the expenses of the Council for the year ended March, 1940, the clerk stated that the Council had a balance at the bank of £20, and that a penny rate in 1938 produced £10. Mr. Cole proposed and Mr. Payne seconded, that no precept be issued. Mr. Burton moved as an amendment that the precept be for £20, but this failed to find a seconder, and Mr. Mitham then proposed that £10

should be applied for. This was seconded by Mr. Hodson and carried by four votes to two. Mr. A. E. Holloway was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by Mr. Frank Hephher's removal from the parish, and Mr. A. P. Payne was chosen to take his place on the Hall Management Committee. Mr. R. Mitham was also appointed to a trustee of Frere's Cottages. On the proposition of Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Cole, it was agreed that the Cricket and Football Clubs be offered the herbage of the recreation ground on the same terms as last year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 10th March 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the special speaker was Pastor V. Sharpe, of Cottenham. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair. During the evening a solo was sung by Mr. G. E. Canham. Mr. W. Andrews, of Cambridge, will be the speaker at next week's meeting.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 10th March 1939

An enjoyable time was spent at the Swavesey Institute Football Club's social and dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and an excellent programme had been arranged, consisting of songs and duets, and selections on accordion and harmonica. Refreshments were served by Mrs. G. Oakman, and Mrs. S. Clark, assisted by helpers. A good selection of dance music was supplied by Claude Whitham and his boys. Mr. G. Froment and Mr. Hemstock were in charge of the door.

WEDDING. 10th March 1939

The marriage of Mr. Stanley Brooks, son of Mrs. Brooks, of Black Horse-lane, and the late Mr. George Brooks, and Miss Dorothy Pettitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pettitt, of Askew-row, took place quietly at the Parish Church on Saturday morning, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The bride, who was attired in navy blue silk marocain, with navy hat, was given away by her father. Mr. W. Rivers (nephew of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The presents were numerous and useful.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 17th March 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening when Mr. W. Andrews, of Cambridge, gave a greatly appreciated address, and, with Miss S. Halls, sang a duet. The President (Rev. A. Tilling) occupied the chair.

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE. 17th March 1939

A correspondent is anxious to know when the coping stone of the wall separating the churchyard from the high road, which has been crumbling away for some time, will receive attention. If neglected much longer a job that could be done for a few shillings will cost pounds, as was the case with the causeway wall nearby not long ago.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th March 1939

There was a good attendance at the March meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was in the chair. During the proceedings a blanket to be sent to the Spanish refugees was exhibited, pieces of which have been knitted by members and had been sewn together by the vice-president (Mrs. Laverack). The delegates' report of the group meeting at Over was read by Mrs. Ivatt. An interesting demonstration of quilting was given by Mrs. Goodchild (Longstanton), to whom a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the President. The prize for the best bowl of bulbs was won by Mrs. Falkner. The stall for the sick fund did a brisk trade. Folk dancing by the class and the "Chestnut Tree," in which every member took part, concluded the evening.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 17th March 1939

The anniversary meetings of the Women's Bright Hour, were held on Thursday week in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom. An afternoon meeting was conducted by Mrs. Tilling, at which Mrs. Goody, of Harston, gave an appealing address on "The hunger and thirst after righteousness," and Miss Easter gave a reading. A well-attended public tea followed. The Rev. A. Tilling presided at the evening meeting, when an inspiring address on "Christ being formed in you" was given by the Rev. Frank Goody. The attendance at the weekly meeting on Wednesday, under the leadership of Mrs. Tilling, was smaller than usual owing to illness. An encouraging address on "Christ with us" was given by the Rev. A. Westrop, of Sutton. The speaker next week will be the Rev. J. S. Swain, of Cottenham.

94 TO-DAY. 24th March 1939

Born at Earith, Hunts, on March 24th, 1845, Mr. William Henry Key, of Top Leys Cottage, Swavesey, is to-day celebrating the 94th anniversary of his birth. Notwithstanding his great age, he however, has not the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant of the village.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 24th March 1939

Mrs. Tilling presided at the Women's Bright Hour in the Baptist Schoolroom on Wednesday, when the Rev. J. S. Swain, of Cottenham, gave a helpful address, Mrs. Savage led in prayer, and Miss Easter contributed a reading. At the closing meeting for the session next week the Rev. A. Tilling will give the address.

Y.P.F. 24th March 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when Mr. C. Day was the speaker, the President (Rev. A. Tilling) led in prayer, and a solo was sung by Mr. G. Day. Miss L. Brand occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. Rendell, of Histon, will be the special speaker at next Monday's meeting.

WOMEN'S BRIGHT HOUR. 31st March 1939

The Rev. A. Tilling gave a helpful address at the closing meeting for the session of the Women's Bright Hour, which was held on Wednesday in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 31st March 1939

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. During the proceedings announcements were made respecting the annual rally on Sunday and Monday next.

HOME NURSING. 31st March 1939

All of the candidates, 21 women and five men, who sat for the examination in home nursing last week, passed. Dr. Cane, of Willingham, and Miss Kennett, of Longstanton, were the examiners. The class had been conducted by Mrs. Petter, of Swavesey.

FIRST AID. 7th April 1939

At the examination in first aid held in the Old School on Tuesday evening, the following, who had attended the class recently conducted by Dr. Petter, passed: Mr. C. Haward (Over), Miss A. A. Wayman (Over), both 2nd certificate, Mr. R. Jacklin, Mr. J. Lyons, Mr. J. Prior, Mr. G. Prior, Mr. G. Skelton. Dr. Cave, of Willingham, was the examiner.

DROVE LETTING. 7th April 1939

The annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves, which took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, resulted in the same

prices being realised as last year. The grass on Miss Mitchell's fields in Cow Fen and Mow Fen realised 29s., 15s. and 25s. respectively per acre, and the grass on Mr. W. H. Key's land in Middle Fen 25s. per acre. Mr. Knight, who acted for Mr. Cyril Watts, was the auctioneer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th April 1939

The anniversary services in connection with the Young People's Fellowship were held on Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church, Mr. C. Petch, of Isleham, being the preacher. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. G. Canham. A Scripture reading was given by Miss L. Spearman, solos were sung by Miss S. Brickwood and Miss J. Brand, and a duet by Miss L. Brand and Miss G. Dodson, the latter also reciting. Mr. Petch gave the address and also sang. Mr. and Mrs. G. Canham sang a duet at the evening service. At the meeting on Monday the Rev. A. Tilling presided and called the roll, which was answered by representatives of ten societies. The special speaker, the Rev. Stanley Baker, of Norwich, gave an inspiring address on "God and Man." Miss W. Osbourne, of Cambridge, was the soloist. About 100 afterwards sat down to supper in the schoolroom. The Rev. R. Coombs, of Isleham, will be the preacher at 6.30 p.m. on Good Friday.

DEATH. 14th April 1939

WILLIAMS. – On Sunday, April 9th, 1939, at Market-street, Swavesey, Caroline Julia Williams, widow of the late Philip Williams, formerly of 62, Eden-street, Cambridge, aged 84 years. – Funeral Thursday, at Swavesey Church, 2.15 p.m.

WEDDING SMILES (PICTURE). 14th April 1939

Happy couple are Mr. Stanley Henry Lawrence and Miss Hilda Mary Culpin, who were married at Swavesey church on Saturday.

SMILING BRIDE. (PICTURE). 14th April 1939

Five bridesmaids and a page were in attendance at the wedding on Monday of Mr. R. T. Ansell, of Lolworth, and Miss Joyce M. Lee, of Swavesey, at the Swavesey Parish Church.

VESTRY MEETING. 14th April 1939

At the annual Vestry meeting on Wednesday evening Mr. W. J. Hepher and Mr. Harry Wells were reappointed churchwardens for the ensuing year.

DIOCESAN RINGERS. 14th April 1939

At the annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association of Bellringers, held in Cambridge on Easter Monday, Mr. F. Warrington, of Swavesey, was elected representative of the Ely Association on the Central Council of Bellringers of All England. The election, for three years' duration, is Mr. Warrington's second term of office as a member of the Central Council, the A.G.M. being held in London, 1936, Canterbury Cathedral, 1937, Leeds Town Hall, 1938.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS. 14th April 1939

A pleasing ceremony took place on Sunday after Evensong at the parish church, when the Vicar presented Mr. S. F. Mitham with a satin walnut electric clock and Mrs. Mitham with a cake basket as a token of appreciation of their work in the church over a period of many years. The Vicar, in presenting the clock, expressed his regret at Mr. Mitham's leaving the parish and also his earnest wish for the future happiness of the family in their new surroundings.

WEDDING. 14th April 1939

The marriage of Miss Hilda Mary Culpin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Culpin, of Swavesey, and Mr. Stanley Harry Lawrence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence, of Papworth Everard, took place on Saturday morning at Swavesey parish church, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The bride, who was attired in a blue ensemble, was given away by her father, and was attended by her niece, Miss Kathleen Stubbings, who wore a navy blue ensemble. Mr. Stan Brinkworth was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous useful presents.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL. 14th April 1939

On Wednesday evening Bethel Baptist School was crowded with members and friends to bid Godspeed to the Rev. and Mrs. Tilling on their departure for their new sphere of service in Suffolk. At the close of the mid-week service gifts were presented on behalf of the church by Mr. Canham (an electric clock), Y.P.F. by Mr. Brand (an electric table lamp and shade and an electric iron), Women's Bright Hour by Mrs. James Norman (an electric copper kettle). After Mr. and Mrs. Tilling had both expressed their appreciation the meeting concluded with "God be with you till we meet again." On Tuesday evening Lieut. Norman presented the Rev. and Mrs. Tilling with a silver-plated cake basket on behalf of the 1st Swavesey Co., G.L.B.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th April 1939

The April meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, was fairly well attended. The chair was occupied by Mrs. C. S. Hepher (president). During routine business the delegate's report of a meeting on finance, held in St. Andrew's Hall, Cambridge, on March 25th, was read, also a letter of thanks for the eggs collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital by members. Then followed a talk on knitting by Mrs. Randall, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposition of Mrs. Hepher. The prize for any knitted article was won by Mrs. Williamson. After refreshments had been served came the social half-hour, the programme for which consisted of pianoforte duets, songs, etc., by members, and items by the percussion band.

PARISH CHURCH. 14th April 1939

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were: Matins and Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., Devotional service 1-3 p.m., Evensong followed by a lantern service 7 p.m. The collections were for Jerusalem and the East Mission. For Easter Day the church was simply but effectively decorated with Spring flowers. The services were as follows: Holy Communion (with hymns) 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m., and mid-day (choral), Mattins, 10.30 a.m., and Evensong with sermon by the Vicar at 6.30 p.m. At Evensong the choir gave an excellent rendition of Roland Smart's anthem "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem," and the service, concluded with a Festal Te Deum. All services were well attended, the number of communicants being quite up to the average. The collections were, as usual, an Easter offering to the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson).

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING. 14th April 1939

There was a very good attendance at the annual parochial church meeting held in the Old School on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the Vicar through illness Mr. W. J. Hepher (vice-chairman) presided. The accounts were presented and showed a very satisfactory balance, and the annual report showed that everything had been well attended to by the council. Mrs. Cooksey and Mrs. Dickson were re-elected as diocesan representatives, and Mrs. C. S. Hepher and Mrs. Harry Wells were elected as ruri-decanal representatives. The following were elected members of the council: Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. B. Hodson, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. Holloway, Mr. F. Warrington. At a short meeting of the council held afterwards Mrs. C. S. Hepher was re-elected secretary, the churchwardens were appointed treasurers, Mr. W. J. Hepher vice-chairman, and Mr. Bloodworth treasurer of the church improvement fund.

EASTER MONDAY WEDDING. 14th April 1939

A pretty and colourful wedding took place on Easter Monday at the Parish Church, the bride being Joyce Maud, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lee, of Market-street, Swavesey, and the bridegroom Reginald Thomas Cyril Ansell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ansell, of Lolworth. There was a large congregation. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated at the ceremony, with Mr. John Mitham at the organ, who played music appropriate to the occasion. The hymns, "Love divine, all loves excelling," and "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white velvet, with veil and orange blossom. There were five bridesmaids and one page. They were Misses Olive and Yvonne Froment and Eileen Willis (cousins of the bride), Pam and Peg Giddings (nieces of the bridegroom), and Peter Warrington. All were dressed in red velvet trimmed with gold satin. The two eldest bridesmaids wore Juliet caps, and the three younger ones bonnets of gold satin, with gold sashes. Mr. Les Peppercorn (cousin of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where about 115 relatives and friends sat down to the wedding breakfast. This was followed by dancing, for which Claude Witham's band supplied the music. They were relieved during the evening by the Lefroy Band, with Mr. Edwin Cardnell accompanying on the piano-accordion. During the programme a masterly exhibition of conjuring was given by Mr. Broom, of Cambridge, for which he was heartily applauded. The happy couple, who will reside in Swavesey, were the recipients of over 100 useful presents. The bridesmaids were presented by the bridegroom with gold bracelets.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 21st April 1939

At the last meeting of the Women's Institute the members decided to join Addenbrooke's Hospital Linen League, and several of them agreed to become associates.

VICAR'S ILLNESS. 21st April 1939

In consequence of the illness of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson), the services at the parish church on Sunday were taken by the Rev. P. Harvey, of Cambridge.

RISING SUN DART CLUB. 21st April 1939

The annual supper of the Rising Sun Dart Club was held in the club room on Monday evening, when 23 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. Meakings, assisted by their daughter. After

supper an enjoyable variety entertainment was given by friends from Fen Drayton Land Settlement. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Meakings and the entertainers.

PARISH MEETING. 21st April 1939

Only five local government electors took the trouble to attend the annual Parish Meeting at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, namely: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council), who presided, Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Mr. A. P. Payne (parish councillors), Mr. D. Williams and Mr. Prime Godfrey (clerk). The audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March, 1938, and the accounts of Galon's Charity for the year ended 31st December, 1938, were presented. A letter was read from the Cambs. Rural Community Council respecting a proposed change in the method of electing parish councillors, but the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was decided to take no action in the matter. Mr. Williams inquired what steps, if any, were being taken to have the parish clock on the church tower, which had been stopped for some months, put in good going order, and he was told by the Chairman that certain steps had already been taken, and that the matter would be again brought before the Parish Council, who were meeting later that evening.

NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN. 21st April 1939

The Hon. R. P. de Grey, secretary of the Area Committee for National Fitness, addressed a meeting representative of the various Swavesey activities in the Memorial Hall on April 19th, called to consider the possibilities of improving the facilities for outdoor sports and recreation in the village. Mr. T. Dawson presided. Many practical suggestions were put forward, and after an enthusiastic discussion in which most of the representatives took part, it was decided to form a committee comprising one representative of each movement for the purpose of formulating a scheme. The following were elected: - Mr. A. Payne (Parish Council), Mr. C. S. Hepher (Parochial Church Council), Mr. G. E. Canham (Bethel Baptist Chapel), Mr. A. Hepher (Cricket Club), Mr. Sydney Wright (Football Club), Mrs. C. S. Hepher (Women's Institute), Mr. T. Dawson (British Legion), Mr. Berryman (Hall Committee), Miss Bonnett (Women's Red Cross), Dr. W. Lane Petter (Men's Red Cross), Miss P. Willson (Girl Guides). Representatives of the Nursing Association, Institute and Girls' Life Brigade are also to be invited.

SALE OF WORK. 21st April 1939

A small but successful sale of work, etc., in aid of Overseas Missions was held in the Old School on Thursday week. In the absence of the Vicar through illness the sale was opened by the Rural Dean (Rev. F. G. Weston), who commended the workers on their efforts for so worthy a cause. Those in charge of the stalls, etc., were: Work stall, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. G. Burling, Mrs. E. J. Linford; gift stall, Miss G. Froment; sweets, Mrs. H. Prime, Mrs. Harry Wells; cakes, Mrs. T. Williams, Mrs. E. J. Mitham; 6d. and 3d. stall, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; teas, Mrs. Cain. Competitions – Advertisements, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (won by Miss J. Hephher); peas and straws, Miss A. Shepperson (won by Miss J. Hephher); bagatelle, Mrs. Warren (won by Miss Symes); weight of cake, Mrs. G. Froment (won by Miss L. M. Hephher); weight of egg, Misses L. and J. Hephher (won by Mr. W. J. Hephher), after a cut with three others). A whist drive followed in the evening for which Mrs. Harry Wells and Mrs. Lee kindly undertook refreshments, and Mr. C. S. Hephher was M.C. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; gentlemen, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. G. Froment, booby, Mr. N. Lee (all playing as gentlemen). The total proceeds amounted to £4 16s. 5d.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 21st April 1939

The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week of Mrs. Caroline Julia Williams, widow of the late Mr. Philip Williams, formerly of 62, Eden-street, Cambridge, who passed away on April 9th at the residence of Mrs. John Williams, Market-street, Swavesey. Deceased, whose health had been failing for some time, was 84 years of age. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Weston (Vicar of Over) and the Rev. E. Sinker, of Cambridge, the latter in whose family the late Mrs. Williams had at one time been a nurse, reading the lesson and officiating at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman, Mr. John Williams, Miss Lucy Key, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams (nephews and nieces). Upon the English oak coffin were several wreaths from relatives and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. and E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st April 1939

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, H. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham, C. H. Parish, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Mr. Holloway, who had been co-opted to fill a vacancy on the Council, signed his declaration of acceptance of office. Mr. C. H. Parish was unanimously re-

elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman for the ensuing year. A letter was read from the Cricket and Football Clubs accepting the Council's offer to let them the herbage of the Recreation Ground for 12 months for £1. Only one tender was received for the collection of unburnable rubbish, viz., from Mr. Godfrey for £4, and this was accepted. The Chairman and Mr. Payne were appointed representatives of the Council to attend a meeting in the Memorial Hall on April 19th to be addressed by the Secretary of the Area Committee for National Fitness. The audited accounts of the Council for the year ended March 31st, 1938, were read and approved. Considerable discussion took place with regard to the 45-years-old parish clock on the church tower, but eventually it was decided that nothing could be done pending the receipt of a reply from a firm who had been approached in the matter. The reply was expected in a day or two.

THE LATE MR. JOSIAH CARRIER. 21st April 1939

The funeral of Mr. Josiah Unwin Carrier, son of the late William and Lucy Carrier, of Swavesey, who passed away on April 11th after a very painful illness of nine months' duration, aged 68 years, took place at the Parish Church on Saturday, the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over) officiating. The mourners were Mrs. Carrier (widow), Mr. and Mrs. G. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. G. Prime (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. F. Carrier (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs, London, Mr. J. Smith, Boxworth, Mrs. S. Carrier (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Miss V. Smith (niece), Mr. W. Carrier, Mr. A. Smith (nephews). In addition to a wreath inscribed "From his devoted wife and family. Love's last gift," many other floral tributes were sent. Mr. E. J. Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements.

GIRL GUIDES. 28th April 1939

There was a good attendance at the dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening in aid of Girl Guide funds, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Don Maskell and his band provided an excellent programme of dance music.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 28th April 1939

At the concert which was given in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week in aid of the funds of the Red Cross Society (Swavesey division), Joan Metcalfe, before a crowded house, presented "Pleasure Parade," every item in which was enthusiastically applauded, for not for many years has such an excellent show been given in Swavesey. During an interval, Dr. Petter introduced Mrs. R. Ellis Long, who was Commandant of the Red Cross Hospital at Swavesey

during the Great War. After expressing her pleasure at being among Swavesey people once again, and especially on such an occasion, Mrs. Long presented Home Nursing certificates to the following members of the men's and women's detachments, Mrs. Inglis (Women's Commandant) reading out the names: Messrs. A. Barker, C. Haward and A. Haward, of Over, G. Robson, of Willingham, and F. Britton, G. Skelton, A. Kester, R. Jacklin and R. Hendry, of Swavesey, Mrs. I. B. Bishop, Miss L. Bennett, Miss R. E. Brooks, Mrs. H. F. Canham, Miss S. Carter, Mrs. D. Froment, Mrs. E. Godfrey, Mrs. G. A. Howlett, Mrs. W. J. Inglis, Mrs. J. Austell, Miss R. Mitham, Miss W. E. Parish, Miss Mildred Parish, Mrs. F. Prior, Miss P. Sharpe, Mrs. P. Shepperson, Miss Mary Shepperson, Miss Grace Thorp, Miss R. Wilson, Miss W. Woods, Mrs. D. Page, Miss M. Cole, Miss J. Williams, of Swavesey, Mrs. R. Asplin, Miss A. Adams, Mrs. B. M. Brittain, Mrs. A. H. Barker, Miss D. Cook, Mrs. P. L. Day, Miss G. Ekins, Mrs. Papworth, Mrs. W. M. Norman, Miss E. Medcalf, Miss M. Smith, Miss B. Thoday, Miss M. Vennell, Mrs. H. F. Wayman, Mrs. A. A. Wayman, Miss A. A. Wayman, Miss E. R. Hemington, of Over. The members of the Women's Detachment wore their nurses' uniforms, and the men, who acted as stewards, appeared in their new uniforms for the first time. Mr. R. Hendon (Commandant) and Mr. C. Haward (Assistant Commandant) were in charge of the door. At the close of the concert Mrs. Inglis called for three cheers for the concert party, and they were given right lustily.

25 YEARS AGO (WEEK ENDING MAY 8TH, 1914. 5th May 1939 YEOMANRY AT SWAVESEY.

The Yeomanry units from Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, Willingham, Fen Drayton, and Conington, met for drill on the Green at Swavesey on Wednesday evening, under the command of Sergt. Townsend (Longstanton). A large number of people gathered to see the various evolutions as the sight was an uncommon one in the village.

PARISH CHURCH. 5th May 1939

The services at the parish church, in the absence of the Vicar, who is ill, were conducted on Sunday by the following: Holy Communion at 8 a.m. by the Rev. A. Macintosh, morning prayer at 10.30 a.m. by Mr. C. Ingram (licensed reader), and evensong at 6.30 p.m. by the Rev. S. Harvey, of Cambridge.

COUNCIL SCHOOL. 5th May 1939

The following children attending Swavesey Council School have passed the preliminary County Scholarship examination: Margaret Wood, Ruth

Shepperson, Graham Britton, Marion Wood, Phyllis Hepher, Harry Howlett, John Wilderspin, for special places at the Cambridgeshire Technical School, and John Prime for a County Minor Scholarship.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 5th May 1939

There was unfortunately a very small attendance at the annual local meeting in connection with Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The report presented by Mr. E. J. Mitham showed that £143 13s. 9d. had been collected during the past year. The following were elected to serve on the local Hospital Aid Committee for the ensuing twelve months: Mrs. C. S. Hepher (Chairman), Mr. E. J. Mitham (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Dr. W. L. Petter, Rev. C. C. Dickson and Mr. U. Thixton, and as Hon. Collectors and members of the Committee: Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Shepperson, Messrs. H. H. Berryman, R. Hendry, A. Turner, F. Dodson, A. J. Hepher and H. Peppercorn. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Memorial Hall Committee and the caretaker.

DAMAGE IN CHURCHYARD. 12th May 1939

The stone cross at the head of the grave of a former churchwarden was knocked down, it is said, by children playing in the churchyard last Sunday afternoon.

AN UNDESIRABLE POSTING PLACE. 12th May 1939

A correspondent writes: On my way to the railway station on Wednesday morning I was surprised to see that a fairly large poster announcing a dance at St. Ives had been affixed to the trunk of one of the old trees at the side of the main road near Church Bridge. The poster had been carefully fixed to the tree with a number of flat-headed nails. Surely this should not be allowed.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th May 1939

There was a good attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) occupying the chair. After the agenda of the forthcoming N.F.W.I. meetings in London and the arrangements for the Group garden party at the President's residence on June 15th had been discussed, Col. Tebbutt gave his interesting talk on the "Willow pattern plate," for which he was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of the President. The competition for the best milk dish made from a given recipe was won by Mrs. Laverack. The programme for the social half-hour included a display of physical exercises by Girl Guides, and also games arranged by the Guides in

which W.I. members took part. Refreshments were served during the meeting by the hostesses for the evening.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY. 19th May 1939

Good Collections in Swavesey Division.

The annual Red Cross Flag Day was held in the various villages in Swavesey division during the latter part of last week. The results this year have been excellent, the amount collected showing a marked increase in almost every village. This is due to the hard work of the local organisers and sellers and to the generosity of the support with which their efforts have been rewarded.

The following were the results:

Swavesey and Fen Drayton. – Organiser, Mrs. Inglis; sellers: Mrs. Howlett and Miss Brooks £1 10s., Miss Bonnett and Mrs. Godfrey £1 2s. 6d., Miss S. Carter and Mrs. Bishop 12s. 5d., Mrs. C. Hepher 12s. 7d., Mrs. D. Froment 12s. 1d., Miss G. Thorp 11s. 2d.

Results for Willingham, Longstanton, Over and Conington also in newspaper.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th May 1939

The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson), who has been away owing to ill-health, returned home on Saturday, and on Sunday officiated at all services at the parish church.

CRICKET. 19th May 1939

Feast week cricket will consist entirely of matches for the Swavesey Hospital Cup, and all will be played in the evening, commencing at 6 o'clock. The first, Fen Drayton Cricket Club v. Barwell's Tyre Works, will be played to-day (Friday), and the others as follows: Monday, Winners of Friday's match v. Swavesey C.C.; Tuesday, Mr. P. Godfrey's Staff v. Swavesey British Legion; Wednesday, the Final. A collection will be taken at each match in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital.

GUIDE WEEK. 19th May 1939

The following were the activities of the 1st Swavesey Company of Girl Guides during Guide week: Tuesday – demonstration of physical exercises at a meeting of the Women's Institute; Wednesday – demonstration of physical exercises, sick nursing and first aid at a meeting of Guides at Cottenham; Friday – demonstrations by Cottenham and Swavesey Companies in the old school at Swavesey. On this occasion the District Commissioner (Mrs. Denham) gave an address, in course of which she explained that the object of Guide Week was to show that Guides are useful people.

THE LATE MRS. A. E. DAINTREE. 19th May 1939

The funeral of Mrs. Alice Ann Daintree, wife of Mr. Albert Edwin Daintree, who passed away on May 14th after a short illness following an operation, took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners were: Mr. A. E. Daintree (husband), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Daintree, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daintree (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Badcock, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wilderspin (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss F. J. Daintree (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hephher (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Eason, London, Mrs. Marriott, Willsthorpe (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Boxworth (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. S. Hephher (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daintree (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Boxworth, Mrs. Robinson, Willsthorpe (nephews and nieces), Mr. S. Prime, Mrs. T. Rowell, Cottenham (cousins). The unpolished oak coffin bore the inscription: "Alice Ann Daintree, died May 14th, 1939, aged 72 years." There were no flowers, by request. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

ON LOCAL CRICKET FIELDS. 26th May 1939

SWAVESEY HOSPITAL CUP.

BARWELL'S TYRE WORKS v. FEN DRAYTON.

Played at Swavesey on Friday evening.

Fen Drayton all out for 33, Barwell's 44 for 9 wickets.

SWAVESEY v. BARWELL'S TYRE WORKS.

Played at Swavesey on Monday.

Swavesey 50 all out, Barwell's Tyre Works 21 all out.

SWAVESEY BRITISH LEGION v. MR. PRIME GODFREY'S STAFF.

Played at Swavesey on Tuesday.

Godfrey's 30 all out, British Legion 18 all out.

SWAVESEY v. MR. P. GODFREY'S STAFF.

Played at Swavesey on Wednesday.

Godfrey's 25 all out, Swavesey 29 all out.

EXCURSION TO LONDON. 26th May 1939

Ten passengers were booked at Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to London on Sunday.

VAN AND CAR COLLIDE. 26th May 1939

A collision between a Somerlite motor van driven by Mr. Percy Newman, of Cambridge, and a private car driven by Mr. Reginald Ansell, of Swavesey, occurred in Bucking Way about 11 p.m. on Tuesday. The front off-side of the car was damaged, but there were no personal injuries.

ACCIDENT AT THE FEAST. 26th May 1939

An unfortunate accident occurred at the Feast on Monday evening. About 9 o'clock Alfred Flack, a travelling showman, aged 24, was engaged in applying resin to the cable driving the cake-walk owned by his father, Mr. A. Flack, of Cambridge, when apparently through the sleeve of his jacket getting caught in the belting, he was thrown heavily to the ground. When picked up he was unconscious, but no bones had been broken. First aid was rendered by P.C. Shanks and members of the local Red Cross Detachment. Dr. Petter was sent for and was quickly on the scene. Flack was removed to his caravan, where he did not recover consciousness until Tuesday morning. It is understood that he is progressing satisfactorily.

THE FEAST. 26th May 1939

This has been the village Feast week. On Sunday the services at the parish church, all of which were of a festal character, were conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson). In the evening, when there was a good congregation, the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem, "The Lord is loving" (Garrett). The collections throughout the day were for Addenbrooke's Hospital Chaplain's Fund and the District Nursing Association. On Monday and Tuesday Market-street was occupied by Mr. J. Manning's Jollity Farm and Mr. Flack's cake-walk, with a number of swings, stalls, a lady fortune teller and other attractions, some of which remained on Wednesday. Cricket matches have been played for the Swavesey Hospital Cup, reports of which will be found on another page. The collecting boxes in use at the four matches were opened on Wednesday night and were found to contain £2 13s. 6d. This sum will be forwarded to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The only other attraction was a dance in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday night.

DANCE. 2nd June 1939

A most enjoyable time was spent at the dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, for which an excellent selection of music was provided by Claude Whitham's Band.

PARISH CHURCH. 2nd June 1939

Good congregations attended the services at the parish church on Whitsun Day. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and after morning prayer at 10.30 a.m. At evensong at 6.30 p.m. the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "He will guide you" (Clare).

THE SUBMARINE DISASTER. 9th June 1939

In his sermon at the Parish Church on Sunday evening, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) made sympathetic reference to the Thetis disaster. Hymns specially appropriate to the occasion were sung, and at the close of the service the organist (Mr. G. H. Skeeles) played the Dead March in "Saul."

AN OCTOGENARIAN ALDERMAN. 9th June 1939

Ald. Dr. J. W. Ellis, who was born at Swavesey on June 10th, 1853, will celebrate the 86th anniversary of his birth to-morrow (Saturday). He retired from practice some years ago, but retains his seat on the County Council, of which he had the distinction of being the "Father," having been a member since 1891, except for a short break between 1895 and 1898.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 9th June 1939

Swavesey has lost another old and greatly respected inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Sarah Jane Godfrey, widow of the late Mr. Thos. Godfrey, who passed away on Monday morning at her residence in Middle Watch, aged 85 years. She had been in failing health for some months. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the interment in Swavesey Cemetery being preceded by a service at Bethel Baptist Church.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 9th June 1939

At the services in connection with the anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week appreciative congregations listened to stirring sermons given by the Rev. E. W. Mills, of West Norwood. The subject in the afternoon was the "The reception of the Holy Spirit," and in the evening "The healing of the lame man at the gate of the Temple." The import of the messages was the necessity and advisability of putting into practice in daily life those things that are taught in the New Testament.

ACCIDENT. 9th June 1939

Mr. Alfred Day, sen., met with an unfortunate mishap on Thursday afternoon in last week. After closing a gate of a field on the Huntingdon-road, opposite the turning to Swavesey, he attempted to get into his buggy, but through the pony starting away suddenly he was thrown on to the road still hanging on to the reins. He sustained a cut above his nose, which bled freely, his forehead was badly bruised, and his left wrist was injured. Mr. Day was attended to by Mrs. Cannell, of the New Inn, and by Miss M. Parsons, of Over, who happened to be passing, and after resting for a time he was taken home by Miss Parsons in her car. On Saturday he was out in his buggy as usual, but it was observed that he had "two lovely black eyes."

NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN. 9th June 1939

At a meeting held in the Memorial Hall on 1st June, the following officers were elected on the Playing Fields Improvement Committee: Mr. G. E. Canham (chairman), Mr. C. S. Hephher (vice-chairman), Mr. T. Dawson (hon. sec.), Mr. J. Mitham (assistant sec.), Mrs. C. S. Hephher (treasurer). It is the intention of the Committee to endeavour to develop outdoor recreational facilities in Swavesey for cricket, football, bowls and tennis, in conjunction with the County Playing Fields Association, and to raise funds to qualify for a grant through the Area Committee for National Fitness. An Open Cricket Competition is being arranged to be held during the week commencing Monday, 3rd July, for the "Swavesey Playing Fields Competition" Shield (kindly given by Mr. J. Mitham). The closing date for entries, which are free, is 26th June, and as each innings is of half an hour's duration only some exciting cricket is anticipated. Collections will be taken towards the Improvement Fund.

SCHOLARSHIP. 16th June 1939

John Prime, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Prime, a pupil at Swavesey Council School, has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship tenable at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys.

MILKING RECORD. 16th June 1939

Mr. E. M. ("Monty") Coulson, of Swavesey, who for the last 14 months has been employed as cowman at Tall Gate Farm, Battle, Sussex, has achieved what is believed to be a record for the county of Sussex by milking single-handed 26 cows with a total yield of 1,780 gallons during the month of May. In consequence he has been offered, and has accepted, a much better situation in Essex. Mr. Coulson, it may be remembered, won the Hobbs' bat for

bowling when he took five wickets with five successive balls in a match between Swavesey and Stretham in August, 1936.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th June 1939

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the chair being taken by Mrs. Lee (vice-president) in the temporary absence of the President. During routine business the delegate's report of the annual N.F.W.I. meeting in London was read, after which an interesting demonstration of thrift rug-making was given by Mrs. Jackson, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Miss Willson. The prize for the best made twine rug was won by Mrs. Williamson. Later in the evening the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) introduced Miss Macdonald, a delegate of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, from Western Australia, who is being entertained by Mrs. Hepher on behalf of Swavesey W.I. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening. The games in the social half-hour were entered into with zest. This brought a happy evening to a close.

THE LATE MRS. GODFREY. 16th June 1939

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Godfrey, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Godfrey, whose death was announced in our last issue, took place on Thursday week, the service at Bethel Baptist Church and at the grave in the cemetery being conducted by the Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, of Melbourn, a former pastor of Bethel. During the service the hymns "Jesu, the very thought of Thee," and "Peace, perfect peace" were sung. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Prime Godfrey (only son), Mrs. Paines, Mrs. V. Atkins, Miss D. Godfrey, Miss M. Godfrey (daughters), Mrs. P. Godfrey (daughter-in-law), Mr. V. Atkins (son-in-law), Miss D. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. L. Godfrey, Miss E. Godfrey, Miss M. Godfrey, Mr. B. Godfrey, Mr. Roy Godfrey (grandsons and granddaughters), Mrs. Stanton (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs. D. Stanton, Mr. F. Stanton (nephews and nieces). Many others were present and many beautiful floral tributes were sent. The plain English oak coffin bore the inscription "Sarah Jane Godfrey, died 5th June, 1939, aged 85 years. 'At rest.'" Mr. E. J. Mitham, Station-road, Swavesey was the undertaker.

COUNCIL SCHOOL. 23rd June 1939

Phyliss Hepher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hepher, a pupil at Swavesey Council School, has been awarded a scholarship at the Cambridgeshire Technical School.

WHITE RIBBONERS. 23rd June 1939

Owing to the wet weather, Mrs. James Norman on Wednesday week entertained the Swavesey Little White Ribboners to a sumptuous tea in Bethel Schoolroom instead of on the Manor lawn as had been arranged. A good number of mothers and babies were also present. After tea a very happy time was spent with games under the supervision of Miss Easter, and at the close Mrs. Norman was warmly thanked for her kindly thought for the children.

ACCIDENT. 23rd June 1939

While cycling along the Hale Road about noon on Sunday, Mr. John Thomas Daintree met with a serious accident. Knowing that a milk lorry was not far behind and seeing Mr. Edward Smart cycling towards him, he swerved towards the grass verge in order to dismount, but in doing so he fell into the ditch, fracturing his left leg. Both Mr. Smart and the driver of the lorry rendered what assistance they could, and the former fetched a motor car (kindly lent by Mr. William Burton), and in it conveyed Mr. Daintree to Dr. Petter's surgery, where he was attended to by Dr. Farmer, who found that he had sustained a compound fracture. A motor ambulance was sent for, and Mr. Daintree was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital and detained.

W.I. GARDEN PARTY. 23rd June 1939

A successful garden party in aid of the funds of the Women's Institute was held on June 15th in the President's garden, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephner. Mrs. Webb, of Elsworth, kindly came to open the fete. There was a good number of people for tea on the lawn, including members of other institutes, and good business was done at all the stalls and competitions. In the evening, owing to the inclement weather, the party had to be transferred to the Memorial Hall, where visitors saw a splendid display of ballet dancing by Miss Queenie Chapman's pupils. Then followed a whist drive and dancing. Mr. Berryman kindly acted as M.C. for whist, and the Kit-Kat Band provided music for dancing. The prizes for the various competitions and the whist drive were presented by the W.I.'s Australian visitor, Miss McDonald, as follows: Competitions: Weight of iced cake, Mrs. C. Ding; weight of tray of fruit, Mr. H. Prime; sweets, Mrs. Dawson; advertisements, Mrs. Tibbitt and Miss E. Thorp; basket of groceries, Mrs. Laverack; word building, Miss Smith; bagatelle, Miss McDonald; mystery parcel, Mrs. Warren. The prizes offered by "Homepride" for the best cherry cake from a given receipt were won by Mrs. Lee 1st, Mrs. Williamson 2nd, and Miss Joyce (Conington) 3rd.

L.N.E.R. EXCURSIONS. 30th June 1939

Sixty-nine passengers booked from Swavesey station by special excursion on Saturday evening to Cambridge for Midsummer Fair, against about 30 last year. The train was crowded when it arrived at Swavesey. On Sunday six passengers booked by the half-day excursion to Skegness, and ten by the evening excursion to Hunstanton.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 30th June 1939

The annual fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, in the grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) which had to be postponed last week owing to unfavourable weather, took place yesterday (Thursday) under almost ideal conditions. The attractions included a children's fancy dress parade, baby show and a variety entertainment, in addition to various stalls, games, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. 30th June 1939

Pastor F. Goody, of Harston, was the preacher at Bethel Sunday School anniversary last Sunday. The attendance was not up to the average as so many children were absent through whooping cough. There was special singing throughout the day, and in the afternoon some of the scholars sang solos and recited. Pastor Goody presented prizes and certificates to the successful candidates in the Sunday School Union Scripture examination held in March. There was also a collection of eggs for Addenbrooke's Hospital.

NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN. 30th June 1939

At a meeting of the Swavesey Playing Fields Committee on Wednesday, arrangements were made for the cricket competition for the Swavesey sports field shield, the draw for which will be found on another page. Suggested schemes drawn up by the National Playing Fields Association, giving alternative lay-outs for the improvement of Swavesey Recreation Ground were placed before the meeting, and a resolution was carried that the Parish Council be asked to receive a delegation of three from the Playing Fields Committee at their next quarterly meeting to discuss the possibilities of improving recreational facilities in the village. Messrs. Canham, Dawson and Berryman were appointed to act as delegates.

SUNDAY EXCURSION. 7th July 1939

Sixteen passengers were booked from Swavesey Station on Sunday by the L.N.E.R. special half-day excursion to London.

WEDDING. 7th July 1939

The marriage of Mr. Bernard Alfred Kester, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kester, of Market-street, Swavesey, and Miss Dorothy Hope Fenn Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bell, of 64, Garden-walk, Cambridge, took place at St. Luke's Church, Chesterton, on Saturday. During the service, at which the Rev. J. A. Rees officiated, the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father" and "Praise my soul" were sung. The bride who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white lace, with veil and headdress of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Elaine Bell, attired in pink floral silk taffeta with small veil, and Miss Molly Claybyn (cousin of the bride) in blue floral silk taffeta. Both wore headdresses of pink leaves and the former carried a bouquet of yellow roses, and Miss Claybyn a posy of mixed roses. Mr. Arthur Kester (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Dorothy Cafe where about 40 guests were entertained. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many useful presents, will reside in Swavesey.

NURSING ASSOCIATION FETE. 7th July 1939

The annual fete in aid of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, which took place in the grounds of Swavesey Manor (kindly lent by the Rev. J. F. Cooksey) on Thursday week, resulted in £32 10s. 10d. being raised, £2 10s. 10d. more than last year. The proceedings were opened by Miss Francis, of Longstanton, who was presented with a bouquet by Brian Norman, grandson of Mrs. James Norman, a keen supporter of the Association. The stall, side-shows, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: Work stall, Mrs. J. Norman and Mrs. C. Dean; sweets, Miss E. Dodson and Miss Parsons; pound and produce stall, Mrs. G. Burling and Mrs. Ellwood; fancy stall, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; refreshments, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Hodson, Miss R. Gaunt, Miss Grace Thorp, Miss L. Key; clock golf, Miss Cole and Mrs. Glover (prize given by Mrs. Cooksey, won by Mrs. Dickson); Chinese laundry, Mrs. R. Brooks (Madingley); bagatelle and darts, Mr. U. Thixton (both won by Mr. Carrington); bran tub, Mrs. C. Ding; doll given by Miss L. Beaumont, Mrs. E. J. Mitham (won by Nurse Claydon); cake given by Miss R. Gaunt (won by Mrs. E. J. Linford). There were eleven entrants for the children's fancy dress parade arranged by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. H. Prime, and the following were the awards of the judges, Mrs. C. Inglis and Mrs. C. Frohock: - Division I - "Gipsy" 1, "Rajah" 2, "Red Cross Nurse" 3, "Mr. Chamberlain" 4, "Pirate" 5, "Window" 6; Division II - "British Workman" 1, "Bo Peep" and "Bubbles" (tie) 2; "Bridesmaids" (2, a tie) 3, "Snow White" 4. A feature of the fete is always a baby show, limited to

infants born in the three parishes, but unfortunately, owing to whooping cough, there were only five entrants this year, all of whom were reported by the judges, Dr. Robinson and Miss Graham, L.S.C.N.S., to be in good condition. The judges' awards were as follows: - Group I, 3 to 8 months – Michael Walker and John Hines (equal), 29 marks; Group II, 10 to 12 months – Patricia Blench and Alan Sutton (equal), 29 marks; Group III, Bryan Bishop, 28 marks. There was also a greatly appreciated concert, the first part of the programme consisting of pianoforte solos by Miss Naylor, song by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, piano-accordion selections by Mr. Ingle (Fen Drayton), and a short play admirably acted by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Laverack. A pageant, "Pandora's Box," formed the second part of the programme. This was given by members of the Mothers' Union and their children, with the assistance of two kind helpers. Mr. C. Dean and Mr. U. Thixton were in charge of the gate.

EXCITING CRICKET AT SWAVESEY. 7th July 1939

Spectators shouted themselves hoarse at the most thrilling cricket ever witnessed at Swavesey on the first evening's play for the Sports Field Shield on Monday, when Swavesey played Dry Drayton and Mr. Hemstock's team met the County Boys.

Only half an hour was allowed for each innings, and it was hit out or get out with a vengeance. Everything was done at the double; at one time the onlookers were treated to the spectacle of two men walking back from the wicket, whilst a third was running to take his stand. Play was so fierce that one batsman threw off his pads so that he could run better, and then split his bat with a mighty hit. When the boundary was hit a new ball was thrown into play, without any loss of time.

The sympathy of the crowd was with the County Boys playing against grown men, and they were wild with delight when the boys, after scoring 57, had five of the men's wickets down in five minutes for 10 runs, and Mr. Hemstock's team, who unfortunately were three men short, were all out for 15 in nine and a half minutes.

It was wonderful to see the sporting way in which all the players were eager to give their batting opponents the benefit of every second, and one cannot help wishing that some of the pep could be introduced into some of our "dour" county play.

Tuesday was the veterans' evening out, the British Legion beating Fen Drayton by 5 runs, and then winning a friendly match against County Nalگو by 4 runs. Owing to the exigencies of business, Prime Godfrey's Transport were unable to field a team, so the Nalگو received a bye into the semi-final. Dry Drayton's record rate of scoring brought them 72 in 26½ minutes against

the County boys on Wednesday, and in a steadier match Over could not quite overtake Landbeach.

The semi-finals were played yesterday evening, and this evening will be the final. Results to Wednesday were: Dry Drayton 63, Swavesey 49; County Boys 57, Mr. Hemstock's team 15; British Legion 38, Fen Drayton 33; county Nalگو bye; Dry Drayton 72, County Boys 46; Landbeach 45, Over 41.

NEW SLUICE DOORS. 14th July 1939

Messrs. J. Wright and Sons, of Haddenham, have this week completed the erection of new sluice doors under Church Bridge.

GARDEN MEETING. 14th July 1939

There was a very good attendance at Tuesday's meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held at Estelle, the residence of the president (Mrs. C. S. Hepher). During the business part of the meeting envelopes were given out for the distribution in the village for the cancer campaign collection, to take place next week. Owing to the unavoidable absence of a speaker, an interesting talk was given by the President on "My Visit to Ostend," and Mrs. Laverack (secretary) gave a demonstration of the making of wool blankets. This item was much appreciated. The competition for the best bunch of roses from a member's garden, judged by Mr. Arthur Kester, was won by Miss Joan Hepher. The roses were afterwards sold for the sick fund. Brisk trade was done at the produce stall. During the social half-hour games were played on the lawn, and there was a small whist drive, the prizes being won by Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Ivatt. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening.

NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN. 14th July 1939

Dry Drayton secured the Swavesey sports field shield by winning the semi-final against British Legion on Thursday week, and the final against Landbeach on Friday. The scores were: Dry Drayton 39, British Legion 24; Dry Drayton 39, Landbeach 22. County Nalگو were unable to play against Landbeach in the semi-final and withdrew from the competition. Mr. Canham, presenting the shield to Dry Drayton, congratulated them on their splendid win, and thanked all the teams for their support in the initial effort for the improvement of Swavesey playing fields, and he hoped the time would come when they could be invited to the opening of the new sports field. The collection taken amounted to £2 16s. The winners were challenged by Mr. Hemstock to a match, the losers to pay 10s. to the Playing Fields Fund. The

challenge was sportingly accepted by Dry Drayton, and it is expected that the match will take place one day next week.

CHURCH FETE. 14th July 1939

The annual garden fete in aid of Church funds took place yesterday (Thursday) in the Vicarage grounds, the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs. Johnson, of Stansted, to whom a bouquet of carnations was presented by little Jacqueline Webley. Stalls, competitions, etc. were under the charge of the following: Work stall, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Cooksey, Mrs. E. J. Linford, Mrs. G. Burling, Mrs. C. Dean; china, Mrs. Harry Wells, Mrs. E. J. Mitham; soap, Mrs. C. Ding; sweets, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. H. Prime; produce, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; 6d. and 3d. stall, Mrs. T. Froment, Miss J. Hephher; gift stall, Miss G. Froment, Mrs. G. Froment; cakes, Mrs. and Miss Sharp; fruit salad and cream, Miss P. Hephher. Competitions: Bowls, Mr. D. Williams; lawn billiards, Mr. F. Warrington; clock golf, Misses J. and O. Prior; fish pond, Mrs. J. Cain; weight of basket of groceries, Mrs. F. Warrington; weight of cake, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. R. Brooks, Misses R. and A. Shepperson; tray of fruit, Miss L. M. Hephher, Miss E. Thorp; clock, Mr. A. Hawkes, mickey mouse bagatelle, Mr. H. Prime; darts, Mr. A. Hephher; aunt sally, Mr. B. Hodson. The entertainment committee, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. E. J. Mitham, Mrs. H. Prime and Miss P. Wilson, were responsible for the competitions and races, and also for a whist drive, for which Mr. Berryman kindly acted as M.C. Refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. R. Mitham.

L.N.E.R. EXCURSIONS. 21st July 1939

On Sunday six passengers booked from Swavesey L.N.E.R. station by the excursion to Skegness and 68 by the excursion to Cambridge for the Eastern Area British Legion Rally.

BILL-POSTING ON TREES. 21st July 1939

A correspondent writes: Once again complaint has been made of a tree by the side of the main road near the parish church being improperly used for the display of a poster. This time it is an announcement of a political meeting. The tree used is one of a group on the grass verge between the road and the footpath, and presumably comes within the jurisdiction of the County road authorities.

PARISH COUNCIL. 21st July 1939

Two meetings of the Parish Council have been held this week. On Monday evening, when the following members were present: Messrs. C. H. Parish

(chairman), W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton. The Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) reported that no one had yet been found who would undertake the repair of the church clock. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a further effort should be made locally and failing that the makers of the clock, Messrs. Dent, of London, should be communicated with. A letter from the District Council respecting the provision of fire fighting appliances, etc., was considered, and it was stated that one trailer pump would be supplied for use in Swavesey and surrounding villages. The pump would be kept in Mr. Prime Godfrey's garage. At 8 o'clock the Council received a deputation from the Swavesey Playing Fields Committee consisting of Messrs. T. Dawson, G. E. Canham and H. H. Berryman. Mr. Dawson, who acted as spokesman, explained how the Recreation Ground could be improved, and asked for the Parish Council's support of the scheme towards the cost of which the Playing Fields Association might be able to obtain a 50 per cent. grant. After prolonged discussion Mr. Dawson asked that that Committee might be informed (1) Whether the Parish Council was in favour of improving the facilities of the Recreation Ground, and (2) whether the Council would be willing to give reasonable financial assistance to enable this to be done. The delegation then withdrew, and the Council adjourned until the following evening. On Tuesday every member of the Council was present, including Mr. R. Mitham, who was absent the previous evening owing to a misunderstanding. With regard to the application of the Playing Fields Committee, Mr. Payne moved that the Council are in favour of improving the playing fields facilities in the village. This was seconded by Mr. Holloway and carried nem. con. Mr. Cole moved that before the Council could commit themselves to giving financial assistance to the Playing Fields Committee, they would like to be satisfied on the following points: (1) The amount that can be raised by voluntary subscriptions; (2) the approximate cost of the scheme proposed to be laid before the Council; and (3) the names of the persons forming the Committee who would be responsible for the repayment of any loan the Council might raise. Mr. Payne seconded this resolution, which was carried unanimously. Other business included the nomination of suitable men to act as auxiliary firemen, and a resolution that Mr. Godfrey be asked to submit a tender for supplying a motor vehicle to haul the motor pump. With regard to the reception, etc., of refugees in case of evacuation, it was decided to call a meeting of representatives of local organisations to go into the matter.

POLITICAL MEETING. 28th July 1939

Mr. George Edwards, prospective Liberal candidate for the County, gave an address at an open-air meeting on the Recreation Ground on Friday evening. Dr. Woodman, who presided, and Mr. Frank Sykes, Eastern Counties' Liberal Organizer, also spoke.

FUNERAL. 28th July 1939

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Webb, widow of the late Mr. William Webb, of Ely, whose death at the age of 76 years occurred at Cambridge on July 22nd, took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Webb (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. V. Webb (son), Mrs. L. Pomfret, Mrs. John Searle, Mrs. Arthur Asplin, Mrs. Walter Fear (nieces), Mr. T. Birtwell (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Marriott. Several beautiful wreaths were sent for the funeral. Mr. O'Hannan, High-street, Chesterton, was the undertaker.

RED CROSS FETE. 4th Aug. 1939

Swavesey Division's Successful Venture.

The Swavesey Division of the British Red Cross Society held a successful fete on Saturday in the grounds of the Priory, Swavesey, kindly lent for the purpose by Mr. J. Inglis.

At the opening Dr. Petter introduced Mrs. Recordon, who said how pleased she was, as an active Red Cross member, to see the Society so well represented by the local detachments present. After declaring the fete open, Mrs. Recordon was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations by little Jean Inglis.

Mrs. Inglis, Commandant Cambs. 12, then thanked Mrs. Recordon for coming to Swavesey, and also Miss Marshall and Dr. Robert Ellis, who were there to judge the competitions which followed later.

BED-MAKING AND BANDAGING.

Miss Marshall then inspected the three detachments present, Cambs. 12, 13 and 26, and judged the bed-making and bandaging competitions held between Swavesey, Over and Willingham. The bandaging was won by the Over team, under the leadership of Miss A. Wayman, and the bed-making by the Swavesey team, under the leadership of Mrs. Shepperson. Miss Marshall remarked on the very high standard of work shown.

The men's first-aid competition was between one team from Cambs. 15 (the local detachment) and two teams from Cambs. 13 (Cambridge). Dr. Ellis conducted an interesting test with great thoroughness, and it was very

encouraging to the local team to hear that they had won the highest number of marks. They were under the leadership of Mr. F. C. Haward.

SPORTS AND SIDE-SHOWS.

After an excellent tea, which was arranged by members of the women's detachment, sports were organised, including a variety of races, and two tug-of-war contests, the women's tug-of-war being won by the Swavesey members, and the men's by the Over team.

Music and announcements were carried out during the afternoon by Messrs. Miller's, of Cambridge. There were many side-shows and competitions, all of which were well patronised.

The prizes, all generously given by supporters, were presented by Mrs. Petter, who thanked all those who had helped to make the fete such a success.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

During the afternoon and evening an American tennis tournament was run. Sets were played on the Priory court, and also on Mr. R. Barwell's court (kindly lent). A very high standard of play was watched, and a pair of silver cups was won by Miss Finch and Mr. Betterman, of Cambridge.

CARNIVAL DANCE.

The fete was followed by a carnival dance in the Memorial Hall. Cottage's band provided excellent music from 8 to 12, and Mr. Inglis attended to the duties of M.C. with ability. By 9 o'clock a record crowd was present, and midnight arrived all too soon to end a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Petter, Swavesey, will be glad if the holder of the programme No. 222 will communicate with her as soon as possible.

A DAY AT CLACTON. 4th Aug. 1939

About 40 children and adults joined the special Sunday School excursion train to Clacton at Swavesey station on Wednesday morning.

W.I. OUTING. 4th Aug. 1939

A coach load of members of the Women's Institute and friends had a thoroughly enjoyable day on Thursday week, when they travelled to Kew, where lunch was taken. They then went on to Hampton Court, viewed the gardens and State apartments, and after tea returned home thoroughly tired and happy.

CANCER CAMPAIGN. 4th Aug. 1939

The house-to-house collection in Swavesey in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign resulted in £5 17s. 8d. being raised. The collectors were: Mrs. Ivatt £1 1s. 10d., Mrs. Crouch 16s. 1½d., Mr. C. Ding and Mrs. J.

Mitham £1 1s, 6d., Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Dawson 17s., Mrs. C. Culpin and Mrs. Heasman 9s. 9d., Mrs. S. Hephher 17s., Mrs. Lee 14s. 6d.

FOOTBALL CLUB. 4th Aug. 1939

The annual meeting of the Football Club was held in the Memorial Hall on July 27th, Mr. G. Oakman occupying the chair. The balance sheet, presented by the hon. treasurer, showed that the club was in a sound financial position. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. P. H. Lee; vice-presidents, Rev. C. C. Dickson, Rev. A. Beaumont, Dr. Petter, Messrs. G. E. Canham, C. S. Hephher, C. Bond, A. E. Holloway, C. Dean, W. Crouch, A. E. Melbourne, C. Wood, T. Dawson, H. Webley, and J. Inglis; captain first eleven, Mr. N. Hemstock; vice-captain, Mr. J. Mitham; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Lee; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Mitham; groundsman, Mr. R. Oakman; committee, Messrs. P. H. Lee, G. Oakman, W. Wright, A. Kester, J. Burbage and S. Clark. It was decided to enter the Cambs. League, Cambs. Minor Cup and the Willingham Nursing Cup. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. Oakman concluded the meeting.

DEATH OF MRS. DAVID PARISH. 4th Aug. 1939

Swavesey has lost another very old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Parish, widow of Mr. David Parish, who passed away after four months' illness on July 29th, aged 87 years. The funeral took place in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. P. H. Crees (Baptist minister, Over) officiating. The immediate mourners included the nine surviving sons and daughters, Abram, Edith, Elsie, Percy, Ethel, Rachel, David, Polly and Frank, Miss Porter (sister), Miss J. Williams (granddaughter), Mr. H. H. Williams (son-in-law), Mrs. P. Parish (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Creek (nephew), Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Edward (nieces). Messrs. H. and E. Mitham, Swavesey, carried out the funeral arrangements.

FIRE AT SWAVESEY. 11th Aug. 1939

Three Haystacks Ablaze.

The Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade were engaged for nearly five hours fighting a blaze at Swavesey on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

At 4.45 they were called out to Mill Farm (the property of Messrs. Alfred Day and Sons). Three stacks were alight.

The presence of buildings which were near the stacks necessitated a careful watch, and had the wind taken a different direction there is little doubt that the conflagration would have spread even further.

The Cambridge Auxiliary Brigade attended during the evening, but their services were not needed to any great extent.

The Borough Fire Brigade returned home at about 9.30.

THE HARVEST. 11th Aug. 1939

The harvest should be in full swing when this goes to press, weather permitting. Owing to the very heavy rains of late, most of the crops are laid, which will not add to the yield and quality.

Wheat, 9 sacks; barley, 8 sacks; oats, 11 sacks; peas and beans, 6 sacks; not many potatoes grown; sugar beet, good crop and growing strong; hay and seeds, 20 cwts. to acre. A lot of the best seeds spoilt by rain, also the late hay, and there is still a lot to be carted which is not of much value.

Plums, a good crop, except Victorias, but prices very low – halfpenny per pound. Apples a good crop. A fair crop of soft fruits which made satisfactory prices.

This will not be such a good year as last, as all grain yielded much above expectations; although prices were low, the tendency is still for lower. – C.W.H.C.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Aug. 1939

In the absence of the Vicar on holiday the services at the parish church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Salmon, of Cambridge. From to-day (Friday) until the beginning of September, the Rector of Skerton, Lancashire, who will be residing at the Vicarage, will be in charge of the parish.

OUTING TO WICKSTEED. 11th Aug. 1939

The Girls' Life Brigade, accompanied by a large number of friends, journeyed to Wicksteed Park, Kettering, on Thursday week, for their annual outing. Unfortunately, the weather proved very unsettled. After tea (kindly provided by friends for the younger members), with no signs of the rain abating, it was decided to return at an earlier hour the coaches reaching the village safely at 8.30 p.m., many children expressing their thanks for an enjoyable trip notwithstanding the rain.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Aug. 1939

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, was not quite so well attended as usual, owing to the unsettled weather. The chair was occupied by the president (Mrs. C. S. Hephner). During the business part of the meeting it was announced that the amount collected by members for the Cancer Campaign in the village was £5 17s. 8d.

Mrs. Ivatt also gave a good report on the Group Committee meeting which she attended as delegate, and members were reminded of the group meeting to be held at Elsworth on September 20th. Much interest was shown in the demonstration of the repair of men's' and boys' clothes, given by Mrs. Clark, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The competition, for the best patch done by a member at the meeting, was won by Miss F. Hester. A lively social half-hour was enjoyed, the programme consisting of a roll call, "sing, say, or pay," and hidden singers, prizes for the latter being won by Mrs. S. Wright and Mrs. G. Froment. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening.

DISTRICT NURSE. 18th Aug. 1939

We are asked to state that until Saturday, August 26th, the District Nurse will be at Mrs. Laverack's, High-street, Swavesey.

TRIP TO YARMOUTH. 18th Aug. 1939

Thirty-one passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to Yarmouth on Sunday. Members of the local branch of the British Legion took advantage of the excursion for their summer outing.

PARISH CHURCH. 18th Aug. 1939

The services at the parish church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. H. G. Moss, Vicar of Skerton, Lancaster, who is in residence at the Vicarage in the absence on holiday of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson).

THE BLACK-OUT. 18th Aug. 1939

The local special constables were on duty during the black-out last Friday morning. The A.R.P. wardens and the Red Cross detachments did not turn out. The only incident of interest was that a bomb was dropped on the village about 12.45 a.m.

A FINE BREAM. 25th Aug. 1939

A bronze bream weighing 4lbs 10³/₄ozs. was caught in the ballast hole near Fen Drayton railway gatehouse on Monday by Mr. J. Shaw, a visitor to Swavesey.

RECREATION GROUND TREE DAMAGED. 25th Aug. 1939

A correspondent writes: A lower branch of one of the chestnut trees on the Recreation Ground was broken last week by lads who, it is understood, were using the tree in connection with a game of some kind. It is suggested that the

Parish Council should issue a warning that these trees were a gift to the parish, and that any damage to them will result in unpleasant consequences to the offenders.

FINED FOR FORCING GATE. 25th Aug. 1939

Swavesey Man and the Forty Keys.

B.T., a garage proprietor, of Middle Watch, Swavesey, was fined 7s. 6d. for breaking a 2s. 6d. padlock on property owned by the Ouse Catchment Board, at the Cambs. Police Court to-day.

George Norman, a farmer, of Fen End, Over, said that he had hired the bank of the Ouse from Overcote to Over Staunch from the Ouse Catchment Board for grazing purposes. There was no right of way along the bank. There was a gate which he had to keep in repair. He kept it locked because cattle kept on getting out.

THREE LOCKS BROKEN.

The first lock he attached, the chain was cut. Two other times the locks were burst in.

Referring to the third time, witness said that on July 30th he went to Overcote and saw the lock was in order. By the following day it had been broken, and he communicated with the police.

Answering the Bench, witness said defendant had his horses in Mr. Thoday's field and had other means of getting there.

Defendant: I thought there was a right of way there; there were three or four cars down there."

40 OR 50 KEYS.

P.C. Owen Shanks gave evidence of seeing defendant in respect of the complaint, and he replied, "Yes, I will have a new one fitted. I hope they will not make a fuss about it."

Defendant then made a statement in which he said that he thought he could go there, as he had seen several cars parked there.

He later admitted he had taken 40 or 50 keys to try and unlock the gate.

A fine was imposed as stated.

EXCURSION TO SKEGNESS. 1st Sept. 1939

Fourteen passengers booked from Swavesey station by the L.N.E.R. half-day excursion to Skegness on Sunday.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st Sept. 1939

Owing to the crisis there has been a celebration of holy communion at the Parish Church at 8 o'clock every morning this week. There has also been a service of intercession for peace every evening.

EVACUATION. 1st Sept. 1939

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, called by the local billeting officer (Mr. Prime Godfrey) and the deputy billeting officer (Mr. C. Wood), in connection with the Government evacuation scheme.

ADVERT. 8th Sept. 1939

ON BEHALF OF NECESSITOUS EVACUATED CHILDREN, I shall be very pleased to receive Unwanted or Outgrown Boots, Shoes, and Clothing, especially woollen garments. P. Lee Post Office Swavesey.

SCHOOL RE-OPENING. 8th Sept. 1939

The school re-opens on Monday, September 11th, instead of Tuesday, September 12th. The morning session for Swavesey School children only is from 8.30 a.m. to 12. 15 p.m. All should bring their gas masks.

PARISH CHURCH. 8th Sept. 1939

The services at the Parish Church last Sunday were conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson). They were: Holy communion and mattins at 10.30 a.m., and evensong at 5.30 p.m. Next Sunday the services will be as follows: Holy communion 8 and 11 a.m., mattins 10.30 a.m., evensong 5.30 p.m.

LONDON CHILDREN ARRIVE. 8th Sept. 1939

School children, with their teachers, who had been evacuated from London, arrived in the village in buses from Cambridge on Friday. They were received by the local billeting officer (Mr. Prime Godfrey), the deputy billeting officer (Mr. C. Wood) and members of the women's reception committee, and after being provided with refreshments were speedily conducted to their temporary homes.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 8th Sept. 1939

The annual rally of the Girls' Life Brigade was held on Thursday week in Bethel Schoolroom and in Mr. A. Day's field adjoining. Tea was held at 4 o'clock, when Captain Canham welcomed the 1st Cambridge Company, and also read a message of good wishes from Mrs. Isgrove, of West Bromwich, late captain of the 1st Swavesey Company. After tea games were played in

Mr. Day's field, followed by a service round a camp fire, conducted by the Rev. P. H. Crees, of Over, who gave an address. Choruses were also sung by the younger members. At the close refreshments were handed round. The 1st Prickwillow Company were unable to attend the rally this year.

POSTAL ALTERATION. 15th Sept. 1939

The latest time for posting at the Post Office in Market-street for the night mail dispatch is now 5.30 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. G. J. PAINE. 15th Sept. 1939

Swavesey's oldest inhabitant, Mr. George John Paine, passed away on Tuesday morning at the great age of 96 years. During his long life he had been a well-known farmer in the county, and since his retirement some years ago he had made his home in Swavesey. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Gazeley, Suffolk.

OBITUARY. 15th Sept. 1939

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Mary Jane Prior, wife of Mr. Benjamin Prior, of Boxworth End, who passed away on Sunday, after a long illness, aged 73 years. In addition to her husband, she leaves four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over, conducting the service during which the hymns "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Jesu, Lover of my Soul" were sung. The mourners were: Mr. Benjamin Prior (husband), Mr. Percy Prior (son), Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Daldrey, Cambridge (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. W. J. Nichols, New Malden, Surrey, Mrs. Archie Murray, of Sask., Canada (daughters), Desmond Nichols (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warboys, Chingford, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Warboys (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mrs. W. Wayman, Arrington, Mrs. C. Jellings, Swavesey, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brooks, Madingley, Mrs. E. Smart, Swavesey, Mrs. B. Gray, Fen Drayton (nieces and nephew). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS. 15th Sept. 1939

In consequence of difficulties arising out of the International Situation, and restricted Postal facilities, Village Correspondents are asked to send their reports to this journal as early in the week as possible.

BLANKETS. 22nd Sept. 1939

Swavesey householders in urgent need of blankets for evacuees should get in touch with Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Market-street, the local W.V.S. representative, who has a limited number for disposal. Mrs .Hepher can also supply wool to any persons who would knit small garments for the children.

WATER BY METER. 22nd Sept. 1939

At a meeting of the users of water, from the public water supply, for agricultural purposes, held at the Memorial Hall on Friday, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting emphatically protests against the installation of meters for the supply of water to farm premises and for agricultural purposes in Swavesey. It is against the agreement first entered into with the Swavesey Rural District Council, who agreed to lay all service pipes (up to 30 feet) to consumers' boundary, and to keep the same in repair. This liability has now been placed on the consumer, and we consider this further expense quite unwarranted." This resolution, which was proposed by Mr. C. W. H. Cole and seconded by Mr. R. Mitham, has been sent to the Chesterton R.D.C. Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council) presided.

WEDDING. 22nd Sept. 1939

A marriage of considerable local interest was solemnised at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, the bridegroom being Mr. Maurice Claude Godfrey, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Prime Godfrey, of "Corpus Christi," Godmanchester, and the bride Miss Phyllis Mary Sharpe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharpe, of School-lane, Swavesey. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated during which the hymns "May the Grace of Christ, our Saviour" and "O Father all creating," and the Psalm "God be merciful unto us and bless us" were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Gwendoline Sharpe, and Miss Mabel Godfrey (sister of the bridegroom), both attired in pale green cut organdie, with silver head-dresses. They carried bouquets of blue scabious. Mr. John Mitham was best man, and Mr. L. Peters and Mr. H. Whitehead acted as ushers. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where between 40 and 50 guests were entertained, and the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. J. G. Inglis. The newly-married couple, who were the recipients of a large number of useful presents have had to postpone their honeymoon owing to the international situation. (Picture in newspaper)

FUNERAL. 29th Sept. 1939

The funeral of Mary Ann Hepher, of Swavesey, who passed away at Linton on September 23rd, after a long illness, aged 63 years, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiated. The mourners included: Mr. Arthur Hepher (son), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepher, Mrs. S. Hepher, Boxworth, Mrs. Impey, Boxworth, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hepher, Mrs. W. King, Peterborough, Mrs. J. Hepher, Lolworth, and Mr. A. C. Hepher (cousins). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS WOUNDING. 29th Sept. 1939

Swavesey Man Charged at Cambridge.

At an Occasional Court at the County Police Station, Castle Hill, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon, before Mr. J. Stanley Chivers, J. K., aged 57, an unemployed labourer, of Askew-row, Swavesey, was charged with maliciously wounding Ben Thorp with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, at Swavesey on Saturday, September 23rd.

Thorp is a garage proprietor of Swavesey.

Sergt. Gilbey stated that during Monday afternoon he arrested K. on warrant. He told him the conditions of the warrant, and, referring to Thorp, K. said, "Is he alive?" Sergt. Gilbey told him he was. K. was then cautioned and said, "I'll say nothing." Witness escorted him to the County Police Headquarters.

Supt. Allen asked for a remand in custody until Saturday, and this was granted.

On Tuesday Dr. J. W. Green, who is attending Thorp at Swavesey, described him as being "still seriously ill."

W.I. TO CARRY ON. 6th Oct. 1939

The committee of the Women's Institute has met and decided to carry on if possible, in the Girl Guide Clubroom. The usual Tuesday evening meetings will continue.

PARISH CHURCH. 6th Oct. 1939

The Day of National Prayer was duly observed at the parish church on Sunday, the special prayers and intercessions, Epistle and Gospel, Psalms and Lessons appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York being used at the services.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 6th Oct. 1939

The harvest festival at the Parish Church commenced yesterday (Thursday) with a celebration of holy communion at 8 a.m. Owing to the lighting restrictions evensong was at 3 p.m., the Rev. C. G. Poynder (rector of Boxworth) being the special preacher.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 6th Oct. 1939

The opening meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship took place on Monday evening, a good number of members being present. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. E. Canham, Pastor Crees, of Over, gave an address, prayer was offered by Mr. A. Brand, and the lesson was read by Miss L. Spearman. A solo was also sung by Mrs. Canham. Next week the speaker will be Mr. C. Day, of Swavesey.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 6th Oct. 1939

The harvest thanksgiving at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week was well attended, both for the service and the supper. Rev. A. Tilling, of Norton, conducted the service, which was thoroughly enjoyed. On Sunday, when Mr. H. Nye, of Cambridge, occupied the pulpit, excellent congregations attended both services. The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers and vegetables, the latter being afterwards taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

WEDDING. 6th Oct. 1939

The marriage took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday morning of Mr. Claude C. Maskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Maskell, Short-lane, Willingham, and Miss Margaret A. Nightingale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nightingale, the Chalet, Swavesey. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) conducted the service, during which the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father," "O, Jesus, I have promised," and "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" were sung. Mr. C. A. Maskell (brother of the bridegroom) was at the organ. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss O. Nightingale. Mr. F. E. Maskell (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall, where upwards of 40 guests were entertained. The happy couple are spending the honeymoon at Syderstone, Norfolk.

SWAVESEY'S MYSTERY PLANT. 6th Oct. 1939

During ploughing operations recently at Castle Close, Swavesey, on land owned by Mr. W. Burton, there was turned up a plant which caused some speculation.

Local experts were unable to identify it – it stood about two or three feet high, and had a prickly berry containing seeds – and so it was sent to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens.

From there it was learned that the plant is a Thorn Apple (*Datura Stramonium*), a native weed. It is, however, grown quite a lot for its medicinal properties, and the seed and preparations from it are sold in drug stores. Large doses, I believe, are poisonous.

The field from which the plant was taken has on one side of it a big mound known as Castle Hill. The land is supposed never to have been ploughed – at any rate, so local historical experts say, not for 500 years.

The mound is held to have been part of the Castle of the Zouchs, who came over with William the Conqueror. (picture in newspaper).

MALICIOUS WOUNDING CHARGE. 6th Oct. 1939

Another Remand at Cambridge.

MAN LIKELY TO RECOVER.

A Swavesey man, charged with malicious wounding, was remanded for a fortnight in custody at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday. He had already been remanded from the previous Monday.

Accused, J. K., of Askew-row, Swavesey, was alleged to have maliciously wounded Ben Thorp with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, at Swavesey, on September 23rd.

“IS HE ALIVE?”

Sergt. Gilbey said that at 2.50 p.m. on September 25th he went, in company with P.C. Shanks, to the house of the prisoner. He saw prisoner outside and told him he had a warrant for his arrest. He said “What for?” and witness replied, “For causing grievous bodily harm to Ben Thorp on Saturday, the 23rd inst.” Prisoner said “Is he alive?” and witness said “Yes.”

When cautioned and asked if he wished to make any statement prisoner said, “I will say nothing.” He was subsequently charged at 3.20 p.m. by Supt. Allen, and replied, “I will say nothing.”

Supt. Allen told the Justices that Mr. Thorp was not about yet and was under medical attention. He had been taken to hospital for an X-ray examination, but did not know the result yet.

The Chairman (his Honour H. G. Farrant): He is likely to recover?

Supt. Allen: Now, I think he is, sir, but in view of his rather serious state I ask for a remand in custody for 14 days. Then I hope I shall be able to complete the case.

When told he would be remanded and sent to Bedford Prison for 14 days, accused said: “There is no evidence offered against me. Why am I remanded

in custody? I plead not guilty to malicious wounding and intent to commit grievous bodily harm.”

Supt. Allen: A man has been very seriously hurt, and that is why I ask for a remand in custody.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES. 13th Oct. 1939

Mr. Jethro Linford, of Gibraltar-lane, for many years licensee of the Bell public-house (now closed), gathered a few good-sized ripe strawberries on land adjoining his orchard last week.

STACK FIRE. 13th Oct. 1939

A small wheat straw stack in the Hale belonging to Mr. Ernest Smart, of Council Houses, Market-street, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. It is believed to have been set alight by children playing with matches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Oct. 1939

A very good company braved the elements on Monday evening to hear Mr. Christopher Day give a helpful address on "Fellowship." As Mr. Brand was unable to be present owing to the weather, Mr. Canham again occupied the chair. Sylvia Buckwood was the soloist, and Mr. G. Day was at the piano. Mr. Read (Willingham) will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Oct. 1939

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Old School on Tuesday evening, the President occupying the chair and a good number of members and three visitors being present. It was decided to carry on with the meetings, Mrs. Ding and Mrs. Ivatt kindly offering to act as caretakers. It was also agreed to hold a whist drive on October 26th, and that the next monthly meeting be on November 21st. In the absence of a speaker, Mrs. Lee gave a practical demonstration of the making of paper firelighters. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening, after which the social half-hour was spent in games.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 13th Oct. 1939

For the harvest festival, which commenced on Thursday week, the Parish Church had been tastefully, but not as extensively decorated as in former years. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and choral evensong with sermon by the Rev. C. G. Poynder (rector of Boxworth) was at 3 p.m. Considering the somewhat inconvenient hour, there was quite a good congregation. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, the services were:

Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins followed by Holy Communion 10.30 a.m., and evensong with sermon by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) at 3 p.m. All services were well attended. The collections were for the Church Maintenance Fund and the Choir Fund.

FLAG DAY IN SWAVESEY DISTRICT. 20th Oct. 1939

The Flag Day on behalf of the St. John's Ambulance and British Red Cross Fund organised by Mrs. Petter, of Swavesey, in the villages in the Swavesey district resulted in the following amounts being collected:

Swavesey (local organiser, Mrs. Inglis) – Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Clements, £2 0s. 5d.; Mrs. Godfrey, £1 3s. 2½d; Mrs. Ansell, £1 1s. 11½d.

Amounts for Over, Conington, Knapwell, Elsworth, Lolworth and Longstanton are in the newspaper.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 20th Oct. 1939

The treasurer of the District Nursing Association has received from Over Church harvest thanksgiving offertory £2 10s., and from the trustees of Over Lower Lands £5 5s.

AIR RAID WARNING. 20th Oct. 1939

A siren to give warning of air raids, provided by public subscription in the village, has now been installed at Messrs. Barwell's Tyre Works. It will be operated by Messrs. Barwell's electrical plant, and is said to be audible within a radius of five miles.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 20th Oct. 1939

"God's care" was the subject of the address given by Mr. A. J. Read, of Willingham, on Monday at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship. The chair was very ably taken by Mr. A. E. Brand, and during the evening an appropriate recitation was given by Mrs. A. Prior. Mr. A. E. Brand presided. There was a very good attendance. Next week the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, will be the speaker.

SWAVESEY ALDERMAN'S LOSS. 20th Oct. 1939

Older inhabitants of Swavesey heard with regret of the sad loss Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis has sustained by the death on October 8th of his elder surviving son, Captain Bernard J. Ellis, headmaster of Tredennyke School, Worcester, at the age of 56 years.

Educated at the Perse School and Christ's College, Cambridge, Capt. Ellis was called to the Bar in 1916. From December, 1915, he served in the

Worcestershire Regiment throughout the late war in France and Egypt, being severely wounded in May, 1917.

In 1923 he was a master at Bridlington School and later at Folkestone Grammar School, until 1927, when he took over Tredennyke Preparatory School for Boys.

At Worcester he took a keen and active interest in public affairs and in 1928 was elected a member of the City Council, retaining the seat until his death.

He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter. The Mayor and members and officials of the City Council attended the funeral at Worcester last week.

“IN VERY GRAVE CONDITION.” 20th Oct. 1939

Cambs. Wounding Charge.

When a Cambs. man appeared on remand at the Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday charged with maliciously wounding, a doctor stated that the injured man will not be able to give evidence for some considerable time – assuming that he does recover.

Accused J. K., of Askew-row, Swavesey, was charged with maliciously wounding Ben Thorp at Swavesey on September 23rd with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Joseph William Green, medical practitioner, until October 10th locum tenens for Dr. Petter at Swavesey, and now of 152, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, gave evidence of Thorp’s injuries.

MAN’S INJURIES.

He said that on September 24th he was called to Thorp’s house and found him very shocked. “He had a deep lacerated wound about one and three-quarter inches in length,” he added, “and extending right down to the frontal bone to the left side of the forehead, immediately over the left eyebrow. The wound was extremely dirty and the edges very jagged giving the impression of having been injured by a blunt instrument or perhaps in a fall.”

EXTENSIVE BRUISING.

The doctor went on to say that there was extensive bruising around one eye and to a lesser extent around the other. Thorp complained of severe pain in the shoulder, but there was no definite injury apparent. There was a considerable amount of blood clotted on his face, in his moustache and on his chin, and also over his shirt.

“EXTREMELY GRAVE” CONDITION.

Answering Supt. Allen, witness said he attended the man until October 9th.

Supt. Allen: What was his condition then?

Witness: His general condition was extremely grave.

And from your observation of him on that day is he unfit to attend court to-day? – Oh yes; very definitely.

And would you say it would be some considerable time before he is fit to give evidence? – Yes; provided he does recover.

The superintendent added that that was all the evidence he proposed to offer, and he asked for a further remand in custody for 14 days.

The Bench agreed to this course and the Chairman said accused would be granted legal aid.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 27th Oct. 1939

In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, gave the address. Mrs. Savage presided, and during the evening a solo was sung by Mr. G. Laverack. Mr. K. Doggett, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL CRISP. 27th Oct. 1939

The funeral of Mr. Samuel William Crisp, who passed away suddenly in Cambridge on October 18th, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. P. H. Crees (Baptist minister, Over) conducting the service. In addition to the immediate mourners there were others present from Swavesey and Cambridge.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th Oct. 1939

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, every member being present. The chairman (Mr. C. H. Parish) presided. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) stated that the local auxiliary firemen were in training, and that the main pump for the district would be stationed at Papworth, but a smaller trailing pump for use in Swavesey, and two or three neighbouring villages had already been delivered in Swavesey. The audited accounts of the Parish Council were submitted. These showed a balance at the bank of £24. Some discussion arose respecting the use by Mr. George Oakman of the roadway leading to the old fire engine house, and the chairman, Mr. A. E. Hollaway, and Mr. A. P. Payne were appointed a deputation to interview Mr. Oakman on the matter. A letter was read from the telephone authorities stating that arrangements were being made for the erection of a telephone kiosk near the school. A letter was also read from Mr. Barwell (head air warden) informing the Council that, as no gas masks had been provided for little children, Mrs. Page had kindly offered the cellar of her

house as a shelter. Mrs. Page had had the electric light installed. Mr. Barwell asked the Parish Council to forward to the County Council the bill for the cost of the necessary adaptation of the cellar, and it was agreed that this should be done. Complaint having been made of the very bad condition of the Hale road, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Burton, to call the attention of the local committee to the urgent need of repairs to this road and other by-ways in the parish, and also the attention of the County Council to the dangerous corner of Rose and Crown-lane and the high road.

EARLY CLOSING. 3rd Nov. 1939

On and from Monday next Swavesey Post Office will be closed at 6 p.m. (Saturdays 1 p.m.).

RIPE RASPBERRIES. 3rd Nov. 1939

Mr. Albert G. Parish, of High-street, last week-end gathered sufficient ripe raspberries in his garden for a good-sized pie for his Sunday dinner.

RAILWAY STATION. 3rd Nov. 1939

Swavesey L.N.E.R. station is now looking very bright in its new colour scheme, after the re-painting, which has been carried out at this and other stations on the St. Ives branch.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 3rd Nov. 1939

Mr. I. Brand presided over a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held on Monday evening in Bethel Schoolroom, when Mr. Kirby Doggett, of Over, was the speaker. Miss Gwen Dodson also gave a recitation. The Rev. Mr. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, will give an address at next week's meeting.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd Nov. 1939

Seven tables were in play at the W.I. whist drive, which was held in the old school on Thursday week. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies – Miss G. Wright, Mrs. Sharp; gentlemen – Miss F. Kester, Mrs. Berryman (both playing as gentlemen); lucky number (147) Miss A. Northill. Mr. C. S. Hephner officiated as M.C., and Mrs. Dawson (vice-president) distributed the prizes.

KING CONGRATULATES AIRMAN. 3rd Nov. 1939

Cambs. Hero's Sea Battle.

Photo:

Our picture is of Squadron Leader Philip R. Barwell, who with his squadron drove off an attack by twelve enemy bombers on a convoy in the North Sea. He brought down the first of the raiders, and altogether his Squadron accounted for seven.

On November 2nd he was personally congratulated by the King when he presented his Squadron to his Majesty.

Squadron Leader Barwell is the eldest son of Mr. Reginald Barwell, founder of Barwell's Tyre Renewing Co., Swavesey, Cambridge and King's Lynn.

CAMBS. WOUNDING CHARGE. 3rd Nov. 1939

Swavesey Man for Trial.

HOBNAILED BOOTS IN COURT.

"Might have been kicked by them."

Ben Thorp, the 69-year-old Swavesey man, who suffered severe injuries following an argument at Swavesey on the night of September 23rd, is still in a very serious condition.

This was revealed at Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday, when his alleged assailant, J. K., of Askew-road, Swavesey, was brought up in custody for the fourth time and accused of maliciously wounding him.

Accused was represented by Mr. W. R. Wallis.

In his younger days Thorp was a well-known local skater.

During the course of the hearing a pair of heavy hobnailed boots were produced in Court, and it was suggested that the injuries to Thorp might have been inflicted by these.

A policeman sat beside K. in the dock throughout the case.

Shortly after 4 o'clock his Honour H. G. Farrant committed K. for trial and he will appear at Herts. Assizes on November 7th.

"HIGH LANGUAGE"

Thomas Howlett, a special constable, of High-street, Swavesey, said that about 9.50 p.m. he saw accused walking towards the Old School. In reply to a question accused said, "I am just going for a walk." Witness walked beside him, and accused was wearing heavy boots with nails. They stopped at the school and had a talk, accused using rather high language.

"He was running the Home Secretary down and running the schoolmaster down," witness remarked.

Continuing, witness said it was a moonlight night, and while they were talking Ted Brasher and Mrs. Whybrow came up, the last-named stopping with witness and accused. Later Mrs. Whybrow and witness left K. and walked towards witness's house. At that time accused was talking to Ben Thorp, who had come from the direction of Turn Bridge.

Witness said he thought he heard K. say, "What have you been talking about me, Ben?"

When witness had nearly reached Turn Bridge he heard the noise of scuffling, and looking back he saw someone lying on the road. K. was standing near by. "MORE CROSS THAN USUAL."

Mrs. Ada Whybrow, 7, Council Houses, School-lane, Swavesey, described meeting K. and saying to him, "What are you doing this way?" He said, "It is a ----- free country to go where you like."

He looked more cross than usual. After bidding each other good-night she left with Mr. Howlett towards Turn Bridge. Mr. Thorp came along just before they left. Mr. K. walked off the kerb to meet Mr. Thorp, but witness did not hear what he said. Mr. Thorp was in the roadway at the time.

"As I was going towards Turn Bridge I heard a thud," she continued. "I looked back, but couldn't see anything."

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallis, witness said that accused wore a pleasant expression as a rule.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. Joseph William Green, now residing at 152, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, said that from September 4th to October 10th he was residing at Swavesey and was locum tenens for Dr. Petter there. On Sunday, September 24th, he was called to the house of Ben Thorp in Swavesey. He saw Thorp in bed, examined him and found that he was very shocked, that he had a deep lacerated wound about 1¾ inches in length, extending down to the bone on the left side of his head over his left eyebrow. The wound was very dirty.

Continuing, witness said there was extensive bruising around the right eye and, to a lesser extent, round the left eye. There was considerable pain in the left shoulder, but no definite injury was apparent. There was a considerable amount of clots of blood on the face around the wound and in the moustache, and blood was spattered over his shirt. Witness excised all the dirty tissue around the wound, disinfected it and inserted three stitches. He applied lotion round the eyes, gave him a sedative and left him comfortable.

Supt. Allen: With regard to the cause of the wound. Was it the result of a sharp or a blunt instrument? – It could have been caused by a blunt instrument.

Supt Allen: Could the wound have been caused by either one of these? He held up a pair of heavy hobnailed boots.

Witness examined them and then said: "I should say he might have been kicked by these toes or these heels."

Continuing, witness said he was called to see Thorp at 3 a.m. on September 25th. He was semi-delirious, had removed the bandage and dressing from his wound, and refused to stay in bed. He had some slight haemorrhage from the

nose and from the mouth, and complained of a very bad pain in the right shoulder.

Witness gave him an injection and he fell asleep.

CONDITION "CRITICAL."

Witness added that he attended Thorp daily up to October 9th. Some days he attended twice, and on one occasion three times. His condition improved slightly up to October 6th, after which he took a turn for the worse, showing all the signs of haemorrhage on the brain. This affected his nervous system, and on that date he became semi-comatose, gradually getting worse. When witness saw him on the 9th his condition was extremely grave.

The Chairman: Did he speak to you at any time?

Witness: He spoke to me once during the early part of the treatment, but in the last ten days he hardly recognised me.

In witness's opinion the haemorrhage on the brain was caused by the same violence as that which caused the wound. His general condition was that of a fairly healthy man. He was 69 years of age.

Witness said he had examined Thorp at Swavesey that morning. He found him in bed.

"His condition was critical and he has developed a partial paralysis of his left arm," continued witness.

Supt. Allen: Could you say the earliest time he will be able to give evidence?

Witness: Judging from his condition, he will not be fit to give evidence for about five weeks.

There is no question of leaving his bed for a number of weeks? – No. It might be possible to take a statement from him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallis, witness agreed that the blow might have been caused by a stone on the road.

LYING ON GRASS.

Stating that he was on his way home at the time of the alleged incident, Claud Joseph Harry Nightingale, 5, School-lane, Swavesey, described how he saw a man standing over another man who was on the ground.

"He was lying on the far side of the road on the grass verge. I think the other man was K.," he added, later modifying his statement to "I am sure it was K." K. said "Get up Ben, get up Ben." Witness stayed a minute or so and then continued walking towards his home.

(some of the evidence is missing from the newspaper selection).

Continues as:

Evening concerned. He stood near Mr. Dean's house, about forty yards from High-street.

"I heard an argument proceeding from High-street," he added.

The Chairman: Did you hear the subject of the argument?

Witness: I thought it was about politics but I am not certain.

One man's voice was much louder than the other and he heard somebody say something about this being a free country and everybody having a right to speak.

Later he heard a woman's voice joining in the conversation.

"NOW WILL YOU LISTEN."

After that he heard the sound of a blow and somebody remarked, "Now will you listen." Witness continued:

"I heard several blows struck after that. I then walked to the top of the lane to see what was happening. Lying half way on the grass and half on the road was a man. His head was on the grass.

Another man stood about two feet away from him.

About the same time witness saw two other men and he spoke to one of them. Directly after that he saw a man go up to the man who was lying down and say to him, "Now, Ben, pull yourself together."

"I went across the road," continued witness, "and asked the man who was standing up, if Mr. Thorp had been fighting, and he said he did not know.

Witness then pointed to the accused sitting in the dock as the man who was standing up.

Continuing his story witness said that he and K. helped Thorp to his feet; he could not have stood up without help and was only just conscious.

"I knew he must have been bleeding because there was blood on my clothes when I got home," he added.

"IS HE ALIVE?"

Sergt. Claude Gilbey (Longstanton) said that at 2.50 p.m. on September 25th, he went to K.'s residence in Swavesey.

Before he could caution K. accused said "Is he alive?" Witness replied "Yes" and then cautioned him. K. said "I say nothing." Accused was escorted to the County Police Headquarters, Cambridge, and there charged and cautioned by Supt. Allen. He replied in answer to the charge. "I'll say nothing."

At 8.40 p.m. the same day witness returned to K.'s house. He saw his wife and asked her for her husband's heavy hob nailed boots. She gave witness the pair produced which prisoner was wearing when arrested but which he changed before being taken away.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wallis: All that you can say about these boots is that they were worn on the 25th? You know nothing about what he was wearing on the 23rd. – No.

Witness and Mr. Wallis agreed that the boots were very heavy.

P.C. Irwin Shanks (Swavesey) said he saw prisoner on the day of the alleged attack, at 8.20 p.m., in High-street, Swavesey. They had a conversation and K. appeared quite sober and normal.

On Sunday morning, witness searched the scene of the alleged assault but could find no blood marks.

OUTBURST IN COURT.

For accused, Mr. Wallis said he pleaded not guilty, reserved his defence, had nothing to say and wished to call no witnesses.

Mr. Wallis raised the possibility of bail being allowed, but Supt. Allen intimated that he would strongly object to this.

“You haven’t got much respect for my wife” shouted K. from the dock.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S FELLOWSHIP. 10th Nov. 1939

“Youth” was the subject of the address given by the Rev. Mr. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, on Monday evening at the meeting of Bethel Young People’s Fellowship. Mr. G. Canham occupied the chair. During the evening a solo was sung by Mrs. J. Brand and prayer was offered by Mr. A. Brand. There was a very good attendance. Pastor Westrope, of Willingham, will be the speaker at next week’s meeting of the Fellowship.

C.C. ROADMAN INJURED. 10th Nov. 1939

Mr. George Hepher, of Swavesey, when walking along the main road through the village, accompanied by two other men, about 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, was knocked down near the junction of Ramper-road by a bicycle ridden by Mr. Douglas Canham. A lorry, it is said, was passing at the time. Mr. Hepher, who appeared to have sustained somewhat serious head injuries, was taken to Dr. Petter’s surgery close by, and after receiving attention was conveyed to Addenbrooke’s Hospital, where he was detained. On inquiry at the hospital yesterday it was stated that Mr. Hepher’s face was badly lacerated, but that he was comfortable.

CAMBS. WOUNDING CHARGE. 10th Nov. 1939

Swavesey Man’s Previous Assaults.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS SENTENCE.

At Hertfordshire Assizes, at Hertford, on Wednesday before Mr. Justice Humphreys, J. K. (57), labourer, pleaded not guilty to maliciously wounding Ben Thorp, aged 69, at Swavesey, on September 23rd, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

“LYING BESIDE THE ROAD.”

It was alleged by the prosecution that the two men quarrelled in the street and that Thorp was seriously injured, so much so, that he was unable to give evidence. Thorp was found lying beside the road with K. standing over him. The prosecution alleged that a wound in Thorp's head was caused by K.'s heavy boots.

Witnesses gave evidence as to hearing quarrelling and scuffling and K. walking away.

Dr. J. W. Green, of Hampstead, who was residing at Swavesey as a locum tenens at the time, said that Thorp had a lacerated wound one and a quarter inches long in his head and his present condition was critical.

The Judge: Is he in danger of dying shortly?

Dr. Green: Every day, sir.

In reply to a question by the judge, Mr. Garth Moore (for the defence) said that he did not wish to make a certain application to him.

Police-Sergt. Gilbey (Longstanton) said that when he arrested K., prisoner asked, "Is he alive?"

"ARGUMENT ABOUT RELIGION."

K. (on oath) said that he had been fairly friendly with Thorp, but they had had an argument about religion, and Thorp had been aggressive ever since. On September 23rd he met Thorp, who pushed his hand against his chest and made an attempt to throw him. K. went on: "I struck out with my left hand in self-preservation, and caught him on the right side of the cheek. He toppled over on the left side of his head." He denied kicking Thorp.

Mr. Garth Moore, defending, said that this affair took place in the black-out and only the two men concerned knew what had taken place. K. had told them frankly all that had happened and the jury had no choice but to accept his account of the scuffle.

"NO EVIDENCE OF KICKING."

Mr. Justice Humphreys, summing-up, said that the story of K. had been heard that day for the first time. With regard to the prosecution's allegation that Thorp was kicked by hobnailed boots there was no evidence of blood on the boots and no evidence of anyone having seen him kicked.

After an absence of 20 minutes the jury found K. not guilty of malicious wounding but guilty on the second count of assault and causing grievous bodily harm.

PREVIOUS ASSAULTS.

Previous convictions were proved against K., mainly for assault, for which he received sentences of imprisonment. In May 1932 for stack firing (four charges) he was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Sentencing K to 18 months' imprisonment, Mr. Justice Humphreys said that he was inclined to believe that K. did not intend to do anything like the injury which he did inflict. He agreed entirely with the verdict of the jury. K. was a man who must learn to keep his temper.

SACRIFICES OF 1914-1918 NOT FORGOTTEN. 17th Nov. 1939

Cambs. Services of Remembrance and Dedication.

From the following reports it will be seen that notwithstanding the anxieties of the present time the sacrifices made by our men, and women folk too, during the fateful years 1914-1918 have not been forgotten.

SWAVESEY.

The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) conducted a service of Remembrance and Dedication in the parish church on Sunday afternoon. A fairly large congregation attended, including 20 members of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion, who paraded outside the churchyard gates, under the command of the chairman (Mr. R. Barwell) and marched to the church, headed by the branch standard. The service included an address by the Vicar, the hymns "All people that on earth do dwell," "O valiant hearts," "Lord, while for all mankind we pray," "O God, our Help in ages past," and the National Anthem. The Roll of the fallen was recited by Mr. Barwell. The offertory, which was given for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £3 3s. 4½d.

Among the flowers placed around the base of the War Memorial Cross in the churchyard was a wreath of poppies and laurel from the local branch of the British Legion.

The British Legion was also represented by 20 ex-Service men who were invited to the evening service at the Bethel Baptist Chapel. The preacher was the Rev. W. H. Tebbit (area superintendent of the Baptist Union). Mr. R. Thoday was the soloist.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 17th Nov. 1939

The treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association has received a donation of £1 from Over Baptist Chapel.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 17th Nov. 1939

Mr. A. Brand presided at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, Pastor Westrep, of Willingham, gave the address, and Mr. G. Day was the soloist. It was announced that Mr. J. Banks, of Knapwell, would be the speaker next week.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 17th Nov. 1939

Excellent congregations gathered at Bethel Baptist Church to welcome the Area Superintendent (Rev. W. H. Tebbit) on Sunday. In the evening the members of the British Legion and their friends were cordially welcomed. Mrs. W. Coulson, retired chapel-keeper, was presented with a suitably inscribed copy of Scofield's Bible, having completed 21 years' faithful service. Mr. Rupert Thoday gave an admirable rendering of the solo, "Will your anchor hold?"

WHIST DRIVE. 17th Nov. 1939

The fund that is being raised to buy wool for comforts for local men serving in H.M. Forces benefited to the extent of £3 15s. 9d. by the whist drive organised by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, which was held in the Old School on Thursday week. Ten tables were in play. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Warren; gentlemen – Mr. R. Turner, Mr. F. Martin; carrying prizes, Mrs. Hookham, Mr. R. Turner; knock-out, Mrs. P. Lee and Mr. N. Lee. Mr. C. S. Hephher officiated as M.C. Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Canham and Miss A. Northill were in charge of the refreshments.

BRITISH LEGION. 17th Nov. 1939

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the Old Schoolroom on Wednesday week with Mr. Barwell in the chair. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Willson) presented a statement of accounts showing a balance in hand of over £16, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. Lee) reviewed the activities of the branch during the past year. Progress, he said, had been maintained, there being 55 members on the roll, including two new members. Two members had left the district and one member (Mr. Skelton) had left for service with the Red Cross. The last Poppy Day collection raised a record sum of £25 10s. 7d. The efforts of Mrs. C. S. Hephher and her loyal team of helpers for Earl Haig's Fund were highly appreciated. The Remembrance Services at the Memorial Hall and at the Church were well attended. Two open and two members' socials and the annual dinner had been very successful. The cricket team had entered the President's Cup Competition beating Over in the first round and losing the second round to Comberton. In the Playing Fields Competition after winning against Fen Drayton and County Nalگو the branch team lost to Dry Drayton. As for benevolent work there had been no fresh application for assistance. Mr. Lee regretted that owing to failing eyesight he would be unable to stand for re-election as hon. Secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. C. C. Dickson; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. S. Hephher, F. Norman, T. Dawson, H. Topham, R. Barwell and Dr. Petter; hon. sec., Mr. T.

Dawson; hon. treas., Mr. A. Willson; general committee, Messrs. P. Lee, J. Prior, P. Jenner, T. Savage, C. S. Hepher, S. Clarke, H. Topham, J. A. Turner, F. Norman and G. Holmes; Relief committee, Messrs. H. Smith, G. Howlett, M. Crisp, S. Wright, jnr.; auditors, Messrs. J. A. Turner and H. Topham; standard bearer M. T. Savage; deputy, Mr. F. Causer; delegate to County committee, Mr. J. Prior. It was decided to hold the annual dinner on December 6th.

POPPY DAY IN CAMBS. 17th Nov. 1939

Increased Collections for Haig Fund.

Flanders Poppies were on sale throughout the County on Saturday (Armistice Day), and there is every reason to believe that the proceeds will equal, if not exceed, the amount raised last year for Lord Haig's Fund. Reports from some of the villages are appended:

SWAVESEY. – Poppies sold in Swavesey brought in £14 13s. 6½., eight shillings more than in 1938. The sellers were: Mrs. Ansell £2 19s., Miss M. Lee £2 4s., Miss J. Hepher £3 16s 6½d., Mrs. C. S. Hepher £5 14s. With the collection at the parish church, £3 3s. 4d., which was also in advance of the previous year, the total amount raised for the Haig Fund was £17 16s. 10½d.

CAMBS. DIVISIONAL COURT. 24th Nov. 1939

Saturday. – Before his Honour Judge H. G. Farrant (chairman), Col. L. Tebbutt, Mr. T. H. Langan, Mr. W. Leach, Mr. H. F. Cook, Mr. W. W. Pemberton, Mr. S. C. Lamb, and Mr. F. Kirby.

WORDS AT WORK.

S. W., of Askew-row, Swavesey, was alleged to have assaulted Sidney Arthur Wagstaff at Conington on Nov. 7th.

He pleaded guilty.

Sidney Arthur Wagstaff, Market-street, Swavesey, general labourer, said he had known the defendant some years, and had been working with him two months. They had not got on well together.

On Nov. 7th he received certain instructions from his ganger and later saw defendant, who said he had instructions to do some grass. Later, when witness was at Conington Bridge, defendant came up and asked why witness was not coming with him. There were more words, and then he received a blow in the face. He was still under the doctor.

Witness denied, in reply to witness, that he had called W. lazy and good-for-nothing.

P.C. Shanks said that Wagstaff had a lacerated wound over the left eye, which was blackened. Defendant alleged that Wagstaff swore at him and poked him

where he recently had had an operation. He also alleged that Wagstaff had called him lazy.

Defendant said he had been discharged by the Chesterton R.D.C., and asked the justices to read four references, all of which gave him a good character. He was bound over for one year and fined £1.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 24th Nov. 1939

The match between the boys of Over and Swavesey Council Schools, played at Over on Monday afternoon, was won by Swavesey boys by three goals to two. D. Prior, A. Toates and K. Nightingale scored for Swavesey.

BRITISH LEGION. 24th Nov. 1939

At a meeting of the committee of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion on Nov. 16th it was agreed to support the scheme organised by Mrs. C. S. Hepher for supplying comforts to local men in H.M. Forces and to make a grant of £2 to that fund.

Y.P.F. 24th Nov. 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, at which Miss L. Spearman presided. Recitations were given by Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. Ivatt and Mrs. Savage, and solos were sung by Mrs. Ivatt and Mr. J. Williams, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. G. Canham.

OBITUARY. 24th Nov. 1939

Mrs. Clara King, wife of Mr. Samuel King, of Frere Cottages, Church End, Swavesey, passed away at 12.30 p.m. on Monday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. Robinson, Willingham-road, Over. Mrs. King, who was 68 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 2.30 p.m. to-day (Friday).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 24th Nov. 1939

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening in the Church School, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) occupying the chair, and a good number of members being present with one visitor. The meeting commenced with the song "Drink to me only," and after the usual business Mrs. Hinckes gave a demonstration of raffia work and soft slippers, showing some very beautiful specimens. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Hinckes. Mrs. Pease, of Girton, then explained the scheme of running an infant welfare centre and it was thought possible that one might be started in Swavesey for the three villages, Swavesey, Fen Drayton, and Over. During

the social half-hour a spelling bee caused great amusement, Mrs. Laverack being the winner. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 1st Dec. 1939

The match between Swavesey and Willingham Council Schools, played at Swavesey on Monday afternoon, resulted in a win for the visitors by four goals to two.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st Dec. 1939

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mr. G. Laverack was the speaker, and during the evening a duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham. It was announced that a social evening would be held next week.

THE LATE MRS. S. KING. 1st Dec. 1939

The funeral of Mrs. Clara King, wife of Mr. Samuel King, of Frere Cottages, whose death was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish church on Friday, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Samuel King (husband), Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. C. Walker (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. a. Brasher (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Parker, Miss Howlett, Mr. E. Brasher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. T. Howlett (nephews and nieces). Many friends and neighbours were present. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

CAMBS. MAN AWARDED D.F.C. 1st Dec. 1939

People of Swavesey and the district will have learned with interest of the honour conferred upon the son of a well-known figure in the village.

This week Squadron-Leader Philip R. Barwell, R.A.F., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross – the airman's highest honour – for the part he played in shooting down enemy planes.

Squadron-Leader Barwell, who is the eldest son of Mr. R. Barwell, of the well-known Swavesey tyre works, led a flight of six aircraft over the North Sea to intercept Nazi bombers approaching a British convoy. After shooting down the first enemy plane himself, he shot down another in collaboration with two other pilots of the flight.

Squadron-Leader Barwell, it is understood, is to be promoted Acting Wing-Commander.

Recently he was presented to the King, who offered congratulations.

THE SIREN. 8th Dec. 1939

In compliance with instructions the air raid warning siren, which has been provided for the village by public subscription, was tested at 1 p.m. on Friday.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 8th Dec. 1939

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, which took the form of a social. The programme included solos by Miss S. Brickwood, Miss J. Brand, Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. Ivatt and Mr. G. Laverack, recitations by Mrs. Savage, Mrs. A. Prior, Miss L. Spearman and Miss G. Dodson, a reading by Mr. G. Day, and a pianoforte solo by Miss L. Brand. Mr. G. Canham occupied the chair. A short talk on "Fellowship" was given by Mr. A. Brand. It was announced that Mr. Banks, of Knapwell, is expected to speak next week. At the end of the proceedings refreshments were served.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 8th Dec. 1939

As the 11th birthday party of the Women's Institute on Thursday week had to be held in the Church School there was not room for friends to be invited. The members sat down to tea at 5.30 p.m., when the good things provided included a two-tier birthday cake, given by the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher). On this were 11 candles, which were lighted by Mrs. S. Hepher, the oldest member present. Mrs. Dawson (vice-president) made a presentation to the President of a flowering plant and brass flower pot from members of the committee in recognition of the work she had done for the W.I. during 1939. After tea the room was cleared, and Mrs. Ansell kindly gave her services at the piano for the rest of the evening, when a very happy time was spent with games, competitions and dancing, prizes being won by Miss F. Kester, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Warrington and Mrs. Walker. After votes of thanks the evening concluded with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th Dec. 1939

In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday evening, when an interesting address was given by Mr. J. Banks, of Knapwell, and Mr. G. Day played a pianoforte solo. Mr. C. Day occupied the chair.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. 15th Dec. 1939

Parcels are being sent to Swavesey men serving in H.M. Forces, each containing a cake, a pudding, woolly comforts, chocolates, sweets, cigarettes and a compendium. The cakes and puddings have been made by ladies in the

village, and the woollies by a knitting party. In order that no man may be overlooked, Mrs. C. S. Hephher will be glad to be given not later than tomorrow (Saturday) the names and addresses of all men serving, so that all parcels may be despatched by the beginning of next week.

BRITISH LEGION. 15th Dec. 1939

Forty members and guests were present at the annual dinner of the Swavesey and district branch of the British Legion on Wednesday week in the Old Schoolroom. The chairman (Mr. R. Barwell) presided. After an excellent repast, Mr. J. Prior proposed the health of the guests, and in reply Mr. W. A. Diver spoke of the good work done by the British Legion for ex-soldiers during the past 20 years, and said that under present circumstances it was more than ever necessary to keep together the machinery of the Legion to look after the interests of the new "old comrades." The British Legion was one of the few good things arising from the Great War. Dr. Lane Petter, proposing the toast "The British Legion," remarked that it must be a matter of great regret to members that the ideals for which they had fought had crumbled. The new generation was carrying on where they had left off, and hoped to make a good job of it this time. The Chairman replied. "The Fighting Services" was submitted by Mr. O. E. Johnson, and Mr. H. Topham proposed that the secretary be asked to write to Wing Commander P. R. Barwell, D.F.C., a son of the chairman, expressing the admiration of the branch for his skill and daring. As Squadron Leader he attacked and brought down several enemy planes off the East Coast, and then re-formed his squadron and returned safely, an action for which he was promoted and honoured by the King. The Chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation of the members for the excellent catering arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hephher and her helpers, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Willson, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Laverack and Mrs. Smith. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Willson to Messrs. Collier, Messenger, Lee and Topham for their services in providing entertainment. Letters of regret were read from Rev. C. C. Dickson, and the secretaries of Over and Willingham branches, who were unable to be present.

SICK CLUB. 22nd Dec. 1939

At the annual distribution of the surplus funds of the Rising Sun Sick Club each member received 13s. 8d. The contributions during the year, with interest, amounted to £36 9s., £15 3s. 8d. was paid out in sick benefit.

CAROL SINGING. 22nd Dec. 1939

When the carol singers visit Boxworth End to-morrow (Saturday) evening and High-street on Sunday evening, the proceeds of the collection will be equally divided between the Nursing Association and two local Red Cross Detachments.

SHARE-OUT. 22nd Dec. 1939

The annual distribution of the surplus funds of the White Horse Sick and Share-out Club took place yesterday (Thursday) evening, each member receiving 18s. 4d. The club starts again on December 29th.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Dec. 1939

Mr. C. Day, of Boxworth, was the speaker at the meeting of the Y.P.F. on Monday evening, when Miss G. Dodson occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. It was announced that the next meeting would be held on January 1st.

THE SCHOOL. 22nd Dec. 1939

The school broke up for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday and will re-open on Thursday Jan. 4th. Before closing the children in the junior department had their Christmas tree and received a visit from Santa Claus. Carols were sung, and the young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the senior group every child was presented with a parcel of good things provided by the teachers and friends, with which they were delighted. The articles they had made for their Christmas gifts were also given to them. The evacuee children had their tea and games in the Old Church School, being looked after by their own teachers. All the children spent a happy afternoon.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 22nd Dec. 1939

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday in the Church School, the President occupying the chair. A good number of members was present. The meeting commenced with the singing of a carol, "Good King Wenceslas," and after routine business there was a lively debate on the question whether a wife should have pocket money allowed her. This was followed by another discussion as to whether an office girl makes a better wife than a home girl. On a vote being taken the decision was in favour of the home girl. Refreshments were provided by the hostesses. During the social half-hour carols were sung and selections played by the percussion band. A collection of toys was brought for charity.

PARISH COUNCIL. 22nd Dec. 1939

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham and W. Spolton with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) and the secretary of the Hall Management Committee (Mr. H. H. Berryman). The main business of the meeting was to receive a deputation from the local branch of the British Legion, consisting of Messrs. R. Barwell (chairman), T. Dawson (secretary), C. S. Hepher, F. Norman, Turner and A. J. Willson, who wished to make representations respecting the Management Committee's refusal to black-out the hall so that it would be available for social purposes. Mr. Barwell stated the case for the Legion. He maintained that the hall was built for the use of the villagers, and that arrangements should be made to have the building available for entertainments and other social functions. The difficulty in having this done was explained to the deputation owing to the hall being now used for the school, difficulty accentuated by the advent of a number of evacuee children with their teachers and furniture. Various suggestions were made, and after an animated discussion the deputation withdrew. The Chairman then proposed that the following resolution be sent to the Hall Management Committee: That the main part of the large room be blacked-out so that it can be let for social functions, etc. This was seconded by Mr. Holloway and carried unanimously.

CAROLS. 29th Dec. 1939

When the carol singers toured the village on Christmas Eve they collected £4 11s. 11d. This sum has been equally divided between the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association and the two local Red Cross Detachments.

PARISH CHURCH. 29th Dec. 1939

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 7 and 8 a.m. and after Mattins at 10.30 a.m., Evensong with anthem, "The Prince of Peace" (Clare), and carols at 3 p.m. The church was simply but effectively decorated with flowers and evergreens. All services were well attended.

A NARROW ESCAPE. 5th Jan. 1940

Derrick Adams, a seven-years-old evacuee, billeted with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prior, High-street, had a narrow escape from drowning last Friday morning when he fell into the pond near the school and was immersed up to his armpits, when he was seen by Mrs. De Haro, one of the London teachers. She immediately called to Mr. Gamaliel Froment, a County Council roadman at

work near by, and he with his long sweeper's broom and the assistance of Harry Howlett, a 14-year-old Technical School boy, succeeded in rescuing the little fellow, who was quickly taken to his billet, put to bed, kept there for two days, and is none the worse for his icy bath.

WING COMMANDER P. R. BARWELL, D.F.C. 5th Jan. 1940

Among the promotions announced by the Air Ministry on New Year's Day is that of Squadron-Leader P. R. Barwell, who becomes a Wing-Commander. He is the eldest son of Mr. R. Barwell, founder of Barwell's tyre works, Swavesey, Cambridge and King's Lynn. Wing-Commander Barwell, who had been described as "Britain's first air ace of the war," was recently awarded the D.F.C. for his part in successfully attacking German planes over the North Sea. "Its success," the official report stated, "was very largely due to the high standard of gallantry and leadership displayed by Squadron-Leader Barwell."

PARISH CHURCH. 12th Jan. 1940

The services at the parish church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. P. Harvey, of Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge. Next Sunday, Mr. E. C. Hullock, Police Court Missioner, will preach in the morning and afternoon, and the collections will be for the Police Court Mission and the C.E.T.S.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 12th Jan. 1940

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship connected with Bethel Baptist Church on Monday evening when Mr. Kirby Doggett, of Over, was the speaker. Mr. A. Brand occupied the chair and during the evening a solo was sung by Miss Sylvia Brickwood. At next week's meeting Mr. Christopher Day will give a lantern lecture on his work in Africa.

DEATH OF AN OLD SWAVESEY MAN. 12th Jan. 1940

A member of an old Swavesey family, Mr. James Metcalfe, eldest son of the late Mr. Aaron Metcalfe, died at Kentford, near Newmarket, on January 1st, aged 83 years. After serving his apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner with Mr. John Mitham, of Swavesey, he worked at Fulbourn, Cambridge, and Shelford. In 1882 he went to London and in his later years there was in the employment of Messrs. Higgs and Hills, South Lambeth. Returning to Swavesey, he worked for the late Mr. Robinson Mitham (Mr. John Mitham's successor). In 1929 he went to reside at Kentford with his brother, Mr. S. J. Metcalfe. The funeral took place at Kentford parish church on Friday, the Rev. Rhynd conducting the service, during which the hymns "Rock of Ages"

and "Jesu, Lover of my Soul" were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Crowe. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Metcalfe (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. J. Holmes, Mrs. Martin, Mr. G. Thompson, Mrs. Cockerton, Mr. W. A. C. Moss and Mrs. Scotchmere. There were several beautiful floral tributes.

THE LATE MR. ROBERT HEPHER. 12th Jan. 1940

Swavesey has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of Mr. Robert Richard Hepher, who passed away on January 6th after a short illness borne with great patience. Born 84 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hepher, of Swavesey, he migrated to London, where he lived for many years, returning to his native village on his retirement. In addition to his wife, widowed after 64 years of married life, he leaves two sons to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest in Swavesey churchyard on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. F. G. Weston (Vicar of Over and Rural Dean) conducting the service. The mourners were: Mrs. R. Hepher (widow), Mr. A. Hepher (son), Mrs. T. Hepher (daughter-in-law), Mr. W. Hepher (grandson), Miss I. Hepher (granddaughter), Mrs. S. Hepher (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hepher, Mrs. T. Day, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mr. G. Hepher, Mrs. S. Badcock, Mr. F. Hepher, Mr. B. Daintree, Miss F. Daintree (nieces and nephews), Misses Hilda, Lily and Joan Hepher, Miss D. Payne and Mrs. D. Asplin (great-nieces). Mr. T. Hepher (elder son) was unable to attend owing to illness. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th Jan. 1940

A fair number of members were present at the January meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the old schoolroom on Tuesday, Mrs. C. S. Hepher presiding. An interesting talk on "Women and the medical profession" was given by Dr. Cubitt, who spoke of Florence Nightingale and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson being the pioneers. A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Cubitt, his attendance on such a rough night being greatly appreciated. A round table conference was held to consider the programme for the ensuing year, and it was decided to hold a whist drive in aid of the troops' Comforts Fund. The officials for "members' night" were chosen, and the next meeting was fixed for February 13th. Refreshments were served, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. C. Ding being the hostesses.

ADVERT. 26th Jan. 1940

Rug Making Classes are being held in the Old School, on Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. Open to anyone. 1s. 6d. for course.

PARISH COUNCIL. 26th Jan. 1940

There was very little business to be dealt with by the Parish Council at the quarterly meeting on Monday evening. Arising out of the minutes of the special meeting on December 20th, it was reported that steps were being taken by the Management Committee to "black-out" all the windows in the Memorial Hall. As in future there would be no parish constable, the question of the disposal of the rent of the Constable's Rood was discussed. The condition of the byroads was also considered, and the Chairman and Mr. Dean were authorised to arrange for their repair. On the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. A. P. Payne, it was decided to ask the Chesterton Rural District Council to arrange for a collection of unburnable rubbish to be made in the parish during the month of April. The following members of the Council were present at the meeting: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. V. Burton, C. Dean, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey).

THE LATE MR. J. T. PETTETT. 26th Jan. 1940

We have to record the death of Mr. John Thomas Pettett, of Askew-row, Swavesey, who passed away on Saturday, aged 63 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettett, of Upend, Kirtling, Newmarket. Formerly a member of the Metropolitan Police, had had for about 20 years lived at Swavesey. Although his health had been failing for a considerable time, the end came quite suddenly. In addition to his widow he leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over) officiating. The mourners were; Mrs. J. T. Pettett (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pettett, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pettett (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Littlechild (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. L. Skegg (cousin) and members of the Swavesey branch of the British Legion, to which the late Mr. Pettett had belonged. Mrs. George Brooks (daughter), Mrs. B. Cook (sister) and Mrs. J. Williamson were unable to attend. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

AN UNUSUAL VISITOR. 2nd Feb. 1940

About mid-day on Sunday a swan, evidently in search of food, paid a visit to the village. It waddled along the main street, where Mr. Norman Lee, noticing

its distressed condition, fed it with pieces of bread soaked in water. Later, as the swan remained on the highway in danger of injury by passing vehicles, Mr. Eric Williamson picked it up and carried it to a shed on his premises, where he provided more food.

ASH WEDNESDAY. 9th Feb. 1940

The services at the parish church on Ash Wednesday were:- Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and Mattins at 10.30 a.m. At both the Rev. C. G. Poynder (Rector of Boxworth) officiated.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 9th Feb. 1940

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a fairly good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening. Mr. D. Day, of Boxworth, was the speaker, and also took the chair. Next week Mr. Hankin, of Godmanchester, will give the address.

WHIST DRIVE. 9th Feb. 1940

Considering the inclement weather, there was quite a good attendance at the whist drive on Tuesday, the proceeds from which were to provide comforts for H.M. Forces. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss Ellwood, Mrs. J. Kester; gentlemen, Mr. R. Seekings, Mr. N. Lee; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C., and Mrs. Williamson presented the prizes. Thanks were accorded to the donors of prizes and refreshments, as by these means the drive realised the sum of £2 17s.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. KEY. 9th Feb. 1940

Swavesey has lost its oldest inhabitant by the death of Mr. William Henry Key, who passed away peacefully early on Sunday morning. Born at Earith, Hunts, on March 24th, 1845, the son of the late Mr. Henry Key, he migrated on 2nd November, 1870, to Swavesey, and there set up in business as a baker, which he carried on with success for just over 40 years, when he retired in favour of his only son, and devoted his energies to his garden and his orchard. Until recent years Mr. Key was closely identified with the business and social life of the village, and held many public offices, so numerous that only a few can be mentioned. A loyal churchman, he was for 22 years a churchwarden, and on his retirement in 1921 he became a sidesman. For a long period he was a member of the Church Council, and the parish representative on the Ruri-decanal Conference. He was the first Chairman of the Parish Council, and a member for many years, life feoffee of Galon's Charity, a school manager, and after the disastrous fire in 1913, he rendered valuable service on the Relief

Fund Committee and was appointed a life trustee of the Old Age Pensioners' Cottages, which were built with the unexpended balance of the fund. For well over half a century a member of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, he held every office in the Wheatsheaf Lodge, and had the distinction of being the only member of the Lodge to be Chief Shepherd of the Cambridge District. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Swavesey parish church, the Rev. F. G. Weston (Rural Dean and Vicar of Over) conducting the service, during which the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Let saints on earth in concert sing" were sung, and the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis chanted. Mrs. C. S. Hepher was at the organ. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. E. Day, Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. J. Hawkes (daughters), Mr. H. G. Key (son), Mr. A. Hawkes, Mrs. E. Kitchen, Miss B. Day, Mrs. O. Berry, Mr. L. Day, Miss L. Key, Miss M. Key (grandsons and granddaughters). Mr. E. Trench-Smith, Huntingdon (nephew), Miss M. Parsons, Alderman W. H. Clayton (Huntingdon). Among others present were: Messrs. W. Burton and A. P. Payne (representing the Parish Council), Messrs. R. Barwell, G. Burling, R. Mitham and C. H. Parish (representing Galon's Charity Feoffees), Mr. C. Dean (representing the Fire Relief Fund Charity), Messrs. A. Froment, Jethro Linford, R. H. Norman and J. Trundle (representing the Shepherds' Club), Mr. A. L. Parish (representing the school managers), Miss Thoday (representing the school teachers). (Very many other village people were also present). Many beautiful floral tributes were sent. Both before and after the funeral a muffled peal was rung on the church bells by Messrs. B. Hodson, R. Mitham, G.F. and J. Hodson, D. Adams, J. Parish and F. Warrington. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

MEMORIAL HALL. 16th Feb. 1940

Curtains have now been provided for the windows which will effectively "black-out" the Memorial Hall when required for meetings, entertainments, etc., in the evening.

MUFFLED PEAL. 16th Feb. 1940

By permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) the bells of the parish church were rung fully muffled on Saturday as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Key. The ringers were: J. Hodson 1, G. Hodson 3, D. Adams 4, G. E. Crisp 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

COMFORTS FOR H.M. FORCES. 16th Feb. 1940

The knitting of comforts for men serving in H.M. Forces is still being carried on in the village, and any person who will join in the work can be supplied

with wool on application to Mrs. C. S. Hephner. Several letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from men to whom articles have been sent. The Women's Institute have undertaken to knit for the mine-sweepers, and work parties are being held on Thursdays at 3 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 23rd Feb. 1940

"Light and darkness" was the subject of the address given by Mr. S. J. Miller, of Histon, on Monday evening at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship. Mr. A. Brand occupied the chair. There was a good attendance in spite of the inclement weather. Next week Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, will be the speaker.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNISED. 23rd Feb. 1940

It was officially announced on Wednesday that the King has approved of the award of the Distinguished Flying Medal to Sergt. Lionel Wood, R.A.F. Sergt. Wood, who is a son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey Council School, was educated at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys.

DEATH OF MRS. PRIME GODFREY. 23rd Feb. 1940

The announcement on Sunday that Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Godfrey, wife of Mr. Prime Godfrey, the well-known haulage contractor of Swavesey and Godmanchester, had passed away suddenly on Saturday night came as a great shock to the people of Swavesey. While living in Swavesey she took little part in the social activities of the village, but she will be long remembered for her kindness of heart, and not least by her husband's employees. Mrs. Godfrey, who was 60, died at Corpus Christi House, Godmanchester, where she had been residing for the past two or three years. The funeral took place at Swavesey, the interment in the cemetery being preceded by a service at Bethel Baptist Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st March 1940

Mr. G. E. Canham presided at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, gave an interesting address on "Love." During the evening a solo was sung by Mr. G. Day. There was a good attendance. Next week the speaker will be Pastor Crees, of Over.

CONCERT. 1st March 1940

Music lovers thoroughly enjoyed the sacred concert given in Bethel Chapel on Thursday week on behalf of the Red Cross Hospital. The Over United Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Barker, provided the programme, the boys' choir adding greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Pastor Crees occupied the chair. Mrs. Petter responded on behalf of the Red Cross. The collection amounted to £3 10s.

THE LATE MRS. P. GODFREY. 1st March 1940

Large Attendance at Funeral at Swavesey.

There was a large attendance at the funeral at Swavesey on Thursday week of Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Godfrey, wife of Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, of Swavesey and Godmanchester, whose sudden death at her home in Godmanchester on Feb. 17th, was announced in our last issue. The service at Bethel Baptist Church, during which the hymn "There is a land of pure delight" was sung, and at the interment in the cemetery, was conducted by the Rev. A. Tilling, of Norton, Bury St. Edmund's (late Pastor of Bethel Chapel). The mourners were: Mr. Prime Godfrey (husband), Messrs. Reg., C., L., M. and Roy Godfrey (sons), Miss D. Godfrey, Mrs. C. Cole, Misses E. and M. Godfrey (daughters), Mr. C. Cole (son-in-law), Mesdames C., L., and M. Godfrey (daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Hines (brother), Mr. and Mrs. Atkins (brother and sister-in-law), Miss M. Godfrey (sister-in-law). Three sons were unable to attend, Messrs. S. and A. Godfrey, owing to illness, and Driver B. Godfrey, who did not arrive from France until two hours after the funeral. A great many others were present and many beautiful floral tributes were sent.

THE LATE MRS. GODFREY. 8th March 1940

The name of Mrs. Reginald Godfrey (daughter-in-law) was inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in our report last week of the funeral of Mrs. Prime Godfrey.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 8th March 1940

The house-to-house collection made recently in the village for St. Dunstan's amounted to £3 4s. 6d. The collectors were: Mrs. Ivatt £1 12s. 10d., Miss Shepperson £1 1s., Mrs. Frank Dodson 10s 8d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 8th March 1940

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when Pastor Crees, of Over, was the speaker. Mr. A. Brand occupied the chair. Next week the Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, will give an address.

A MEMORIAL PEAL. 8th March 1940

Last Saturday, March 2nd, being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. George Long, two peals of 720 changes were rung on the bells of the parish church. The ringers who took part were: Messrs. B. Hodson (captain), R. Mitham, G., J. and F. Hodson, D. Williams, T. Froment and F. Warrington, with two visitors, Messrs. D. Adams and G. Crisp.

OBITUARY. 15th March 1940

The funeral of Mr. Frederick William Pontefract, of Boxworth End, who passed away on March 11th, aged 70 years, took place at Swavesey Cemetery yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

PARISH CHURCH. 15th March 1940

Until further notice, evensong at the parish church on Sundays will be at 6 o'clock instead of 3 o'clock, as has been the case for some time past.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th March 1940

Mr. G. E. Canham presided over a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Church on Monday, when Mr. Hankin, of Godmanchester, was the speaker. During the evening a duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Canham. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Canham. Next week the address will be given by the Rev. Tydeman, also of Godmanchester.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 15th March 1940

The house-to-house collection in the village for St. Dunstan's amounted to £3 18s. 1d. The collectors were: Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Dawson 18s. 0½d., Mrs. Laverack 8s. 11½d., Mrs. Lee 9s. 8d., Mrs. G. Wright 3s. 8d., Mrs. Ivatt and Mrs. Ding 7s. 9½d., Mrs. Freestone 7s. 9d., Mrs. Ellwood and Mrs. Crouch £1 2s. 3d. The collection reported last week was inadvertently stated to be for St. Dunstan's, whereas it was for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

DEATH OF MR. SIDNEY PRIME. 15th March 1940

The announcement that Mr. Sidney Prime had passed away somewhat suddenly on Tuesday came as a shock to his many friends in Swavesey and district, although he had been in failing health for some time. Born 69 years ago, the son of the late Mr. William Prime, of Swavesey, he carried on business in the village as farmer and hay dealer. In his younger days he was a well-known cricketer. The funeral will take place at the cemetery at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday).

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. 15th March 1940

The annual meeting of the Girls' Life Brigade and presentation of awards was held in Bethel Schoolroom on March 7th. Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, presided, and also gave an address on the G.L.B. motto, "To save life." Mary Parish gave a Bible reading, and during the evening a solo was sung by Mr. Canham, two of the older members, Ruby Bath and Mona Dawson, gave the dialogue, "The Keynote," and Sylvia and Jessie Kester, Eileen Hookham and Lieut Norman recited. Capt. Canham spoke of the pleasure it had given her during the last 12 months to be captain of the 1st Swavesey Company on the departure of Mrs. Isgrove, the late captain, from the village. Presentations of certificates and badges for local knowledge, knot-tying and knitting, a bar and stars for good service were made to the following members: Ruby Bath, Mona Dawson, Mary Parish, Maisie Holbrooke, Eileen Hookham, Sylvia and Jessie Kester. A collection was taken for G.L.B. funds.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th March 1940

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hepher presiding. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Mine ain countree," after which officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Williamson and Mrs. Lee; secretary, Mrs. Laverack; treasurer, Mrs. T. Dawson; committee, Mrs. Ellwood, Miss Joan Hepher, Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. J. Kester, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. E. Smart, Mrs. F. Warrington, Miss P. Willson and Miss G. Wright. Messrs. E. Crowley and U. Thixton acted as tellers. The members were sorry to hear that Mrs. Humphrey was unable to attend owing to illness. Her subject for the evening – war-time dishes – was discussed, several members giving recipes for dishes. At the close the President thanked the members for their co-operation in the past, and hoped they would do all they could to maintain the high standard they had attained. The usual refreshments were provided by the hostesses.

50 YEARS AGO. 22nd March 1940

WEEK ENDING MARCH 21st, 1890

Fire at Swavesey. About midnight on Friday a fire broke out accidentally at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, and resulted in the total destruction of two barns and their contents, an empty stable, six cottages and a quantity of furniture. A police sergeant and three constables were soon on the scene, and with assistance succeeded in extinguishing the flames, which would otherwise

have spread to other buildings. There was a plentiful supply of water from wells and pumps. The parish fire engine was also present.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd March 1940

The Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, was the speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, at which Mr. G. Canham presided. During the evening choruses were sung and a solo was rendered by Miss S. Brickwood. The next meeting will take place on April 1st, when the Rev. A. Tilling, late minister of the church, will be the speaker.

CRICKET CLUB. 22nd March 1940

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Thursday week in the Old School, Mr. T. Dawson presiding over a very poor attendance. After the Treasurer's report had been read, it was decided to run one team this year, to play friendly matches with local clubs, and officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. C. Walker; vice-president, Rev. C. C. Dickson, Dr. Petter, Dr. Cubitt, Mrs. J. Norman, Messrs. C. Dean, C. Cole, G. E. Canham, J. Lewin; chairman, Mr. T. Dawson; captain, Mr. A. Kester; vice-captain and treasurer, Mr. N. Canham; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Hodson; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Payne; committee, Messrs. T. Dawson, F. Cawser, A. Hephher, W. Wright, W. Brooks; selection committee, Messrs. F. Cawser and W. Wright with the secretaries; groundsman, Mr. F. Hodson. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Wright, a vote of thanks was accorded to all who had in any way assisted the club during the past season.

FUNERAL OF MR. SIDNEY PRIME. 22nd March 1940

The funeral of Mr. Sidney Prime, whose death at the age of 69 years was announced last week, took place at the cemetery on Saturday, Mr. W. Camps conducting the service, at which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The immediate mourners were: Mr. F. W. Prime and Mr. F. A. Prime (nephews). Messrs. Mitham Bros., Middle Watch, Swavesey, were the undertakers.

CHURCH MEETING. 22nd March 1940

The annual parochial church meeting was held on Monday in the old School after the vestry meeting at which Mr. W. J. Hephher and Mr. H. Wells was re-elected churchwardens. There was only a fair attendance. The Vicar presided. The annual report was presented by the secretary and the accounts by the treasurer, the latter showing a considerable deficit. Both were adopted. Mrs. Cooksey, owing to illness, having resigned her place as diocesan conference representative, Mrs. C. S. Hephher was appointed to succeed her. Mr. F.

Warrington and Mrs. G. Froment were appointed ruri-decanal conference representatives. The following were elected to serve on the Church Council: Mr. C. S. Hepher, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. H. Prime, Mr. B. Hodson, Mr. R. Mitham, Mr. A. Hepher. The sidesmen were re-appointed en bloc. The Vicar thanked all who had helped during the past year, and it was agreed that a letter of sympathy and gratitude be sent to Mrs. Cooksey on her resignation. At a short meeting of the Council held afterwards, Mrs. C. S. Hepher was re-appointed secretary, Mrs. Dickson missionary secretary, and Mr. W. I. Hepher vice-chairman. A small Finance Committee was also formed, Mr. Bloodworth being chosen treasurer.

THE LATE MR. PONTEFRACT. 22nd March 1940

The funeral of Mr. Frederick William Pontefract, of Boxworth End, who passed away after two years' illness on March 11th, aged 70, took place at Swavesey Cemetery on Thursday week, the Rev. A. Tilling officiating. During the service the hymn "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung. The mourners were: Mrs. Pontefract (widow), Mrs. T. Watts (sister), Miss K. Watts, Mrs. Hales (nieces), Mrs. B. Sutton, Mrs. D. Sutton (sisters-in-law), Mr. J. Parish, Miss Connie Parish (cousins). Among others present were: Messrs. W. Burton, H. H. Berryman, C. Dean and F. J. Norman (representing the Memorial Hall Committee, of which the late Mr. Pontefract had been a member).

"FATHER" OF CAMBS. COUNCIL. 22nd March 1940

Death of Alderman Dr. J. W. Ellis.

The Cambridgeshire County Council has lost its oldest member, not only in age but in the number of years of service, by the death of Alderman Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, who passed away suddenly early on Sunday afternoon. He had not been well for some weeks and latterly had been confined to bed.

Born at Swavesey on June 10th, 1853, the son of the late Dr. Robert Sage Ellis, he was educated at Epsom and Hurstpierpoint, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. On becoming qualified as a medical man, he was for a time house surgeon at the Huntingdon County Hospital until in January, 1877, he succeeded to the late Dr. Daniell's practice at Swavesey and was also medical officer for the district. He retired from practice in May 1927.

At Swavesey at one time or another during his long life he held practically every public office, including those of churchwarden, parish councillor, Galon's Charity feoffee, and school manager.

In politics he was a strong Conservative and was chairman of the local Association. He was greatly interested in all forms of sport. In his younger

days was a keen cricketer and up to last summer rarely ever missed an important match at Fenner's.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORK.

It was in 1891 that he was first elected to the County Council, defeating Mr. G. Long in the electoral division. In 1895 Mr. Long turned the tables, but it was only for three years, and Dr. Ellis was again elected in 1898, since which time he has served without a break. He was elected an Alderman on March 18th, 1922. During the long service, Dr. Ellis was a member of the following committees: Local Government, Maternity and Child Welfare, Public Health, Roads and Bridges and Standing Joint.

ADVERT. 29th March 1940

TO LET. – 32 Acres Galon's Charity Land (7½ acres to be cultivated under Cultivation of Land Order 1939). – Applications to the Clerk, Mr. R. Mitham, by April 13th.

PARISH CHURCH. 29th March 1940

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were: Litany 10 a.m., Ante-Communion 10.30 a.m., Devotional service 1 to 3 p.m., Evensong followed by devotional music 6 p.m. For Easter Day the church was beautifully decorated with Spring flowers. The services were as follows: Holy Communion 7 a.m. (with hymns), 8 a.m. and mid-day (choral, Hall's setting), Mattins 10.30 a.m., Evensong with sermon by the Vicar and war intercessions 6 p.m. At Evensong the choir gave an excellent rendering of Roland Smart's anthem "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem," and the service concluded with the Te Deum.

WEDDING. 29th March 1940

In beautiful weather a pretty wedding took place at the Parish Church on Easter Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Edna May Warrington, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington, Swavesey, and Mr. James Leslie Bowles, son of Mr. W. Bowles and the late Mrs. Bowles, of Cambridge. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Dickson) conducted the service, during which Psalm 67 and the hymns "The King of Love my Shepherd is" and "How welcome was the call" were sung, and appropriate wedding marches were played by the organist, Mr. G. H. Skeeles. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece turquoise blue, with navy accessories. Mr. F. W. G. Warrington (brother of the bride) was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Master Philip John Doggett. The reception was held at the bride's parents' home, about 50 guests being

present. Owing to a misunderstanding the bells were not rung. The presents numbered about 70. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles will reside in Cambridge.

CAMBS. ALDERMAN'S FUNERAL. 29th March 1940

Swavesey Service for Dr. J. W. Ellis.

The funeral of Ald. Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, of Swavesey, "father" of the Cambs. County Council, took place on Thursday week at Swavesey Church.

Dr. Ellis, who was 86 years of age, died on March 17th.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. C. C. Dickson, the Vicar. The choir was in attendance, Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. "The Radiant Morn" and "Abide with me" were the hymns, Psalm xxiii, and the Nunc Dimittis were chanted.

A muffled peal was rung by Messrs. P. Hodson, G. Hodson, J. Hodson, F. Hodson, R. Mitham, F. Warrington and H. Prime.

The interment was in the churchyard.

The immediate mourners were: Dr. Robt. Ellis and Mrs. M. V. Oakman (son and daughter), Mrs. G. M. Ellis and Mr. Michael Ellis (daughter-in-law and grandson), Mrs. Robert Ellis and Mr. R. Hayden Ellis (daughter-in-law and grandson).

Members and officials of the County Council present included: The Chairman (Ald. Fordham), the Vice-Chairman (Ald. W. J. Taylor), Ald. W. C. Jackson, Ald. Mrs. Mellish Clark, Ald. Frost, Councillors Ashcroft, Watts and Jeeps, the Clerk to the County Council (Mr. Ashley Tabrum), the County Architect (Mr. Wilfrid Wingate) the County Surveyor (Mr. A. E. Peake, also representing the County Accountant, Mr. A. H. Wooll), Mr. George B. Halls (Clerk to the Insurance Committee) and Mr. H. W. Wilkin (Shirehall).

Others present included Messrs. J. D. Whitelaw and Prime Godfrey (representing Chesterton R.D.C.), the County Chief Constable (Mr. W. Winter), Supt. Allen, Mr. C. H. Parish (Chairman, Swavesey Parish Council), Mr. Cecil Dean (Vice-chairman, Swavesey Parish Council), Messrs. A. L. Parish and C. Wood (School Managers), Messrs. B. Hodson and R. Mitham (Galon's Charity Feoffees), Mr. Harry Wells (representing Mr. Cyril Watts), Mr. A. E. Saunders (representing the Cambs. Conservative Association and the Cambridge Conservative Club), Mr. W. L. Reynolds, and Mr. C. R. Vincent, and many others.

Several floral tributes were sent.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

GOODFELLOWS' GALLERY. 29th March 1940

Picture.

This week we come back to the Royal Air Force in our gallery of early Robins who are serving their country.

Our picture is of A.C.1 Alan Idris Lee, son of Mr. P. H. Lee (sub-Postmaster of Swavesey) and Mrs. Lee. Educated at Swavesey School, he later spent two years at Cambridge Technical School as a metal worker. He joined the R.A.F. as a boy entrant and became an armourer, being promoted to the rank of boy-sergeant. At the age of 18 he was transferred to the men's service, and was successful in obtaining his A.C. 1st class shortly afterwards.

Congratulations to Alan on his rapid progress. May further promotion come in due course.

FIRE-ENGINE. 5th April 1940

Picture.

FIRE-FIGHTERS OF OTHER DAYS.

Two ancient fire engine which were to be seen recently in a Cambridge break-up yard. On the left is the Swavesey Fire Engine, which was built by Messrs. Merryweather at least 140 years ago, and was purchased from that firm secondhand in the year 1827. It has done good service, especially during the period when fires were of somewhat frequent occurrence in the village. The engine on the right came from Cottenham.

GOODFELLOWS' GALLERY. 5th April 1940

Picture.

Here is a picture of yet another of our early members. Private Archie Turner, son of the Swavesey postman and Mrs. Turner. He joined His Majesty's Forces and is now serving "Somewhere in England." We wish him the best of luck.

TOMBSTONE BROKEN. 5th April 1940

The upper part of the stone cross on the grave of the late Mr. James Wells in the churchyard, has again been broken off. It is understood that the damage was done on Easter Monday. The stone had previously been knocked over about a year ago.

PARISH CHURCH. 5th April 1940

In the absence of the Vicar through ill-health there were only two services at the parish church last Sunday, viz., Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 3 p.m. Both services were conducted by a Lay Reader from Cambridge.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 5th April 1940

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Chapel on Monday evening, when Rev. A. Tilling, the last minister, was the speaker, and Mrs. Tilling occupied the chair. During the evening a pianoforte solo was played by Jean Walker. Next week the Y.P. rally will take place. The services on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. will be conducted by the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, and at 2.45 p.m. there will be a special young people's meeting. At the further meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. the Rev. Tilling will preside, and the speaker will again be the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie. The soloist will be Mrs. Hankin, of Godmanchester. There will be a roll-call of surrounding village societies.

DEATH OF MRS. COOKSEY. 5th April 1940

We have to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Cooksey, wife of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, and daughter of the late Mr. M. Richards, of Broughton Manor, Hunts, who passed away on Tuesday afternoon after a long illness borne with great patience. She was 84 years of age. During her long residence in Swavesey her interests and activities had been many and varied. To mention a few of them, she had been treasurer of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, organiser of the annual collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital prior to the establishment of the Maintenance Scheme, local representative at the Diocesan Conference, and enrolling member of the Swavesey branch of the Mothers' Union. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 12 noon to-day (Friday).

PARISH CHURCH. 12th April 1940

All services at the Parish Church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. H. R. Collins, of Fulbourn. The services were: Holy Communion 8 a.m., Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m., Mattins 11.45 a.m., and Evensong 6 p.m.

DROVE LETTING. 12th April 1940

By order of the Chesterton R.D.C., the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse inn on Monday evening, much the same prices as last year being realised. By direction of Miss S. J. Mitchell, the following grass (feed or mow) to Christmas next was also sold, viz., 51. 3r. 17p. in Cow Fen, £2 11s. per acre; 3a. 2r. 25p. in Middle Fen, £1 6s. per acre; 4a. 3r. 25p. in Mow Fen, £2 2s. 6d. per acre. Mr. Knight, who acted for Mr. Cyril Watts, was the auctioneer.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th April 1940

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, opened with the singing of "The Blue Bells of Scotland." Owing to the illness of the President, the chair was taken by Mrs. Lee (vice-president). The meeting being the first of the new year, was well attended. During the proceedings two minutes' silence was observed as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Cooksey, who was a member and took an active interest in the W.I. The speaker for the evening, Mr. Shaw, gave an interesting talk on the "Use of your garden in war-time," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Williamson. The social half-hour was spent in games and dancing, which were enjoyed by all present.

Y.P.F. RALLY. 12th April 1940

An enjoyable time was spent on Sunday and Monday at the Young People's Fellowship rally at Bethel Baptist Church, when the special speaker was the Rev. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs. The services were well attended in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon there was a special meeting, at which solos, recitations, etc., were rendered by members of the Y.P.F. On Monday members of the surrounding village societies responded to the roll call. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. Tilling (late minister of the church), and a lesson read by the Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester. During the evening a solo was sung by Mrs. Hankin, also of Godmanchester, and the Rev. Lomax MacKenzie gave the address. After the meeting a good company sat down to an enjoyable supper.

THE LATE MRS. COOKSEY. 12th April 1940

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Cooksey, wife of the Rev. J. F. Cooksey, of Swavesey Manor, whose death was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church at noon on Friday. The Rev. F. G. Watson (Vicar of Over and Rural Dean) conducted the service, during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung and the Nunc Dimittis chanted. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. In addition to the immediate mourners, the large and representative congregation included the churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Hepher and Harry Wells), representatives of the Parochial Church Council, Mothers' Union, Women's Guild, Women's Institute, Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, Miss Graham (representing the County Nursing Association), Dr. and Mrs. Grove (St. Ives) and the Rev. C. G. Poynder (Rector of Boxworth). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey. — Rev. J. F. Cooksey and friends wish to thank all who so kindly sent flowers and messages of sympathy. Much

gratitude is extended to Dr. Grove for his kindness during the long illness of the late Mrs. Cooksey.

ENGAGEMENT. 19th April 1940

The engagement is announced of Sapper L. Dean, home on leave from the B.E.F., youngest son of Mr. G. Dean, Longstanton, and Miss M. Kester, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, Swavesey.

PARISH MEETING. 19th April 1940

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr. C. H. Parish presiding. The accounts of the Parish Council and of Galon's Charity were presented. The question of letting the whole, instead of only part, of the Memorial Hall was raised by Mr. T. Dawson (secretary of the local Playing Fields Committee) and Mrs. C. S. Hephher (president of the Women's Institute), and the Chairman informed them that the matter would be brought up at a meeting of the Parish Council to be held subsequently.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED PRIME, M.M. 19th April 1940

We have to record the death of Mr. Alfred Prime, eldest son of the late Mr. Alfred Prime, of Swavesey, which occurred at his daughter's home at Coulsden, Beds., on April 14th, after an illness of about five months' duration. He had a sudden relapse on Saturday evening, and passed away peacefully at 2 a.m. on Sunday, aged 50. The late Mr. Prime, in addition to his widow, leaves two sons and three daughters. He served during the last war with the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regt., was twice wounded, and twice commended for gallantry, and on September 21st, 1918, was awarded the Military Medal for distinguished service in carrying in wounded through heavy barrage fire at Ephey. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th April 1940

The annual meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday, all members being present. Mr. C. H. Parish was re-elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman; Messrs. C. W. H. Cole and A. L. Parish were re-appointed school managers, and Messrs. B. Hodson and A. P. Payne were appointed Feoffees of Galon's Charity. A letter was read from the Playing Fields Committee stating that it was their intention to carry on with their efforts to raise funds, but it was not possible to arrange entertainments, etc., as by resolution of the Council only part of the hall was available. After discussion Mr. Dean proposed that the resolution limiting the use of the hall be

rescinded. This was seconded by Mr. A. P. Payne, and carried nem. con. A letter was also read from the R.D.C. forwarding a communication from the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council enclosing an estimate from Messrs. E. Dent and Co., London, of £57 for the thorough repair of the church clock, in addition to which there would be the cost of scaffolding, staging, etc. Whilst it was admitted that it was most desirable that the clock should be in good going order, in view of the heavy expense involved it was decided that the matter be left in abeyance until after the war.

NOTICE. SMALLER PAPERS. 19th April 1940

We ask the indulgence of readers in difficulties which the "Press and Chronicle," in common with other newspapers, is experiencing in consequence of a further rationing of newsprint from 60 per cent. to 30 per cent. of normal supplies.

The smaller paper necessarily means shorter reports and the omission of various features.

We ask correspondents to help us by being as concise as possible in their copy.

THE LATE MR. A. PRIME. 26th April 1940

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Prime, M.M., whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week, the Rev. C. G. Poynder (Rector of Boxworth) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Prime (widow), Mrs. J. Lyons (daughter), Cyril Lyons (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wolfe (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. H. Prime (brother), Mesdames F. Hayward, P. Cartwright, H. Andrews and C. H. Parish (sisters), Mr. C. H. Parish (brother-in-law), Mesdames Phipps, Lister and Horace Wells (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hephher, Mrs. C. Prime, Miss M. Prime (cousins), Mrs. Cator (Bluntisham), and Mr. P. Lee (representing the Queen's Own Old Comrades; Association). Many other friends were also present. MR. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

FOOTBALL. 3rd May 1940.

The match between Swavesey boys and a team of Over, Willingham and Longstanton Secondary School boys played on the Recreation Ground last Friday resulted in a draw, each side scoring six goals. The return game played on Wednesday, also on Swavesey Recreation Ground, was won by the Secondary boys by six goals to five.

FIRE. 3rd May 1940

A shed at the back of Mr. Fred Brickwood's cottage at Turn Bridge was found to be on fire shortly before 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Neighbours were alarmed and quickly came to the rescue, and with pails of water saved the shed from total destruction, but the contents, which included a mangle, three bicycles, tools, brushes, matting, floorcloth, etc., were damaged beyond repair. Mr. Brickwood also lost a quantity of seed potatoes.

WASTE MATERIAL WASTED. 3rd May 1940

A correspondent writes: The unburnable rubbish in the village of Swavesey was collected last week, and it is understood was dumped in a pit. That rubbish to a large extent consisted of old iron, tins, bottles, etc., most of which, if properly treated, could have been put to a good purpose. The Government are urgently calling upon people to hand over their waste material, but unfortunately the villages have not the means of putting it in proper form for disposal. Surely this is a case in which some central authority should act, and act promptly, not be merely suggesting that work should be undertaken by private enterprise – such as Boy Scouts or Women's Institutes – but by providing means of collection, presses for flattening tins, etc.

WASTE PAPER. 10th May 1940

With reference to the paragraph in last week's "Independent Press" respecting the waste material, the Captain of the Swavesey Girl Guides writes to say that the Guides, in conjunction with the Women's Institute, are making a collection in the village of old newspapers, magazines, catalogues, etc., every Saturday morning. The proceeds from the sale of the paper, etc., will go towards the provision of an ambulance.

SOCIAL. 10th May 1940

The social arranged by the Women's Institute Entertainment Committee, which took place in the Memorial Hall on Feast Tuesday evening, proved a great success. Mr. C. Redhead and his band from Somersham supplied an excellent selection of music for dancing, and during the evening Mr. Dennis Adams sang several songs, and a party from Over performed a negro sketch. Refreshments were served by the committee and helpers. Mr. C. S. Hephew was a capable M.C.

FUNERAL. 10th May 1940

The funeral of Mr. Arthur John Michael (Jack) Lyons, late of Market-street, Swavesey, who passed away at Papworth after a long illness on April 30th,

aged 30, took place at Bluntisham on Saturday, the Rector (Rev. R. F. McNeile) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. Lyons (widow), Mrs. Cator (mother), Mr. and Mrs. Cooper (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. J. Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Master Cyril Prime (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Parish, Mrs. H. Parish, Mr. F. Flavel (uncles and aunts), Messrs. Hendry, Robinson, Jacklin and H. Prime (representing the Swavesey Red Cross Detachment, Cambs. 15), and Mr. Scotney, St. Ives (deceased's employer). Mr. Scotney's employees formed a guard of honour along the church path. There were many beautiful floral tributes, among them being one from Bluntisham Cricket Club and one from the Swavesey Red Cross Detachment.

THE FEAST. 10th May 1940

This has been the village feast week. On Sunday the services at the Parish Church were conducted by the Rev. S. Rogerson, of Cambridge, and in the evening the choir gave a rendering of the anthem "O, taste and see" (Goss). On Monday and Tuesday Market-street was occupied by Mr. J. Manning's jollity farm, a shooting gallery, swinging boats, cocoanut shies, etc., and a lady fortune-teller. Cricket matches have been played for the Swavesey Hospital Cup. On Monday, Godfrey's XI beat the British Legion by 42 runs to 23, and on Tuesday Fen Drayton C.C. scored 27 runs against Swavesey C.C.'s 26. In the final on Wednesday, Fen Drayton scored 82 and Godfrey's XI 12. After the match the cup was presented to the captain of Fen Drayton XI by Mrs. C. S. Hephher, who kindly entertained both teams. Other attractions included a dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, which brought in £5 14s. for the troops' comfort fund, and a social under the auspices of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening, also in the Memorial Hall.

OBITUARY. 10th May 1940

Swavesey has lost yet another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Emily Froment, wife of Mr. Joseph Froment, of Market-street, who passed away on Saturday, aged 71. Mrs. Froment, who had been in failing health for about two years, leaves four sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Parish Church, the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over and Rural Dean) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. J. Froment (husband), Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Grace Froment, Miss Gertie Froment (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Froment, Mr. and Mrs. Gem Froment, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Froment (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. Owen Walker, Mrs. Len Froment, Stella and Donald Froment (grandchildren), Mr. C. Walker, Mr. J. Walker, Coventry

(brothers), Mrs. C. Walker (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Froment (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. J. Daisley, Mrs. Alice Papworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells (cousins. Many other friends were also present. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker. – The family desire to thank all friends for their greatly appreciated sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers. They also wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Cubitt for his unremitting attention.

DARTS. 17th May 1940

The return match between the Rising Sun, Swavesey, and the Three Tuns, Fen Drayton, Darts Clubs, played at Swavesey on Tuesday, was won by the home team. Scores: Rising Sun 4, Three Tuns 0.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th May 1940

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. S. Hephher (president) occupying the chair. Before the usual business, silence was observed in memory of a member who had passed away. Mrs. Mason, of Cambridge, then gave an interesting talk on "Housekeeping 300 miles from civilisation," for which she was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Smart was awarded highest marks in the competition for the best lettuce from a member's own garden. The programme for the social half-hour, arranged by the Entertainment Committee, included a musical bee, which was much enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the Tea Committee.

SWAVESEY LAND IN THE MARKET. 24th May 1940

At the Golden Lion Hotel, St. Ives, on Monday, Mr. Cyril Watts offered by auction about 128 acres of land in the parish of Swavesey, by direction of the Exors. of the late Mr. S. W. Crisp, all the lots being sold as follows: 10a. 3r. 2p. in Rose and Crown-lane, Mr. A. W. Duce, £205; 9a. 2r. 26p., in Buckingway, Mr. A. W. Duce, £130; 30a. 3r. 17p., in Tippler's Drove, Mr. A. W. Duce, £320; 14a. 1r. 15p., in Cambridge-road, and 9a. 1r. 27p. in Cambridge-road, withdrawn, but sold immediately after the auction by private treaty; 3a. 0r. 39p. in Cow Fen, Mr. Stevenson, £55; 3a. 1r. 27p., in Cow Fen, Mr. Stevenson, £95; 13a. 1r. 2p., in Cow Fen, Mr. Stevenson, £95; 13a. 0r. 38p., in Mow Fen, Mr. J. Barker, £270; 5a. 3r. 4p., in Middle Fen, Mr. A. Day, junr., £85; 7a. 3r. 18p., in Middle Fen, Mr. P. Godfrey, £80.

Messrs. H. Copley and Son, St. Ives and Ely, were the solicitors concerned for the vendors.

CONCERT. 24th May 1940

A most enjoyable concert, one of the efforts being made in many places for the encouragement of music in the countryside in connection with the work of the Pilgrim Trustees, was given in the Memorial hall on Saturday evening, but unfortunately the audience was far from being as large as it ought to have been. All who were there, however, thoroughly appreciated the excellent programme of songs, duets, and violin solos provided by Mary Ross McDougall (soprano), Anne Wood (contralto) and Olive Zonian (violin), with Dr. Hubert Middleton (organist of Trinity College, Cambridge) as accompanist. The items were interspersed with community singing in which all present took part right heartily. At the close Mrs. C. S. Hepher (President of the Women's Institute) proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Middleton and the concert party, and in doing so expressed regret that the attendance had not been larger. The charge for admission was only sixpence.

DAY OF PRAYER. 31st May 1940

The day of national prayer was duly observed at the Parish Church on Sunday, the authorised special prayers, psalms, lessons, etc., being used at the services, all of which were conducted by the Rev. S. Rogerson, of Cambridge.

OBITUARY. 31st May 1940

After a long illness, borne with great patience and courage, Mr. Joseph Harry Nightingale passed away at his home, Council Houses, School-lane, on Tuesday. He was 57 years of age. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

EMPIRE DAY. 31st May 1940

On Empire Day Swavesey School children united with the evacuated children, who occupy part of the same building, and were addressed by the Headmaster on the Empire. Several songs and hymns were sung, and the money brought by the children for the Overseas Tobacco Fund for the troops was collected. This amounted to a fairly substantial sum.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 31st May 1940

The centenary of Bethel Baptist Church was celebrated on Thursday week and on Sunday. The special visitors were: Dr. Charles Brown, of London, the Rev. W. H. Tebbitt (Eastern Area Superintendent, Baptist Union), and a former minister of the church, Rev. H. T. N. Ussher, now of Melbourn. Well-attended and successful services were held. Preaching twice on Thursday, Dr. Brown spoke on the Lordship of Christ and the value of memory. There were

many references to the present situation, and special prayers were offered for a turn of the tide towards the victory of righteousness. At the public tea between the services the Rev. W. H. Tebbitt, who presided, congratulated the church upon its fine record. Other speakers were: Revs. E. P. Blackaby (Willingham) and G. S. Tydeman (Godmanchester) and Mr. H. Rodwell (Shelford). Letters were read from the Rev. A. R. Tilling, the late minister, now of Norton, Bury St. Edmund's, and from Mrs. Field, widow of an earlier minister. Mr. Ussher preached in the morning and evening on Sunday, and Mr. Sharpe, of Cottenham, gave an address at the young people's service in the afternoon.

WASTE PAPER. 7th June 1940

The first consignment of waste paper collected by Girl Guides in Swavesey, 1 ton 6 cwt., realised £3 17s., and this sum has been duly forwarded to the Girl Guides Air Ambulance Fund.

DANCE. 7th June 1940

A company numbering over 100 attended the dance in the Memorial Hall last Saturday evening. Al Porter and his band provided an excellent programme of dance music, and Mr. C. S. Hephew was an efficient M.C.

THE LATE MR. HARRY NIGHTINGALE. 7th June 1940

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Harry Nightingale, whose death at the age of 57 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. F. G. Weston (vicar of Over) officiating. During the service the hymn "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" was sung. The mourners were: Mrs. Nightingale (widow), Mr. Dudley Nightingale, Mr. Kenneth Nightingale (sons), Mr. and Mrs. C. Maskell (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Olive Nightingale (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). Beautiful wreaths were sent. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 14th June 1940

Flag Day in Swavesey Division.

In aid of the British Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance Brigade flags were sold in all villages in the Swavesey division on June 5th by members of the local detachments, and a very good response was obtained. Mrs. Inglis (Commandant, Cambs. 12) was the organiser.

The following were the amounts collected in the various villages: Swavesey £8 6s. 1d., Fen Drayton £4 8s. 6d., Over £12 15s. 2d., Knapwell £1 4s. 9½d.,

Boxworth £1 13s., Longstanton £5 8s. 7½d., Elsworth £4 0s. 2d., Conington 17s. 9½d.

STOLE PETROL FROM EMPLOYER. 14th June 1940

Swavesey Lorry Driver in Court.

“CAN IN SACK OF WOOD”

A young Swavesey lorry driver was at Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday convicted on three charges of stealing petrol from his employer, a Swavesey carting contractor.

He admitted two thefts, but denied the third charge against him.

He was L. G. F. (26), of Middle Watch, Swavesey, and he was charged with stealing during December last, when he was a servant to Prime Godfrey, a gallon of petrol belonging to Mr. Godfrey.

He was further charged with a similar offence during February, and with a similar offence on May 2nd in respect of two gallons of petrol.

The cases were taken separately, and he pleaded guilty to the first charge.

Stanley Godfrey, of Swavesey, son of Mr. Prime Godfrey, a carting contractor, said defendant worked for his father as a lorry driver during December. The price of a gallon of petrol then was about 1s. 4½d. Defendant was in charge of the petrol in the lorry.

Witness did not agree with defendant that he (defendant) had bought petrol for the lorry for which he had not been paid.

SYPHONING ALLEGATION.

Harold William Prior, of Boxworth, said that during last December he was lorry driver's mate to defendant. Petrol was siphoned from the lorry into a two-gallon can by defendant.

Defendant here denied that he siphoned the petrol and, also, that it was put into a two-gallon can.

P.C. Shanks said that when he saw defendant's lorry at the beginning of May he found some lengths of rubber tubing in a tool box on the lorry. The box was locked by a code lock belonging to defendant.

When defendant was seen on May 3rd he made a statement in which he said that in December last he dropped two one-gallon cans of petrol into a hedge while he was driving the lorry. He picked the cans up while on his cycle later in the evening. “I think I used it for cleaning purposes,” he stated.

F. also pleaded guilty to the second charge, and P.C. Shanks said defendant made a similar admission in his statement.

DEFENDANT'S DENIAL.

In the third case defendant pleaded not guilty.

Stanley Godfrey, who is yard manager for his father, said defendant had no right to carry a can of petrol on the lorry on May 2nd. The tubing should not have been there either.

Harold Prior testified that defendant siphoned two gallons of petrol from the lorry while they were in Huntingdonshire on May 2nd. When defendant drove home he put the can of petrol into a sack with some wood and carried it into his house.

Defendant denied before the court that a can of petrol was concealed in the sack of wood.

“SOMETHING OF A SQUARE SHAPE.”

Arthur Leonard Parish, head special constable for Swavesey, said that on May 2nd he saw defendant alight from a lorry at his (defendant's) house and carry a sack into his house. He did not know what was in the sack, save that it was something of a square shape.

P.C. Shanks said that in the statement made on May 3rd defendant said, “I am certain I did not bring any petrol on to my premises last night.” Asked to account for the two gallons in his possession, he said he siphoned it from a relative's car because the tank leaked.

On oath, defendant said the rubber tubing was only used once for siphoning, and that was on Mr. Godfrey's instructions. He kept the tool box locked because a grease gun had been taken from it. He denied that there was a can of petrol among the wood he carried to his house on May 2nd.

He was fined 30s. in each of the three cases and ordered to pay 14s. costs on the first charge and 7s. costs on the third. He was given a month to pay.

COMFORTS FOR FIGHTING MEN. 14th June 1940

The dance which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening in aid of the local Comforts Fund was a great success. Al Porter and his band provided the music.

SAFETY-FIRST DIPLOMA. 14th June 1940

Mr. P. Wilson, L.N.E.R. motor driver at Swavesey station, has been presented with the National Safety-First Association's diploma in connection with the 1939 safe driving competition.

FETE POSTPONED. 14th June 1940

At a meeting held on Monday evening it was decided, in consequence of the international situation, to postpone the church fete which should have taken place next month, and instead to make an envelope gift collection.

RESIGNATION OF THE VICAR. 14th June 1940

In the North Stowe Deanery Magazine for this month is the following announcement from the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. C. Cecil Dickson): "My dear friends, - This will be the last letter you will have from me, because, as most of you know, I have had to send in to the Bishop notice of my regretful intention to resign the living owing to continued ill-health. I have not been really well for some time; in fact last summer I had every intention of resigning if the war had not come along, and one felt compelled to carry on. However, now the doctor tells me I must not carry on, so I have to obey his orders. May I thank all of you who made me so happy amongst you? I shall hope to come and see you occasionally. May God bless and shield you in the days to come, is the prayer of your sincere friend, C. Cecil Dickson."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th June 1940

A good number of members attended the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, at which the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) occupied the chair. During business it was decided to hold a garden party in the President's garden on July 2nd, half the proceeds to be given to county funds. Mrs. F. Warrington, delegate, gave an admirable report of the annual meeting in Cambridge, for which she was heartily thanked. The talk of the evening was given by Miss Warrington on the formation of the Produce Guild and fruit preservation centre, and members readily agreed to the formation of the centre in Swavesey. After many questions had been answered, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Warrington, on the proposition of Mrs. Dawson. A short paper on topical events was also read by Mrs. Laverack. The programme for the social half-hour included nursery rhymes and guessing advertisements, for which Mrs. G. Prime was awarded the prize. Mrs. Berryman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Laverack for her very hard work in connection with the sugar for W.I. members. To this Mrs. Laverack suitably responded. Tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. Pettitt and Mrs. G. Prime.

PLAYING FIELDS FUND. 21st June 1940

The dance in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Playing Fields Fund on Saturday last was well attended. The music was provided by Al Porter's Band.

DANCE. 28th June 1940

A company upwards of one hundred in number spent an enjoyable time last Saturday evening at the dance in the Memorial Hall, the proceeds from which,

amounting to £3 7s. 4d. have been added to the Troops Comforts Fund. Al Porter and his band provided a good selection of dance music.

MEMORIAL HALL. 5th July 1940

At a meeting held last week the Committee of Management decided that on and from July 1st the Memorial Hall should be closed at 9 p.m.

GERANIUM DAY. 5th July 1940

The collection in Swavesey on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Blind resulted in a sum of £4 1s. 5d. being raised. The collectors were: Mrs. M. Godfrey £1 5s. 7½d., Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Warrington 15s. 9d., Mrs. Inglis 19s. 0½d., Mrs. L. Godfrey 10s. 4½d., Miss M. Lee £1 1s 7½d.

DANCE. 5th July 1940

A rather smaller number attended the dance on Saturday, for which an excellent programme of music was provided by Al Porter and his band. Much regret was expressed at the decision of the Hall Committee to close the hall early in future, thus cutting out any more efforts for the Comforts Fund.

W.I. GARDEN PARTY. 5th July 1940

An enjoyable party was held on Wednesday by kind permission of the President of the Swavesey Women's Institute, in her garden. Tea was served at 5 p.m., and during the evening brisk business was done at the stalls and the various competitions were well patronised. A small whist drive was held. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Williamson to Mr. and Mrs. Hepher for loan of their house and garden. Competitions were won by the following, name of those in charge in brackets: Balls and plant pot (Miss Warren), May Bishop; weight of dinner (Mrs. Sharpe), Miss Pip Ivatt; darts (Mrs. Ansell), Mrs. S. Clarke; bowls (Mrs. Berryman), Mrs. C. S. Hepher; cake (Mrs. Warrington), Mrs. Williamson; chocolate (Misses M. and J. Hepher), Mrs. B. Walker; feelings bag (Misses L. and J. Hepher), Mrs. Warrington. Whist drive – ladies, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Williamson; gents, Mr. S. Clark, Mrs. Dawson (playing as gentleman). Stall-holders were: Cakes, Mrs. De Haro; produce, Mrs. Dring; sweets, Mrs. Heasman; household goods, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Ivatt; second-hand goods, Mesdames S. and R. Hepher. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Ivatt. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Williamson (vice-president). The net proceeds amounted to £10 10s., of which £5 will be given to W.I. Federation funds.

ALUMINIUM. 12th July 1940

Aluminium is urgently needed for war purposes, and villages who possess articles made of that metal are asked to hand them over to any W.V.S. representative, or to Mrs. C. S. Hepher, at her residence, "Estelle."

WASTE OF WATER. 12th July 1940

By a burst in a pipe connecting a house near the Swan pond with the main pipes hundreds of gallons of water, for which the parish has to pay, have run to waste this week. The burst occurred some time on Sunday, and the defect was not attended to until Tuesday. Ratepayers think that the Chesterton R.D.C., the authority responsible, should arrange for these bursts which occur in the parish far too frequently, to be reported and dealt with more promptly.

AN URGENT APPEAL. 12th July 1940

The following personal call to men by an ex-Service man, who is still suffering from the effects of wounds in the 1914-18 war, has been posted in two or three places in Swavesey: Do you know that there are about 70 active men in this village who are available for a man's job, but who have not yet come forward to do it? Men are urgently needed, at once, to join the Local Defence Volunteers to do their bit, together with those already in, to do patrol work, man the various posts, to act as runners, and generally be ready if Fritz comes. What would you do, what could you do, if the Germans got into our village, if you were not organised and armed? You would have to stand by helplessly whilst the Hun did as he pleased. And don't forget the women and children would probably come in for rough treatment. So join to-day; get organised, get armed, and be prepared for anything. It is most urgent.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th July 1940

At an interesting meeting of the Women's Institute, open to the public, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, Miss Speller of the B.C. and H. Electricity Co., gave good recipes for war time cookery demonstrated by an electric cooker. All present were keenly interested, and eagerly bought up the cooked foods, the money for this being devoted to the W.I. sick fund. Mr. Cruickshank then spoke briefly on the National Savings Movement, and on his appeal a savings group was formed and collections will be made each week. Mrs. Lee was appointed treasurer, Miss Ansell secretary, and Mrs. Warrington, Mrs. Dring, Mrs. De Haro, and Mrs. S. Carrier collectors. Mrs. Hepher proposed a vote of thanks to both demonstrator and speaker, which was carried with applause. A competition for the best jar of marmalade was won by Mrs. Warrington.

Refreshments were served by tea hostesses, Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Dring.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 19th July 1940

The committee of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association decided in May not to hold a garden fete this year. Instead a special appeal to raise the equivalent amount was issued, and has met with most gratifying success, the sum of £35 8s. 10d. being realised. The President (Mrs. Inglis) desires to thank the members of the committee who acted as collectors, and also all who subscribed so generously.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th July 1940

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham and A. P. Payne, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, it was reported that it had been ascertained that the Constable's Rood is the property of the parish, and that the rent is payable to the Parish Council. Various communications from the County and Rural District Councils were discussed. With regard to the collection of waste iron and steel, Mr. C. Dean was appointed local organiser, the dump to be in the yard of the old school. It was agreed that the iron lamp-posts still left in the village should be taken up and included in the collection. Some discussion arose respecting the old fire engine house, and on the proposition of Mr. Dean, it was agreed that, with the exception of the village pound adjoining and the right of way thereto, the building should be transferred to the R.D.C., subject to compensation being paid. A letter respecting the clock on the tower of the church was read from the hon. secretary of the Church Council suggesting that only the movement should be repaired by the makers, the re-gilding of the dials being left for the present, and offering to provide £20 towards the cost. After discussion, Mr. Burton proposed, and Mr. Payne seconded, that the resolution carried out at the previous meeting that all repairs should be left until after the war be adhered to, and on being put the proposition was carried nem. con. It was reported that the herbage of the Recreation Ground had been let to Mr. G. Turner for £2. Messrs. C. Dean, B. Hodson, and C. H. Parish were re-appointed trustees of the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund Charity (Frere Cottages) for the ensuing four years.

TO THE EDITOR. 19th July 1940

CHURCH BELL-RINGING.

Sir, - On Friday last a letter appeared in your paper from the Rev. J. A. V. Wallace, vicar of Chesterton, and he is right. As a member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, I may say it is hoped as far as possible to incorporate local ringers in the L.D.V. service, and the danger of hanging would be nil.

It may be of much interest to church people that on Wednesday week in the House of Lords an eloquent appeal was made by Lord Mottistone for the raising of the ban on church bellringing. Lord Croft, Under-Secretary of State for War, said he would convey the appeal to the Minister of Home Security. I feel sure even those who go elsewhere would be heartened to hear the church bells on Sunday morning and evening – it's British. – Yours, etc.,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

Swavesey, Cambs. 16th July, 1940

DISTRICT NURSE. 26th July 1940

For 14 days, commencing Monday, July 29th, the district nurse will be staying at Mrs. Jabez Day's house in Wallman's Lane, Swavesey.

THE OBLIGING HEN! 2nd Aug. 1940

I am told that in Swavesey there is a hen which makes a point of laying its eggs in the kitchen of its owner's cottage.

On Sunday morning it "went one better," and deposited an egg on the table already laid for breakfast.

A SWAVESEY R.A.F. GROOM. 9th Aug. 1940

Picture.

Pilot-Officer Eric Gordon Barwell, R.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwell, The Old House, Swavesey, and Miss Helen Ruth Birchall, youngest daughter of Sir Raymond and Lady Birchall, of Bletchingley, Surrey, after their marriage at Swavesey on Tuesday. Wing-Commander Philip R. Barwell, D.F.C., a brother of the groom, was among those present.

WEDDING. 9th Aug. 1940

A large congregation was present to witness the marriage at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week of Mr. George Hector Laverack, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Laverack, of High Street, Swavesey, and Miss Rose Ginn, daughter of Mrs. Ginn and the late Mr. Alfred Ginn, of Over. The Rev. A. Tilling, of Norton, Bury St. Edmund's, conducted the service, during which the hymns, "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove," and "O Love Divine and Golden"

were sung. Mr. G. E. Canham was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Ginn, of Over, wore a pretty dress of floral crepe, with navy hat and coat. She also wore a spray of sweet peas to match her dress. There were no bridesmaids, but Mr. Eric Moule, of Histon, acted as best man. After the ceremony 40 guests were entertained in the schoolroom, and later the newly married couple left by car for their honeymoon. On their return they will reside in High Street, Swavesey.

MARRIAGE OF MISS HILDA HEPHER. 9th Aug. 1940

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the parish church on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Hilda May Hepher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hepher, was married to Mr. Dennis Arthur Brooks, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brooks, of London. The church had been decorated with rosebuds and larkspur. During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. S. Rogerson, the hymn "How welcome was the call" and Psalm 128 were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mr. G. H. Skeeles. Given away by her father, the bride looked charming in a dress of ivory satin, with veil and orange blossom, and carrying a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids, her cousins, Misses L. M. and J. Hepher, who wore dresses of rose pink taffeta, and carried bouquets of pink carnations, and June Brooks, the little niece of the bridegroom, in leaf-green taffeta, and carrying a posy of mixed flowers. The older bridesmaids wore bracelets and the little girl a pearl necklace, all the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. William H. Carrier was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Master John Bell. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall, where about sixty guests were entertained, and later the newly married couple left for their honeymoon in London. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a cheque from the bride's fellow workers, a canteen of cutlery from the bridegroom's fellow workers, and a cheque from Messrs. Barwell and Sons, the bridegroom's employers.

JAM. 16th Aug. 1940

The local jam centre is now working at full pressure, and many pounds of jam and cans of fruit are ready for sale, and can be obtained by applying to Mrs. C. S. Hepher, Mrs. Laverack or Mrs. Dawson. Jam jars are urgently needed, and the centre would be grateful for all sorts and sizes.

SCRAP METAL. 16th Aug. 1940

The scrap metal which has been dumped in the old school yard, and also the ten iron street lamp posts taken up by order of the Parish Council, were

collected on Tuesday evening, and on the following morning were conveyed in Mr. Prime Godfrey's lorries to Swavesey station for dispatch to Birmingham.

A PATRIOTIC FAMILY. 16th Aug. 1940

Mr. Sidney W. Wright, of Askew Row, Swavesey, who served in the Army in the last war from 1915 to 1919, and was wounded on three occasions, is again wearing His Majesty's uniform. With him this time are his seven sons, four of whom are with their father in the Home Guard, two are in the Army, and the seventh is having some exciting experiences in a minesweeper.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th Aug. 1940

The most interesting feature of the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday was a talk on China by Mrs. Jackson, who deputised for Mrs. Humphrey at the last moment. Many questions were asked and members were most interested in all habits and customs as vividly depicted by the speaker. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Jackson on the proposition of Mrs. Dawson. During the business proceedings it was suggested that the Group meeting be held at Swavesey on Monday, September 9th, in the afternoon, thus avoiding special transport by using the ordinary bus service between the villages. Mrs. Ansell gave the first report of the Savings Group, from which it appeared that there are now 42 members and that £10 18s. had been saved during the last month. More volunteers were forthcoming for the jam centre, which is now in full swing. The entertainment for the social half-hour consisted of an alphabet relay followed by dancing.

DEATH OF DR. HART. 30th Aug. 1940

His many friends and old patients in Swavesey and the neighbourhood will learn with sincere regret that Dr. Hart died in hospital at Peterhead, Scotland, on the 17th inst. Further details will be found in The Passing Hour on Page 8.

GLEANNING REVIVED. 30th Aug. 1940

Gleaning in the harvest fields, which in days gone by used to provide remunerative employment for many women and children, has this year been revived by a Swavesey widow over 70 years of age. In one week she has succeeded in collecting 12 stone of "heads," which she breaks off from the straw, and is disposing of them to villagers for food for their poultry. With the proceeds she intends to get in a supply of coal for the winter.

THE PASSING HOUR. 30th Aug. 1940

Well-Known Cambs. Doctor.

Well known in Swavesey, St. Ives and Cambridge, Dr. J. A. Hart has died in the cottage hospital of the Scottish fishing port of Peterhead.

The news will, I am sure, engender feelings of regret in a great many in this district.

Soon after the outbreak of the present war Dr. Hart went to Egypt with the Army, but ill-health overtook him and he was invalided home. In June he went to Buchan, with which his wife has an association.

For a few weeks before his death Dr. Hart had been staying at Stoneygate Farm, Hatton. He was about 50 years of age.

THE DOGS KNEW! 30th Aug. 1940

"Bones, please!" read a notice to be seen on an uncovered tin in the village of Swavesey; and local people, mindful of the great salvage campaign duly responded with a good collection.

But the haul did not remain there long, for shortly afterwards the bin was found overturned and a good deal of its contents missing.

No need to tell the village dogs that "bones please"!

PARISH CHURCH. 13th Sept. 1940

The Day of Prayer was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday, the order of service authorised by the Archbishop of Canterbury being used throughout the day. All services were conducted by the Rev. S. Rogerson.

CANCELLED. 13th Sept. 1940

The meeting of the Over group of Women's Institutes, which was advertised to take place at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on Monday afternoon, had to be cancelled owing to transport difficulties.

FOR THE SPITFIRE FUND. 13th Sept. 1940

An enjoyable evening was spent at the whist drive arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher in aid of the Cambridgeshire Spitfire Fund which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Jellings; Gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mrs. Sharpe (playing as gentleman), lucky number, Mrs. F. Martin. Mr. H. H. Berryman acted as M.C., and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Inglis. Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. de Haro and Mrs. Williamson were in charge of the refreshments. Including donations and 3s. realised by the auction of a brace of rabbits (kindly sent by a supporter), the evening's entertainment resulted in £4 being raised for the Spitfire Fund.

ADVERT. 20th Sept. 1940

HILLMAN, £35; MORRIS, £18. Taxed, insured, saloons, exchanges. – Warrington, Station Road, Swavesey.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 20th Sept. 1940

For the harvest festival, which commenced on Thursday week, the parish church had been tastefully decorated. The Rev. C. G. Poynder officiated and also preached at evensong at 6 p.m., and the choir sang the anthem “O clap your hands together” (Edmund Turner). The offertory, which amounted to £3 10s. 6d., was in aid of Addenbrooke’s Hospital, to which institution the gifts of produce, etc., have also been sent. On Sunday the services at all of which the Rev. S. Rogerson, of Cambridge, officiated, were as follows: Holy Communion at 8 a.m., matins and Litany 10.30 a.m., children’s gift service 3 p.m., and evensong, when the anthem sung on Thursday was repeated, at 6 p.m. The collections throughout the day were for the S.P.G. and medical missions. The gifts brought by the children in the afternoon have been sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home for Boys, Cambridge.

SWAVESEY’S NEW VICAR. 20th Sept. 1940

Rev. Basil J. Woodd Appointed.

The living of Swavesey, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. C. C. Dickson, has been filled by the appointment by the Master and the Fellows of Jesus College of the Rev. Basil John Woodd, M.A., curate of St. Augustin’s, Bournemouth.

Mr. Woodd, who was educated at Weymouth College, and at Jesus College (B.A. 1931) and Westcott House, Cambridge, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Guildford in 1932, and priest in 1933. He was curate of Great Bookham 1932-34, and Banstead, Surrey, 1934-37, and since then at St. Augustin’s, Bournemouth. He has been married five years, and has one daughter aged four.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th Sept. 1940

Owing to the lighting restrictions, evensong at the Parish Church on Sundays will be 3 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. until further notice. It is understood that the institution of the new Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) will take place on Monday October 14th.

FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATION. 27th Sept. 1940

The Willingham First-Aid Party, under Mr. Lucas paid a visit to Swavesey on Wednesday week with their new ambulance. Various "casualties" were dealt with and a demonstration of stretcher work was given. All members of Cambs. 12 an 15, B.R.C.S., were present with air raid wardens and many others. A similar demonstration was given earlier in the evening at Over.

50 YEARS AGO. 4th Oct. 1940

Swavesey Stock Club, week ending October 10th, 1890

The annual Stock Club Feast took place at the White Horse Hotel, Swavesey, on Tuesday, when about 40 members sat down to a capital dinner provided by Host Brasher. After the cloth had been removed, the usual business was gone through. Messrs. James Goad, D. Radford, J. Dodson, E. Mitham and H. Williams were elected to serve on the committee, and Mr. J. Wells was re-elected clerk. The evening was spent in harmony, some capital songs being sung by Messrs. W. H. Key, C. Covill, H. Williams, F. Thorp, J. Dodson and Samuel Hephher. Some of the junior members amused themselves by letting off crackers, etc.

DISTRICT NURSE. 4th Oct. 1940

We are asked to state that for 14 days, from October 3rd, when Nurse Claydon will be on holiday, the district nurse may be seen at Mrs. Laverack's, High Street, Swavesey.

POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 4th Oct. 1940

The following local postal alterations came into force last Monday: Only one delivery. Collections: From the Post Office at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; from the posting boxes at Boxworth End and Middle Watch 3.15 p.m. Sundays 4 p.m. from Boxworth End and Middle Watch boxes.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th Oct. 1940

The opening meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday in the Bethel Baptist Schoolroom took the form of a social and business meeting, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. Canham. It was decided to continue the meetings throughout the winter, when all friends would be welcome. Next week the speaker will be the Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 11th Oct. 1940

The Rev. A. McPhee, having finished his training at Spurgeon's College, hopes to commence his ministry at Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday week, Oct. 20th.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 11th Oct. 1940

The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, was the speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Mr. A. Brand occupied the chair. Mrs. A. Prior rendered a recitation. There was a good attendance. Pastor Crees, of Over, will be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Oct. 1940

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephew) occupying the chair, an interesting travel talk was given by the Rev. J. Goodchild (Rector of Longstanton), for which he was accorded a vote of thanks. During the meeting the suggestion was put forward that a W.I. choir should be formed.

POSTAL ALTERATIONS. 11th Oct. 1940

Owing partly to a dropped line, the paragraph in last week's "Independent Press and Chronicle" respecting local postal alterations may have led to some misapprehension. It should have read as follows: - Weekdays: One delivery only. Collections: From Post Office at 10 a.m. and 3.50 p.m.; from posting boxes at Boxworth End at 2.45 p.m. and Middle Watch at 3 p.m. Sundays, No delivery. Collection from Post Office at 4 p.m.; none from Boxworth End and Middle Watch boxes.

THE LATE MR. JETHRO PARISH. 11th Oct. 1940

We have to record the death of Mr. Jethro Parish, who passed away at his home in Manchester, on Sept. 25th. He was a native of Swavesey, but left there as a young man to seek his living in the industrial North. He married a daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin Wilkin, of Over, and was a frequent visitor, when business permitted, to his old friends in the district. Mr. and Mrs. Parish celebrated their golden wedding two years ago. In Manchester, Mr. Parish founded the firm of J. and J. Parish, builders and contractors, and he was particularly interested in the church building and B.B.C. construction, in which the firm specialised. For the whole of his time in Manchester, Mr. Parish was associated with the Particular Baptist Chapel, in Rochdale Road, in various capacities, and he will be greatly missed there. Mr. Parish was known to a wide circle of people in Cambridgeshire, as well as in the Liberal movement and in business circles in Manchester. A large congregation attended his funeral, and many tributes were paid to his great personal charm and integrity. He was 81 years of age, and leaves a widow and seven sons and daughters.

RED CROSS SOCIETY. 18th Oct. 1940

Flag Day in Swavesey Division.

A flag day organised by Mrs. Inglis (secretary, Swavesey Division and Commandant Cambs. 12) was held on October 10th. There was a generous response, and £37 17s. 4d. has been sent to headquarters of the National Flag Day Fund:

The following amounts were collected: Willingham £14 14s., Over £8, Swavesey £5 13s. 3d., Longstanton £5 5s., Elsworth £1 7s. 10d., Knapwell 18s. 9d., Boxworth 16s. 1d., Conington 15s. 3½d., Lolworth 15s. 1½d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 18th Oct. 1940

There was a large increase in the attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in Bethel Baptist Church schoolroom on Monday evening, when Pastor Crees, of Over, gave an interesting address. The chair was taken by Mr. G. E. Canham. During the evening choruses were sung, also a solo by Mr. G. Laverack. It was announced that at next week's meeting the new minister, Rev. A. McPhee, would give his presidential address.

INSTITUTION OF THE VICAR. 18th Oct. 1940

There was a large and representative congregation at the Parish Church on Monday afternoon when the newly appointed Vicar (Rev. Basil John Woodd, M.A., lately curate at St. Augustin's, Bournemouth) was instituted by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, Commissary for the Bishop of Ely, and inducted by the Rural Dean (Rev. F. G. Weston, vicar of Over). The Rev. V. H. E. Ritson (vicar of Stuntney) attended as the Bishop's chaplain. The clergy of the Deanery of North Stowe present were: The Revs. R. Hills (Fen Drayton), John Goodchild (Longstanton), L. G. Tucker (Girton), T. L. Havers (Rampton), F. J. Bywaters (Willingham) and L. S. Maurice (Cottenham). With them were the Rev. C. G. Poynder (rector of Boxworth), the Rev. J. K. C. Payne (vicar of Littleport), and the Rev. T. B. Woodd (vicar of St. John's Fitzroy Square, W.C.1), uncle of the new incumbent. The Rev. J. F. Cooksey was in the congregation. The Rev. P. Gardner-Smith (Dean) and Mr. F. Brittain (a lay Fellow) represented the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, Cambridge, the patrons of the living. The institution and induction proceeded according to the ancient form. In his address, Bishop Price said he was specially interested in this institution and induction because when he was an Archdeacon in Japan he had the new Vicar's father as a missionary colleague. The Bishop stressed the desirability of every Churchman's home having in it a missionary magazine and missionary box, for the state of the world at the present time called aloud

for the conversion of all men to the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. He also recommended the parishioners to follow their Vicar's lead, especially when he asked them to undertake any work for God and His church.

PARISH CHURCH 25th Oct. 1940

The Rev. Basil John Woodd, the newly appointed Vicar of Swavesey, "read himself in" at the parish church on Sunday.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION. 25th Oct. 1940

A cheque for £3 15s. has been received for waste paper collected by Swavesey Girl Guides during the last three months. This amount will be sent to the Spitfire Fund. If villagers who have waste paper they would like collected will let Mrs. Willson, Station Road, know it will then be called for every Saturday morning.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 25th Oct. 1940

There was an excellent attendance on Monday at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship, when the Rev. A. McPhee, the new minister, gave his presidential address. Mr. G. Canham occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung and Miss Gwen Dodson recited. It was announced that Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, would be the speaker next week.

VAN AND HORSES IN COLLISION. 25th Oct. 1940

Mr. Neville Canham, younger son of Mr. G. E. Canham, grocer and draper, Swavesey, had a disastrous collision with horses about 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, when driving his father's van on the Fen Drayton – Swavesey road, near College Farm. One of the horses, which belonged to Mr. Oliver Johnson, Fen Drayton, was killed, the van was seriously damaged and Mr. Neville Canham received injuries to his face which necessitated several stitches. His hand was also injured.

DEATH OF MR. HORACE WELLS. 25th Oct. 1940

The announcement that Mr. Horace Frederick Wells had passed away after a few hours' illness came as a shock to the village on Tuesday. On the previous evening he had been at the social gathering in the Memorial Hall to welcome the new Vicar and Mrs. Woodd, leaving about half-past eight o'clock. Soon after reaching home he complained of feeling ill, and almost immediately collapsed. He did not regain consciousness, and shortly before 5 a.m. on Tuesday the end came. Born 61 years ago, he was the youngest son of the late Mr. James Wells, the Swavesey coal merchant, and for a long period a

churchwarden and holder of other public offices in the parish. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church at 2.45 p.m. today (Friday).

BRITISH LEGION. 25th Oct. 1940

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch on Tuesday, with Mr. R. Barwell in the chair, was well attended. The accounts presented by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Willson) showed a balance of £13 18s. 10d. in hand. A statement by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. Dawson) showed that progress was being maintained. Thanks were due to Mrs. C. S. Hepher and her helpers for their efforts in connection with the Poppy Day collections, which showed an increase on previous years. The total amount raised for Earl Haig's Fund was £26 14s. 6d. A successful annual dinner had been held, but owing to war conditions it had not been possible to arrange any socials, and there had been no cricket competition. With regard to benevolent work, there had been no applications for assistance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Petter; vice-presidents, Rev. B. J. Woodd, Rev. A. McPhee, Dr. Hackney, Wing-Commander P.R. Barwell, D.R.C., Major Thornhill, Messrs. H. A. Glover, C. S. Hepher, F. F. Norman and H. Topham; chairman, Mr. R. Barwell; vice-chairman, Mr. C. S. Hepher; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Willson; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Dawson; general committee, Messrs. P. Lee, M. Crisp, J. A. Turner, S. Wright, jun., J. de Haro, H. Topham, P. Jenner, W. Hind, T. Savage, J. Prior, and E. Crowley; benevolent committee, Messrs. F. Warrington, H. Smith, J. G. Watson, G. Howlett; auditors, Mr. G. E. Canham and Mr. U. Thixton; standard-bearer, Mr. T. Savage; deputy standard-bearer, Mr. S. Wright, jun.; delegate to County Committee, Mr. J. Prior. Owing to prevailing conditions it was decided that no annual dinner should be held this year. Remembrance Sunday will be observed on November 10th, when it is to be hoped that members of the Home Guard, Red Cross Society, and any other local organisations will join in the parade for a united service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. A Remembrance service will also be held in Bethel Baptist Church in the evening. A sum of £2 10s. was allocated to the local fund for comforts for the troops. Attention was drawn to the state of the war memorial in the churchyard, and it was decided to communicate with the secretary of the Parochial Church Council on the matter. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 1st Nov. 1940

Mr. Raynor, of Cambridge, was the speaker on Monday evening at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in Bethel Schoolroom. Mrs. Savage, senior, occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung, also a solo by

Miss S. Brickwood. There was a good attendance. It was announced that Mr. Westrop, of Sutton, would be the speaker at next week's meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL. 1st Nov. 1940

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which should have been held on Friday evening, had to be adjourned, as the necessary quorum of five members was not present. The meeting was called for 6 p.m., and at that hour Messrs. C. Dean (vice-chairman) and C. W. H. Cole were in attendance, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). A little later Messrs. R. Mitham and W. Spolton arrived. As no other members put in an appearance, at 6.45 p.m. Mr. Dean adjourned the meeting.

THE LATE MR. HORACE WELLS. 1st Nov. 1940

The funeral of Mr. Horace Fred Wells, son of the late Mr. James Wells, whose sudden death at the age of 61 years was announced last week, took place on Friday. The body was taken to the Parish Church on Thursday evening, and on Friday morning there was a requiem celebration of Holy Communion, at which the Rev. John Wells (only son of deceased) officiated. The funeral followed in the afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) conducting the service in the church, during which the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "On the Resurrection Morning" were sung. Mrs. C. S. Hephew was at the organ. The Rev. J. Wells officiated at the grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mrs. Wells (widow), Misses Mary, Elizabeth and Babs Wells (daughters), Rev. J. Wells (son), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitham, Lolworth (nephew and niece), Mrs. C. Ding, Mrs. F. Hemington, Madingley, Mrs. Lyons (nieces). Miss Margaret Wells (second daughter) who is in South Africa was unable to be present. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

FARMER LOSES £80 HORSE. 8th Nov. 1940

Killed by Van at Night.

BUT FINED AT CAMBRIDGE.

"The first case of its kind in the district," commented Supt. Allen at the Divisional Court on Saturday, when a farmer was summoned for leading horses without lights in the black-out.

The summons followed an accident in which a van driver ran into two horses on Swavesey Road, Fen Drayton, on the evening of October 19th, killed one of the horses, and injured himself.

Donald James Johnson, Fen End Farm, Fen Drayton, was the defendant. He was represented by Mr. J. W. Winter, Huntingdon, who entered a plea of not guilty.

The van driver, Neville George Canham, High Street, Swavesey, said he was driving from Fen Drayton to Swavesey at about 7.25 p.m. It was a rather dark and slightly misty night, and the van lights had been on for nearly an hour.

DID NOT SEE THE CLOCK.

Cross-examined, he said he judged the time by his call at Fen Drayton Settlement, when a Mrs. Jobling told him it was 7.15 p.m. He did not see a clock himself. It was about a mile from the cottage to the scene of the accident.

George Hector Laverack, High Street, Swavesey, carpenter, said he was driving from Fenstanton to Swavesey, and saw a horse in the road outside College Farm between 7.15 and 7.20 p.m. A young man was getting out of a van on the side of the road. The van radiator front was lying in the road. Another man was coming out of a farm gateway with a light. Witness gave Canham a lift home and on the way passed two more horses running loose.

P.C. Yeomans said Canham reported the accident at 8.30 p.m. At a later interview Johnson said he worked as horsekeeper for his father. He was leading two horses tied together and had just crossed the road and was going towards Swavesey when the van came up and struck one of the horses, which died some hours later. Both horses were practically white, and the night was not dark, Johnson said.

Witness said lighting-up time was 6.25 p.m., and Johnson's statement was that the accident took place at 7 p.m.

P.S. Unwin stated that lighting-up time was 6.27.

HORSE WORTH £80.

Johnson told the court that he was walking on the grass, leading the two horses. The car came on at a fast speed, without warning. The accident happened just before 7 o'clock, and he carried no light because he did not believe it was lighting-up time. He did not know the war-time regulations governing the leading of horses along roads at night. The value of the horse which died was £80.

Johnson was fined 10s. and 14s. costs.

THE LATE MRS. F. A. CARTER. 8th Nov. 1940

The funeral of Mrs. Adeline Emma Carter, of 39, Hornsey Lane, Highgate, widow of the late Mr. Frank Andrew Carter (son of the late Mr. Frederick Carter, of Swavesey), who died rather suddenly at Stamford on November 1st, aged 72 years, took place at Swavesey on Tuesday. The Vicar (Rev. Basil J.

Woodd) conducted the service in the Parish Church and also at the interment in her husband's grave in the churchyard. The mourners were: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. D. Ward (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter, Miss E. Wetherby (friend), and Mr. C. W. H. Cole. There were several beautiful floral tributes.

RECOGNITION OF BAPTIST PASTOR. 8th Nov. 1940

Notwithstanding weather conditions, good congregations attended the recognition services of the Rev. A. McPhee, of Lanark, at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week. The Rev. A. Burton, Moderator of the Cambs. Baptist Association, preached in the afternoon. The tea table conference proved a happy and inspiring time, with Pastor Crees (Over) presiding. The evening meeting was addressed by the Rev. W. H. Tebbit (area superintendent of the Baptist Union), who presided, the Rev. R. Goulding (Walthamstow), the Rev. A. Tilling (Norton) and the Rev. L. Lane, whose solos added greatly to the enjoyment of the meetings.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS. 8th Nov. 1940

A young L.N.E.R. railwayman, Ronnie Bath, of Swavesey, was found unconscious on the Huntingdon road on Wednesday evening by the side of his bicycle. He was taken to Addenbrooke's and detained with concussion.

ADVERT. 15th Nov. 1940

1933 HILLMAN, taxed, insured, new tyres, battery, £25, offers. – Frank Warrington, Swavesey.

DEATH. 15th Nov. 1940

SELBY. – On November 12th, 1940, John George Selby, late of "Coniston," Coniston Road, Cambridge, passed away at "Paulea," High Street, Swavesey, aged 78 years. – Funeral on Friday at Free Church, Swaffham Bulbeck, at 2 p.m. Interment in Cemetery.

GOODFELLOW'S GALLERY. 15th Nov. 1940

Picture

This week we take off our hats once again to the Royal Air Force. Our picture is of A.C.2 Norman C. Lee, elder son of Mr. P. H. Lee (subpostmaster of Swavesey) and Mrs. Lee.

He was educated at Swavesey and later at the County High School for Boys, where he was a member of the O.T.C. Norman volunteered for service with the R.A.F. and was accepted as rigger.

We have previously published a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Lee's younger son, Alan, who joined the Royal Air Force straight from the Cambridge Technical School, and I am pleased to hear that he has recently been promoted to Leading Aircraftsman from A.C.1. Congratulations to Alan and good luck to both brothers!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Nov. 1940

Interesting and at times amusing debates occupied the first part of the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The president (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) was in the chair. During the social half-hour selections by the percussion band, community singing and a game were enjoyed. Refreshments were served during the evening by the tea committee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 15th Nov. 1940

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Pastor Sharpe, of Cottenham, was the speaker. During the evening choruses were sung, also a solo by Mr. G. E. Canham. The Rev. A. McPhee occupied the chair. It was announced that the Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, would give an address at next week's meeting.

WAR-TIME DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. 15th Nov. 1940

SACRIFICES OF 1914-18 RECALLED.

SWAVESEY.

Co-operation was the keynote in the observance of Remembrance Sunday in Swavesey. The Home Guard, Men's and Women's Red Cross Association, Girl Guides and the Girls' Life Brigade joined with members of the British Legion (in all about 120) in a parade to the parish church in the afternoon, during which a British Legion poppy wreath was placed on the War Memorial in the churchyard by the chairman (Mr. R. Barwell), and also in attending a service in Bethel Baptist Chapel in the evening, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and the Baptist minister (Rev. A. McPhee) officiating together at both services.

The service of remembrance and dedication in the church was very well attended, and the Vicar, in a spirited address, dealt with the problems of war and peace. The Rev. A. McPhee continued the theme in an impressive manner in a crowded congregation at Bethel Baptist Chapel.

The collection in the church, which amounted to £5 2s. 8d., was devoted to Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund, and an after-service offertory in Bethel Chapel raised a further £2 2s. for that deserving cause.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 22nd Nov. 1940

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bethel Young People's Fellowship held in the schoolroom on Monday. The President (Rev. A. McPhee) occupied the chair, and the Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, was the speaker. During the evening choruses were sung. Miss J. Brand also sang a solo.

WHIST DRIVE. 22nd Nov. 1940

A whist drive arranged by the local branch of the British Legion was held in the Old Schoolroom on Friday, Mr. Berryman acting as M.C. The prizes, which were presented by Mrs. R. Barwell, went to: Ladies, Mrs. E. Furlong, Mrs. Nightingale; gentlemen, Mr. A. Willson, Mr. T. Dawson. Proceeds amounted to £1 12s. 1d. At the close it was unanimously agreed to hold another drive on Dec. 6th.

POPPY SALES. 22nd Nov. 1940

By the sale of poppies on Armistice Day the sum of £15 7s. 5d., a record for the village, was raised for the Haig Fund, making with the collections at the parish church (£5 2s. 8d) and at Bethel Baptist Chapel (£2 2s.) a total contribution of £23 12s. 1d.

SPITFIRE FUND. 29th Nov. 1940

A cheque for £34 13s. has been paid into the Spitfire Fund by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, as the result of a whist drive, collection and donations. The collectors were: Mrs. Canham, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. De Haro, Mrs. M. Godfrey, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Thomas.

COMFORTS FUND. 29th Nov. 1940

An enjoyable drive was held at Mrs. C. S. Hepher's home on Nov. 20th in aid of the Comforts Fund. Ten tables were in play. The prizewinners were: Gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mrs. G. Prime (playing as gentleman), consolation, Mr. J. Smith; ladies, Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. De Haro, consolation, Mrs. Williamson. The sum of £4 2s. 3d. was realised.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 29th Nov. 1940

Bethel Schoolroom was filled to overflowing for the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the special speaker was the Rev. Mr. Lane, of King's Cross, London. The chair was taken by the

President (Rev. A. McPhee). During the evening choruses were sung. Mr. Lane also sang two solos, accompanying himself on the piano.

TWELFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY. 29th Nov. 1940

There was a large attendance of members and their friends at the 12th birthday party of the Women's Institute, which was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. An excellent programme of dance music was supplied by Mr. Froment and his friends, and during the evening several games were enjoyed. Competitions were won by the Rev. B. J. Woodd, Mr. F. Martin, Mrs. Covill and Mrs. Berryman. A pleasing incident was the presentation of a bouquet to the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) as a mark of the committee's appreciation of her work for the W.I.

SWAVESEY MAN KILLED. 6th Dec. 1940

On the Way Home.

The death occurred on Thursday evening as the result of an accident of Arthur Whybrow, of School Lane, Swavesey.

Mr. Whybrow, who is between 40 and 50 years of age, was returning home from his work at Messrs. Chivers on his bicycle when he came into collision with either a lorry or a large car.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 6th Dec. 1940

Mr. G. Laverack was the speaker at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. In addition to a solo by Mrs. Ivatt, choruses were sung during the evening. There was a good attendance. It was announced that Mrs. Thixton would be the speaker next week.

CHURCH SOCIAL. 6th Dec. 1940

A social gathering in connection with the parish church was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, and perhaps the best description of it is to say that it was a "roaring" success. Some 150 people made the hall as full as it could comfortably be, and from start to finish there was an atmosphere of free and easy friendship which it was good to see. Both games and dancing evidently gave as much pleasure to the onlookers as they did to the entrants. Mrs. Thomas well deserved the prize for her most original fancy head-dress of "Win on the kitchen front." The Vicar would like to thank all who kindly contributed to the success and enjoyment of the evening.

BAPTIST UNION PRESIDENT AT SWAVESEY. 13th Dec. 1940

The President of the Baptist Union (Dr. P. W. Evans) visited Swavesey over the week-end for the ordination of the new pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church (Rev. A. McPhee) and preached at both morning and evening services.

A native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, Mr. McPhee was educated at Forth Public School and received his theological training at Spurgeon's College, London, of which Dr. Evans is the Principal. The pastorate at Swavesey is his first charge. When Dr. Evans gave the charge to the Pastor and the church at the morning service he preached on a text from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians: "In the beginning of the Gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no Church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need."

Dr. Evans declared that giving and receiving was the essence of the Christian ministry, and the trouble with the world to-day was that it did not know how to give and receive. "The world needs to learn again what it is to live in a fellowship of giving and receiving," he said, "and I believe the Christian Church is placed in the world by our Lord to give an example of what it means to live in such a fellowship. And the relation between pastor and people is precisely that. But never forget that this giving and receiving needs someone else to share in it. Never forget you must receive most richly from Christ."

The speaker expressed the hope that fellowship would be the note of Mr. McPhee's ministry, and that his pastorate would succeed in making that church glow with Christian fellowship, one of the loveliest things of this world.

CYCLIST'S FATAL RIDE. 13th Dec. 1940

"Crossed in Front of Car."

SWAVESEY MAN'S DEATH.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the inquest held at the Isolation Hospital on Saturday on Arthur Whybrow, of 7, School Lane, Swavesey.

The inquiry was conducted by the Coroner for Cambs. (Mr. Jasper Lyon).

Mr. Whybrow was involved in a collision with a motor car while cycling near Oakington on Thursday evening and sustained fatal injuries.

Arthur William Henry Whybrow, son of the deceased, who is at present serving in the R.A.F., gave evidence of identification. He said his father was 55 years of age and employed at Messrs. Chivers. Both his sight and hearing were excellent. He was a very careful rider and always took precautions.

Dr. R. D. Joyce said deceased had sustained a fracture of the right clavicle and a fracture of the skull. The latter injury was sufficient to cause death.

“HIT TAIL OF CYCLE.”

William Walter Nicholson, of 71, Windsor Road, Cambridge, the driver of the car concerned, gave evidence that at 5.10 p.m. he was driving from Oakington to Cambridge. When he approached the Histon turning he saw a cyclist who had apparently come out of the Histon Road and was turning across the road directly in front of him. The cyclist was looking towards Cambridge. There was not sufficient room to pull up, and he hit the tail of the cycle broadside.

Finding that the cyclist was seriously injured, he left two R.A.F. men who were in the car with him to look after the man while he went into Girton and telephoned the police. He returned to the scene of the accident and made the man as comfortable as he could until the arrival of the ambulance.

Corpl. G. Rand, of the R.A.F., who was a passenger in the car, estimated the speed at between 30 and 40 miles an hour. The driver sounded his horn. The cyclist crossed in front of the car, looking in the opposite direction.

Another member of the R.A.F., Arthur Cutler, gave corroborative evidence.

“CAR ON PROPER SIDE.”

P.C. Hard stationed at Histon, said there were skid marks on the road for 20ft. on the Oakington side of the Histon turning. According to the marks the whole of the car was on its proper side of the road. There was a hedge four feet high which might have obscured vision.

The Coroner returned a verdict as stated above.

Sergt. Unwin represented the police and Mr. F. Whittet, of March, appeared for the driver of the car.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Dec. 1940

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday, when Mrs. V. Thixton gave a helpful address. The president (Rev. McPhee) occupied the chair. During the evening Mrs. A. Prior gave a recitation, after which choruses were sung. It was announced that Mr. C. Day, of Boxworth, would be the speaker next week.

WHIST DRIVE. 13th Dec. 1940

Seven and a half tables were in play at the whist drive arranged by the local branch of the British Legion, in the Old Schoolroom on Friday. Voucher prizes were won by: Ladies, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. de Haro; gentlemen, Mr. G. Pink, Mr. F. Martin; running, Mr. B. Wright. Additional prizes went to Mrs. Martin and Mr. A. Hawkes. Mr. Berryman acted as M.C. and Mr. R. Barwell presented the prizes. The branch funds benefited to the extent of 18s. 3½d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Dec. 1940

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, the chair being occupied by the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher). After routine business, Mrs. Goodchild, of Longstanton, gave an excellent talk and demonstration on Renovations, in which many useful hints on altering clothes were given. Mrs. Goodchild was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Laverack. Highest points in the competition for the best Christmas decorations were awarded to Mrs. C. S. Hepher (1st), Mrs. de Haro (2nd) and Mrs. C. Ding (3rd). The competition was judged by Mrs. Goodchild. The secretary of the entertainment committee announced that £47 16s. had been paid in connection with the Savings Campaign, and that 15 certificates had been issued in six months. Refreshments were served and during the social half-hour carols were sung by Mrs. Ivatt and her choir, and a Christmas play, entitled "The Village Dustbin," was performed by Mesdames Froment, Ivatt, Laverack, Thomas and G. Prime. The play caused lots of laughter and was heartily applauded. One new member was welcomed. The singing of the carol "The First Nowell" by the choir and members of the percussion band brought the meeting to a close.

PIG CLUB. 13th Dec. 1940

A meeting arranged by the local branch of the British Legion, with Mr. R. Barwell in the chair, was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday to inquire into the possibility of forming a pig club. Mr. Davidson, organising secretary of the Small Pig Keepers' Council, spoke of the conditions which gave rise to the desirability of increasing the number of small pig-keepers, making use of waste household products instead of relying wholly on meal for pig feeding. Owing to the war it had been necessary for imports of meal to be cut down to one-third to release cargo space for munitions. Since then some sources of bacon imports had been lost to us, and an increase in home production was imperative. Householders were being encouraged to keep one or two pigs, and members of a pig club would have certain advantages. A certain definite amount of meal would be made available for each pig. A number of questions were put, and a lively discussion developed. As a result it was decided to ascertain what waste household products were available in the village before going further in the matter, and a number of people present signified their willingness to take part in the inquiry, which would be organised by Mr. T. Dawson. Miss D. M. Warrington, secretary of the Cambs. Rural Community Council, was also present. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Davidson.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. WHYBROW. 13th Dec. 1940

The funeral of Mr. Arthur Whybrow, of 7, Council Houses, School Lane, Swavesey, and son of Mr. John Smith Whybrow, of Over, a report of whose tragic death will be found in another column, took place at Over parish church on Monday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston) conducted the service, during which the hymn "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" was sung. As the mourners left the church for the grave in the churchyard the organist (Mr. G. W. Thoday) played the "Dead March" in Saul. An old soldier, severely wounded in the 1914-18 war, deceased was borne to the grave by members of the Over Home Guard, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The mourners were: Mrs. A. Whybrow (widow), Messrs. A. and B. Whybrow (sons), Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams, Histon (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. J. S. Whybrow, Over (father), Mr. H. Whybrow, Over (brother), Mr. and Mrs. J. Whybrow, Over (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Whybrow, Girtton (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Hine, Mr. T. Carter, Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter, Mrs. C. Savage (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. W. Whybrow (aunt), Miss J. Holmes, Mrs. G. Oakman, Miss S. Carter (nieces), Mr. G. Carter (nephew), Mrs. T. Froment, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. J. Froment, Mr. H. Warren, Histon (representing the building department of Messrs. Chivers and Son), Nurse Lincoln (representing the staff of Messrs. Chivers and Son), and Mr. Meakings (representing the Swavesey Home Guard). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Wayman Bros., Over.

FILM SHOW. 20th Dec. 1940

A highly appreciative audience of about 80 persons were present at a showing by the Ministry of Information of talking films, arranged by the British Legion in the Memorial Hall on Friday. The programme consisted of a varied selection of films, and the technical quality was excellent. A similar show with different films is being arranged by the Women's Institute early next month.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 20th Dec. 1940

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday, when Mr. Cyril Day, of Boxworth, gave an address on the 23rd Psalm. During the evening a pianoforte solo was played by Miss L. Brand and several choruses were sung. Mr. G. Laverack occupied the chair. It was announced that the next meeting, which will be held on December 30th, would take the form of a social evening.

£8 FOR WASTE PAPER. 20th Dec. 1940

In addition to the waste paper, etc., collected by the Girl Guides, the proceeds from which were announced not long ago, further collections in the village have been organised by Mrs. A. J. Willson, and have resulted in £4 being sent to the Cambridge Spitfire Fund, and £4 to the Comforts for the Troops Fund. Mrs. Willson is anxious to continue the good work, and if any persons, who have waste paper, books or cardboard will let her know, she will arrange for the collection. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have kindly allowed their barn to be used for storage purposes.

SHARE-OUT CLUB. 27th Dec. 1940

Each of the 41 members of the White Horse Sick Benefit and Share-out Club received the sum of £1 1s. 6d. when the surplus funds were distributed on Friday.

CAROLS. 27th Dec. 1940

The party of carol singers, conducted by Mr. James Williams, who toured the village, part on Saturday evening, and the remainder on Christmas Eve, collected £7, which has been divided between the local Nursing Association and the Red Cross. Mr. R. Turner and Mr. B. Sharp were the collectors.

PARISH CHURCH. 27th Dec. 1940

The services at the Parish Church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 9 a.m., Mattins (said) 10 a.m., sung Eucharist, with sermon, 10.30 a.m., and evensong (said) 3 p.m. The collections were for the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of air raid distress. There will be a carol service next Sunday at 3 p.m.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 27th Dec. 1940

The funeral of Mr. Henry Robert Judd, whose death at the age of 83 years occurred on December 19th, took place at Swavesey parish church on Monday, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. J. Carrier, Mr. and Mrs. G. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. S. Prime, Mrs. S. Carrier and Mrs. Conquest. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. 27th Dec. 1940

The children attending the junior school entertained their mothers and foster mothers at a concert on Wednesday week. The programme, which consisted of percussion band items, country dances, action songs, recitations and short

plays, included "The House that Jack Built," "The Old Woman and the Shoe," "The Carrion Crow," "The Little Fir Tree," and "The Great Fall." There was also a short Nativity play entitled "The Shepherds," and in conclusion several carols were sung by all the children. The school had been decorated for Christmas, and there was a small exhibition of art and craft work and needlework.

WEDDING. 27th Dec. 140

Also photograph.

The marriage of Miss Doris Rosa Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole, of Town Close Villa, Swavesey, and Aircraftsman Reginald Arthur John Dawson, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. W. Dawson, of "The White Swan," Great Wilbraham, took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated. During the service the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father" and "Love Divine all loves excelling" were sung accompanied on the organ by Mr. G. H. Skeeles. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white moiré taffeta, fine tulle veil and headdress of lilies and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and trailing fern. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Misses Joan Cole (niece of the bride), Peggy Hulyer (niece of the bridegroom) and Cynthia Mander (cousin of the bridegroom), all attired in pale blue self patterned taffeta with pink sashes, headdresses and mittens. They carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums and fern, and wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. C. Hulyer (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall where forty guests were entertained, and later the happy couple left for the honeymoon, their destination not being disclosed. The presents were numerous and useful, and included a Pioneer table mangle from the bride's employers, Messrs. Laurie and McConnal.

GOODFELLOWS' GALLERY. 27th Dec. 1940

Photograph.

Next on the list of our Goodfellows' Gallery is Sergeant Arthur E. L. Prior, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prior, of Swavesey, who was an early member. Sergeant Prior will be known to many in Cambridge, for he was porter at Addenbrooke's over three years and then porter at Trinity College. He joined the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment early in 1939 and was called up at the outbreak of war.

His father served in the last war both on the Western Front and in Italy and is now in the Home Guard. A younger brother, not yet old enough for service with the Forces, is also in the Home Guard. He, too, was an early Robin.

ENGAGEMENT. 3rd Jan. 1941

The engagement of Archie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, Church End, Swavesey, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton, of Bedford, was announced at his coming-of-age party at Swavesey on December 22nd.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS. 3rd Jan. 1941

Many appreciative letters have been received from the Swavesey men serving in H.M. Forces for their Christmas parcels. Each parcel contained a game, compendium, shaving stick, cigarettes, handkerchief and woollen comforts, these last knitted during the season by the members of the Knitting Party.

WHIST DRIVE. 3rd Jan. 1941

Six tables were in play at the whist drive arranged by the local branch of the British Legion, which took place in the old school on Friday. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. Hawkes; gentlemen, Mr. G. Froment, Mr. F. Warrington. Additional prizes went to Mrs. Kester and Mr. W. Day, and the knock-out was won by Mr. G. Froment and Mrs. Thomas. Mr. E. R. de Haro acted as M.C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 3rd Jan. 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening, when Mr. K. Doggett, of Over, was the speaker. The President (Rev. A. McPhee) occupied the chair. During the evening solos were sung by the Rev. L. Lane, of Burnham Chapel, King's Cross, London, who accompanied himself on the piano. Choruses were also sung. It was announced that the meeting next week would take the form of a social, with a short address by the President.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE. 3rd Jan. 1941

An enjoyable time was spent on New Year's Eve at a dance in the Memorial Hall, for which an extension until midnight had been kindly granted by the Hall Committee. At midnight "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and a dance celebrated the entry of the year. Mr. C. T. Hephner was M.C. An excellent programme of dance music was played by Mrs. Ansell and her friends. The proceeds were for the Comforts Fund to pay off the deficit on the wool bill.

EVACUEES ENTERTAINED. 3rd Jan. 1941

At the invitation of the Parish Church, the Baptist Church, and the Women's Institute, the evacuees in Swavesey were welcomed to a party in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. About 100 were able to come, and perhaps the best comment on it is a remark made by one of the mothers – "I was very sorry when the end came." The Vicar acted as M.C., and kindly showed a couple of much-appreciated films, "Our Gang" and "Charlie Chaplin." Games, films, refreshments and community singing – that was the order of the evening – with a cake and some sweets for everyone to take home, and all were well pleased. The Vicar, at the end, thanked the helpers – the Rev. and Mrs. A. McPhee, Mesdames C. Hephher, Laverack, Canham and De Haro, and the Misses Neve and Willson, for all the work they had done.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 17th Jan. 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening, when the visiting speaker was Miss King, of Over. The chair was occupied by Miss L. Brand. During the evening choruses were sung.

REPAIRS IN THE HOME. 17th Jan. 1941

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mr. James Prior gave an interesting talk on "Repairs in the Home," for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Laverack. The social half-hour was taken up with a round table conference. There was a good attendance, including several visitors.

FIRE IN ASKEW ROW. 24th Jan. 1941

The Swavesey Fire Brigade received a call about 1 a.m. on Thursday week to an outbreak of fire in an outbuilding at the end of Askew Row in which a motor car belonging to Mr. Bishop had got alight. Neighbours had already done their best with buckets of water, and on arrival the brigade tackled the fire with a stirrup pump while hose was being run out to the trailer pump at the pond in Market Street, and plenty of water being available the outbreak was quickly brought under control. The car was completely burned out, and the building and another adjoining were seriously damaged with their contents. How the fire originated is not known.

FUNERAL OF A NONAGENARIAN. 31st Jan. 1941

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Parish, widow of the late Mr. Ebenezer Parish, J.P., who passed away after several weeks' illness on January 17th,

aged 91 years, took place on Wednesday week at Swavesey cemetery, Mr. E. Rowell, of Oldhill, Staffs., conducting the service, during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The mourners were: Mr. A. L. Parish, Mr. R. Parish, Manchester (sons), Mrs. R. Parish (daughter-in-law), Mr. E. L. Parish, Mr. W. R. Parish, Miss Marjorie Parish, Mr. W. E. Parish, Miss B. Parish, Miss E. Parish (grandsons and granddaughters), Mrs. Jethro Parish, Manchester, Mrs. Joseph Parish, Bedford (sisters-in-law), Miss A. Parish, Bedford (niece), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parish (nephew and niece). Dr. C. Parish, Manchester (grandson) was unable to be present. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

GIRLS' CLUB. 7th Feb. 1941

A new club for girls of 12 to 20 years of age, which will meet at the Vicarage on Wednesdays from 7 to 8.30 p.m., started this week.

PAYNE'S CHARITY. 7th Feb. 1941

The late Mr. Thomas Payne's charity was distributed last Saturday, when 30 widows and widowers each received the sum of 3s.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th Feb. 1941

The meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening took the form of a prayer and testimony meeting, in which several members took part. Mr. C. Day, of Boxworth, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance.

DEATH OF MR. W. DAISLEY. 7th Feb. 1941

We have to record the death of Mr. William Daisley, of Rosedale, Swavesey, who passed away during Monday night at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He had been in failing health for some time. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. to-day (Friday).

AMERICAN SALE AND TEA. 7th Feb. 1941

The congregation of the Parish Church have tried what is for them a novel method of raising funds for foreign missionary work. In place of the old Epiphany tea, on Thursday week an American sale and tea was held in the Vicarage, and that it was a success is demonstrated by the fact that the record sum of £6 13s. 7d. was collected for the S.P.G. and C.M.S., and nine fresh people took missionary boxes home with them. A very friendly spirit prevailed throughout the afternoon, and all who were present could not help but be pleased. The Vicar thanked the members of the Women's Fellowship,

who had done all the donkey work. The Rural Dean and Mrs. Weston very kindly took the trouble to come from Over.

25 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING FEB. 16th, 1916. 14th Feb. 1941

SWAVESEY V.A.D. HOSPITAL. Through the kindness of Capt. J. D. Daintree, R.N., in allowing the Old House, Swavesey, to be used as a convalescent hospital, the Swavesey V.A.D., Cambs. 12, was mobilised at the beginning of March, 1915, and by March 6th had cleaned and fully equipped the hospital with 25 beds and received for their first patients 11 wounded Belgian soldiers who were transferred from Cambridge. The first wounded English soldiers were received on March 10th, 1915. The officers of the hospital are: Mrs. Ellis Long, Commandant; Mrs. Cooksey, Quartermaster; Nurse Beale (St. George's Hospital), Lady Superintendent; and Dr. Malcolm King, with a staff of 40 nurses. Up to January 20th, 1916, when the hospital was closed for cleaning and repairs, 186 patients had been received. The hospital will be ready for re-opening in a short time.

OBITUARY. 14th Feb. 1941

Her many friends in the village heard with sincere regret of the death of Miss May Kester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, of Askew Row, which occurred at Papworth on Saturday afternoon. The funeral will take place at Swavesey Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

DIED IN CHESHIRE. 14th Feb. 1941

Older inhabitants of Swavesey will learn with regret that Mrs. Drusilla Payne, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Prior, passed away peacefully on February 6th at Little Budworth, Tarporley, Cheshire, aged 72 years. She was buried in the churchyard of that village on Monday.

PILOT OFFICER WOOD. 14th Feb. 1941

News reached Swavesey on Monday that Flight-Sergt. Lionel Wood, D.F.M., has been promoted to Pilot Officer. The third son of Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey Council School, he was educated at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys. He joined the R.A.F. immediately after leaving school, and in February, 1940, was awarded by his Majesty the Distinguished Flying Medal.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Feb. 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in the Bethel schoolroom on Monday evening, when the

speaker was Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham. The president (Rev. A. McPhee) occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung and Mrs. F. Dodson gave a short reading. It was announced that Mrs. U. Thixton, of Swavesey, would be the speaker next week.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 14th Feb. 1941

At the February meeting of the Women's Institute, held on Tuesday in the Memorial Hall, after routine business had been dealt with, two minutes' silence was observed in remembrance of one of the youngest members, whose sudden death had come as a great shock to members of the W.I. Miss M. Kester will be missed greatly, and it was arranged for all members who were able to attend the funeral on Saturday afternoon, meeting the cortege at the cemetery gates. Being members' night, the chair for the remainder of the evening was taken by Mrs. Berryman at very short notice, in the absence, owing to illness, of Mrs. de Haro. Mrs. Berryman gave some useful recipes for dishes in war-time, and was followed by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, who with the aid of a stirrup pump, showed how to deal with incendiary bombs. After the demonstrations, there were various competitions, prizes being won by the following: - Bagatelle, Mrs. Frank Warrington; advertisements, Mrs. C. S. Hepher; word building, Mrs. Thomas; musical parcel, Miss Joy Ivatt. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

THE LATE MR. W. DAISLEY. 14th Feb. 1941

The funeral of Mr. William Daisley, of Rosedale, Swavesey, whose death at Addenbrooke's Hospital on February 3rd was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Rosslyn G. Daisley, Mr. Douglas G. Daisley (sons), Mr. John Daisley (brother), Mrs. R. G. Daisley (daughter-in-law), Mr. Frederick Harvey (cousin), Miss Elsie Daisley (niece). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Eaden Lilley and Co., Ltd., Cambridge. The late Mr. Daisley, who was 79 years of age, had been in failing health for some considerable time.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Feb. 1941

Mrs. F. Dodson occupied the chair at the meeting of the Y.P.F., held in Bethel Church Schoolroom on Monday, when Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, was the speaker, and during the evening choruses were sung. There was a very good attendance. Mrs. Thixton will be the speaker next week.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. 21st Feb. 1941

Sixteen tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held at the Priory (by kind permission of Mrs. J. J. Inglis) on Tuesday, in aid of the funds of the Swavesey and District Nursing Association. The prizes and all refreshments were given by the committee and several kind friends, thus no expenses were incurred and £12 15s. 6d. was realised. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. C. Dean and Mr. Inglis. Prizes were won by the following: Ladies – Mrs. Furlong, Mrs. Burling, consolation Mrs. Martin; gentlemen – Mr. Brown, Mrs. M. Jellings, consolation Mrs. Thomas (both playing as gentlemen); travelling prizes, Miss Beaumont and Mr. B. Wayman; lucky chair, Mrs. Brooks.

VESTRY AND CHURCH MEETINGS. 21st Feb. 1941

The annual vestry and church meetings were held on Monday evening in the old school, the Vicar taking the chair at both. The purpose of the first was simply to elect churchwardens for the ensuing year, and the Vicar had pleasure in nominating Mr. W. J. Hepher again as his warden, and the people present unanimously elected Mr. E. J. Mitham as their warden. The purpose of the second meeting was to present the retiring Church Council's report, the statements of accounts, and the revised electoral roll, and to elect a new Council and sidesmen. During the course of this meeting the Vicar spoke of the marks of care and hard work for the church that he found when he came, of the splendid work for Christ that had been achieved during this winter, and of schemes for the future. These included one to help and encourage a wider circle of people to give regularly for the maintenance of the Church of which they were so justly proud. Before the meeting closed, the Vicar, on behalf of the retiring Council, presented to Mr. H. Wells, the retiring people's warden, a tobacco jar well filled and a pipe as a small token of their appreciation of his 20 years of faithful service.

FUNERAL. 21st Feb. 1941

There was a very large number of relatives and friends at the cemetery on Saturday at the funeral of Miss Lizzie May Kester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, whose death at the age of 21 years was announced last week. During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. McPhee (pastor of Bethel Baptist Church), the hymns "Safe in the arms of Jesus" and "O for a faith that will not shrink" were sung. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by a great many people. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

ANOTHER SWAVESEY D.F.C. 21st Feb. 1941

Flying Officer Eric G. Barwell, R.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwell, The Old House, Swavesey, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (Photograph).

After flying with the Cambridge Volunteer Reserve for a year, he was mobilised on the outbreak of war, and in December, 1939, was granted a commission as pilot officer.

He is brother of Wing Commander Philip Barwell, who was awarded the D.F.C. in December, 1939.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 28th Feb. 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. Mr. T. Brand occupied the chair. Mrs. U. Thixton gave an interesting talk on the life of Reuben, and during the evening choruses were sung. It was announced that Pastor Crees, of Over, would be the speaker next Monday.

OBITUARY. 28th Feb. 1941

We have to record the death of Mr. Charlie Wright, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, of High Street, Swavesey. His health broke down while serving with the R.A.F.V.R., and for 18 weeks he was in hospital in Scotland. In October he was certified unfit for further service, and in November he returned to his home in St. Ives. His condition becoming worse, he was advised to go to Papworth, where he went on January 17th, and here he passed away after great suffering early on Tuesday morning. Deceased, who was only 23, leaves a widow, but no family. The funeral will take place at St. Ives to-day (Friday).

PARISH COUNCIL. 28th Feb. 1941

The first meeting of the Parish Council since the quarterly meeting last July was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, but unfortunately very little business could be done in consequence of the absence, owing to illness, of the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey). With the exception of Mr. W. Burton, who was unwell, all members of the Council were present. Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman) presided, and the chairman (Mr. C. H. Parish) officiated as clerk. It will be remembered that the quarterly meeting in October could not be held as the necessary quorum of members was not in attendance.

WHIST DRIVE. 28th Feb. 1941

An enjoyable evening was spent in whist at Estelle, the residence of Mrs. Hepher, on Tuesday. Twelve tables were in play. Through the generosity of

friends, a good result was obtained, as prizes, refreshments and donations were given. The proceeds were to defray outstanding cost of wool used for troop comforts. The prizewinners were: Gentlemen – Mr. G. Pink, Mr. de Haro, most fives Mr. B. Wayman; ladies – Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Thomas, most fives Miss Beaumont. Excellent refreshments were served by Mesdames S. Hepher, A. J. Wilson and I. Smith. Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C. At the close the prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, who also thanked the donors, as through their help £6 had been raised for the worthy cause.

PIG CLUB. 7th March 1941

At a meeting in the White Horse Hotel on Wednesday evening arrangements were made for the formation of a Pig Club in Swavesey, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. C. H. Parish; vice-chairman, Mr. E. R. de Haro; treasurer, Mr. H. Lant; secretary, Mr. T. Dawson; committee, Messrs. G. W. Laverack and E. Smart.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th March 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday, when Pastor Crees, of Over, gave a helpful address on "Standing fast." During the evening a solo was sung by Miss G. Dodson. Choruses were also sung. The chair was occupied by Miss L. Spearman. The Rev. A. McPhee will be the speaker next week.

THE LATE MR. C. WRIGHT. 7th March 1941

The funeral of Mr. Charles Wright, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, of High Street, Swavesey, whose death was announced last week, took place at St. Ives parish church on Friday, the Vicar (Rev. H. S. Newell) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs. C. Wright (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. C. Moore (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Miss J. Moore (sister-in-law), Mrs. J. Bennett (cousin), Mr. Waldock (grandfather), Mrs. Medcalf (cousin). Many other friends were also present and beautiful floral tributes were sent.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th March 1941

The President (Rev. A. McPhee) occupied the chair and also gave the address at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. During the evening choruses were sung, also a solo by Miss S. Brickwood. There was a good attendance.

AMBULANCE FOR SWAVESEY. 14th March 1941

The British War Relief Society of Connecticut, U.S.A., has presented an ambulance to the Swavesey Division of the B.R.C.S. The ambulance is fully equipped and will be used for any civil casualties or emergencies, and in the event of hostilities breaking out would be attached to the 1st Battalion Cambridgeshire Home Guard for ambulance work with the local platoons.

ANTI-GAS LECTURES. 14th March 1941

Under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society, a series of six lectures dealing with gas protection and the first aid treatment of gas casualties will be given by Mr. Wade, of Cambridge, at Over Baptist Schoolroom (by kind permission of Mr. Crees), commencing on Monday evening, March 17th. Members of the Home Guard and A.R.P. Service, and all who are interested, are especially welcome.

FOR SAILORS AND MINESWEEPERS. 14th March 1941

The solo drive held on Monday at Mrs. W. Hinds' house in aid of the Sailors and Minesweepers Comforts Fund resulted in £5 12s. 6d. being raised. The winners of the prizes were: Mr. Charles Cole, Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. A. Norman, Mr. R. Mustill, consolation prizes, Mrs. Crowley, Mr. Wolfhome (Cambridge) and Mr. Oakman; knock-out, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfhome. Mr. H. Peppercorn was the lucky ticket holder.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th March 1941

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephner) occupying the chair. After routine business a brilliant display of miming was given by Mrs. Osbourne, of Cottenham, and her pupils, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, and for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the visitors, on the proposition of the President. It being the end of the season, Mrs. Laverack (secretary) gave a good report of work done during the year, and was followed by Mrs. Dawson (treasurer), who gave an excellent financial report and also a very encouraging account of the Institute's first attempt at jam making and fruit preservation, which had entailed a lot of hard work, but was amply rewarded by the good result obtained. A report was also read from Mrs. Ansell, showing the fine result of the War Savings effort. Then followed the election of the committee for the ensuing year, Mr. V. Thixton and Mr. Crowley again kindly acting as tellers, and they were thanked for doing so by the President. Refreshments served by the tea hostesses and games and

singing brought the meeting to a close. It was announced that in future the meetings would commence at 7 o'clock.

INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL. 21st March 1941

The football match between Willingham and Swavesey Council Schools, played at Swavesey on Tuesday, resulted in a draw, each side scoring a goal.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 21st March 1941

The flag day in Swavesey on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital resulted in £5 12s. 2d. being collected. Miss A. Shepperson, Miss E. Thorp, Miss G. Sharp, Mrs. Ivatt and Mrs. Dawson were the collectors.

DIED IN EGYPT. 21st March 1941

His many friends in Swavesey and neighbouring villages will learn with sincere regret that news of the death in Egypt of Driver Harold Pender was received on Tuesday by his uncle, Mr. A. E. Holloway, of Swavesey. He was only 22 years of age.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st March 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Church Schoolroom on Monday, when Mr. K. Doggett, of Over, was the speaker, and during the evening choruses were sung. The President (Rev. A. McPhee) occupied the chair. Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, will give an address at next week's meeting.

DARTS. 28th March 1941

The darts match between Fenstanton and Swavesey played at the "Rising Sun," Swavesey, on Tuesday evening was won by the visitors by 5 games to 2.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 28th March 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday, when Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, was the speaker, and during the evening choruses were sung. The Rev. A. McPhee occupied the chair.

DAY OF PRAYER. 28th March 1941

The National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving was duly observed at the parish church on Sunday, all services being fairly well attended. They were: Holy Communion at 8 and 11.45 a.m., Mattins at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong at 5.30 p.m. A Mothering Sunday service was held at 3 p.m.

THE LATE MRS. EASTER. 28th March 1941

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Easter, widow of the late Pastor James Easter, for many years minister of Over Baptist Chapel, who died at her residence in Swavesey on March 17th aged 84, took place at Over Cemetery on Thursday week. Pastor P. H. Crees conducted the service during which one of deceased's favourite hymns, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and Righteousness," was sung. The immediate mourners were: Miss Easter (daughter), Mr. David Easter (grandson), Mr. Harry F. Garwood (nephew). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Mitham Bros., Middle Watch, Swavesey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 4th April 1941

Mr. C. Day, of Boxworth, was the speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. The Rev. A. McPhee (president) occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung. The speakers at next week's annual rally will be the Rev. L. Lane on Sunday and the Rev. Mills on Monday. After the service on Monday there will be a supper.

SAILORS' EASTER GIFTS. 11th April 1941

As a result of £5 10s. being raised from a solo whist drive held at Mrs. Hind's house on March 24th, 5s. postal orders have been sent to P. Wright, W. Goad, Seaman Taylor, E. C. Skinner, F. E. Kemp, C. R. Papworth, F. J. Ellwood, R. W. French, K. Jackson, H. Slater, A. Cook, H. K. Easy, T. Granger and H. Savage. Anyone knowing of other men in the Naval Service should let Mrs. Hind know. The unspent balance of the money will be used for more comforts for sailors.

DROVE LETTING. 11th April 1941

By direction of the Chesterton R.D.C., the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, the sum of £4 9s. 6d. being realised, against 25s. last year. At the same time, by direction of Miss S. J. Mitchell, the following grass (feed or mow) to Christmas next was also sold, viz., 5a. 3r. 17p. in Cow Fen £3 10s. per acre (51s. last year); 3a. 2r. 25p. in Middle Fen £3 2s. 6d. per acre (26s. last year); 4a. 3r. 10p. in Mow Fen £4 per acre (42s. 6d. last year). Mr. Knight, who acted for Mr. Cyril Watts, was the auctioneer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY. 11th April 1941

An enjoyable time was spent last week-end on the occasion of the Young People's Fellowship rally. The speaker on Sunday was the Rev. L. Lane, of King's Cross, London, who also sang some solos in the afternoon. A Y.P. service was held, at which solos, duets and recitations were rendered by various members. On Monday, when the speaker was the Rev. E. W. Mills, of Chatsworth Road, London, a duet was sung by Mrs. Canham and Mrs. McPhee, and there was a roll call of various societies. After the meeting light refreshments were served.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th April 1941

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the chair being occupied by the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephner). A letter was read from an old member, Mrs. Lee, who has been absent through illness for some time, and all fellow-members wished her a speedy recovery. An interesting demonstration on war-time vegetable cookery was given by Miss Kelly. Prizes of savings stamps were given to Mrs. Williamson (1) and Mrs. Ivatt (2) for the three best cooked potatoes. Other prizes were also won by Mrs. Warren in a competition run to defray the cost of programme printing, and to Mrs. G. Prime in a competition during the social half-hour. Games brought the evening to a close. It was announced that a house-to-house collection of eggs for Addenbrooke's Hospital would be made after Easter.

DARTS. 18th April 1941

The return darts match between Fenstanton and the Rising Sun, Swavesey, played at Fenstanton last week, was won by the Swavesey team by four points to three.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER. 18th April 1941

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were: Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion 9 a.m., Three Hours' Devotion 12 noon to 3 p.m. A joint service of witness with Bethel Baptist Church was also held in the Memorial Hall in the evening. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and the Baptist Pastor (Rev. A. McPhee). For Easter Day the parish church was brightly decorated with Spring flowers. The services were as follows: Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 11 a.m. (sung), Mattins 10 a.m., children's service 3 p.m., and Evensong 6.30 p.m.

WEDDING. 18th April 1941

In consequence of recent bereavements in both families, the marriage of Mr. A. E. Holloway and Miss Elsie L. Dodson took place very quietly at the Parish

Church on Monday morning. The Rev. C. G. Poynder (rector of Boxworth) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. B. J. Woodd). The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss G. L. Dodson. Mr. C. H. Parish acted as best man, taking the place of the bridegroom's brother, who was unable to be present owing to illness.

MARRIED IN ESSEX. 18th April 1941

A wedding of considerable interest to Swavesey people took place at East Hanningfield Parish Church, Essex, on Easter Monday, the bridegroom being Mr. James Leonard Kester, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, 21, Black Horse Lane, and the bride Miss Dorothy May Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bailey, 13, Church Road, East Hanningfield. The Rev. M. D. Ost officiated, and the choir was in attendance, with Mr. F. Doughtry at the organ. The service included the hymns "Love Divine" and "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden". The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white satin with head-dress of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and trailing fern. In attendance were three bridesmaids, the chief, Miss F. Kester (sister of the bridegroom), was in mauve taffeta, and the others, Misses J. Chapman and N. Eaton, were in pink floral water wave taffeta. All wore veils and head-dresses to match their dresses, and carried bouquets of mauve tulips. Mr. M. G. Kester (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Village Hall. The presents were numerous and useful, and included three cheques.

C.A.O.S. CHOIR AT SWAVESEY. 25th April 1941

Another Red Cross Effort.

The members of the C.A.O.S. continuing their series of musical services, visited Swavesey Parish Church on Sunday last.

There was a large congregation at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and the Master of Clare College (Mr. H. Thirkill) read the lesson.

Many well-known hymns were sung by those present, and the items contributed by the choir included Sir Walford Davies' "Had we but hearkened to Thy Word," and the two hymns "Lead, kindly light" and "Fierce Raged the Tempest." These were both sung unaccompanied. The soloists for the afternoon were Alice Harper, who sang Liddle's "Abide with me," and W. G. Hartfield who rendered "God is our refuge" by Lewis Carey. Mr. Harold Fleet was at the organ.

Mr. R. Alsop, in a few remarks, expressed the grateful thanks of the society to the Vicar for lending the church for the occasion, and appealed for a generous

collection for the Joint County Committee Funds. He said that it was a matter of extreme regret that illness prevented Mrs. Adeane from being present in her capacity as President of the British Red Cross. The collection, which was taken by Red Cross nurses, amounted to £13 9s. 6d.

After the service the Red Cross detachments, both men and women, were inspected by Lord Fairhaven, chairman of the Joint County Committee, in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Lieutenant.

The Girl Guides, who were also present at the service, were inspected by the Hon. Mrs. de Beaumont.

The choir and visitors were afterwards entertained to tea at the Priory by Mrs. J. G. Inglis (Commandant of the Swavesey Detachment of the B.R.C.S.)

The Mayor of Cambridge (Ald. E. O. Brown) who was accompanied by the Mayoress, in a few words after tea expressed the thanks of those present to the members of the C.A.O.S. for the beautiful service they had rendered, and wished them further successes.

Mr. R. Alsop thanked Mrs. Inglis, on behalf of the society for the tea, and warmly praised Mrs. C. S. Hepher for the efficient arrangements she had made regarding the service.

MARKET THEATRE. 25th April 1941

There was a large attendance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, when the Market Theatre, under the direction of Miss Vivienne Bennett, gave their entertainment of plays, songs and dances.

WEDDING. 25th April 1941

In our report last week of the marriage of Miss Elsie Dodson and Mr. Holloway it should have been stated that the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Harold Dodson. Her father, the late Mr. John Dodson, died some years ago.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. 25th April 1941

The sale of work, etc., to raise funds for foreign missions, which was held by members of the Parish Church in the old School on Thursday week, brought in the record sum of £20 13s. 10d. At the close the Vicar warmly thanked all who had contributed to making it the unqualified success that it was.

FILM DISPLAY. 25th April 1941

A keenly appreciative audience of about 150 people filled the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, when under the auspices of the Women's Institute a series of interesting films was shown by the Ministry of Information. The films

included: The Battle Fleets of Britain; Stop That Fire; Kings in Exile; Now You're Talking; and Heart of Britain. A collection which was made realised £1 5s. 9d., and after £1 had been paid for the use of the hall, the balance, together with 6s. 6d. handed over from the previous film show arranged by the British Legion, was given to the Comforts Fund.

FRUIT PRESERVATION. 9th May 1941

A public meeting under the auspices of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on the 2nd inst to consider forming a fruit preservation centre in the village. There was a good attendance. After Miss Warrington, who was in the chair, had explained the scheme it was decided to form a centre in Swavesey and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. Inglis; joint secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Dawson; controller, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; chief Helpers, Miss Paine and Mrs. Laverack; committee, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Ding and Mrs. de Haro.

PARISH MEETING. 9th May 1941

Only six of the nine parish councillors and three other parishioners, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd), Mr. T. Dawson and Mr. D. Williams, with the Clerk (Mr. Prime Godfrey) took the trouble to attend the annual Parish Meeting in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. The accounts of the Parish Council and of Galon's Charity were presented. The Vicar called attention to the dangerous condition of the temporary footbridges over the openings in the raised causeway which are used in case of flood. It was decided to again ask the County Council to have the bridges attended to without further delay.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK. 9th May 1941

About 20 villagers attended the public meeting called by the Parish Council on Monday evening to consider the question of holding a War Weapons Week, 25th- 31st May. After a brief explanatory statement by Mr. C. H. Parish (Chairman of the Parish Council), who presided, it was decided to appoint a committee, to make the necessary arrangements, and the following were elected, subject to their acceptance of office: Mr. Inglis, Mr. C. S. Hephher, Mr. John Barwell, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and the Rev. A. McPhee, with power to add to their number. Mr. C. S. Hephher was appointed secretary. Mr. P. J. Watts, county councillor for the division, who was also present, gave some useful information.

PARISH COUNCIL. 9th May 1941

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday week, after the Parish Meeting, the following members being present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham, C. H. Parish, A. S. Payne and W. Spolton. Mr. C. Dean presided and Mr. C. H. Parish acted as clerk, as Mr. Godfrey was unable to remain owing to ill-health. Mr. Parish was re-elected chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and Mr. Dean vice-chairman. A letter was read from the County Council stating that the Parish Council would be in order in paying for the alterations at Mrs. Page's premises needed for the provision of an air raid shelter. After discussion it was agreed that the bill be paid. It was also decided that the attention of the District Council be called to the unsatisfactory condition of Scratch Bank and the Fobs; that tenders be invited for the herbage of the Recreation Ground; that arrangements for the collection of unburnable rubbish be made by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; that permission be given for the Red Cross ambulance to be kept in the old fire engine house, no expense or liability to be incurred by the Council; that the attention of the County Council be called to the bad condition of a footbridge on the path to Over; and that a public meeting be held on Monday evening to make arrangements for War Weapons Week.

A DANGEROUS FOOTBRIDGE. 16th May 1941

At their meeting last week the Parish Council decided to call the attention of the County Council to the bad condition of the footbridge on the footpath to Over. This bridge, which crosses the brook that divided the two parishes, was stated to be dangerous, and this was proved to be the case by the accident to Mr. Dick Wilderspin on Sunday morning. As he was crossing the bridge his right leg went through the rotten flooring and his knee was seriously injured. He has since been confined to bed, and has suffered much pain.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK. 16th May 1941

The local organising committee, Mr. C. H. Parish, Mrs. C. S. Hephher, Mrs. Dawson, Rev. A. McPhee, Mr. C. S. Hephher and Mr. J. H. Barwell, have arranged an interesting programme to stimulate savings during War Weapons Week, May 25th – 31st. The target aimed at is £3,000. On Sunday, May 25th, a procession of all the defence services, headed by a band, will meet on the green, and many other attractions, including whist drives, a social, darts competition, a dance and special children's evening have been arranged.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th May 1941

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday. The president (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) occupied the chair. Miss Warrington gave an interesting talk on "How we compare with other countries," for which she was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Laverack. The programme for the village's effort for War Weapons Week was outlined by the President, and all members were asked to "do their bit." A roll call on "How we can best raise money for our Institute" was conducted by Miss Warrington. There were many good suggestions and some amusing ones. After refreshments the social half-hour was spent in a "musical hike," the prizes being won by Miss G. Wright and Mrs. Pink.

W.I. GROUP MEETING. 23rd May 1941

The annual group meeting of the Women's Institutes was held on May 19th, about 160 members from Over, Willingham, Cottenham, Fen Drayton and Swavesey Institutes being present. Before the business commenced a presentation was made by Mrs. C. S. Hephher on behalf of the institutes to Mrs. Allen, who is retiring from her duties very reluctantly as convenor. Mrs. G. Laverack was elected to take her place. Miss Simpson gave an interesting talk on "How the Women's Institutes carry on in war-time." This talk was greatly appreciated. After refreshments the results of the competition were announced. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Holliday (Over) for the best oatmeal scones, and to Mrs. Rayner (Cottenham)¹, and Mrs. Ivett (Swavesey)² for the most ingenious article made from something old. Games brought a very happy evening to a close.

BARNARDO HOMES. 30th May 1941

The house-to-house collection in Swavesey in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, amounted to £3 15s. 10½d. The collectors were: Misses Ann and Ruth Shepperson £1 11s. 9d., Mrs. Ivatt £1 9s. 3d., Mrs. F. Dodson 14s. 10½d. Miss Easter was the organiser.

PIG CLUB. 30th May 1941

A valuable contribution towards an increase in home food production is being made by the newly formed Pig Club, which has started operations with 16 pigs, which are being kept by members at various points in the village. Householders can help by offering house and garden scraps, and it is hoped to organise a collection of these later to supplement the meal ration as the pigs' appetites grow.

THE FEAST. 30th May 1941

The annual village feast should have been held this week, but owing to the war all its usual attributes have been lacking. There have been few, if any, visitors, and not a vestige of a roundabout, shooting gallery, swing or stall could be found in Market Street. The many functions that have taken place in the village, or have still to be held, have been in connection with War Weapons Week. Good congregations attended the parish church on Sunday, when the collections at the mid-day and evening services were for Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. In the evening the choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "Lift up your heads" (Hopkins).

DEATH OF MR. HARRY PRIME. 30th May 1941

The news of the death of Mr. Harry Prime, of High Street, came as a great shock to his many friends in Swavesey. Although he had not been feeling well for a few days, he took part as a member of the local Red Cross Detachment on Sunday, and went to work on Monday as usual. He became worse during the evening, and as it was evident that he was seriously ill the doctor was called in, and on Tuesday morning he was taken by ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he passed away early in the evening without regaining consciousness. It is understood that he was suffering from Meningis coccal meningitis (sic.). Mr. Prime, who was born in Swavesey 42 years ago was a son of the late Mr. Alfred Prime. Sincere sympathy is expressed with his widow and young son in the very sad loss. The funeral will take place at the Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

WAR WEAPONS WEEK. 30th May 1941

War Weapons Week was inaugurated at Swavesey on Sunday afternoon with a parade through the village of the various local organisations, followed by a meeting on the Recreation Ground. The procession, which started from Boxworth End, was headed by the Home Guard, who preceded the Somersham Town Band. Then in succession came the British Legion, special police, A.R.P. wardens, A.F.S., Red Cross nurses, Girl Guides, Girls' Life Brigade, members of the Women's Institute and representatives of Parish Council. Mr. R. Barwell presided at the meeting, at which Major Kinghan was the principal speaker. The attractions during the week have included whist drives on Monday and Thursday, social on Tuesday, and a darts competition on Wednesday, all entrance fees being returned wholly or in part in Savings stamps and stamps given for prizes. To-day (Friday) there is to be a children's evening (stamp prizes for fancy dress) and the week will conclude to-morrow

with a dance. Savings stamps have been on sale at these functions, all of which have been held in the Memorial Hall.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 6th June 1941

The anniversary service was held at Bethel Baptist Church on May 29th, the special preacher being Prof. F. Cawley, Ph. D., of Spurgeon's College. Despite unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance and a highly successful meeting was held. The preacher's subject was "The Christian Race."

WEDDING. 6th June 1941

The marriage of Mr. Lawrence Gray Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters, of High Street, and Miss Gwendoline Olive Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, of School Lane, took place at the parish church on Whit-Monday, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. During the service the hymns "O Father, all creating" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father" and the 67th Psalm were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin, with wreath and veil, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Nancy Shinn, who was attired in rose taffeta with silver accessories, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. Mr. Fred Peters (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Miss A. Godfrey. The reception in the Memorial hall after the ceremony was attended by between 40 and 50 guests. The happy couple, who were the recipients of many useful presents, are spending the honeymoon at Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

THE LATE MR. HARRY PRIME. 6th June 1941

There was a large attendance of sympathising friends at the parish church on Saturday afternoon for the funeral of Mr. Harry Prime, whose death after a very short illness was announced in our last issue. Members of the local branch of the British Legion and Red Cross nurses, with their Commandant, preceded the cortege, and on arrival at the church the former formed a guard of honour. Four members of the Red Cross Men's Detachment acted as bearers. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated, and the choir, of which deceased for 35 years had been a member, was in attendance. During the service the hymns "God moves in a mysterious ways" and "Thy way, not mine, O Lord," the 23rd Psalm, and the Nunc Dimittis were sung. As the congregation were assembling the organist (Mr. G. H. Skeeles) played "The Lord is mindful," "O rest in the Lord" and "Lift thine eyes unto the hills," and

as the mourners were leaving the church for the grave in the churchyard, "Blest are the departed." The mourners were: Mrs. H. Prime (widow), Master J. Prime (son), Mrs. F. Hayward, Mrs. C. H. Parish, Mrs. P. Cartwright, Mrs. H. Andrews, Miss E. Prime (sisters), Mr. C. H. Parish, Mr. F. Hayward, Mr. O. Simpson (brothers-in-law), Mrs. A. Prime, Mrs. L. Moss (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mortlock (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mrs. D. Prime (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. J. Kester, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wolf, Mr. C. Prime, Mrs. J. Lyons (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. G. Hephher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Prime, Mr. S. Prime, Mrs. W. King (cousins). Among the many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Parochial Church Council, the choir and ringers; Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion; and Cambs. 12 and Cambs. 15, British Red Cross. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey. At the evening service on Sunday the Vicar prefaced his sermon with a sympathetic reference to the sad circumstances of Mr. Prime's death, and also spoke of the services he had rendered as a member of the choir and of the Church Council, and in connection with various village organisations. Mrs. H. Prime desires to thank all kind friends for their greatly appreciated sympathy in her sad bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers. She asks them to be good enough to accept this as the only acknowledgement.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK. 6th June 1941

SWAVESEY. Whist drives, a darts tournament, a social and dance were among the events which went to make Swavesey's war weapons week a financial success. The village hall was crowded for the children's evening, when a fancy dress competition was held and films from the Ministry of Information were shown.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th June 1941

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) in the chair, an interesting lecture was given by Miss Nettleship on "Music in the Institute." This was followed by a roll call on "My favourite song." After refreshments had been served, games arranged by the committee were enjoyed.

LOCAL FOOD OFFICER. 20th June 1941

Mr. C. H. Parish, chairman of the Parish Council, has been appointed food officer for the parish of Swavesey.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY. 20th June 1941

In the villages included in the Swavesey Division, the sale of flags organised by Mrs. Inglis, Divisional Secretary and Commandant, resulted in the gratifying sum of £50 11s. 9½d. being realised. Of this Swavesey raised £8 12s. 7d. In Swavesey and Over the flags were sold by members of Cambs. 12, and in Willingham by members of Cambs. 26.

FOR THE BLIND. 27th June 1941

A successful dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday in aid of the Cambs. Blind. The Over Dance Band provided a good selection of music. As a result £2 8s. 6d. will be added to the emblem collection.

OBITUARY. 27th June 1941

After about 14 years of acute suffering Miss Margaret Culpin passed peacefully away on Monday at the home of her brother, Mr. Charles Culpin, in School Lane, Swavesey, aged 57 years. The funeral took place at the parish church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK. 27th June 1941

The winner of the target prize was Mr. Keltringham, of Earith, and the Certificate has been sent on to him. The surplus from the various competitions run during the week has been used to give each child attending the school four savings stamps.

REPORTED MISSING. 27th June 1941

Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, of Swavesey and Godmanchester, has received official intimation that his son Driver Bernard ("Jock") Godfrey, R.A.S.C., has been reported missing. Driver Godfrey, who is 21 years of age, joined up in July, 1939.

A TARRING PROBLEM. 27th June 1941

A resident in High Street writes: "High Street has this week been freshly tarred and re-surfaced, and so has the back lane which runs from Turn Bridge and again joins High Street at the side of Mr. H. William's premises. But a narrow strip between the end of the lane and the roadway in High Street has been left, I am told, because it is part of the side path along High Street. This is unfortunate, as for a considerable time pedestrians have either had to wade through, or go out in the road to avoid, two large puddles whenever rain has fallen. If this narrow strip is a pathway, why are Mr. Prime Godfrey's heavily-laden lorries and other vehicular traffic allowed to cross it? To treat it

as a path is to ask for trouble, as it is obvious that material suitable for a path is useless for heavy traffic.”

EXAMINATIONS PASSED. 4th July 1941

Miss Hilda May Walker, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Walker, has passed all her examinations as a State registered nurse, and is joining the staff of one of the large London hospitals.

THE LATE MISS CULPIN. 4th July 1941

The funeral of Miss Margaret Culpin, whose death at the age of 57 years was announced in our last issue, took place at Swavesey parish church on Thursday week, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culpin, Mr. and Mrs. James Culpin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Culpin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culpin (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Freeman (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Robb, St. Ives, Mrs. P. Stubbings, Mrs. R. Stubbings, Mr. Alfred (John) Culpin, Mr. S. Culpin, Mrs. J. Culpin, jun., Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. E. Smart, Miss Ida Culpin, Mrs. James (nephews and nieces), Mr. Geo. Fordham, Houghton (cousin). Many friends were also present. Mr. S. Robb, St. Ives (brother-in-law) was unable to attend owing to illness. There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

FOR A WORTHY CAUSE. 11th July 1941

A flag day organised by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Inglis, in aid of the British Sailors' Society, was held throughout Swavesey on Saturday, the satisfactory sum of £6 11s. 1d. being realised. The collectors were: Mrs. Johnson £2 5s. 1½d., Miss Enid Meekings £2 10s. 5d., Miss Elsie Thorp 17s. 3d., Mrs. Inglis 18s. 3½d.

CHURCH FETE. 11th July 1941

All who came enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the “beano” in aid of church funds held in the Vicarage grounds last Saturday, and by coming raised the useful sum of £17 17s. 6d. A little diffidence was at first evident towards the novelty items, but when tried these were voted a great success. The weather was kindness itself, and at the end of the day there was a general feeling that it is good, and particularly good in these war days, to spend a pleasant time in social enjoyment together. The Vicar thanked all who kindly helped.

OUTDOOR COOKERY. 18th July 1941

At the July meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held on the President's lawn, Miss Jarman, of Cambridge, assisted by her Girl Guides, gave an instructive lecture and demonstration on outdoor cookery. Unfortunately this was interrupted by a thunderstorm, and the members had to adjourn to the President's house, where the meeting was carried on. An excellent meal cooked by the Guides was produced, and they were heartily congratulated on their effort.

WEDDING. 18th July 1941

The marriage of Corpl. John Philip Smalley, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smalley, of Bogota, Mansfield Road, Worksop, Notts, and Miss Jane Holmes, daughter of Mr. Henry Holmes and the late Mrs. Holmes, of 6, Priory Cottages, School Lane, Swavesey, took place at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Father Patrick O'Connell, officiating priest for the R.A.F., conducting the service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue and white marocain dress, with grey felt hat and navy veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of red and white carnations and trailing fern, which was afterwards placed on her mother's grave in Swavesey Churchyard. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Enid Meetings, who was attired in blue and maroon marocain, with hat to tone. She carried a bouquet of salmon pink carnations and fern. Flight-Sergt. Dennis N. Stevenson, R.A.F., was best man. Both the bridegroom and the best man were in uniform. About 60 guests attended the reception, which was held after the ceremony at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, where later they were joined by other friends, a most enjoyable evening being spent. The presents were numerous and useful, and included several cheques.

GARDEN PARTY. 25th July 1941

The Women's Institute garden party was held on the President's lawn on Tuesday. Commencing at five o'clock, business was brisk at the various stalls, competitions, etc. The programme included dancing by Miss Hatley's pupils from the junior school, and a pretty play acted by pupils of the evacuee school under the leadership of Mrs. de Haro. A whist drive followed later, when six tables were in play. The prizes won were as follows: Ladies, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. F. Hephher; gentlemen, Master Peter de Haro, Mr. de Haro; lucky number, Mrs. Warrington.

M.O.I. FILMS. 1st Aug. 1941

The instructive, yet most interesting, films shown by the Ministry of Information in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday were greatly appreciated, both

in the afternoon by the children and in the evening, when the hall was crowded, by adults.

FOR MERCHANT SAILORS. 1st Aug. 1941

The solo whist drive arranged by Mrs. W. Hind, which took place recently at her residence, Rutholme, resulted in £4 12s. being realised for the Merchant Sailors' Fund. The following were the prize-winners: Mr. Johnstone (Over), Mr. R. Mustill (Over), Mr. F. Warrington, Mrs. J. Hawkes; knock-out, Mr. C. W. H. Cole and Mr. J. Berry. Mr. W. Hind officiated as M.C.

HARVEST CANTEENS. 1st Aug. 1941

A meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock this (Friday) evening to consider whether a canteen for the use of farmers and workers in the harvest fields should be provided for the parish of Swavesey. The question of the provision of such canteens was discussed at a conference at the Shirehall on Wednesday, and it is left to those concerned to decide what should be done in regard to their respective parishes.

PRISONER OF WAR. 8th Aug. 1941

A card has been received from Driver Bernard ("Jock") Godfrey, R.A.S.C., stating that he is a prisoner of war, presumably in Greece, and is in good health. At the end of June he was officially reported to be missing.

DEATH OF A RAILWAYMAN. 8th Aug. 1941

After about seven weeks' illness, the last three in hospital, Mr. Harry Wright, of High Street, Swavesey, passed away at Addenbrooke's at 6 a.m. on Sunday, aged 59. For 28 years he had been a platelayer, or patrolman, on the L.N.E.R. at Swavesey. Sincere sympathy is expressed in the village with his wife, who as recently as last February had to mourn the death of her son, an only child. The funeral will take place at Swavesey parish church at 3 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th Aug. 1941

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, every member attending. The Vice-Chairman (Mr. C. Dean) presided, and the Chairman (Mr. C. H. Parish) acted as clerk in the absence through ill-health, of Mr. Prime Godfrey. There was very little business to be dealt with. On the motion of Mr. B. Hodson, seconded by Mr. A. P. Payne, it was decided that the Constable's Rood should be tythe redeemed, and on the motion of Mr. W. Burton, seconded by Mr. C. Cole, that

the attention of the County Council be called to the dangerous condition of the footbridge on the public path to Fen Drayton. A matter of great importance to the owners and occupiers of land in Middle Fen was then considered, and Mr. Cole proposed that a letter be sent to the Chesterton Rural District Council calling attention to the urgent need of repairs to Scratch Bank in Middle Fen, and requesting that they may be carried out without delay, in accordance with the terms of the Parish Award. This was seconded by Mr. Payne, and carried unanimously.

ENGAGEMENT. 15th Aug. 1941

The engagement is announced between Ronald Arthur, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of St. Ives, Hunts., and Olive Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Prior, of Swavesey, Cambs.

A RAILWAYMAN'S FUNERAL. 15th Aug. 1941

The funeral of Mr. Harry Wright, whose death, at the age of 59 years, in Addenbrooke's hospital, was announced last week, took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mrs H. Wright (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coote (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Sarah Coote, St. Ives (cousin), Mrs. C. Ding and Mrs. S. Carrier, and the following representing the L.N.E.R. staff at Swavesey: Mr. T. Dawson (station-master), Mr. Williams (chief clerk), Mr. Sumner (signalman), Messrs. H. Mynott and F. Prior (porters), and Messrs. W. Carrier and C. Key (platelayers). Four platelayers, Messrs. C. Ding, G. James, J. Norman and J. Rosling, acted as bearers. Several other friends were also present. Several floral tributes were sent. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker. Deceased, who was the son of Mr. George Wright, of Broxted, Essex, had been for 28 years a platelayer, or patrolman, on the L.N.E.R. at Swavesey.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 22nd Aug. 1941

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The attendance was rather poor. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Williamson (vice-president). An interesting talk was given by Miss Kelly on re-stocking the store cupboard, and some samples of goods required were on view. After refreshments had been served a roll call on "What I shall do when the war is over" caused a lot of fun.

PRESUMED KILLED. 29th Aug. 1941

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Needingworth Road, were notified by telegram on Monday that their only son, Stoker Ronald Arthur Smith, was presumed killed on active service. Twenty-one years of age Ronald was home on leave only three weeks ago, when his engagement to Miss O. E. Prior, of Swavesey, was announced. Before the war he was an assistant at the Co-operative Stores Grocery Department, and was very popular among his many friends. Cycling was his chief sporting activity, and he was one of the prime movers in the formation of the St. Ives Wheelers Club. Mr. Smith, senr., served in the Navy in the last war, and his son, who followed in his footsteps, is the third St. Ivesian who has made the supreme sacrifice in the present conflict.

RAID DISTRESS FUND. 29th Aug. 1941

A house-to-house collection organised by Mrs. C. S. Hephner, W.V.S. representative, on behalf of the Air Raid Distress Fund, was made in Swavesey on Saturday. The collectors were: Mrs. Ellwood £1 1s. 4d., Mrs. M. Godfrey 19s. 1½d., Mrs. L. Peters £1 17s. 6d., Mrs. Laverack £1 8s. 4d., Mrs. Dawson 15s. 9½d. Total £6 2s. 1d.

STACK FIRE. 5th Sept. 1941

A small haystack caught fire on the farm of Mr. James Shepperson at Boxworth End on Wednesday afternoon. It was soon extinguished by the Swavesey A.F.S., assisted by the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade, and a good deal of the stack was saved.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 5th Sept. 1941

Swavesey has lost another old inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Crisp, who passed away on Monday at Mow Fen Gatehouse, aged 74. She was the widow of Mr. Charles Crisp, hay dealer, of Swavesey, and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Poulter, of Conington Cambs. The funeral will take place at the parish church at 3 p.m. to-day (Friday).

“SUDDEN AND SILLY IMPULSE.” 5th Sept. 1941

Theft of Money from Swavesey Shop.

A Cambridge man who stole £9 from a Swavesey shopkeeper was bound over at Cambs. Divisional Court on Saturday.

He was Ronald Edward Bath, 204, Histon Road, Cambridge, and he pleaded guilty to the theft of the money from William Crouch on August 25th.

Mr. Crouch, of Boxworth End, Swavesey, tobacconist and confectioner, said there was a room at the back of his shop where customers used to sit at times. On the previous Sunday defendant came into the shop. Witness's brother was

serving and witness told him to keep an eye on the cupboard as there was some silver there. Witness then went out.

On Monday witness added another pound to the money in a tin box, making £9 in all, and put it in the cupboard in the middle room.

SAT NEAR CUPBOARD.

About 11.30 a.m. defendant and his wife came in. Witness served the woman, and defendant walked into the middle room and sat on a box which creaked. This was close to the cupboard. He was in there for some 20 minutes.

Witness discovered his loss about 5 o'clock. All the money was gone, and witness informed the police.

P.C. Shanks stated that he saw defendant on Tuesday. He said, "I don't know anything about it. Why come and see me?" After further questioning he admitted the theft. He said in a statement that he was a bit short at the time. He gave witness £5 10s., and told him how he had spent the other money.

Defendant, in Court, said it was just a sudden silly impulse.

He was bound over for 12 months, on the condition that he made full restitution to Mr. Crouch.

DAY OF PRAYER. 12th Sept. 1941

At the parish church and at both of the Baptist Churches in the village the National Day of Prayer was duly observed on Sunday.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th Sept. 1941

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the president (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) in the chair. There was a good attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. A most interesting talk was given by the Rev. J. Goodchild (rector of Longstanton) who kindly deputised at the last moment. This was heartily applauded. There were no entries for the competition. During the social half hour games, etc., were played.

SALVAGE OF WASTE PAPER. 12th Sept. 1941

The waste paper collected in the village by children under the supervision of Mrs. A. J. Willson and Miss Beaumont from November, 1940, and July, 1941, has been sold, and has realised £10 18s. 1d. Of this sum £10 has been allocated as follows: £4 to the Red Cross, £4 to the local Nursing Association, and £2 to the fund for Swavesey men serving in H.M. Forces. The paper has been stored prior to removal in a barn kindly lent by Mr. Watson. Further collections will be made on Saturday mornings.

THE LATE MRS. C. CRISP. 12th Sept. 1941

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Crisp, widow of Mr. Charles Crisp, whose death at the age of 74 years was announced last week, took place at the parish church on Friday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Prior (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. J. Green and Mrs. E. J. Warboys, Fen Drayton (sisters), Miss Mary Prime, Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, Mrs. B. Grey, Mr. E. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burling, Mrs. J. Linford, Mrs. B. Hodson (nephews and nieces). Beautiful floral tributes were sent. Mr. E. J. Mitham was the undertaker.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 19th Sept. 1941

For the harvest thanksgiving on Thursday week the parish church was effectively decorated with flowers and gifts of fruit, produce, etc. The day opened with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., and Evensong was at 6.30 p.m. At this service the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) was unable to be present as he had been called away owing to the death of his father, and the Rev. S. Rogerson, of Cambridge, who had been announced as the special preacher, officiated. In addition to the harvest hymns, the choir sang the anthem "While the earth remaineth" (Rev. C. T. Powell). The collection was for Addenbrooke's Hospital, to which institution the gifts of fruit and produce have also been sent. On Sunday, when the festival was continued, the services were: Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10.30 a.m., children's gift service 3 p.m., and Evensong, when Thursday's anthem was repeated, 6 p.m. The Vicar officiated throughout the day. The collection at Mattins was for medical missions, and in the evening for the Church Maintenance Fund. The children's gifts have been sent to the Harvey Goodwin Home in Cambridge.

DAUGHTER FOR CAMBS. D.F.C. 26th Sept. 1941

The birth of a daughter to the wife of A/Flight Lieut. E. G. Barwell, D.F.C., was announced on Saturday.

Flight Lieut. Barwell is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barwell, of Swavesey, Cambs.

His wife is the elder daughter of Sir Raymond Birchall, Deputy Director-General of the Post Office.

100 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING OCT. 2nd, 1841. 26th Sept. 1941

SWAVESEY NATIONAL SCHOOLS. The interesting ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the National Schools at Swavesey took place on Tuesday, 28th September, when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the

weather, a large number of clergymen and ladies and gentlemen of the neighbourhood were present. After an excellent sermon by the Rev. Professor Scholefield, the procession formed at the church, and, headed by the children of the Sunday School, proceeded to the site, which was densely crowded. The ceremony commenced with a prayer by the Rev. T. C. Grover, the curate, after which the Vicar (Rev. J. Graham) proceeded to lay the "foundation stone of a building to be erected for the promotion of religious education."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 10th Oct. 1941

The opening meeting of the Young People's Fellowship was held in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom on Monday, the President (Rev. A. McPhee) occupying the chair. There was a fair attendance.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN. 10th Oct. 1941

Much sympathy is expressed in the village with Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, of School Lane, in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their only son, Mr. Albert John Sharp, which occurred at Addenbrooke's Hospital on October 4th, following an operation. He was only 24 years of age. The funeral took place at Swavesey parish church on Wednesday, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharp (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. M. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. L. Peters (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. R. Turner, Mr. F. Peters, Mrs. E. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. T. Froment, Messrs. L. and W. Parish, Mr. J. Parish, Messrs. G. Howlett, F. Brickwood and S. Brooks (workmates), Mrs. J. G. Inglis (representing the British Red Cross Society) and Mr. J. G. Inglis and other members of the Home Guard and many other friends. The Home Guard formed a guard of honour. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the Swavesey platoon of the Home Guard and another from the Swavesey Division of the British Red Cross Society. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Robert Sayle and Co., Ltd., Cambridge.

SOCIAL AND DANCE. 17th Oct. 1941

Under the auspices of the Women's Institute a successful social and dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. The Over dance band provided an excellent programme of dance music, and Mrs. W. Hind (Swavesey) and Mrs. Stringer sang several songs, all of which were heartily applauded. Two competitions, both won by Corpl. A. Lee, and games, also contributed to a lively and pleasant evening.

NEED FOR RATIONING. 17th Oct. 1941

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) in the chair, Mr. Rodgers, of Harston, gave an enlightening talk on the need for rationing, for which he was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Laverack. After refreshments had been served there was an amusing roll call on "My cure for a fit of the blues." Songs and games brought the meeting to a close.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 17th Oct. 1941

There was an encouraging number of members at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in Bethel Baptist Chapel schoolroom on Monday evening, when the chair was occupied by Mr. I. Brand, and the President (Rev. A. McPhee) was the speaker. During the evening choruses were sung and a solo was rendered by Mr. G. Laverack. It was announced that Pastor Westrop, of Sutton, would be the speaker next week.

MARRIAGE OF MISS G. A. WRIGHT. 17th Oct. 1941

Swavesey Parish Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss G. H. Wright, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright, of 22, Askew Row, and Gunner Douglas A. Wagstaff, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wagstaff, 25, Council Houses, Market Street. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white floral silk dress, with veil and head-dress. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Misses D. Anderson and B. Wiseman (friends of the bride), who were attired in floral silk, with head-dresses to match, and Miss B. Gough (cousin of the bride), who acted as chief bridesmaid attired in pale mauve organdie, with head-dress to match. Gunner C. Woollard was best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents. The presents were numerous and useful. Both the bride and bridegroom are serving with H.M. Forces.

FOR SAILORS' COMFORTS. 24th Oct. 1941

A solo whist drive was held at Mrs. Hinds' house on October 18th in aid of the Sailors' Comforts Fund. The prize-winners were: Mr. G. Warrington, Mr. Curruthers, Mr. Webb, Mr. Dawson; knock-out Mrs. Hawkes and Mr. Johnstone. The net proceeds amounted to £5 12s.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 24th Oct. 1941

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Pastor Westrop, of Sutton, was the speaker. During the evening choruses were also sung, and a reading was given by Mrs.

A. Prior. Miss L. Shearman was in the chair. It was announced that the Rev. A. Blackaby, of Willingham, would be the speaker next week.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION. 31st Oct. 1941

Nurse Buckle will commence her duties in Swavesey and district to-morrow (Nov. 1st). She will reside at the Rev. J. F. Cooksey's house in Market Street, Swavesey.

Y.P.F. 31st Oct. 1941

The Rev. E. P. Blackaby, of Willingham, was the speaker at the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Day, and during the evening a solo was sung by Miss T. Brickwood. Choruses were also sung. There was an excellent attendance. It was announced that L.A.C. J. Balfour, R.A.F., would be the speaker next week.

PARISH COUNCIL. 31st Oct. 1941

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, all members being present. Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman) presided, and, in the absence of Mr. Prime Godfrey, the Chairman (Mr. C. H. Parish) acted as clerk. Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that the bridge on the pathway to Fen Drayton had been repaired, and that representations to the Rural District Council respecting the condition of Scratch Bank were under consideration. A reference to the continued absence of the clerk was replied to by Mr. C. H. Parish, and a discussion respecting the alleged waste of water in the parish, and the supply of meters, concluded the meeting.

A CAREFUL DRIVER. 7th Nov. 1941

Mr. Percy Leonard Wilson, motor driver for the L.N.E.R. at Swavesey Station, has been presented with the National Safety First Association's diploma in the Safe Driving Competition for 1940.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 7th Nov. 1941

There was a good attendance on Monday at the meeting of the Y.P.F., held in Bethel schoolroom, when L.A.C. J. Balfour, R.A.F., was the speaker and also gave an excellent recitation. The chair was taken by Miss L. Brand. During the evening choruses were sung, and it was announced that Capt. Sanders, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps, would be the speaker next week.

TRINITY COLLEGE FARM. 7th Nov. 1941

For 17 years a farm bailiff to the late Mr. Robert Stephenson, J.P., at Northmore Farm at Exning, and afterwards, and until the farm was sold, to Major Walker, Mr. Walter Cross has this week taken over the management of Trinity College Farm, Swavesey. A native of Ely, he has six sons, three of whom are serving in H.M. Forces, and one daughter. His cheerful and kindly disposition made him numerous friends in the Exning district.

BRITISH LEGION. 7th Nov. 1941

At the annual meeting of the Swavesey and District branch of the British Legion on Monday it was decided that Remembrance Day should be observed as usual, and that members of the Home Guard, Red Cross and St. John Ambulance, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Girls' Life Brigade should be invited to parade with members of the Legion at the Recreation Ground at 2.30 p.m. to attend a united service at the parish church, and also to attend the service at the Baptist Church at 6.15 p.m. It was announced that Mrs. C. S. Hepher had kindly consented to take charge of the sale of poppies, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her for the wonderful result of last year's sale.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. 7th Nov. 1941

A happy evening was spent in the Memorial Hall on Saturday to celebrate the 13th birthday of the Swavesey Women's Institute. Each member invited one guest. The Over dance band provided an excellent selection of music for the dancing, which together with games and competitions made a very pleasant time. Refreshments were served by the committee and a beautiful birthday cake, given by the president, Mrs. C. S. Hepher, complete with 13 candles, was cut and distributed among all present. During the evening Mrs. Lee made a charming little speech, thanking the president for yet another good year's work in the Institute. She then presented Mrs. Hepher with a small gift as a mark of the members' appreciation. Prizes for the competitions, etc., were won by Corpl. Alan Lee, R.A.F. (jumbled animals), Mr. and Mrs. G. Prime (spot waltz) and Mrs. Ansell (book balancing).

WEDDING. 7th Nov. 1941

The marriage took place at St. Philip's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon of Leading Seaman Percy Wright, R.N., sixth son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright, 22, Askew Row, Swavesey, and Miss Dorothy May Anderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of 41, Malta Road, Cambridge. The Vicar (Rev. A. G. L. Hunt) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white satin with veil and orange blossom and she carried

a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and trailing fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Ivy Meredith, attired in pale blue organdie and Miss Daphne Doncaster, in blue floral satin. Both carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums and fern. Stoker 1st Class Fred Anderson, R.N. (brother of the bride) acted as best man. After the ceremony the bride's bouquet was placed on her grandmother's grave and the bridesmaids' laid on the bridegroom's cousin's grave. The reception was held in the Romsey Council School where about 75 guests were entertained. The presents were numerous and useful. It may be of interest to mention that the bridegroom has three brothers and his only sister serving in H.M. Forces.

MARRIED AT GODMANCHESTER. 7th Nov. 1941

The wedding took place at the parish church, Godmanchester, Hunts., on Saturday, of Miss Mabel Gwendoline Godfrey, daughter of Mr. Prime Godfrey, and the late Mrs. Godfrey, formerly of Swavesey, and Mr. Philip Victor Cook, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, of Godmanchester. The Vicar (Rev. L. C. Askham) officiated, and during the service the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father" were sung. The bride, given away by her eldest brother, Mr. R. Godfrey (Swavesey), was attired in ivory velvet with veil and orange blossom headdress, and she carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. Miss K. Cook (sister of the bridegroom), who was bridesmaid, was dressed in old gold velvet, with headdress to match, and her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums. Police-Constable Morton, of Alconbury, was best man. A reception was held at the Church Hall, and the happy couple left later for a holiday at Leicester. The bridegroom is a member of the Hunts. Constabulary, and has been stationed for some time at King's Ripton, the inhabitants of which place have presented him with a silver tea service. The bride, who has been on the staff at Messrs. Bryant and Brant, St. Ives, is well known in the district. The Hunts. Police presented the bridegroom with a frameless mirror and an oak fruit stand. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Cook will take up their residence at Stanground, near Peterborough, Mr. Cook having been transferred to the Norman Cross Division.

FOR THE PARCELS FUND. 14th Nov. 1941

The dance which was held in the Memorial Hall last Saturday was a great success. A most enjoyable time was spent, an excellent selection of music being provided by the Over Dance band, and, with donations, the sum of £4 18s. was raised for the Christmas Parcels Fund. Mr. F. Martin undertook the duties of doorkeeper and Mr. C. S. Hephner acted as M.C.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 14th Nov. 1941

An interesting address was given by Capt. Sanders, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps. on "How I became a Salvation Army officer," at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. With him was Lieut. King, who sang three solos. Choruses were also sung during the evening. Mr. G. Laverack presided, and there was a good attendance. It was announced that Pastor S. J. Miller, of Willingham, would be the speaker next week.

SOFT SLIPPERS AND TOYS. 14th Nov. 1941

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on November 11th, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) occupying the chair, an interesting demonstration was given by Mrs. Hinks of the making of soft slippers and toys. Some beautiful work was on view. It was announced that a "Garden of Remembrance" had been planted at the war memorial, as usual, by members, and it was decided to send a donation of £1 1s. to Earl Haig's Fund from W.I. funds. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, after which the evening was devoted to dancing and a spelling bee.

CAMBS. SET FOR POPPY DAY RECORD? 14th Nov. 1941

Village Generosity on Armistice Day.

Despite the present heavy financial burdens which the community have to meet, the sale of poppies in the villages of Cambridgeshire on Armistice Day met with a ready and encouraging response.

From the totals already received there is indication that this year's grand total is likely to be a record for the county.

We regret that lack of space prevents us from publishing the lists of helpers, but in each case the name of the organiser is given in brackets.

Swavesey and District (Mrs. C. S. Hepher)

Swavesey – Poppies £18 9s. 4d., wreath 17s. 6d., parish church collection £5 8s. 8d., do. Baptist Chapel £4, W.I. donation £1 12s. Total £30 7s. 6d.

Boxworth – Poppies £2 14s. 8½d., church collection £1 15s. Total £4 9s. 8½d.

Conington – £1 8s. 6d.

Fen Drayton - £5 4s.

Lolworth - £2 10s.

Grand total - £43 19s. 8½d.

WAR-TIME PAUSE FOR REMEMBRANCE. 14th Nov. 1941

Cambs. Villagers Recall Sacrifices of 1914-18.

SWAVESEY.

The Home Guard, men's and women's Red Cross detachments, Girl Guides, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs, all in full force paraded on Sunday afternoon with members of the British Legion, in all about 130, and marched to the parish church, where a united service of remembrance was held. They also attended a service in Bethel Baptist Chapel in the evening. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and the Baptist minister (Rev. A. McPhee) officiated at both services.

A British Legion poppy wreath was placed on the War Memorial in the churchyard by the chairman of the local branch (Mr. R. Barwell) and poppy crosses by members of the Women's Institute.

The collection at the church, where there was an exceptionally large congregation, amounted to £5 8s. 7d., and at the Baptist Chapel, which was crowded, to £4. Both were for the Haig Fund.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 21st Nov. 1941

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in the Baptist Schoolroom on Monday evening, when Pastor S. J. Miller, of Willingham, was the speaker. Mrs. A. Prior occupied the chair. During the evening a solo was sung by Miss G. Dodson, also choruses. It was announced that next week Mr. K. Doggett, of Over, would be the speaker.

THE LATE MISS F. ABRAMS. 21st Nov. 1941

The funeral of Miss Fanny Abrams, daughter of the late Mr. William Abrams, who died on Sunday, after a long period of failing health, aged 73, took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Miss Abrams and Mrs. Webb (sisters), Messrs. Harry and Ernest Mitham (step-brothers), Mrs. E. Mitham (sister-in-law), Mrs. Pitts and Miss Elsie Thorpe (nieces), Mr. Ernest Thorpe (nephew). Several friends were also present.

GOODFELLOWS' GALLERY. 21st Nov. 1941

Picture.

Back to the young ladies again this week! Here is a photograph of Sylvia Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter, of Askew Row, Swavesey, who has been serving with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (Medical) since June 5th. She had previously been a member of the Swavesey Red Cross Detachment, so she ought to be well fitted for her new work. I hope she is happy in it.

Sylvia joined the Robin Fellowship in its earliest days with two of her sisters, both of whom are on the point of joining up for war services. My best wishes to all of them.

BRITISH LEGION. 28th Nov. 1941

The dance organised by the Swavesey branch of the British Legion, which was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was very well patronised, and resulted in augmenting the funds by £5 1s. 3d. Mr. C. S. Hephher acted as M.C., and the Over Band provided a good selection of dance music.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 28th Nov. 1941

Mr. R. Spearman presided over a very good attendance on Monday evening at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Church, when Mr. K. Doggett, of Over, was the speaker, and Mr. G. Day the soloist. Choruses were also sung. It was announced that next week the speaker would be the Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester.

FOR THE PARCELS FUND. 28th Nov. 1941

The whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week resulted (with donations) in £5 4s. being raised for the Parcels Fund, making a total of £14 2s. from the three social events. The prize-winners last week were: Ladies, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Crouch, top score, 1st half, Mrs. Edwards, consolation, Mrs. Cain; gentlemen, Mr. S. Clark, Mr. Carruthers, top score, 1st half, Mr. Ray Oakman, consolation, Mr. G. Prime; knock-out, Mrs. Thomas and Master Peter de Haro. Mr. Berryman acted as M.C.

WEDDING. 28th Nov. 1941

The marriage took place at the Parish Church on November 20th of Mr. Wilfred Parish, youngest son of Mr. A. L. Parish and the late Mrs. Parish, of Ashlea, Swavesey, and Miss Joyce Elizabeth (Babs) Day, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Day, of Berry House, Swavesey, and late of Bedwell Hey, Ely. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated. During the service the hymns "Praise my soul" and "Love Divine" and the Psalm "God, be merciful," were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. Given away by her father, the bride wore a dusty pink suit, with a brown fur coat, the gift of the bridegroom, and brown accessories, and she carried an ivory prayer book, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. B. C. Stevens, who was in attendance as a matron of honour, wore a blue dress, fur coat and hat to match. She carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Reginald Parish (brother of the

bridegroom) was best man. After the ceremony a quiet reception was held at the bride's home, and later the newly married couple left for a few days' honeymoon. The presents, about 50 in number, included several cheques. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Parish will reside at High Field Farm, Swavesey.

DEATH OF MR. H. G. KEY. 28th Nov. 1941

Swavesey has lost a well-known inhabitant by the death of Mr. Henry George Key, who passed away at his home in High Street, on Friday afternoon, aged 63 years. He was the only son of the late Mr. William Henry Key, whose bakery business he took over about 30 years ago, and conducted until three weeks before his death, when in consequence of the state of his health he transferred it to Mr. H. Peppercorn. He never held any public office, but for many years was a member of the parish church choir and a bellringer, and he "did his bit" in the last Great War, serving with the Sherwood Foresters from March, 1916, to March, 1919, and being twice wounded. The funeral took place at the parish church on Monday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Misses L. M., L. R., and M. A. Key (daughters), Mrs. E. Day, Mrs. W. F. Gleaves, Mrs. J. Hawkes (sisters), Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. J. Williams (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berryman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). Many friends were also present, including representatives of the local branch of the British Legion, and among the beautiful floral tributes was a wreath from the branch. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey.

50 YEARS AGO. DEC. 11th 1891. 5th Dec. 1941

REFORMING SWAVESEY.

The inhabitants of Swavesey have lost a very valuable officer in the person of P.C. Hodge, who has been promoted to sergeant and removed to Soham. P.C. Hodge has been at Swavesey about six years, and during that time has rendered good service. When he was first appointed to this station rowdiness was rampant in the village. By dint of good judgement, tact and energy he has put down the nightly brawls and he leaves the parish in a quiet and orderly state, and with the good wishes of all for his future welfare. We hope that at Soham the same confidence may be reposed in him as he experienced at Swavesey.

FROM THE MERCHANT NAVY. 5th Dec. 1941

A solo drive held at Mrs. Hind's house on Nov. 29th resulted in the splendid sum of £6 being raised for the benefit of men in the Merchant Navy for

Christmas. The prize-winners were: Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Northrop and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Norman, Mr. Carruthers and Mr. F. Warrington; knock-out winners, Mr. C. Cole and Mr. S. Warrington.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 5th Dec. 1941

An enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in the schoolroom attached to Bethel Baptist Chapel. The Rev. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, was the speaker, and with him came Captain Watts, of the Salvation Army, who sang some solos, accompanying himself with the piano-accordion. Choruses were also sung. There was an excellent attendance.

WHIST DRIVE. 5th Dec. 1941

Ten tables were filled at the whist drive held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday to mark St. Andrew's Day socially, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Shanks, Mrs. Berry, consolation, Miss Mary Hephner; gentlemen, Mr. Carruthers, Mrs. Smart, consolation, Mr. Martin; highest score 1st half, Mrs. Hawkes; knock out lady, Mrs. Shanks, gentleman, Mr. Carruthers. Before presenting the prizes, the Vicar thanked all who had contributed towards making the evening the great success it had been. The profits, for church funds, amounted to £4 5s. 4d.

RED CROSS. 12th Dec. 1941

The contributions to the Red Cross Agricultural Fund during November by means of the penny-a-week scheme amounted to £3 10s. 3d.

BRITISH LEGION. 12th Dec. 1941

The solo drive held at Mr. de Haro's house on Dec. 5th resulted in the funds of the local branch of the British Legion being augmented by £4. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Jellings; gentlemen, Mr. Smart, Mr. Shanks and Mr. Carruthers; knock-out, Mrs. Pink and Mr. G. Froment.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 12th Dec. 1941

Mrs. F. Dodson presided over a good attendance at the meeting of Bethel Baptist Church Young People's Fellowship on Monday, when Mrs. Letch, of Over, was the speaker and Mrs. Ivatt the soloist. Choruses were also sung during the evening. It was announced that Mr. Cyril Day would be the speaker at next week's meeting.

POTATO COOKERY. 12th Dec. 1941

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on December 9th, the President (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) in the chair, an instructive demonstration of potato cookery was given by Miss Kelly, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Hepher. It was agreed that girls from the age of 14 could now join the Women's Institute, and also that a donation of £1 1s. be sent to Mrs. Adeane's trust fund. The singing of carols ended the meeting.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SOCIAL. 12th Dec. 1941

The Women's Institute Christmas fair and social on Saturday was very successful, realising a profit of £19 1s. The bran-tub quickly emptied, and the stalls and pedlar's basket did a brisk trade. "Beat the band" was an amusing event at the social, for which the Over Dance Band was in attendance. Mr. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C. A donation of £10 is to be given to the Christmas Parcels Fund for Swavesey men and girls serving in H.M. Forces. Results of competitions, etc.: Work basket, Roger Godfrey; dressed doll, Miss Reynolds; box of chocolates, Mr. de Haro; mystery parcel, Derek Hookham; smelling bags, Mrs. Robins; jumbled towns, Mrs. Klynes.

AID FOR RUSSIA. 19th Dec. 1941

Flag Day in Swavesey Red Cross Division.

The flag day in aid of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund, organised by Mrs. Inglis, vice-president, in the villages comprised in the Swavesey division of the Red Cross Society, resulted in £46 15s. being raised.

The amounts collected in the different villages were as follows (local organiser's names in brackets): Swavesey (Mrs. Inglis) £8 5s. 11d., Willingham (Mrs. C. Frohock) £16 1s. 9d., Over (Mrs. R. Wayman) £8 10s. 9d., Longstanton (Miss Chapman) £5 0s. 8d., Boxworth (Mrs. Hartley) £1 12s. 2d., Elsworth (Mrs. Barry) £2 10s. 6d., Conington (Miss Joyce) 15s. 7d., Lolworth (Mrs. J. Burling) £1 10s., Fen Drayton (Mrs. Johnson) £2 7s. 8d.

ADVERTS. 19th Dec. 1941

DANCE in Memorial Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), 8 p.m. Proceeds for Comforts Fund.

CAROLS will be sung in the Village next Monday evening, from Boxworth End to School, and rest of village on Wednesday. Collection for Nursing Association & Prisoners' of War Fund.

DON'T FORGET to Book Boxing Day, at 6.30 p.m., for British Legion Christmas Social for Children and Adults. Admission 1s., Children 6d. Also December 27th, for British Legion Dance, 8 to 11.45 p.m. Admission 1s. 3d.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 19th Dec. 1941

Mr. C. Day, of Boxworth, was the speaker at the closing meeting of the first half of the Y.P.F. session, held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. Mr. D. Easter occupied the chair. During the evening L.A.C. J. Balfour, R.A.F., gave a recitation and choruses were sung. There was an excellent attendance.

BRITISH LEGION DANCE. 19th Dec. 1941

There was a good attendance at the dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion, and for which Mr. C. S. Hepher acted as M.C., and the Over dance band provided the music. The proceeds, which amounted to £4 19s., have been devoted to branch funds.

WEDDING. 26th Dec. 1941

The marriage took place at Swavesey Parish Church on Saturday of L.A.C. Eddy Sidebottom, son of Mr. B. Sidebottom, of Barnsley, Hoyland, Yorks., and Miss Edna Neville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neville, of Murrow, Wisbech. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. W. H. Carrier, of Swavesey, wore a powder blue coat with navy accessories, and she carried a prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. On leaving the church she was presented with a silver horseshoe by Brian Gill. A.C.1 Bob Brown, R.A.F., was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at No.2, Council Houses, Boxworth End, and later the newly-married couple left for Murrow, where the honeymoon is being spent.

MARRIED AT WOLVERHAMPTON. 26th Dec. 1941

The marriage took place at St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, on Sunday of Mr. Frank William George Warrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington, of Swavesey, and Miss Doris Elinor Jones, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones, of Wolverhampton. The Rev. F. G. Howell (Vicar of St. Luke's) conducted the fully choral service, the bride being met at the door by the choir and vicar. The processional hymn was "Lead us, Heavenly Father," Psalm 67 and the hymn "O perfect love" being sung during the service. Mr. W. Brant was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of hyacinth blue, with squirrel cape and burgundy accessories. She wore a spray of pink carnations with fern. Mrs. C. T. Jones (sister-in-law) attended as matron of honour, and Mr. Christopher Tudor Jones (brother) was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver horse shoe by a small cousin, Patricia Tudor. The reception was held at

“Tyninghame,” 2, Argyle Road, the bride’s parents’ home. Among the presents was one to the bride from the telegraphists at Wolverhampton Head Post Office, where she was employed, and another from dispatch riders somewhere in the Midlands, where the “groom” is attached to a Royal Artillery unit A.A. as D.R.

SEXTON’S RESIGNATION. 2nd Jan. 1942

Mr. Dennis Williams has resigned the offices of clerk and sexton at the parish church, positions which have been held by members of his family, without a break, for the past 145 years.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S FELLOWSHIP. 2nd Jan. 1942

The President (Rev. A. McPhee) was the speaker at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening. Miss S. Brickwood occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung. There was a good attendance. Next week the meeting will take the form of a social evening.

PARISH CHURCH. 2nd Jan. 1942

The services at the parish church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion 9 a.m., Mattins (said) 10 a.m., Sung Eucharist 10.30 a.m., and Evensong (said) 3 p.m. The church was simply but effectively decorated for the festival. At Evensong on Sunday the choir sang the anthem “The Prince of Peace” (Clare). Carols were also sung.

CAROLS. 2nd Jan. 1942

The party of carol singers who toured the village from Boxworth End to the school on the evening of Dec. 22nd, and from the school to Church End on Christmas Eve, collected £7 6s. This sum has been divided between the District Nursing Association and the Prisoners of War Fund. Messrs. J. Shepperson, J. Prime, and B. and D. Parish were the collectors.

FUNERAL. 2nd Jan. 1942

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Coulson, widow of the late Mr. James Coulson, who died on Dec. 18th, aged 72, after four months’ illness, took place at the parish church on Tuesday week, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Butcher (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. Thomas Coulson (son), Mrs. L. Prime, Mrs. E. Brookes (sisters), Mrs. E. Bull, Mrs. N. Coulson (sisters-in-law), Mr. Owen Walker (grandson), Mrs. L. Froment (granddaughter). Mr. E. J. Mitham was the undertaker.

BRITISH LEGION. 2nd Jan. 1942

The social for adults and children held by the Swavesey British Legion on Boxing Day was a great success. The children had a good time, and much excitement was caused by the appearance of a Frenchman, who was found to be the chairman of the branch, Mr. Barwell. Songs were sung by Messrs. McPhee, Topham and Corpl. Lee, and a sketch was performed by the Scouts. The children's entertainment concluded with a camp fire given by the Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs and Scouts, and everyone joined in the community singing. This was followed by dancing which was kept up until 12 o'clock, the music being supplied by the Over Band. The funds were augmented by £7 12s. 6d. At the dance of the following evening a very enjoyable time was spent, and the branch funds benefited by £7 6s. The Over band supplied the music, and Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C.

BRITISH LEGION. 9th Jan. 1942

The dance which was held at the Memorial Hall under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion was well attended, and the funds benefited by £3 17s. The music was provided by the Over band, and Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C.

SCOUTS' WHIST DRIVE. 9th Jan. 1942

The 1st Swavesey Scout Troup held their first whist drive on Monday at the Memorial Hall, a very pleasant evening being spent. Eight tables were in play. The prize-winners were: Ladies – Mrs. A. Martin, Mrs. G. Crouch; gentlemen – Mr. G. Froment, Scout P. de Haro; knock-out Mrs. Nightingale and Troop-Leader P. Prime; lucky numbers Nurse Buckle and Mr. T. Froment. Scoutmaster R. de Haro was M.C. The net proceeds amounted to £4.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 9th Jan. 1942

The meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday took the form of a social. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. Laverack. The programme included recitations by Miss G. Dodson, Mrs. A. Prior and Miss F. Dodson, vocal solos by Miss S. Brickwood, Mr. P. Parish and Mr. G. Canham, duets by Miss G. Dodson and Miss L. Brand and Mr. and Mrs. G. Canham, and a violin solo by Mr. G. Laverack. Choruses were also sung. At the close refreshments were handed round. Next week the speaker will be Lieut. King, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps.

PENNY-A-WEEK FUND. 16th Jan. 1942

During December £39 16s. 10d. was contributed to the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund in the villages comprised in the Swavesey Division, viz., Conington 13s. 8d., Elsworth £1 1s. 5d., Longstanton £4 6s., ditto whist drive £7 14s., Over £1 19s. 1d., ditto concerts £5 4s. 7d., Swavesey £2 3s. 7d., Willingham £16 14s. 6d.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 16th Jan. 1942

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evening in the schoolroom, when Lieut. King, of the Willingham Salvation Army Corps, was the soloist, accompanying himself on a piano-accordion. Choruses were also sung. The chair was taken by Mrs. G. Laverack. Next week the speaker will be Pastor Crees, of Over.

HUSBANDS' NIGHT. 16th Jan. 1942

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Jan. 13th, the president (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) in the chair. This was "husbands' night," when all husbands of members were invited. After a satisfactory report of the accounts had been given by Mrs. Dawson, there were lively debates on two questions. The first "Were grandma's clothes better than our present day clothes?" On being put to the vote, it was decided that they were. The second "Is a man's life easier than a woman's?" The vote for this was that the woman's life is the harder of the two. After refreshment a roll call on "where I first met my husband" caused a great deal of amusement. The evening ended with games, etc.

BRITISH LEGION. 23rd Jan. 1942

The local branch of the British Legion's dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday was well attended, and the funds of the branch benefited to the extent of £2 10s. The music was provided by the Over Dance Band, and Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C.

DIED IN LONDON. 23rd Jan. 1942

Mr. Walter Prior, brother of the late Mr. Charles Prior, died in London last week, aged 84. He left Swavesey as a young man for London, lived in one house for 50 years until bombed out and was employed by only one firm during the whole of his working life. He leaves one son and three daughters.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 23rd Jan. 1942

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Y.P.F., held in the schoolroom on Monday, Mr. S. Dodson occupying the chair. Pastor Crees, of

Over, was the speaker. During the evening choruses were sung. It was announced that Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, would be the speaker next week.

SOLO DRIVE. 23rd Jan. 1942

Ten tables were in play at the solo drive which was held at Mr. de Haro's house on Thursday week, in aid of Scout funds. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. G. Froment, consolation Mrs. Hind; gentlemen – Scout P. de Haro, Mr. Shanks, consolation Mr. Hind; knock-out Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Johnson (both from Over). The fund's benefited by £5.

BOY SCOUTS. 23rd Jan. 1942

The 1st Swavesey Scouts were honoured by the visit of the District Commissioner, Mr. A. Parr, and two patrol leaders from his troop. The Commissioner presented the troop with its certificate of registration and Scoutmaster R. de Haro and Cubmaster C. Prime, with their warrants. The afternoon and evening's entertainment included games and a camp fire.

BRIDGE DRIVE. 30th Jan. 1942

In aid of the Russian Red Cross a bridge drive was held at Mrs. Hind's house on Saturday evening, the nett proceeds amounting to £4 10s. The winners were: Mr. Holtum, Mr. A. Norman, Mr. Smart, Mr. Berry and Mrs. Northrop; lucky number, Mrs. Few and Mr. Martin.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 30th Jan. 1942

Mr. Rayner, of Cambridge, was the speaker at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. Miss J. Dodson occupied the chair. During the evening choruses were sung and Miss J. Grimsey sang a solo which was greatly appreciated. There was an excellent attendance. Next week members of Over Y.P.F. will conduct the meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 6th Feb. 1942

Members of Over Young People's Fellowship conducted the meeting of Bethel Young People's Fellowship on Monday. Pastor Crees occupied the chair, Mr. Kirby Doggett gave a short address, and other members contributed various items, including readings, solos, etc. Choruses were also sung. There was a good attendance.

WASTE PAPER SALVAGE. 6th Feb. 1942

Between July and Dec. 31st, children under the supervision of Mrs. A. J. Willson and Miss Beaumont collected 2 tons, 19 cwt., 1 qr. of waste paper and

cardboard, which has realised £9 3s. 1d. Of this sum the following amounts have been allocated: £4 Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund, £2 Swavesey Comforts for H.M. Forces Fund, £2 Y.W.C.A. Leave Hostel for Women at Cambridge.

PARISH COUNCIL. 6th Feb. 1942

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council took place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman), Messrs. B. Hodson, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne and W. Spolton. In the absence through ill-health of Mr. Prime Godfrey, Mr. Parish acted as Clerk and Mr. Dean presided. Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Parish stated that he had had interviews with the Clerk of the Rural District Council concerning the upkeep of Scratch Bank. A complaint was received from the East Hunts Water Company of the recent excessive use of water, and it was stated that the supply for the parish had reached its limit. Mr. Parish also reported that he had received an intimation from Mr. Godfrey of his desire to relinquish the Clerkship of the Council owing to continued ill-health. Mr. Dean moved, and Mr. Payne seconded, that the resignation be accepted, with an expression of the Council's appreciation of Mr. Godfrey's valuable services during the years he had held the office. This was carried unanimously, as also was the motion proposed by Mr. Hodson, and seconded by Mr. Spolton, that Mr. Ernest J. Mitham be appointed Clerk of the Council. Mr. Payne called attention to the dangerous condition of the culvert in School Lane and of the path at the end of Rose and Crown Lane. Mr. Parish undertook to communicate with the County Council in the matter.

DEATH OF MISS M. COLE. 6th Feb. 1942

The announcement that Miss Mary (Queenie) Cole, of The Farm, Swavesey, had passed away about mid-day on Thursday week came as a shock to the village. She had never completely recovered from the effects of the severe injuries sustained in an accident in December, 1936, but it was known to very few people that for a week she had been seriously ill. She was the younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Carter Cole, of The Farm, Swavesey, and after the death of her parents she and her only brother, Mr. Charles Cole, continued to live at The Farm. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the parish church, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating at the service, during which the hymns "Oft in danger, oft in woe" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul" were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The immediate mourners were: Mr. C. W. H. Cole (brother), Mr. and Mrs. G.

Peeling (brother-in-law and sister), Miss E. King and Miss N. Linton (cousins), Mrs. C. J. Shepperson, Mrs. Northrope, Nurse Clayton, Mr. M. J. Harrison (representing Messrs. King, Metters and Harrison). Among others present were: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman) and Mr. C. Dean (vice-chairman) representing the Parish Council. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey. Mr. C. Cole and Mrs. Peeling wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy in the irreparable loss of their beloved sister and also for the beautiful flowers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP. 13th Feb. 1942

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, held in Bethel Baptist Schoolroom on Monday evening, when the speaker was Mr. G. Laverack. The chair was occupied by the President (Rev. A. McPhee). During the evening a recitation was given by Miss M. Ivatt, also choruses were sung. It was announced that Mrs. Thixton would be the speaker next week.

VESTRY AND CHURCH MEETINGS. 13th Feb. 1942

The vestry and annual church meetings were held in the old school on Monday evening, the Vicar occupying the chair at both. At the vestry the Vicar nominated Mr. W. J. Hepher as his warden for the ensuing year and Mr. E. J. Mitham was unanimously selected people's warden. At the second meeting a satisfactory report on the year's work and statement of accounts were presented, after which the following were elected to offices: Miss Beaumont, Diocesan Conference representative; Miss J. Froment and Mrs. J. Froment, Ruri-decanal Conference representative; Mr. A. Hepher, Mr. C. Hepher, Mr. R. Mitham, Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Ding and Mrs. H. Prime, members of the Church Council. Sidesmen were also elected. The Vicar then shortly addressed the meeting on the business and spiritual sides of the church's life, and after a brief discussion the meeting closed.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 13th Feb. 1942

At the meeting of the Women's Institute held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. C. Hepher (president) in the chair, business matters occupied the first part of the evening. Nominations of officers for the coming year was considered, and Mrs. Hepher was nominated as delegate for the Consultative Council. It was reported that a donation of £5 5s. had been sent to Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund, and of £2 2s. to the Y.W.C.A. for the leave hostel at Cambridge. As this was "member's night" Mrs. Hepher retired and Miss Frear took the chair. The social side of the programme began with the

singing of "Mine Ain Countree," after which a lantern lecture on Finland was given by Miss Mills from her personal reminiscences when on tour in that little known country. The slides taken from photographs gave a vivid description of the land, its homes and people. Miss Frear thanked Miss Mills on behalf of the members for her instructive lecture, so ably given. Refreshments were then served, and games and competitions followed. At the close Mrs. Williamson (vice-chairman) thanked the "member's night" committee for organising such an enjoyable evening.

RED CROSS 1d. A WEEK FUND. 20th Feb. 1942

During January £15 11s. 4d. was collected for the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund in the villages comprised in the Swavesey Division, viz.: Conington 16s. 3d., Fen Drayton Land Settlement £1, Over £2 18s. 8d., Swavesey £3 17s. 11d., Willingham £6 18s. 6d.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 20th Feb. 1942

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Monday at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in the schoolroom, when Mrs. Thixton was the speaker. Miss E. Dodson occupied the chair. During the evening Mr. G. Day sang a solo and choruses were also sung. There was a good attendance.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH SMITH. 20th Feb. 1942

We have to record the death of Mr. Joseph Smith, eldest son of the late Mr. James Smith, market gardener, of Swavesey, who passed away at his residence in Wisbech after a short illness on February 12th, aged 55. He left Swavesey many years ago, and eventually settled at Wisbech where he carried on a successful baker's and confectioner's business with a restaurant and hotel. Keenly interested in local affairs, he was elected a member of the Town Council, and after a time became Mayor. Mr. Smith was a bachelor. The funeral service was held at Wisbech on Monday, the interment following in Swavesey churchyard close to the grave in which his parents were laid to rest, the committal service being taken by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. Basil J. Woodd). The family mourners included: Messrs. Edmund, John R. and Hugh Smith (brothers), Mrs. L. Kettle, Miss Ettie Smith, Mrs. J. Spriggs, Miss Helena Smith (sisters), Mr. J. Spriggs (brother-in-law), Mrs. J. R. Smith (sister-in-law), Miss Jean Smith (niece), Mrs. C. J. Shepperson (aunt), and John Shepperson. Among those who journeyed from Wisbech to be present at the graveside was the present Mayor. If proof were needed that Joseph Smith was greatly respected it would be found in the very large number of beautiful

floral tributes- they required two lorries to convey them from Wisbech to Swavesey.

LABOUR EXCHANGE. 27th Feb. 1942

Mr. Lee, Post Office, Swavesey, has terminated his appointment as local agent for the Ministry of Labour. The nearest Labour Exchange is at St. Ives or Cottenham.

GOOD NEWS. 27th Feb. 1942

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lee, the Post Office, Swavesey, have received a cablegram from their son, A.C. Norman Lee, R.A.F., respecting whom there was considerable anxiety, stating that he had arrived safely in Bavaria.

THE CAUSEWAY WALL. 27th Feb. 1942

A correspondent writes: If the County Road Authorities do not have the wall of the Causeway, between Hog Pasture and the big drain, attended to without delay, there is every prospect that the job, when tackled, will prove a costly one, as was the case a few years ago. A stitch in time saves nine.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHAPEL. 27th Feb. 1942

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Y.P.F. held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, when an address was given by Capt. Watts, of Godmanchester, who also sang a solo accompanying himself on the piano accordion. During the evening choruses were sung. Mr. G. Day occupied the chair. It was announced that Pastor Sharpe, of Cottenham, would be the speaker next week.

EASTER GIFTS FOR LOCAL SAILORS. 27th Feb. 1942

The net proceeds from the solo drive which was held at Mrs. Hind's house on Saturday evening amounted to £5 12s. 6d. The sum will be added to the money raised at another drive that is to follow. Parents residing in Swavesey, Over, Willingham should let Mrs. Hind, of Rutholme, Swavesey, have addresses of men doing service in either Royal or Merchant Navy by March 12th.

WARSHIP WEEK. 27th Feb. 1942

The local Warship Week Committee met on Tuesday to discuss preliminary arrangements for Warship Week, March 20th to 28th. It was decided to have a series of social events during the week, beginning with a dance and ending with a dance on the two Saturday evenings, respectively. Other suggestions

included a social, whist drive, darts competition, children's evening and fancy dress concert. The target was fixed at £4,000. Various competitions will be run to defray any expenses incurred.

CONFIRMATION. 27th Feb. 1942

The new Bishop of Ely paid his first visit to Swavesey last week, when he came on Thursday to take confirmation in the parish church, and all who were able to attend felt what an inspiring service it was. There were only six candidates – two boys and four girls – all from Swavesey, but the reality of such a service does not depend on numbers. In his addresses the Bishop spoke in the plainest language of the meaning of the promises – man's part, and the confirming gift of the Holy Spirit – God's part in the service. The Revs. J. Goodchild and R. Hills came. After the service tea was kindly provided by the ladies of the church council in the vicarage.

Y.P.F. 6th March 1942

Pastor Sharpe, of Cottenham, was the speaker at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday. Mr. G. Laverack occupied the chair. In addition to a solo by Miss J. Grimsey, choruses were sung during the evening. There was a good attendance.

COMIC OPERA. 6th March 1942

The Intimate Opera Company visited the Memorial Hall last Friday, under the C.E.M.A. scheme. The programme included "Basteen and Bastienne," by Mozart, and "Every Maid Her Own Mistress," translated from the Italian, and the players, Frederick Woodhouse, Winifred Radford, and Geoffrey Dunn, with Miss Osborne at the piano, giving a performance of merit, the high standard of which justified a better attendance than the moderate but appreciative audience who were present.

THE LATE MR. J. W. PARISH. 6th March 1942

The funeral of Mr. James William Parish, youngest son of the late Mr. Jabez Parish, of Swavesey, who died at Rushden, Northants, on Feb. 28th, aged 73, took place on Wednesday at Swavesey Cemetery, Mr. W. Camps, pastor of the Strict Baptist Chapel, officiating. During the service, the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parish (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Jabez Parish (brother), Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parish, Mrs. P. Brooks, Miss C. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington (nephews and nieces), Mr. A. Golding, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parish (brothers-in-law and sister-in-

law). Several old friends were also present. Mr. G. Parish, London (brother) was unable to attend owing to illness.

Y.P.F. 13th March 1942

At the meeting of Bethel Baptist Church Young People's Fellowship on Monday, Pastor P. H. Crees, of Over, was the speaker, and Miss S. Brickwood the soloist. Choruses were also sung during the evening. Miss J. Grimsey occupied the chair. It was announced that L.A.C. Balfour, R.A.F., would be the speaker next week.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th March 1942

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the President (Mrs. C. Hephher) in the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of "Jerusalem." Members representing the War Savings, Sick Fund, Refreshments and Entertainments Sub-Committees read their reports for the past year, and the balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer (Mrs. Dawson) and passed. The programme for the coming year was put before the meeting, and the group meeting to be held at Over on April 29th was notified by the President. An instructive lecture on "Our gardens in war-time" was given by Mr. Cramp (horticultural adviser to the county), for which he was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. C. Hephher. The ballot for the committee to serve for the coming year resulted in the following being elected: Mesdames C. Hephher, Laverack, C. Ding, de Haro, Dawson, G. Froment, Williamson, Pink, A. Prime, H. Wright, Misses Frear, and Beaumont. Messrs. U. Thixton and Crowley acted as tellers. Mrs. C. Hephher was unanimously re-elected president, and Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Williamson and Miss Beaumont vice-presidents. A secret ballot on the proposal to raise the annual subscription to 3s. resulted in favour of the increase. Orders were taken for tomato plants. The winners of the competitions were: Smelling bags, Mrs. Warrington, and the greatest number of articles contained in a matchbox Mrs. Laverack, with 106. A presentation of a cake-stand was made to Mrs. Warrington, who is leaving to reside in St. Ives. The singing of songs brought the meeting to a close. At a committee meeting held afterwards Mrs. Laverack was re-elected secretary, with Mrs. H. Prime as assistant secretary and Mrs. Dawson treasurer.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 20th March 1942

The sum of £3 14s. was collected in Swavesey for the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund during February.

Y.P.F. 20th March 1942

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Fellowship held in Bethel Schoolroom on Monday evening, when the speaker was L.A.C. J. Balfour, R.A.F. Miss J. Brand occupied the chair.

LOCAL SAILORS' EASTER GIFT. 20th March 1942

The net proceeds from the solo drive held at Mrs. Hind's house on Saturday evening, amounting to £7, will be added to the balance in hand of £5 12s. 6d. and divided equally among the 18 local men known to be serving in the Royal Navy or Merchant Service as an Easter gift.

WARSHIP WEEK. 20th March 1942

The following attractions have been arranged for Warship Week at Swavesey: Saturday March 21st, dance; Monday, whist drive; Tuesday, children's fancy dress social (prizes for most original and prettiest costumes); Wednesday, social with band; Thursday, whist drive; Friday, Romas Concert Party; Saturday, March 28th, dance. All of these functions will take place at the Memorial Hall, and at all savings stamps will be on sale. Swavesey's target for the week is £4,000.

Y.P.F. RALLY. 27th March 1942

Mr. Angus Scott, of the London Evangelisation Society, was the special speaker at the Young People's Fellowship Rally at Bethel Baptist Church, which opened with a welcome meeting on Saturday evening. On Sunday, in addition to services at 11 a.m. and 6.15 p.m., there was a special Y.P. service in the afternoon, at which the Rev. A. McPhee occupied the chair and members contributed solos, duets, recitations, etc. On Monday evening there was a good attendance at the Rally over which the Rev. A. Tilling, of Norton, Suffolk, presided. Mr. Angus Scott gave an address and during the proceeding there was a roll call of various societies. Miss G. Grimsey was the soloist.

WARSHIP WEEK. 27th March 1942

Swavesey's efforts started with a swing on Saturday night, when a crowded hall brought in nearly 150 dancers. Spot and statue dances were novel features of the evening; competitions also were well patronised. Ten tables were occupied at the whist drive on Monday evening when the winners were: Ladies – Mrs. E. Smart, Mrs. F. Hephher, highest score first half, Mrs. F. Martin; gentlemen – Mrs. de Haro (playing as gentleman), Mr. Peter de Haro, highest score first half, Mr. F. Martin. The M.C. was Mr. C. S. Hephher. Tuesday was a “beano” for the children when the hall was crowded to its

utmost capacity. Many parents and friends came to watch the fancy dress parade for which Mrs. Johnson and Miss Paine judged, and awarded the prizes as follows: Prettiest, Janet Shanks ("Wings of the Navy"), Evacuee Doreen Davies (bride); most original – Billie Smart (miner), Ann Smart (Susie Salvage). Each child who entered was given a Savings stamp. At all these functions Savings stamps have been on sale, and all prizes have been given in Savings stamps.

WARSHIP WEEK. 3rd April 1942

Swavesey succeeded in raising £5,334 6s. 1d. during Warship Week, thus exceeding its target by over £1,300. The latter part of the week's activities included a whist drive on Thursday, an entertainment by the Romas Concert Party on Friday, when the Memorial Hall was absolutely packed, and another dance on Saturday.

DROVE LETTING. 10th April 1942

By direction of the Rural District Council the annual letting by auction of the herbage of the Swavesey droves took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, the sum of £9 5s. being realised against £5 10s. last year and 25s. in 1940. At the same time, by direction of Miss Mitchell, the following grass land was also sold: Lot 1, £3 10s. per acre, lot 2 £3 15s. per acre, lot 3 £4 10s. per acre. Mr. Knight, who acted for Mr. Cyril Watts, was the auctioneer.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES CULPIN. 10th April 1942

Swavesey and the surrounding district have lost a well-known personality by the death of Mr. Millice Charles Culpin, blacksmith, who passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital on April 2nd, aged 76. A son of the late Mr. M. C. Culpin, blacksmith, of St. Ives, as a young man he served in the Army, and subsequently took over the blacksmith's and shoeing business at Conington, Cambs. Thirty-seven years ago he removed to Swavesey. He had been in failing health for some time, and not long before his death was removed to Addenbrooke's, where it was hoped that an operation might give him relief, but he died before it could be performed. Bluff in manner, but with a kind heart and ever ready to help others, he will be greatly missed. In addition to his wife, he leaves four sons and five daughters to mourn their loss. There was a large attendance of villagers and old friends at the funeral, which took place at Swavesey parish church on Easter Monday, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mrs. M. C. Culpin (widow), Messrs. Dick, John, Stanley and Arthur Culpin (sons), Mrs. R. Stubbings, Mrs. P. J. Stubbings, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. A. Stephens and Mrs. S.

Lawrence (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. J. Culpin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Culpin, Mr. H. Culpin (brothers and sisters-in-law), Messrs. P. J. Stubbings, J. Brown and S. Lawrence (sons-in-law), Mrs. A. J. Culpin, Mrs. A. Culpin (daughters-in-law), Mr. W. Robb, Miss Ida Culpin, Mr. Jack Culpin, Mrs. Smart and Mrs. McDermott (nephews and nieces), Mr. G. Fordham (cousin), Mr. S. Hand (late employee). There were many floral tributes. Mr. E. J. Mitham was the undertaker.

MISSING FROM SINGAPORE. 17th April 1942

Corpl. Jack Cross, Cambs. Regt., aged 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cross, formerly of Northmore Farm, Exning, and now of Trinity College Farm, Swavesey. Educated at Exning Council School and employed first by Mr. Andrews, of Halesworth, and afterwards by Lord Glanely, of Exning. A keen follower of cricket, he used to play for Exning Cricket Club.

Pte. Owen Cross, Cambs. Regt., aged 19, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cross, of Swavesey. Also educated at Exning Council School. After leaving school, was employed by Messrs. Kelty (carriers), of Newmarket, and afterwards by Major Walker, of Northmore, Exning.

WARSHIP WEEK. 17th April 1942

The surplus profit of £10 2s. 6d. remaining after the week's activities has been allocated to the 135 schoolchildren, each receiving savings stamps to the value of 1s. 6d. Winners of the target competition were Mrs. Thomas and Sergt. Honey, R.A.F.

PIG CLUB. 17th April 1942

The first annual meeting of the Pig Club held in the White Horse Inn on Wednesday, disclosed a successful year's working. With 23 members, 42 pigs had been fattened, mainly on waste foods. The following officers were elected: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Mr. E. B. Smart (vice-chairman), Mr. T. Dawson (secretary), Mr. H. Lant (treasurer); committee, Messrs. G. W. Laverack, E. B. Smart and C. Robinson. It was decided to increase the subscription to 1s. 6d. per pig, the additional 6d. to be devoted to the Red Cross Agricultural Fund, and also to make a donation of 10s. 6d. to that fund out of cash in hand.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 17th April 1942

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the president (Mrs C. Hephner) in the chair. Mrs. H. Prime was elected delegate to the annual meeting in Cambridge on May 16th. A

committee for the carrying out of the fruit preservation scheme was appointed with Mrs. Dawson as secretary, Miss Frear treasurer, and Mrs. C. Hephher as chairman. The monthly accounts were presented by the treasurer. An interesting lecture on Poland was given by Mrs. Leggett from personal experiences during her life in that country, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of Mrs. Dawson. Refreshments were given and served by members of the committee, followed by games.

BOY SCOUTS. 17th April 1942

Six tables were in play at the solo drive which was held at Mrs. de Haro's house on Friday in aid of the recently registered 1st Swavesey troop of Boy Scouts. The prizewinners were: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Crowley, consolation, Mr. D. Hookham; competition, Mrs. C. Hephher, Mrs. Johnson (Over). The troop benefited by £2. Four of the junior scouts acted as patients at the Red Cross examination held at Fen Drayton on Wednesday week, and for this assistance the Red Cross gave a donation to the funds of the Swavesey troop. Next Sunday the troop flag will be dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) at the parish church at 10.15 a.m. During the next four weeks the Scouts will be collecting jam jars in the village, and will be much obliged if householders will have them ready for the collectors.

MISSIONARY SALE. 17th April 1942

At the sale and social held on Thursday week by members of the parish church in the Memorial Hall for the purpose of raising funds for missionary work, the excellent sum of £20 3s. 6d. was obtained. In these days of restricted activity this result is evidence of a fine spirit of devotion and much hard work. The stalls, competitions, etc., were under the charge of the following: Stalls – plants, Mrs. W. J. Hephher; household, Mrs. H. Prime and Mrs. C. S. Hephher; miscellaneous, Miss G. Froment and Mrs. E. J. Mitham; white elephant, Mrs. E. J. Linford and Mrs. C. Ding. Competitions, etc. – bagatelle, Miss L. M. Hephher (won by Corpl. Alan Lee, R.A.F.); marbles and plant pot, Miss Jean Hephher (won by Miss L. M. Hephher); darts, Master J. Prime (won by Corpl. Alan Lee); beads and knitting pins, Mrs. F. Hephher (won by Miss L. M. Hephher); fish pond, Mrs. H. Prime (won by Master Albert Burt); teas, Mrs. Cain and Miss Frear; talents' scheme, the Vicar.

RED CROSS. 24th April 1942

Contributions to the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund in Swavesey during March amounted to £2 17s. 7d.

BOY SCOUTS. 24th April 1942

The flag of the Swavesey troop of Boy Scouts was dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) before the morning service at the parish church last Sunday.

WHIST DRIVE. 24th April 1942

Eight tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday in aid of the funds of the local troop of Boy Scouts. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. R. Asplin (Over), Miss J. Hephner; gentlemen, Mr. Crowley, Scout P. de Haro; knock-out, Mr. Hawkes and Mrs. O. Berry. The net proceeds amounted to £2 15s.

IN RAID ON LE HAVRE. 8th May 1942

Courageous Cambs. Pilot.

Group-Capt. Barwell, D.F.D., the son of Mr. R. Barwell, of Swavesey, is again in the news this week, having taken part on Monday in the daylight raid on Le Havre and shared the honour of destroying a Dornier 217 bomber in a battle over the sea.

Group-Capt. Barwell, it will be remembered, broke his back last August in a crash landing and was taken to hospital where it was encased in plaster of Paris. Within a week he was back with his squadron and in September he was flying again, his back still encased for 17 weeks.

Group-Capt. Barwell was educated at the Perse and Wellingborough.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. 8th May 1942

Flag Day at Swavesey resulted in £5 4s. 2d. being collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital. The collectors were: Mrs. H. Wright £1 0s. 2d., Mrs. Laverack 19s. 3½d., Mrs. Ding 19s. 7½d., Miss Beaumont 12s. 6d., Miss E. Thorp 14s. 3d., Miss N. Goldsborough 18s. 4d.

PARISH MEETING. 8th May 1942

With the exception of seven parish councillors, who attended the meeting of the Parish Council held subsequently, only three local government electors took the trouble to be present at the annual Parish Meeting on Thursday week. They were the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd), Mr. E. J. Mitham and Mr. D. Williams. Mr. C. H. Parish presided. The audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended March 31st, 1941, and of Galon's Charity for the year ended December 31st, 1941, were read over, and after some conversation respecting the temporary bridges over the openings in the Causeway at Church End the meeting was declared closed.

PARISH COUNCIL. 8th May 1942

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, the following members being present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham and C. H. Parish. Mr. Parish was re-elected chairman and Mr. Dean as vice-chairman for the ensuing year. As Mr. Prime Godfrey, the retiring clerk was unable to attend owing to illness, at this meeting, Mr. Dean presided and Mr. Parish acted as clerk. A precept for £27 was issued for expenses of the Council during the ensuing year; on the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Hodson, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to arrange for the collection of unburnable rubbish as soon as possible; and on the proposition of Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. R. Mitham, it was decided to invite applications for the hire of the herbage of the Recreation Ground, tenders to be handed to the newly-appointed Clerk of the Council (Mr. E. J. Mitham) on or before Saturday, May 9th.

MARRIED IN LONDON. 8th May 1942

The marriage of Mr. Arthur James Hephher, of Taylor's Lane, Swavesey, and Miss Ethel Murkin, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murkin, of 161, Tylecroft Road, Norbury, London, S.W. 16, took place at St. Philip's Church, Norbury, on Saturday, the Vicar (Rev. H. Herbert) officiating. During the service the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and "Love Divine" were sung. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of hyacinth blue with navy accessories, and she carried a spray of orchids. She was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Murkin, who was attired in dusky pink, with brown accessories. She carried a spray of clover carnations, and wore a gold necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. W. E. King (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a mascot by Master Brian King. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, and later Mr. and Mrs. Hephher left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Peterborough. Their future home will be at Swavesey. The presents were numerous and useful.

SWAVESEY MAN'S BEQUESTS. 15th May 1942

Mr. Joseph Smith, of Wisbech St. Peter, Cambs., baker and confectioner and hotel proprietor, in his £30, 783 will left £6,000 to Florence Larwood, manageress of the bakery and confectionery business, and £1,000 to Hilda Stainforth, manageress of his hotel, "as an appreciation of their long and faithful service," and £300 to William Hood, bakery and confectionery

foreman. Mr. Joseph Smith, who was the eldest son of the late Mr. James Smith, market gardener, of Swavesey, left the village many years ago. He died at Wisbech on Feb. 12th after a short illness, aged 55, and was laid to rest in Swavesey churchyard close to the grave in which his parents were buried.

SWAVESEY YOUNG MAN'S COMMISSION. 15th May 1942

Cadet D. V. Murray White, son of Mrs. C. Northrop, of Ingleton, Swavesey, and the late Capt. White, has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Indian Army. He is 21 years of age. He was educated at Arnold House, Blackpool, and later at St. Ives Grammar School. After leaving school he was employed in the office of the well-known firm of Messrs. Tom M. Scotney, St. Ives, and was a member of the Swavesey Home Guard until he volunteered for service in the Army.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th May 1942

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the president (Mrs. C. Hepher) in the chair. The Chairman announced the Swavesey W.I. had been registered as a fruit preservation centre; in response to the Government appeal a party of members arranged to meet on May 19th to collect nettles; it was unanimously agreed that the delegate should support the motion that the annual subscription be raised to 2s. 6d. It was also decided to form a singing group to take part in the festival of music to be held in Cambridge in July. Lady Fletcher then gave an interesting talk on Russia, the life, work and homes of the people and the heroism of the women in the present conflict. Mrs. Ivatt proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Fletcher for her inspiring talk. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. During the social half-hour charades, musical parcel and dancing were enjoyed. Mrs. H. Prime was in charge of the bring and buy stall. The competition for the best winter house plant was won by the President.

M.O.I. FILMS. 22nd May 1942

Once again the Memorial Hall was crowded when an interesting series of films was shown by the M.O.I. on Friday evening.

NO FEAST. 22nd May 1942

That ancient festival, Swavesey Feast, should have been celebrated this week, but owing to the war it had to lapse. Not one showman's caravan put in an appearance, visitors have been conspicuous by their absence, there have been no cricket matches and no entertainments.

STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL. 29th May 1942

Good congregations attended the anniversary services which were held at the Strict Baptist Chapel on Thursday week, when the special preacher in the afternoon and evening was Pastor J. Delves, of Clapham, London. Good collections were taken in aid of chapel funds.

MARRIAGE OF DISTRICT NURSE. 29th May 1942

The marriage of Miss Gladys Muriel Buckle, daughter of Mr. A. Buckle, and the late Mrs. Buckle, of Hull, and Mr. James Edwin Edwards, son of Mrs. Edwards and the late Mr. Edwards, of Barton Villa, Castle Camps, took place at Shudy Camps parish church on Saturday morning. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of dusty pink with navy accessories, and a spray of lilies of the valley. Mr. H. Buckle, of London, was best man. The bride has been the nurse of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association since November 1st, 1941.

RATION BOOKS. 5th June 1942

New ration books were issued to the residents in the parishes of Boxworth, Conington, Fen Drayton, Lolworth, Over and Swavesey at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey, on Monday and Tuesday.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 12th June 1942

The anniversary services were held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week, the special preacher being the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs, Kent. The services were both well attended, and the ministry of the distinguished visiting preacher was deeply appreciated by all who were able to be present.

DANCE. 12th June 1942

The dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday in aid of the B.R.C. Society, was a great success, a good company of dancers being present but very few members of the local detachment. A competition organised by Mrs. G. Oakman helped greatly to defray the evening's expenses. The winners were Messrs. D. Hookham and H. Lant (cigarettes), Mr. O. Webb (chocolates) and Bdr. Brown (eggs). The net proceeds amounted to £4 15s. 6d.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 12th June 1942

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. R. Williamson (vice-president) in the chair. Names were taken of members wishing to take part in the singing competition to be held in

Cambridge in July, and Mrs. H. Prime, delegate to the County Federation meeting in Cambridge, read her report. Miss Kelly then gave a demonstration of jam-making, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Miss Beaumont. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The winners of the competitions, hidden numbers and pegs on line, were Miss M. Ivatt and Mrs. G. Prime.

FLAG DAY. 19th June 1942

On Red Cross and St. John Flag day, the sum of £8 15s. 5d. was collected in Swavesey by the following members of Cambs. 12 B.R.C.S.: Mesdames Brooks, Coulson, Froment, Mr. Godfrey, Oakman, and the Misses Shepperson. Mrs. Inglis was the organiser.

PRESENTATION. 19th June 1942

At the monthly meeting of the Godmanchester Town Council, Councillor Prime Godfrey, formerly a resident of Swavesey, was congratulated on his recent marriage by the Mayor (Ald. W. P. Anderson), who, on behalf of the Council asked him and Mrs. Godfrey to accept a silver cakestand with their best wishes. Mr. Godfrey suitably replied.

WHIST DRIVE AT VICARAGE. 19th June 1942

At the first of the four whist drives in aid of the Parish Church Maintenance Fund, held in the Vicarage on Thursday week there were 4½ tables in play. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Miss M. Hepher, Mrs. G. Froment; gentlemen – Mrs. F. Hepher (playing as a gentleman), Mr. Carruthers. The takings, including donations, amounted to £3 9s. 3d. The Vicar acted as M.C.

SALVAGE OF METAL. 19th June 1942

“A Resident” writes – All, or most, of the iron railings protecting houses, gardens, etc., in the village were removed last weekend in connection with the drive for metal for war purposes, but an appreciable quantity of apparently unwanted metal was left behind, and there are people in the village who would like to know why. I refer to the iron pipes which were not used when the public water supply was installed something like 30 years ago. They have been stored on parish property in High Street, first of all in a shed, but for years have been lying in the open on waste ground close to the Memorial Hall. They may originally have been intended for use in case of a breakage, but at the present time they are probably not in a fit condition for such a purpose, and would be a useful contribution to the war effort.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 26th June 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey during the months of April and May for the Red Cross Agricultural Penny-a-Week Fund was April £3 3s. 5d., May £3 13s. 7d.

FOR THE CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND. 26th June 1942

At the second of the four whist drives that are being held at the Vicarage to raise funds for church maintenance there were 5½ tables in play. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. F. Hephher, Mrs. G. Froment; gentlemen – Mrs. Thomas, Mr. R. Carruthers; knock-out – Mr. Dawson and Mrs. Martin. The Vicar again acted as M.C. The sum raised was £1 17s. 3d.

WASTE PAPER. 26th June 1942

Mrs. A. J. Willson reports that the last consignment of waste paper dispatched from Swavesey, consisting of 2 tons, 1 cwt. 2 qrs., realised £6 8s. 8d. and that this sum, with the balance in hand of £1 9s. 1d., has been allocated as follows: Comforts for Troops Fund £2, British Sailors' Society £4, local Boy Scouts £1, leaving a balance in hand of 17s. 9d.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. 10th July 1942

Mrs. M. Gleaves, wife of Mr. W. F. Gleaves, is lying in Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from severe burns sustained when her clothing caught fire through coming into contact with an oil stove on Thursday week. After receiving first aid treatment by Dr. Wilkin, she was at once conveyed by ambulance to Addenbrooke's. On Wednesday her condition was reported to be satisfactory.

VICARAGE WHIST DRIVE. 10th July 1942

At the fourth of the series of whist drives held at the Vicarage to raise money for the church maintenance fund the sum produced was £2 6s. There were again five tables in play, and all who came expressed how much they had enjoyed themselves. The prize-winners were: Ladies – Mrs. Kester, Mrs. de Haro; gentlemen – Mrs. Cain (playing as gentleman), Master P. de Haro. The Vicar again acted as M.C. The grand total prize has been won by Mr. Carruthers.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 17th July 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey during June for the Red Cross Agricultural Penny-a-Week Fund was £3 1s. 2d.

SOCIAL EVENING. 17th July 1942

All who were able to be present at the social evening held last Thursday week at the Vicarage could tell at once by the atmosphere that it was a success. The garden was looking prettier than it has been for a long time; in fact, everything conspired to help one to forget for a brief three hours the straining tragedy of our times. Both Miss Hatley and Mrs. de Haro, with their troupes of children, were most deservedly well applauded for their delightful contributions. Competition prize-winners were: Box of chocolates, Mrs. Bullen; cake, Miss Hales; dinner, Mrs. A. Hepher; bowls, Mrs. Dawson; clock golf, Master John Walker; darts Mr. Utteridge; whist, Mrs. Bullen (lady) and Mrs. Cain (gentleman). The sum raised by the evening's effort was £13 13s. 9d., which, with the £9 10s. 7d. from the four whist drives makes the satisfactory total of £23 4s. 4d. for the Church Maintenance Fund.

GROUP CAPTAIN BARWELL DEAD. 17th July 1942

End of a Gallant Career.

On the day after his 36th birthday, Group Captain Philip Reginald Barwell, D.F.C., has been killed during an operational flight over the South Coast.

A Swavesey man, Group Captain Barwell was, at the time of his appointment, the youngest of his rank in the R.A.F.

Educated at Wellingborough, where he captained the Bisley eight, he obtained a short service commission in 1925. It was seven years later that his permanent commission was granted.

As a fighter-pilot commanding his squadron, he was awarded his D.F.C., and it is interesting to recall that the operational section which he commanded at the time of his death had more enemy machines to its credit than any other in Fighter Command.

On June 22nd of this year he stood godfather to the daughter of his youngest brother, Squadron Leader E. G. Barwell, D.F.C., at Boxworth Church.

In July of last year he was injured in a crash and spent ten days in hospital. However, after a fortnight's sick leave he returned to duty and for several months flew on local patrol in plaster of paris.

He leaves a wife and two sons, John Douglas, who is just 11½ and Richard Philip, aged four.

GOODFELLOW'S GALLERY. 17th July 1942

Picture.

Mrs. Ivatt, of 10, High Street, Swavesey, sends me this picture of her daughter, Joy, one of our old members, who is a tailoress in the W.A.A.F. and is now stationed somewhere in the West of England. Her only brother, Denis,

has been on active service for 14 months. "They have often spoken of the good times they have had at the Robin parties," writes Mrs. Ivatt, who adds: "We wish you every success and hope you will continue to get lots more pennies to help you in your good works."

We appreciate these good wishes and send hearty greetings to our old members on service.

DEATH OF MRS. JAMES NORMAN. 24th July 1942

We have to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, widow of the late Mr. James Norman, who passed away at her residence, the Manor House, Swavesey, on Monday evening, aged 80. She leaves two sons to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, a service at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, preceding the interment in Over cemetery.

NEW HEADMASTER. 24th July 1942

Mr. Charles Wood, headmaster of Swavesey School since January, 1911, is retiring at the end of next month. He succeeded the late Mr. Henry Beaumont, who had been headmaster from Nov. 2nd, 1868, to December, 1910, a period of 42 years. Thus the school had only two headmasters in 73 years. Regarding Mr. Wood's successor, the "Dewsbury News and Chronicle" says: - Mr. Leslie Ellis Jackson, aged 38, of 40, Warren Street, Savile Town, teacher at Eastborough Council School, Dewsbury, for the past 18 years, has been appointed headmaster of Swavesey Senior and Junior Schools, Cambridge, from Sept. 1st. Born in Leeds Road, Dewsbury, Mr. Jackson is the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson. His father was for 45 years at Messrs. M. Oldroyd and Sons' Spinkwell Mills. Mr. Jackson attended Eastborough Council School and Dewsbury Wheelwright Grammar School, and then went to St. John's College, York. He started teaching English and History at his old school, Eastborough. For 16 years Mr. Jackson has taught industrial and commercial courses at Eastborough Evening Institute, and recreational handicraft for nine years. He is married, has lived at Savile Town since 1916, and is a member of St. Philip's Church, Dewsbury, where he is a sidesman and church councillor.

KIND FRIENDS AT THE CAPE. 24th July 1942

The following are extracts from a letter just received by the mother of Sergt. John Mitham, R.E., of Swavesey, from a lady who hospitably entertained him during his two days' visit to Cape Town: "No doubt you will be surprised, but, I hope, pleased, to hear that we had the pleasure of meeting your son a few weeks ago. I am a member of an organisation of ladies who run a canteen for

troops where the lads are given tea and cakes, and we have different games, table tennis, deck quoits, darts, etc., and they spend quite a pleasant afternoon. Some of the ladies invite the lads to their homes for dinner and spend the evening, and we try to make their stay as pleasant and homely as possible. I invited your son and his pal home, where they met my husband and two daughters, and we all spent a happy evening together. My two girls are really pleased when I bring the lads home. Needless to say they are quite young, 14 years and 10 years respectively. Johnnie sends his love and says he is fit and well. He promised to write to us when he got to his destination, but so far we have not heard from him.” In a letter received in Swavesey recently from Sergt. Mitham he spoke in glowing terms of the kindly, homely hospitality he and visiting troops generally met with at Cape Town. He was entertained by the writer of the letter on the second of his two days’ stay. On the first he was similarly entertained by another lady, and also taken for a car ride to have a look at the country.

PARISH COUNCIL. 31st July 1942

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, when there were present Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway and R. Mitham, with the Clerk (Mr. E. J. Mitham). Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman reported that no tenders had been received for the hire of the herbage of the Recreation Ground. A letter was read from the R.D.C. respecting the surplus iron water supply pipes stored for some years on parish property, and suggesting that they should be disposed of as old metal salvage, but on the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Burton, it was decided that they should be retained as they might be needed in an emergency. With regard to the sum of £15 which the Chairman mentioned had been received from the R.D.C. for the old fire engine house, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Holloway, that the money should be invested in War Savings Certificates. Various other matters were also discussed.

THE LATE MRS. JAMES NORMAN. 31st July 1942

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, of the Manor House, Swavesey, widow of the late Mr. James Norman, whose death at the age of 80 years was announced last week, took place on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. A. McPhee conducting the service at Bethel Baptist Church, during which the hymns “For those we love within the veil” and “O Lord of life, where-ere they be” were sung. Mr. G. E. Canham was at the organ. The interment followed at Over cemetery, the Rev. A. MacPhee again officiating. The mourners were: Mr. and

Mrs. A. R. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Norman (sons and daughters-in-law), Miss Letch (sister), Mr. R. Norman, sen. (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bowtell, Buckden (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. R. Norman, jun., Mr. and Mrs. D. Chapman, Miss Chapman, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Eason, Mr. A. Norman, Mrs. C. W. Townsend (nephews and nieces). Many other friends were also present, among them Mrs. Inglis, president of the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association, of which the late Mrs. Norman had been a vice-president and a generous supporter. The beautiful floral tributes included wreaths from: Friends of Bethel Baptist Church; the staff of Messrs. A. R. Norman, Sutton, Surrey, and the Swavesey, Over and Fen Drayton Nursing Association. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

DANCE. 7th Aug. 1942

The dance organised by the local (men's) detachment of the B.R.C.S. (Cams. 15), which took place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was a great success. An excellent programme of music was supplied by an R.A.M.C. dance band. A competition arranged by Mrs. G. Oakman helped to defray expenses, cigarettes being won by Sergt. Smalley, Miss P. Cook (N.A.A.F.I.) and Mr. S. Brooks. The net proceeds, which amounted to £7 18s. 6d., will be equally divided between the men's and women's local detachments, B.R.C.S.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. 7th Aug. 1942

Mothers and friends of the children of the Junior School were invited to a mothers' afternoon on Friday. The programme began in the playground with displays of physical training by the infants and the juniors. These were followed in the school, by action songs and choral speaking by the infants. The juniors then gave two plays, entitled "The Black Imps" and "The Currant Bun." After some country dancing by the juniors, the infants acted several short plays, including a dramatised version of "The Owl and the Pussy Cat," which caused great amusement. A group of junior songs and more country dances were followed by "The Wooden Dolls," an infant item, which brought the programme to a close. There was an exhibition of art, handwork and needlework which had been done during the year.

MARRIED IN WALES. 14th Aug. 1942

The marriage took place last week at St. Mary's Church, Maesteg, South Wales, of Lance-Corpl. Dudley Nightingale, son of Mrs. Nightingale and the late Mr. J. H. Nightingale, The Chalet, Swavesey, and Miss Gwyneth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas, Maesteg.

WOMEN'S WORK IN CHINA. 14th Aug. 1942

Mrs. Williamson (vice-president) occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday, when a most interesting talk was given by Mr. Chen, a Chinese gentleman who has been in England during the past three years, on women's work in China before the war and during the five years of Japanese aggression. He first dealt with how women spent their leisure hours, then how they had dealt with the appalling refugee problems, and lastly, how magnificently they had adapted themselves to war conditions and work. It was a great accomplishment for a young Chinese gentleman to thus speak to an audience of women, and the talk was greatly appreciated and a small donation from the members was handed to Mr. Chen for the British Fund for Chinese relief. A discussion on the housing questionnaire followed by community singing brought the evening's programme to a close.

PRESENTATION TO MR. CHARLES WOOD. 14th Aug. 1942

The Council School broke up for the summer holidays on Friday. It was announced in these columns a fortnight ago that Mr. Charles Wood was retiring at the end of the term, after 31 years as headmaster, and on Friday afternoon most of the children and the staff, including most from the junior school, with Mr. Tash (woodwork instructor) assembled in the Memorial Hall (the home of the Senior School for the past eight years) to say goodbye – to use the words of a member of the staff – to “one of the best headmasters in the world.” Representing the managers of the school were Mr. C. Parish (chairman), Mr. A. L. Parish (correspondent), Mr. P. J. Watts (County Council representative), and Mr. C. Cole, all of whom gave short addresses. Mr. C. Parish said that he considered it very appropriate to be meeting on such an occasion in the Memorial Hall, a building towards the raising of which Mr. Wood had done so much. Four of the 31 years had been spent serving his country during the last Great War. Mr. Parish then read an appreciation of Mr. Wood from the presentation album subscribed for by the children, staff, managers, friends and well-wishers in the village and district – 574 in all. This album he then presented to Mr. Wood, together with a wallet containing £20 in Treasury notes. Mr. Parish was followed by Mr. Watts, who spoke of his pleasure at being present, but also regret. “One would have wished,” said he, “that Mr. Wood could have stayed on for ever, but that was not to be.” He told the children that in years to come they would look back and remember what they had learned from their old schoolmaster. Mr. C. Cole spoke of the great interest shown in cricket by Mr. Wood, and regretted that the present standard of the sport was not so good. Mr. A. L. Parish associated himself with the remarks of the previous speakers. Miss Hatley, headmistress of the

Junior School, spoke of the kindness shown to her personally by Mr. Wood, and wished him many years of health and happiness. Mrs. Ingle added her words of appreciation, mentioning the happy partnership that had existed in the school between Mr. Wood and his late wife, and wishing that she could have lived to retire with him. Mr. Wood then spoke separately to the children, staff and managers. He urged the children always to do their duty. The school, he said, had had a tradition both for scholarship and sport, and no one would be more pleased than he to see that tradition revived. He thanked the staff, both present and past, for their loyalty to him and for their co-operation. The managers were also thanked for their help given most readily when it had been needed at any time. He thanked everybody for the gifts. The proceedings closed with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow" and cheers. The school will re-open on September 7th, with Mr. Jackson as headmaster. Miss Hatley was responsible for all arrangements in connection with the presentation.

MARRIAGE OF MISS LUCY KEY. 21st Aug. 1942

The marriage of Sergt. Reginald Stillman, R.A.F.V.R., son of Mr. Henry H. Stillman and the late Mrs. Stillman, of Trowbridge, Wilts., and Miss Lucy M. Key, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Key, of Swavesey, which took place at the Shirehall, Cambridge, on Monday, was followed by a religious ceremony on Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. W. Richardson (a friend of the bridegroom) at St. Swithin's Church, Merton-on-Otmoor, Oxfordshire. A reception was held at 20, Victoria Road, Cambridge, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Maskell (friends of the bride) and a wedding breakfast followed at the Dorothy Cafe. The honeymoon is being spent at Lynton, North Devon.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 28th Aug. 1942

The amount collected at Swavesey during July for the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund was £2 18s. 10d.

THE LATE DUKE OF KENT. 28th Aug. 1942

Picture.

The links between Cambridge and the Royal Family are very close, and the news received this week of the death "on active service" of the King's beloved brother, the Duke of Kent, forges an even closer band between the Royal household and countless homes to which similar tragic tidings have been brought since the war began. Wholehearted sympathy goes out to the Duchess

of Kent and her three little children so suddenly bereaved, and there will be kindly thoughts, too, for Queen Mary in the loss of her youngest son. Several pictures of the late Duke of Kent have already been published in the "Cambridge Daily News." Here is another with a melancholy interest. It shows his Royal Highness being greeted by that brilliant young R.A.F. officer, the late Group Captain Philip Reginald Barwell, D.F.C., of Swavesey, whose death on the day after his 36th birthday was recorded in our columns last month. He was killed during an operational flight over the South Coast.

DAY OF PRAYER. 4th Sept. 1942

Yesterday (Thursday) being the National Day of Prayer and Dedication, Swavesey parish church was open from early morning until night for private prayer, and services were held as follows: - Holy Communion 7 a.m., Mattins 7.45 a.m., Intercessions 3 p.m., and Evensong 7 p.m. The collections at the services were for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. A service, conducted by the Rev. P. H. Crees, of Over, was also held in Bethel Baptist Church at 8 p.m.

WAIFS AND STRAYS. 11th Sept. 1942

The house-to-house collection made in the village last week for the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society realised £7 18s. Miss G. Froment (organiser), Miss Parsons, Mrs. C. Dring, and Misses Ann and Ruth Shepperson were the collectors.

PARISH CHURCH. 11th Sept. 1942

The services at the Parish Church on the national day of prayer and dedication were well attended. The collections for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund amounted to £4 0s. 7d. There will also be a retiring collection for the same fund after evensong next Sunday.

THE COUNCIL SCHOOL. 11th Sept. 1942

Mr. Leslie Ellis Jackson, formerly of Eastborough Council School, Dewsbury, who has succeeded Mr. Charles Wood as headmaster of Swavesey Council School, took up his new duties on Monday, when the school re-opened after the summer holiday.

PRIZES FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS. 11th Sept. 1942

To encourage the allotment holders, the Trustees of Galon's Charity personally subscribed 35s. to be given in prizes of £1, 10s. and 5s., for the

three best cultivated plots. The sub-committee awarded the prizes as follows: Mr. D. Williams 1st, Mr. A. Froment sen., 2nd, and Mr. J. Froment, sen., 3rd.

R.A.F. CORPORAL'S WEDDING. 11th Sept. 1942

The marriage of Corpl. Alan Idris Lee, R.A.F., son of Mr. P. H. Lee, sub-postmaster of Swavesey, and Mrs. Lee, with Miss Joyce Margaret Pink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pink, of Station Road, took place at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) conducting the service, during which the hymns "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "Lead us, Heavenly Father," were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. Wearing a short clover crepe dress, with brown accessories, the bride was given away by her father, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Mary Lee (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Doris Pink (sister of the bride), both attired in floral silk, with hats to correspond. Mr. R. Ansell acted as best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall.

WEDDING. 11th Sept. 1942

The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated at the marriage at the Parish Church on Saturday of Mr. Oliver Ernest Warren Wright, second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright, of 22, Askew Row, Swavesey, and Miss Beatrice Millicent Wiseman, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiseman, of 147, Finborough Road, Earls Court, London, S.W. Attired in floral designed ivory silk, with head-dress of waxed orange blossom and embroidered veil, and carrying a bouquet of dark red carnations, the bride was given away by her father, and was attended by one bridesmaid, her friend, Miss Winifred Arnold, of 11, Alderney Road, Fulham, who wore a dress of floral blue satin, ankle length, headdress of artificial anemones and blue veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. S. J. Thomas was best man. After the ceremony the reception was held at the home of the bridegroom. The newly-married couple were the recipients of several useful gifts.

R.A.F. AWARDS FOR THREE CAMBS. MEN. 25th Sept. 1942

Gallantry in Many Raids.

TWO D.F.C.s AND D.F.M.

The King has been pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:

D.F.C.

Flight-Lieut. Eric Douglas Levien, R.A.F.V.R., No. 7 Squadron.

This officer has completed numerous sorties, two of which were daylight attacks. His navigation has at all times been outstanding. In one attack on the

Renault works Flight-Lieut Levien obtained hits on an important part of the factory on each of two runs over the target.

Other targets attacked include Brest, Kiel, Bremen, Berling and Essen.

Flight-Lt. Levien was born in 1910 at Fulham. His home is in Cambridgeshire. He enlisted in April, 1939, for training as observer and was commissioned in 1940. He was mentioned in despatches in September, 1941.

Acting Flying Officer Frank Kay Hindle, R.A.F.V.R., No. 114 Squadron.

This officer has carried out a large number of sorties, 11 of which have been by night. On one occasion in August, 1941, Flying-Officer Hindle was the observer of an aircraft which was engaged with Arado seaplanes off Borkum. He was wounded in the leg by a cannon shell, but despite the pain and resultant loss of blood he continued to perform his duties and navigated his aircraft safely back to this country over 250 miles of sea.

In December, 1941, he participated in the low level raid on Herdla aerodrome in support of the Vaagso operation.

On May 5th and June 1st, 1942, respectively he participated in intruder attacks on aerodromes in support of the "thousand" raid, on 25th June he took an actual part in the "thousand" raid on Bremen.

Acting Flying Officer Hindle was born at Chorley, Lancs. in 1920. His home is at Milton, Cambridge. He was educated at the Cambridge County High School. He enlisted in August 1939, and was commissioned in October, 1941.

D.F.M.

1281397 Flight-Sergt. Eric Robert Williamson, No. 207 Squadron.

Flight-Sergt. Williamson has proved himself to be an exceptionally keen and reliable and efficient air gunner and bomber. He has at all times displayed a complete disregard of danger and an unshakeable confidence in his ability to achieve success.

During the daylight raid on the submarine yards at Danzig on 11th July, 1942, he displayed a grim determination and, in spite of bad weather and a considerable amount of accurate anti-aircraft fire, he obtained hits on the target.

Flight-Sergt. Williamson was born at Swavesey in 1920 and was educated at St. Ives Grammar School. He was a butcher before he enlisted in July, 1940. He is now an air-gunner.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 25th Sept. 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey during August for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £3 5s. 5d.

HARVEST SALE. 25th Sept. 1942

For the harvest sale, which was held at the Junior School on Friday, parents and friends had sent numerous gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers, to which were added vegetables, packets of seeds and bags of lavender obtained from the school garden. There was a large number of eager customers and the stalls were soon depleted. The proceeds, which amounted to £7 13s. 9d., are for the school fund. The school thanks all those who helped in any way for their interest.

PARISH CHURCH. 25th Sept. 1942

For the harvest festival on Thursday week the Parish Church was effectively decorated with gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc. The services included holy communion at 7 a.m., and evensong with sermon by the Rector of Willingham (Rev. F. J. Bywaters) at 6 p.m. The collections were for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and the gifts of produce, etc., have been sent to the same institution. The festival was continued on Sunday, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) conducting all services except evensong, at which the Rev. J. T. Plowden Wardlaw, late vicar of St. Clement's, Cambridge, officiated and preached. The retiring collection, which was made after the evening service on the 13th inst. for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, realised 10s., making, with the collections on the National Day of Prayer, a total contribution to the fund of £4 10s.7d.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. 2nd Oct. 1942

The harvest thanksgiving services were held at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday week and on Sunday, all being well attended. The preacher on Thursday was the Rev. G. S. Tydeman, of Godmanchester. The gifts of fruit and vegetables were afterwards sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

NOTICE. 2nd Oct. 1942

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.

THE OLD MANOR HOUSE and PASTURE LAND,
151 Acres.

Messrs. Bidwell and Sons announce that the above Property, advertised to be offered by Sale by Auction at Cambridge on Saturday next, October 3rd, has now been

SOLD BY PRIVATE TREATY,

And the

SALE BY AUCTION

WILL NOT NOW TAKE PLACE.

ADVERT. 9th Oct. 1942

PIES can be obtained from "Estelle" on Tuesdays, beginning October 13th, from 12-1, and from 5 p.m.-6p.m. No other time, please. Steak Pies 3½d.; Pork Pies, 6d. and 4½d.; Sausage Rolls, 2d. Please order your requirements.

THE SCHOOLS. 9th Oct. 1942

The Senior and Junior Schools in the village are closed for two weeks to enable the children to render assistance in potato and sugar beet raising.

FOR THE BLIND. 9th Oct. 1942

The house-to-house collection made recently in the village, in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, realised £6 17s. 6d. Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Lewin, Miss Elsie Thorp, Mrs. Ding, Mrs. T. Froment and Mrs. J. Kester were the collectors.

RED CROSS. 16th Oct. 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey during September for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-week Fund was £4 12s. 9d.

PIG CLUB'S CENTURY. 16th Oct. 1942

Pig No. 100 was recently registered with the Swavesey Pig Club, which has now been in existence some 18 months, with 48 members on its books. During this time 46 pigs have been slaughtered, representing nearly three tons of port and bacon, produced mainly on household and garden waste.

MILK PRODUCTION PROBLEMS. 16th Oct. 1942

Swavesey Talks and Demonstrations.

Further evidence of the whole-hearted way in which the Cambridgeshire War Agricultural Committee is working to build up the quality of Cambs. farming was given yesterday, when a series of talks and demonstrations on milk production was given at Trinity College Farm, Swavesey.

It was one of a series of demonstrations on farming organised by the Technical Development Sub-Committee of the War Agricultural Committee.

Mr. S. A. Taylor (chairman of the sub-committee) introduced the speakers.

Mr. F. Day, M.R.C.V.S. (School of Agriculture) was the first speaker on the health of dairy cattle. Talking of the sterility of heifers, he said that instead of leaving them they should get their veterinary surgeon to them.

Speaking on the same subject, Mr. R. W. A. Watchorn, M.R.C.V.S. (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries), spoke of the four diseases which attacked cows. They were tuberculosis, mastitis, contagious abortion and Jhone's disease.

Under existing legislature all dairy herds were subject to periodical examination. The disease most to look for was tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION.

He went on to say that there was a scheme for the eradication of tuberculosis in dairy cattle. The essence of this control scheme was an undertaking between the farmer and the veterinary surgeon, which must last a year, but periods of two or three years were recommended for the best results. By coming into the scheme the farmers would enjoy its benefits in good time.

He gave the annual rates of payment for the farmer under the scheme to be, in a herd up to and including 50 head, 12s. 6d. a head. For a herd up to and including 10 head the rate was 10s. a head, and for herds over 50 head the rates were also 10s. a head. For heifers from six months to the first date of calving the rate was 2s. 6d. a head.

Mr. J. Edwards, M.A. (School of Agriculture), spoke on co-operative breeding in Cambs. and explained a scheme whereby, under a newly formed society, farmers could have their cows inseminated by two fine bulls. The rate was 15s. a time.

Mr. C. D. Oxley, M.A. (School of Agriculture), gave a demonstration and talk on clean milk production and the winter feeding of dairy cattle was the subject of a talk and demonstration by Mr. A. E. Garner, M.A. (District Executive Officer). He gave a number of formulae for feeding stuffs, which included such easily obtainable products as kale, hay, oat straw, silage, beans, sugar beet pulp, ground nut cake, crushed oats and dry brewery grain.

BOY SCOUTS. 23rd Oct. 1942

The 1st Swavesey Scout Troop, who are hoping to collect £12 for the Lord Baden Powell Memorial Fund, by means of a solo drive at Mrs. de Haro's house, made a start by raising £3. The prizewinners were; Ladies – Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Dawson; gentlemen – Mr. Johnston (Over), Mr. de Haro; knock-out – Mrs. de Haro and Mr. G. Froment. Competition winners – Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Dawson.

BRITISH LEGION. 23rd Oct. 1942

The annual meeting of the Swavesey and District Branch of the British Legion was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Mr. Barwell occupying the chair, supported by the hon. sec. (Mr. E. R. de Haro). There was a very good attendance. The statement of accounts presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. Turner) showed a substantial balance in hand. In his report the hon. sec. reviewed the work during the past year. It showed that the branch was making good progress. The Poppy Day receipts, £33 18s. 7d., were the highest yet.

On the benevolent side there had been four applications for assistance, all of which had been granted. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. Wilkins; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. S. Hepher, W. Hind, Rev. A. McPhee, Mr. H. Topham, Mr. P. Lee, Major Thornhill, Mr. F. Norman; vice-chairman, Mr. P. Lee; hon. sec., Mr. E. R. de Haro; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Turner; general committee, Messrs. P. Lee, G. Howlett, T. Dawson, T. Froment, M. Crisp, A. Wilson, P. Jenner, H. Topham, F. Norman; benevolent, Messrs. Berryman, A. Turner, C. S. Hepher; standard bearer, Mr. T. Savage; deputy, Mr. F. Froment.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd Oct. 1942

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Messrs. W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham, A. P. Payne, and W. Spolton. The Clerk (Mr. E. J. Mitham) reported that an officer of the N.F.S. had had an interview with him respecting a site for the proposed new fire station. He had rejected the site of the old engine house as not large enough, and had decided that the piece of vacant land in High Street, between the Memorial Hall and Mrs. J. Cain's property, was the most suitable site. The Council, however, did not agree with him, and after a long discussion the following resolution, moved by Mr. Payne, was carried unanimously: "That in the opinion of the Council the site of the old engine house, with the pound, was more suitable for the erection of the new fire station." The Clerk was instructed to suggest that the N.F.S. officer should meet a deputation of the Council to discuss the matter of the site, the Chairman, Mr. Dean and Mr. Burton being appointed to form the deputation. With regard to two seats on the Recreation Ground which had been damaged, it was agreed that they should be repaired and treated with cuprinol. Mr. Payne said he had been asked to call attention to the old tyres and other waste rubber lying about the village, in ponds, fields, roadsides, etc. The tyres, he pointed out, had originally been placed in various places for use as obstructions by the Home Guard. On the proposition of Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Cole, the Council decided to ask the Home Guard to collect and clear away the rubber and other obstructions and have them used as salvage.

FILM DISPLAY. 30th Oct. 1942

The Memorial Hall was crowded last Friday evening when an interesting series of pictures was shown under the auspices of the Ministry of

Information. No charge was made for admission, but there was a collection in aid of the local Troops' Comforts Fund.

FOR SALE. 30th Oct. 1942

GENUINE MARE, Vanner, 10 years, quiet all harness, no vice pass all road traffic, used all kinds of work. Reason selling, owner retiring. Suit small-holder. Guarantee given – Burton, Fruit Grower, Swavesey, Cambs.

DANCE. 6th Nov. 1942

The dance in aid of the Red Cross at the Memorial Hall on Saturday was a great success. A competition organised by Mr. G. Oakman, ably assisted by Miss E. Meekings, helped greatly to defray the expenses of the evening.

WHIST DRIVE AT VICARAGE. 6th Nov. 1942

A whist drive was held in the Vicarage on Monday evening, primarily with the object of enabling people to meet together socially. There were 4½ tables in play, and the Vicar acted as M.C. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Dawson; gentlemen – Master K. Nightingale, Master D. Hookham. Incidentally, £1 8s. 9d. was raised for Church maintenance funds.

W.I. WHIST DRIVE. 6th Nov. 1942

The sum of £4 14s. was raised for the County funds at a whist drive held on Thursday week by the Women's Institute in the Memorial Hall, winners qualifying for County Federation prizes. Results were: Ladies – Mrs. Nightingale, Miss R. Townsend; gentlemen – Mr. R. Oakman, Mrs. Hawkes; additional prize, Mrs. H. Brown; knock-out, Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs. A. C. Burton. Competitions were won by Miss E. Holliday and Miss M. Hephher. Mr. T. Dawson acted as M.C.

RED CROSS. 13th Nov. 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey during October for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week fund was £2 12s. 7d.

THE PARCELS FUND. 13th Nov. 1942

In connection with the Parcels Fund addresses of all local men and women serving in H.M. Forces should be supplied to Mrs. C. S. Hephher without delay, those serving abroad by to-morrow (Saturday).

1ST SWAVESEY SCOUT TROOP. 13th Nov. 1942

The District Scoutmaster was entertained by the Swavesey Scouts and Cubs on Saturday at the Memorial Hall. Members of the committee were present, and joined in the games. The D.S.M. presented the green and yellow cords to P.L. D. Crouch and P.L. M. Goldsborough. They are the fifth set of cords to be presented in the county.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 13th Nov. 1942

The November meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, the president occupying the chair, and a good number of members being present. After the Christmas sale had been fixed for December 5th with the birthday party in the evening, and Mrs. Ding, the delegate had presented her report of the autumn council meeting, Miss Warrington gave an interesting travel talk, for which on the proposition of Miss Frear a vote of thanks was accorded. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lewin and the hostesses for the evening. The social half hour was spent in games for which Mrs. H. Prime was at the piano.

SAFE DRIVING. 20th Nov. 1942

Mr. P. L. Wilson, L.N.E.R. motor driver at Swavesey Station, has been presented with the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents' diploma for freedom from accidents during the year 1941.

JOY BELLS FOR VICTORY. 20th Nov. 1942

The bells of the parish church, long silent as a war-time precaution, were rung from 9.30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday in celebration of the British Army's victory in Egypt. The ringers were: 1 Ernest Prior, 2 George Hodson, 3 Bert Hodson, 4 T. Froment, 5 D. Williams, tenor, R. Mitham (conductor).

CINEMA SHOW. 20th Nov. 1942

There was a large crowd in the Memorial Hall last Saturday at the second of a series of film shows being held on the second Saturday in each month during the winter, as part of a scheme arranged by the Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council for providing entertainment in the villages.

OBITUARY. 20th Nov. 1942

Swavesey lost two aged inhabitants by death on Wednesday morning, viz., Mr. John Thomas Daintree, of High Street, aged 78, and Mr. Joseph Peppercorn, of Boxworth End, aged 68. Both funerals will take place at the parish church, Mr. Daintree's on Saturday afternoon and Mr. Peppercorn's on Monday.

FUNERAL. 20th Nov. 1942

The funeral of Mrs. Daisy Dodson, wife of Mr. Ernest Dodson, who passed away after about two years' illness on November 8th, aged 58, took place on Thursday week, the service at Bethel Baptist Church and at the interment in the cemetery being conducted by the Rev. A. McPhee. The hymn, "O lord, how happy should we be" was sung in the church, and the 23rd Psalm, and the hymn "O love, that will not let me go" at the graveside. The mourners were: Mr. E. Dodson (husband), Messrs. Hubert, Frank, Ernest, Stan, Eric and Arthur Dodson (sons), Mrs. F. F. Norman, and Misses Joyce, Gwen and Elsie Dodson (daughters), Mesdames H., F., and E. Dodson (daughters-in-law), Mr. F. F. Norman (son-in-law), Mr. C. Barnes, Mr. I. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayden (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Noyes, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. K. Hinds (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. G. Spearman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mitham (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. J. Froment, Miss L. Spearman, Mrs. H. Tabony, Mrs. O. Badcock, Mrs. J. Spearman (nieces), Mr. J. Spearman, Mr. J. Froment, Mr. N. Spearman (nephews), and eight grandchildren. Many friends were also present. Messrs. H. and E. Mitham, Middle Watch, were the undertakers.

GOODFELLOW'S GALLERY. 20th Nov. 1942

The Royal Navy is represented in this week's picture of one of our early Robins. It is a photograph of Percy George Skelton, in training as assistant cook. The elder son of Mr. and Mrs. George Skelton, of Swavesey, he was born in the village and educated at Swavesey Council School. He was 19 years of age on October 13th. His father, a veteran of the last war, joined the R.A.M.C. shortly after the outbreak of the present war, and for over a year has been serving in the Middle East.

We wish the best of luck to father and son.

POPPY DAY IN CAMBS. 20th Nov. 1942

Records Broken by Villages.

Swavesey District

Swavesey – Poppies £19 7s. 3d., collection at parish church £4 7s., ditto Bethel Baptist Chapel £4 12s. 1d., poppy wreath 17s. 6d.; grand total £29 3s. 10d.

Boxworth £2 17s.

Conington £1 14s. 5d.

Fen Drayton £5 8s. 4d.

Lolworth £3 5s. 3d.

Total £42 8s. 10d.

WED AT SWAVESEY. 27th Nov. 1942

Picture.

Married at Swavesey Baptist Church on Saturday – Miss K. Jacklin, of 2, School Lane, Swavesey, and Mr. G. Newell, of 139, Milton Road, Cambridge

PHOTO OF SWAVESEY HOME GUARD. 27th Nov. 1942

DECORATED BY THE KING. 27th Nov. 1942

Flight-Sergt. Eric Williamson, R.A.F., Bomber Command, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in September, received his decoration from the King at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

WHIST DRIVE. 27th Nov. 1942

The following were the prizewinners at the whist drive held in the Memorial Hall last week in aid of the fund for sending Christmas parcels to local men and women serving in H.M. Forces: Ladies – Mrs. Crowley, after a cut with Mrs. G. Froment; gentlemen – Mr. S. Clarke, Mr. J. Loades; knock-out, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. de Haro. Competitions were won by Mr. D. Williams (basket of apples) and Miss M. Hepher (parcel). Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C., and Mrs. Berryman distributed the prizes. The net proceeds, with donations, amounted to £4 18s. 4d.

WHAT WASTE PAPER CAN DO! 27th Nov. 1942

The waste paper collected weekly in the village from June to October by Mrs. Alfred J. Willson has been sold and has realised £17 8s. 1d. Of this sum £17 has been allocated as follows: Malta Hospital Fund £2, local Comforts for Troops Fund £6, Boy Scouts' Baden-Powell Memorial Fund £1, Merchant Navy Sailors' Fund £2, local Red Cross £6. Mrs. Willson, who has been making the collection for the past two or three years, was assisted by Miss Beaumont until she left the village. She now receives greatly appreciated help from Mrs. J. Cain and Mrs. White. The Boy Scouts are energetic collectors on Saturday mornings. Mention should also be made of Mr. Harry Cole, who has kindly allowed the use of a barn for storage, etc.

FUNERAL. 27th Nov. 1942

Old friends from Lolworth and Swavesey attended the funeral at Swavesey Parish Church on Monday afternoon of Mr. Joseph Peppercorn, of Boxworth end, who died on November 18th after six months' illness. Born at Lolworth

68 years ago, the son of the late Mr. William Peppercorn, he had lived in Swavesey, and worked for Mr. Charles Cole for upwards of 20 years. The service, in the Parish Church and at the graveside, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd). The immediate mourners were: Mrs. J. Peppercorn (widow), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peppercorn (son and daughter-in-law), Miss V. Peppercorn (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. Peppercorn (brother and sister-in-law). Many wreaths were sent including one from Mr. Charles Cole (late employer), in memory of many years of faithful work. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, was the undertaker.

THE LATE MR. J. T. DAINTREE. 27th Nov. 1942

The funeral of Mr. John Thomas Daintree, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daintree, whose death on November 18th at the age of 78 years, was announced last week, took place at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated. The following were the mourners: Mrs. J. Daintree (widow), Mr., Mrs. and Miss Welch (nephews and nieces), Mrs. Badcock, Miss Daintree (nieces), Mrs. W. Day (sister-in-law). Owing to war-time conditions his brother and other relatives were unable to be present. Many floral tributes were sent. Mr. E. J. Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements.

WEDDING. 27th Nov. 1942

The marriage took place at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon of Mr. George Saunders Newell, son of Mrs. Newell and the late Mr. J. J. Newell, of 139, Milton Road, Cambridge, and Miss Kathleen Jacklin, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jacklin, 2, School Lane, Swavesey. The Rev. A. McPhee conducted the service, during which the hymns "Praise to the Lord" and "O, Perfect Love," were sung. Mr. G. E. Canham was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white chiffon velvet, with veil and orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and trailing fern. The bridesmaids, Miss Joan Jacklin (sister of the bride) and Miss Betty Stringer, wore dresses of red chiffon velvet, ankle length, and Juliet caps. They carried muffs, and also wore gold chains and crosses, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Stracy was best man. After the ceremony the reception was held at the Memorial Hall, where between 50 and 60 guests were entertained, and later Mr. and Mrs. Newell left for their honeymoon at Banbury, Oxfordshire, the bride travelling in a Harris tweed coat with brown accessories. The presents were numerous and useful, and included several cheques, one for £10 being from the bridegroom's fellow workers.

MARRIED IN WALES. 4th Dec. 1942

The marriage took place on Saturday at St. David's Church, Bangor, North Wales, of Mr. Victor Wilderspin, eldest son of Mr. Dick Wilderspin and the late Mrs. Wilderspin, and Miss Olive Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Jones, of Bangor.

PRISONERS OF WAR. 4th Dec. 1942

A meeting, with lantern slides, to stimulate interest in the prisoners of war effort, was held in the Memorial Hall on Friday. Mr. David Moore operated the lantern and Mrs. Moore gave a talk on various aspects of the Red Cross work for the prisoners. There was a good attendance and much interest was shown. Mrs. R. Wayman, Assistant Commandant of Cambs. 12 Detachment, was in the chair.

A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT. 4th Dec. 1942

The dance in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, in aid of the local Forces Christmas Fund, was a great success. The hall was filled with dancers and a good programme of music was supplied by an R.A.F. dance band. A competition organised by Mrs. G. Oakman, assisted by Miss E. Meekings, was won by Mrs. G. Brooks and K. Oakman (cigarettes) and Mr. H. Goldsborough (apples). The total proceeds amounted to £9 4s. 1½d.

WHIST DRIVE. 4th Dec. 1942

A successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week, 11½ tables being occupied. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Miss M. Hepher, Mrs. Thomas; gentlemen, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. Starling; knock-out, Mr. G. Froment and Mrs. F. Martin. A competition for celery, given by Mr. D. Williams, realised 13s., and was won by Mr. S. Clark, and basket of celery given by Mr. A. Hepher realised 18s. 6d., and was won by Mr. Warren. With donations, a total sum of £5 1s. 2d. was realised.

DEATH OF MRS. R. SUTTON. 4th Dec. 1942

We have to record the death of Mrs. Bertha Sutton, widow of the late Mr. Robert Sutton, who passed away peacefully in her sleep at her residence, Burnham Cottage, Swavesey, on November 27th, aged 74 years. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. A. McPhee (Baptist Pastor) conducting the service. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Pontefract, Mrs. D. Sutton (sisters-in-law), Miss J. Williams, Mrs. A. Hales (nieces), Miss G. Dodson (companion) Mr. E. J. Mitham carried out the funeral arrangements.

ST ANDREW'S DAY SOCIAL. 4th Dec. 1942

A most enjoyable social evening was held on Monday, when a comfortable number of church members met at the Vicarage to celebrate their important St. Andrew's Day. The programme included a 12-hand whist drive, a recitation by Mrs. Laverack, spelling and general knowledge bees, and various competitions. The whist prizewinners were: First lady, Mrs. Moore; first gentleman Mrs. Hawkes; consolation Mrs. Kester and Mr. F. Martin. Other victors during the evening were: Mrs. H. Wright, Mrs. Goldsborough, Miss E. Thorp, the Vicar, Mr. G. Froment, Mrs. Wood, sen., Miss J. Hepher, Master J. Prime and Mrs. Laverack. At the suggestion of the Church Council, the Vicar received birthday gifts for the church, with the result that by the end of the evening he had £8 7s. 4d. in hand. Warm thanks were tendered to the Vicar and Mrs. Woodd for their hospitality, and to Mrs. Laverack, and all who had contributed to the evening's success.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. 11th Dec. 1942

The children attending Swavesey Junior School have contributed to the Christmas appeal for the National Institute for the Blind, and as a result the sum of £1 1s. 6d. has been forwarded to the local secretary of the fund.

FLAG DAY. 11th Dec. 1942

The Prisoners of War Flag Day at Swavesey resulted in £13 16s. being collected. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Coulson and Misses M. Parish and A. Shepperson were the collectors. At the prisoners of war meeting, reported in our last issue, the collection amounted to £1 2s. 6d.

WHIST DRIVE. 11th Dec. 1942

Nine tables were occupied at the whist drive which was held in the Memorial Hall on Dec. 3rd. Mr. A. Wilson officiated as M.C., and the prizes were presented to the following successful players by Mrs. J. Hawkes: Ladies, Miss F. Kester, Mrs. Warren; gentlemen, Mr. de Haro, Mr. B. Prior; knock-out, Mrs. F. Hepher and Mr. F. Martin. Competition winners: Mrs. E. Smart (flowers, which were returned to be sold for the funds); Mrs. Edwards (serviette rings). With donations, the sum of £5 2s. 1d. was realised towards Christmas parcels for local men and girls serving in H.M. Forces.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 11th Dec. 1942

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening, the President occupying the chair. After the business proceedings an

interesting talk on the work of a woman magistrate was given by Mrs. Rackham, of Cambridge, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks on the proposition of the President. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lewin and the hostesses, after which there was a roll call on Cook's tour from London to Newcastle, which was described by Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Lewin, Mrs. Hepher, Mrs. Froment and Mrs. H. Prime. The social half-hour was devoted to the singing of carols.

14TH BIRTHDAY PARTY. 11th Dec. 1942

About 100 members and friends spent a happy time together at the 14th birthday party of the Women's Institute. After the President had welcomed all present an interesting programme of games, competitions and dancing was entered to in real earnest, with Mr. Edley, of Over, at the piano. Refreshments were served by the committee, and the birthday cake given by the President was handed round, after which Mrs. Williamson made a small birthday gift to the President in recognition of her work for the W.I. during the year. More games and dancing followed, and the evening ended about 11 o'clock with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

W.I. SALE. 18th Dec. 1942

The sum of £25, the cost of a rubber dinghy, was realised in a very short time at a sale of toys, cards, etc., arranged by the members of the Women's Institute, in the Old School on Saturday. Brisk trade was done immediately after the opening, and the room was soon crowded with eager buyers. Those in charge of stalls, competitions, etc., were: Toys and fancy goods, Mrs. Laverack, Mrs. Williamson; household goods, Mrs. Freestone, Mrs. H. Prime; white elephant, Mrs. G. Froment, Miss Freear; Christmas cards, etc., Mrs. Ding; competitions – weight of chicken (given by Mrs. Williamson, not guessed and afterwards sold to Mrs. Lewin) Miss E. Thorp; weight of cake (given by Mrs. Hepher and won by Mrs. Brown), Mr. H. Wright; name of panda (made by Mr. Dawson, not guessed, and afterwards sold to Mrs. Hepher), Miss Jean Hepher; name of doll (given by Mrs. Hepher, not guessed and sold to Mrs. S. Wright), Miss M. Hepher; pedlar's basket, taken round by two oldest members, Mesdames R. and S. Hepher. A cheque for the above amount has been forwarded for a rubber dinghy specially worked for by Swavesey W.I. members.

WHIST DRIVES. 18th Dec. 1942

At a whist drive held on Thursday week for the Comforts Fund 9½ tables were occupied. Mr. Berryman was M.C., and the following were prizewinners:

Ladies, Miss Jean Hepher, Mrs. Brown, consolation, Mrs. Berryman; gentlemen, Mr. C. Jellings, Mr. E. Smart, consolation, Mrs. Hepher (playing as gentleman); knock-out, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Ray Turner. Competitions were won by Mrs. Kester (plant) and Mr. A. Hawkes (fruit). Total proceeds, with donations, after paying for hire of hall, amounted to £4 6s. 9d. On Tuesday the last whist drive of the season was held in the Memorial Hall, 11½ tables being occupied, Mr. Berryman again acting as M.C. The following were the prizewinners: Ladies, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. A. Lee, consolation, Mrs. de Haro; gentlemen, Mr. A. Hawkes, Mr. Crossley, consolation, Mr. Utteridge; highest scores, 12 hands, Mr. E. Burton and Mrs. Thomas; travelling prizes, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Lee, Mr. E. Burton and Mrs. Hawkes; lucky chair at No.7 table, Mr. Crowley; most 5's, Miss M. Hepher and Mrs. Hawkes; knock-out, Mr. T. Froment and Mr. G. Prime. Competitions were won as follows: Serviette ring, Mrs. Warren; jug, Mrs. Brown; sweets, Mr. de Haro; cauliflower (afterwards sold), Mr. C. S. Hepher; name of Teddy Bear, Mr. R. Asplin. Several articles were also sold and many donations given, making the grand total of £10 4s. It may be of interest to mention that this series of whist drives, with donations, has brought in £29 2s. 11d. for the parcels fund.

INTRUDER AT SWAVESEY INN. 25th Dec. 1942

Window Broken on Saturday Night.

Late on Saturday night the New Inn, Swavesey (which is on the Huntingdon Road), was broken into by an intruder.

Mrs. Ellenn Cannell is the licensee, and we understand from her that a window was smashed and a clock and cycle lamp stolen.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 25th Dec. 1942

The amount collected in Swavesey in November for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £3 9s. 2d.

GALON'S CHARITY. 25th Dec. 1942

Owing to wartime conditions and the rationing of coal, the trustees of Galon's Charity have decided that only necessitous cases should receive through the charity coal this year, the usual list to be held in abeyance for the time being.

DANCE. 25th Dec. 1942

The dance which was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday was an undoubted success. There was a large attendance and an excellent programme of music was provided by the Crazy Crochets dance band. A sale and

competition, organised by Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Oakman, and Mrs. Oakman, assisted greatly to defray the expenses of the evening. The net proceeds amounting to £10 14s. 4d. have been handed over to the local Forces' Christmas Fund.

PARISH CHURCH. 1st Jan. 1943

For the Christmas festival the parish church was simply but effectively decorated with flowers and evergreens, and, although Christmas Day was not, as in pre-war days, heralded by a peal between 5 and 6 a.m., the villagers had the pleasure of hearing Swavesey's beautiful bells before the mid-day service. The services, at all of which the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated, were as follows: Holy Communion 6 a.m. (at the Vicarage, owing to lighting restrictions) and 9 a.m. (in the church), mattins (said) 10 a.m., sung Eucharist with sermon 10.30 a.m., evensong (said) 3 p.m.

BOXING DAY WEDDING. 1st Jan. 1943

The marriage took place at the parish church on December 26th of Sergt. Observer Leonard Henry Thomas, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Miss Joan Margaret Prior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prior, 13, High Street, Swavesey. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated at the service, during which the hymns, "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and "Love, Divine" were sung. Mr. G. H. Skeeles was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white taffeta with veil and headdress of orange blossom and she carried a bouquet of red carnations, white heather, chrysanthemums and trailing fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Olive Prior, and Miss Vera Thomas (sister of the bridegroom), the former attired in pink taffeta and the latter in blue flowered taffeta. They wore veils and headdresses to tone with the gowns and carried bouquets of white and gold chrysanthemums. Mr. Harry Bradbury (friend of the bridegroom) was best man. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver heart and a horseshoe by her cousins, June and Margaret Darrington. The bride's and bridesmaids' bouquets were later placed on the graves of the grandparents of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Memorial Hall where 40 guests were entertained. The presents were numerous and useful.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 15th Jan. 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey during December for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £5 1s. 9d., making a total for the year of £42 8s. 2d.

SOLO DRIVE. 15th Jan. 1943

Four tables were occupied at a solo drive which was held at Mr. de Haro's house on Saturday in aid of the funds of the Swavesey Scout troop. The prize-winners were: Mr. H. Dring (Over), Mr. T. Dawson, consolation Mrs. Hawkes; knock-out Messrs. Welch and Webb; competition, Scout D. Pitts and Mr. A. Welch. The troop benefited to the extent of £2 by the evening's entertainment.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 15th Jan. 1943

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening, the President occupying the chair, Miss Kelly gave a demonstration of packed lunches, which proved very helpful, and several questions were asked by members and answered by Miss Kelly, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the President. The competition for the best bottled fruit was judged by Miss Kelly, who awarded the prize to Mrs. Williamson. Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening. The Boy Scouts, under Mr. Roy de Haro, gave a very good programme of physical exercises, concluding with a camp fire sing-song. This was much enjoyed, and the Scouts were heartily thanked by the President.

BIGNELL CUP. 22nd Jan. 1943

The final of the Bignell billiards cup played last Friday evening in the Institute was won by Mr. H. Bridgeford, who beat E. Crowley after a good game. Both players owed 20 points. The cup has been given back to be played for as an American handicap.

FUNERAL OF AN OCTOGENARIAN. 22nd Jan. 1943

The funeral of Mr. Jesse Wilderspin, of Boxworth End, who died on January 13th, aged 80 years, took place at the Cemetery on Saturday, Mr. Camp (Strict Baptist Minister) conducting the service, during which the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

37 YEARS ORGANIST. 22nd Jan. 1943

In recognition of 37 years' devoted service as organist of Swavesey parish church, Mr. G. H. Skeeles has been presented with a cheque for £17, subscribed by 150 members of the congregation and other well-wishers. With the cheque was a note expressing the wish that Mr. Skeeles would buy some lasting memento with the money after the war. The money was collected by Mrs. C. Dean, Mrs. G. H. Howlett, and Mr. A. Garner.

WHIST DRIVE. 22nd Jan. 1943

A small but successful whist drive for the Troops Comforts Fund was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday week. Mr. C. S. Hepher was M.C., and the prizes were presented to the following by Mrs. Berryman, a member of the Comforts' Committee: Gentlemen – Mr. F. Martin, Mr. A. Hawkes; ladies – Miss F. Kester, Mrs. F. Martin; knock-out, Mr. G. Froment and Mr. Thomas. The net proceeds amounted to £1 13s. 10d.

DANCE. 22nd Jan. 1943

For the enjoyable dance arranged by Mrs. C. S. Hepher, held on Saturday in the Memorial Hall, a popular selection of dance music was provided by the Crazy Crochets Band. A competition for a small bottle of port kindly given by Mr. Lant, was won by Mr. Palmer, a member of the band. The gross proceeds of the evening amounted to £14 1s. 10½d. After expenses for the hall, band, etc., had been taken out £10 3s. 10½d remained, and of this sum £3 10s. was given to the rubber dinghy and £6 14s. to the Prisoners of War Fund. Mr. G. Froment acted as doorkeeper.

THE LATE MRS. JOSEPH LINFORD. 22nd Jan. 1943

The funeral of Mrs. Rose Hannah Linford, wife of Mr. Edward Joseph Linford, who passed away after a long illness at her home in High Street on Sunday, took place at the parish church on Wednesday afternoon, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. E. J. Linford (husband), Mrs. C. Butterworth (sister), Messrs. William, Harry and Bert Hodson (brothers), Mrs. Bert Hodson (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. George Hodson (nephew and niece), Mr. and Mrs. George Burling, Mrs. Frank Prior (cousins). There were several beautiful floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Ernest J. Mitham.

A LETTER OF THANKS. 29th Jan. 1943

Mr. G. H. Skeeles desires most sincerely to thank all subscribers for the very generous gift of £17 2s. 6d. presented to him in recognition of services to Swavesey parish church, and to say how much he values this token of appreciation.

DANCE. 29th Jan. 1943

The dance held in the Memorial Hall last Saturday evening was an outstanding success. A competition for a bottle of port, kindly given by Mr. Saul, brought

in £4 10s., and this brought the total proceeds, after defraying expenses, to £11 2s., which will be added to the Comforts Fund.

BRITISH LEGION. 29th Jan. 1943

A whist drive under the auspices of the Swavesey branch of the British Legion was held at Mr. E. de Haro's house on Friday evening, 6½ tables being occupied. The prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss F. Kester, Mrs. Martin; gentlemen, Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. V. Wilderspin (both playing as gentlemen), consolation, Mrs. G. Froment; knock-out, Mrs. B. Wayman and Mrs. E. Prime. The branch funds benefited by £2 as a result of the evening's entertainment.

PARISH COUNCIL. 29th Jan. 1943

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday evening, the following members being present: Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman), Mr. C. W. H. Cole, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. R. Mitham, Mr. A. P. Payne, and Mr. W. Spolton, with the Clerk, Mr. E. J. Mitham. The main business was the consideration of a letter from the Chesterton Rural District Council enclosing a communication from the N.F.S. respecting a site for the proposed new fire station. Mr. Dean proposed that the N.F.S. be granted, at a rent of 10s. per annum, the use of the site of the old engine house and adjoining Parish Pound for the erection of a fire engine station, and that Mr. George Oakman be given one month's notice of the termination of his tenancy of the Pound. Mr. Payne seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. R. Mitham, seconded by Mr. Cole, the Clerk was instructed to give Mr. Oakman notice that his tenancy of the Pound would terminate on February 28th.

100 YEARS AGO. WEEK ENDING FEB. 11TH 1843. 5th Feb. 1943

Last Sunday evening some thieves broke into the house of Mr. Cranbrooke, a dissenting minister at Swavesey, while he was preaching, and stole three £5 notes, a quantity of silver spoons and various other articles, together amounting to nearly £20. Suspicion attached to two persons in the village, but after an examination into the circumstances there did not appear to be sufficient evidence to warrant their apprehension.

HOME GUARD'S AID FOR PRISONERS. 5th Feb. 1943

Mr. U. Thixton, The Firs, Swavesey, has forwarded £6 1s. 4d. to the Red Cross Agriculture Fund, 29, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1, on behalf of the Cambridgeshire 15th Detachment of the Home Guard, who have requested that the sum be devoted to prisoners' parcels.

THE LATE MR. G. SEEKINGS. 5th Feb. 1943

The funeral of Mr. George Seekings, son of Mr. Stephen Seekings and the late Mrs. Seekings, who died on January 24th, aged 58 years, took place at the parish church on Thursday week, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. Deceased had been severely gassed while serving in France in 1917, and never fully recovered from the effects. The immediate mourners were: Mr. S. Seekings (father), Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. P. Freestone, Mr. and Mrs. F. Day (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. R. Seekings (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. J. Few (brother-in-law), Mr. C. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bishop, Mr. B. Carter, Mrs. H. Bishop (nephews and nieces). Mrs. J. Few (sister) was unable to attend owing to illness. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

PILOT OFFICER ERIC WILLIAMSON, D.F.M. 5th Feb. 1943

Flight-Sergt. Eric Robert Williamson, R.A.F., who recently was decorated with the D.F.M. at an investiture at Buckingham Palace, has since received his commission as a Pilot Officer to date from November 28th. He had previously been promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer as from June 12th. When awarded the D.F.M. in September last it was officially stated that Flight-Sergt. Williamson had proved himself to be an exceptionally keen, reliable and efficient air gunner and bomber. He had at all times displayed a complete disregard of danger and an unshakeable confidence in his ability to achieve success. During the daylight raid on the submarine yards at Danzig on 11th July, 1942, he displayed a grim determination, and in spite of bad weather and a considerable amount of accurate anti-aircraft fire, he obtained hits on the target. A native of Swavesey, Pilot Officer Williamson was educated at Swavesey Council School and St. Ives Grammar School.

BRITISH LEGION. 12th Feb. 1943

Eight and a half tables were in play at the whist drive which took place at Mr. E. de Haro's house on Thursday week, in aid of the funds of the local branch of the British Legion. The prizewinners were: Ladies - Mrs. O. Berry, Mrs. G. Froment; gentlemen - Mr. P. de Haro, Mr. A. Hawkes; knock-out, Mrs. Kester and Mr. Wilson; consolations, Mrs. Kester and Mrs. Thomas. The net proceeds amounted to £3.

MEMBERS' NIGHT. 12th Feb. 1943

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, was well attended. A short time was devoted to business,

during which nominations of officers for the coming year took place. The chair was then vacated by the President and taken by Mrs. H. Prime, and an interesting talk was given by the Rev. J. Goodchild, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mrs. Ding. During the social half-hour games, dancing, etc., were enjoyed, the prize for the musical parcel being won by Mrs. S. Wright. The committee appointed for the evening were the hostesses. In voicing the thanks of the members to the committee, Mrs. de Haro said how much everyone had enjoyed the meeting.

VESTRY AND CHURCH MEETINGS. 12th Feb. 1943

The annual Vestry and Parochial Church meetings were held in the Old School on Monday at 7.15 and 7.30 respectively, the Vicar taking the chair at both. There was a moderate, but keen, attendance. It was with regret that Mr. W. J. Hepher's resignation of the office of Vicar's warden after ten years of faithful service was announced. The Vicar nominated Mr. C. S. Hepher in his place. Mr. E. J. Mitham was unanimously re-elected people's warden. At the church meeting the accounts showed a very satisfactory balance of £34 6s., including a substantial increase in contributions to missionary work. The treasurer largely attributed this state of affairs to the free-will envelope scheme. The following officers were elected: Ruridecanal Conference representatives, Mrs. G. Froment and Miss G. Froment; Parochial Church councillors, Mesdames H. Prime, C. Ding, A. Thomas, F. Hepher, Mr. A. Hepher and Mr. C. Ding. The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc, with the exception that Mr. F. Martin takes the place of the late Mr. J. Daintree and Mr. W. J. Hepher that of Mr. C. S. Hepher. The Vicar, in his address, spoke of much faithful and unobtrusive service during the past year and a growing sense of corporate social life, and looked forward to the future with courage, faith and determination.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 19th Feb. 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey during January for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £7 5s. 11d.

RUSSIAN RED CROSS. 19th Feb. 1943

A solo drive was held at Mr. E. de Haro's house on Saturday in aid of the Russian Red Cross Fund, four tables being occupied. The prize-winners were: Mr. Welch, Mr. Berry; knock-out, Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs. Thomas; competition, Mrs. Thomas. The net proceeds amounted to £1 10s. 3d.

A CORRECTION. 19th Feb. 1943

Mr. U. Thixton, acting Commandant, Cambs. 15, Red Cross Detachment, has sent the following communication respecting a paragraph which appeared on Feb. 5th with the Swavesey news, under the heading "Home Guard's Aid for Prisoners": "I would like to draw your attention to the statement in the Swavesey news in the issue of 5th February, in which it was stated that £6 1s. 4d. was sent to the Red Cross Agriculture Fund by the Swavesey Home Guard. The actual amount sent was £6 14s., and it was from the Cambs. 15 Detachment of the British Red Cross Society, not the Home Guard." [The paragraph was printed exactly as received from the Press Department of the Red Cross Agriculture Fund – Ed.]

SAILORS' DAY. 26th Feb. 1943

The house-to-house collection in the village on February 18th for the British Sailors' Society amounted to £8 10s. 8¼d. The collectors were: Miss Paine £1 14s. 7d., Mrs. Gleaves and Miss Freear £1 13s. 1d., Mrs. Laverack £1 8s. 1½d, Miss E. Thorp £1 11s. 8d., Mrs. Berryman £1 11s. 2¼d., Mrs. Curtis 12s. 0½d.

DEATH OF MR. PRIME GODFREY. 26th Feb. 1943

We have to record the death of Mr. Prime Godfrey, the well-known haulage contractor, of Swavesey and Godmanchester, who passed away at Corpus Christi House, Godmanchester, on Tuesday, aged 63 years. He was the representative of the parish of Swavesey on the Chesterton Rural District Council and until recently was clerk of the Parish Council for several years, succeeding the late Mr. Robinson Mitham. He was also a member of the Godmanchester Town Council. The funeral will take place at Bethel Baptist Chapel, Swavesey, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

CONCERT. 26th Feb. 1943

There was unfortunately not a large audience at the excellent concert which was given in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Cambs. Council of Musical Education and the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts. The programme was provided by the Carter String Trio – Mary Carter (violin), Anatole Mines (viola), and Eileen McCarthy (violoncello), Michael Head (singer and pianist), and Ursula Nettleship. After the interval community singing was conducted by Miss Nettleship and Mr. Head, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes, on the proposition of Mr. Laverack.

SWAVESEY BOY SCOUTS. 26th Feb. 1943

As a result of the whist drive at Mr. de Haro's house on February 18th, the sum of £2 10s. was added to the funds of the 1st Swavesey Boy Scouts. Eight tables were in play. The prizewinners were: Ladies – Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Froment, highest score half-time Mrs. Moore; gentlemen – Mr. R. Asplin, Mrs. C. Burton, highest score half-time Mrs. Robinson (both playing as gentlemen); knock-out, Mrs. Froment and Mr. Utteridge. A competition run during the evening was won by Miss F. Kester. Another whist drive in aid of Scout funds took place on Wednesday, also at Mr. de Haro's house. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Williams; gentlemen, Miss F. Kester (playing as gentleman); consolation, Miss S. Edwards; knock-out, Mrs. G. Prime and Mr. de Haro. The proceeds amounted to £2.

MR. PRIME GODFREY. 5th March 1943

Large Attendance at Swavesey Funeral.

The funeral of Mr. Prime Godfrey, the well-known haulage contractor, of Swavesey and Godmanchester, who, as announced last week, died at his residence, Corpus Christi House, Godmanchester, on February 23rd, aged 63 years, took place at Swavesey on Saturday afternoon, the service at Bethel Baptist Chapel, during which the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way" was sung, being conducted by the Pastor (Rev. A. McPhee) and Pastor Bourne, of Warboys, Hunts. The interment followed in the cemetery.

The immediate mourners were: Mrs. Godfrey (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Godfrey, Mr. Cyril Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Godfrey, Mr. Stanley Godfrey, Mr. Roy Godfrey (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Atkins (brother-in-law and sister), Miss M. Godfrey (sister), Mr. David Stanton (cousin). Among others present were the following members of Messrs. Godfrey's staff: Messrs. A. Hookham, T. Savage, F. Coulson, H. Wagstaffe, A. Thompson, F. Clarke, S. Wright, G. Smart, J. Daisley, C. Harradine, A. Young, E. Harrison, P. Symonds, G. Prime, Mrs. J. N. Lee.

The Chesterton R.D.C. was represented by Mr. A. Cundell (chairman), Mr. H. G. Waddelow (vice-chairman), Mr. Sidney C. Lamb and Mr. W. H. Hayward (clerk); the Godmanchester Borough by the Mayor (Ald. Ashley), Ald. W. Pratt Anderson, Ald. H. W. Pettit, Councillors A. H. Kisby (Deputy Mayor), C. H. Summers and J. T. Mailer; the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, of Freemasons by Worshipful Bros. H. W. Braybrook, W.M., W. Pratt Anderson, L. J. Saunders, H. E. Parnell, H. A. Slater and J. Aitkin; and the Swavesey Parish Council by Messrs. C. H. Parish (chairman), C. Dean (vice-chairman), W. Burton, C. W. H. Cole, B. Hodson, A. P. Payne and the Clerk (Mr. E. J. Mitham).

Many Cambridgeshire and Hunts. friends and business friends from the district were also present.

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Pettit and Son, Godmanchester.

WHIST DRIVE. 12th March 1943

Three tables were in play at the whist drive which was held at Mr. de Haro's house on Saturday in aid of the Red Cross. The proceeds amounted to £1, bringing the total sum raised by these drives for the Red Cross up to £4 11s.

FOR PRISONERS OF WAR. 12th March 1943

Another successful dance was held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, for which the Crazy Crochets Band provided a good selection of music. The proceeds, including a competition won by Mr. H. Brooks (cocktail), which amounted to £8 7s. 8d., have been handed to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

WHIST DRIVE. 19th March 1943

A solo whist drive was held at Mr. de Haro's house on Saturday, three tables being in play. The sum of 18s. 6d. was made, which goes to the Russian Red Cross Fund, bringing the total from these drives up to £7 0s. 6d.

PARISH CHURCH. 19th March 1943

In consequence of the indisposition of the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd), the services at the Parish Church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, a late vicar of Over. The service on Ash Wednesday was taken by the Rev. R. Hills (vicar of Fen Drayton), who also officiated at the celebration of holy communion on Friday morning.

DANCE. 19th March 1943

A crowded hall thoroughly enjoyed the dance on Saturday to the music of the Crazy Crochets Band. Mr. C. S. Hephner was doorkeeper, and Mr. G. Oakman was an efficient M.C. The net profit amounted to £8 11s. 7d., and of this sum £5 has been given to complete the equipment of the rubber dinghy for a four-engined bomber.

SENIOR SCHOOL. 19th March 1943

In connection with the examination held recently for scholarships to the Cambridgeshire Technical School, the following candidates from the Senior

School, Swavesey, have been selected for interview by the Board of Examiners: - Richard Parish, Derek Pitts, Ruth Parish, Patricia Culpin, Eileen Hookham and Beryl Anholm. These six successful scholars are out of a total of eight members of the Swavesey Senior School who entered for the examination.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 19th March 1943

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Hall on the 9th inst., the President (Mrs. C. S. Hephher) occupying the chair, and a good number of members, including two new entrants, being present. The annual report, an excellent record of the year's work, was given by the secretary, and the accounts showing a satisfactory balance, were presented by the treasurer. The President thanked all for their work during the year, and urged members to make every monthly meeting a "members' night." An interesting talk was then given by Mr. Kellenbech, from St. Dunstan's, who explained their work and the need for steady support to help all the thousands who will be in need during the war. He was heartily thanked on the proposition of Mrs. Laverack. The voting for next year's committee took place, with the result as follows: President, Mrs. C. S. Hephher; secretary, Mrs. Laverack; treasurer, Mrs. H. Prime; Executive Committee, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. de Haro, Mrs. Ding, Nurse Edwards, Miss Freear, Mrs. G. Froment, Mrs. F. Hephher, Mrs. F. Martin, Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Williamson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lee, Miss Freear, Mrs. Williamson. Excellent refreshments were served by the tea committee, and while this was going on Mrs. Goodchild judged the competition for the best knitted pixie, and awarded the prize to Mrs. C. S. Hephher. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. U. Thixton and Mr. Crowley, who acted as tellers. The happy and interesting meeting was brought to a close with folk dancing.

PROPERTY MARKET. 26th March 1943

The small free-hold thatched cottage, together with outbuildings and large garden, situate in Boxworth End, and known as Kumin, which was offered by public auction by Cyril Watts, by instruction of Mrs. E. Pontefract, at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, was sold to Mrs. F. W. Johnson for £620. Messrs. Garrard and Co., 68, Sidney Street, Cambridge, were the solicitors concerned.

WINGS FOR VICTORY. 2nd April 1943

At a preliminary meeting on March 25th, in connection with "Wings for Victory" Week, the target to be aimed at was fixed at £4,000.

DANCE FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S. 2nd April 1943

A successful dance held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday realised the sum of £8 14s. for St. Dunstan's. An excellent programme of music was provided by Crazy Crochets Band. Mr. Dawson acted as doorkeeper and Mr. G. Oakman carried out duties as M.C.

NOTICE. 9th April 1943

NATIONAL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. – A Meeting will be held at the Public Hall Willingham, on Friday, 16th April, at 7.30 p.m., Chairman Hugh Gilliland. Speaker, E. C. Cooper, Production Officer, N.G.A.

W.I. THANKED. 9th April 1943

The members of the Swavesey Women's Institute have received a letter from the Ministry of Aircraft expressing appreciation of their patriotism in the purchase of a rubber dinghy.

DANCE FOR Y.M.C.A. 9th April 1943

As a result of the dance on Saturday in the Memorial Hall £7 14s. has been sent to the Y.M.C.A. A good selection of dance tunes was provided by the Crazy Crochets Band.

PIG CLUB HELPS RED CROSS. 9th April 1943

The members of the Swavesey Pig Club have sent £1 12s. 6d. to the Red Cross Agriculture Fund, being a levy of sixpence per pig on the 65 pigs kept by them during the year ended March 31st.

LAST WEEK'S FARM STOCK SALE. 9th April 1943

A sum of no less than £104 10s. was realised on behalf of the Farmers' Red Cross Funds of the Cambs. and Hunts. Farmers' Unions, at a farm stock sale held at Swavesey on Wednesday week. The occasion was the dispersal of the effects of the late Mr. Prime Godfrey, and the auctioneer concerned was Mr. Cyril Watts, of St. Ives.

N.S.P.C.C. 9th April 1943

As a result of a collection in the village the sum of £6 14s. 6d. has been raised for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The collectors were: Pat Culpin, Jessie Kester, Stella Edwards, Beryl Anholm, Ruth Parish, Joan Spencer, Eileen Hookham and Nora Smart, with the assistance of Miss Elsa Edwards and Miss Jean Walker.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. 9th April 1943

A simple little service was held on Sunday afternoon in the parish church, which all children were invited to attend. The Vicar blessed a basket of flowers, and from it each child received a tiny bunch for presentation to their mothers as a token of love and appreciation. In this simple way Mothering Sunday was kept alive. A short address was also given by the Vicar.

NOTICE. 16th April 1943

BETHEL BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY. – Sunday, April 18th. Preacher Rev. Lomax Mackenzie. Sunday, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6.15; also Monday, 7.15. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th April 1943

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on the 12th inst., the president (Mr. C. Hepher) occupying the chair. After a few new members had been welcomed, a resolution was proposed that the W.I. should help towards providing a hostel in Cambridge, where girls and women might obtain accommodation in case of being stranded for the night. Three delegates were elected, viz., Mrs. F. Hepher for the group conference, Mrs. Ivett for the Cambridge W.I. conference, and Miss Freear for the N.F.W.I. conference in London. An interesting competition for "my best renovation" produced some good specimens, the highest number of points being awarded to Mrs. B. Prime for a child's coat made from a woman's. A reminder to prepare for Wings for Victory Week was issued to all members by the W.S. group secretary, who announced that the target for that week had been fixed at £100, with the hope that this might be exceeded. Mrs. Goodchild, with her usual ingenuity and resource, then showed how to renovate hats, and also exhibited some practical stocking and sock renovations and mittens mad from old stockings. During the social half-hour excellent refreshments were served by Mrs. Berryman, after which new games were played, the odd man's gallop, hidden nursery rhymes, and drawing team game all being much enjoyed.

NOTICE. 23rd April 1943

DANCE. – Saturday, April 24th. R.A.F. Band. Tango and Waltz Competition. Admission 2s., Forces 1s. 6d.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 23rd April 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey during February for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £6 7s. 7d., and in March £9 18s. 6d.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED. 23rd April 1943

Airgraphs have been received stating that Norman Lee, Cyril Wagstaff and Ben Whybrow, who are serving in India and Ceylon, have received the Christmas gifts of money sent by the Women's Institute.

DANCE. 23rd April 1943

The Memorial Hall was crowded last Saturday evening for the dance in aid of the local Comforts Fund, for which the Crazy Crochets Band provided a well-varied selection of music. The sum of £8 14s. was realised for the fund, after paying £4 5s. expenses.

WINGS FOR VICTORY. 23rd April 1943

The local committee for Wings for Victory Week met on April 15th to consider the programme for the week. The following are the suggestions: Saturday, May 5th, dance; Monday, 17th, whist drive; Tuesday, 18th, children's evening (with fancy dress); Wednesday 19th, social; Thursday, 20th, concert; Friday, 21st, whist drive; Saturday, 22nd, dance. At the concert it is hoped to have a speaker on the work of Bomber Command. The money taken at the functions during the week will be given towards buying an aircraft part, i.e., parachute, rubber dinghy, according to the sum realised.

PIG CLUB. 23rd April 1943

At the close of its second year of working the accounts of the Swavesey Pig Club showed that 67 pigs had been kept by 41 members during the year. Of these 23 were placed on the market, 32 killed for members' use, four sold privately, four still alive, and insurance was paid out on four which died. Receipts included £6 5s. 6d. entrance fees and subscriptions, £9 16s. 6d. insurance, and £139 11s. 9d. was paid during the year for rations. The sum of £2 3s. was handed to the Red Cross Agriculture Fund, and against the £7 2s. 4d. cash in hand, £7 12s. was due for insurance premiums, leaving a deficit of 10s. 2d. mainly due to printing and the purchasing of a tattooing instrument. Unfortunately only the hon. sec. and two members attended on Thursday last week for the annual meeting, and it had to be abandoned.

PARISH MEETING. 23rd April 1943

The annual parish meeting which was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday evening was attended by six parish councillors and two other electors, Messrs. U. Thixton and Dennis Williams. Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the Parish Council) presided. The audited accounts of the Parish Council for the year

ended 31st March, 1942, and of Galon's Charity for the year ended 31st December, 1942, were presented by the Clerk (Mr. E. J. Mitham). The condition of ponds in the village was discussed, and Mr. W. Burton proposed that the Chesterton Rural District Council be approached with a view to the Swan Pond, now a disgrace to the village, being cleaned out, the mud to be deposited on a low part of Church Green with the consent of Mr. U. Thixton, who seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL. 23rd April 1943

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, after the parish meeting, the following members being present: Messrs. W. Burton, C. Dean, B. Hodson, A. E. Holloway, R. Mitham, C. H. Parish, and W. Spolton, with the Clerk (Mr. E. J. Mitham). Mr. C. H. Parish was re-elected chairman, and Mr. C. Dean vice-chairman, for the ensuing year. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, it was reported that the bridge at the end of Market Street had not yet been repaired by the County Council, and that the Home Guard had not removed, as requested, the materials supplied to them as obstructions, but which have not been used and were lying about the village. Various other matters were discussed, and on the motion of Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Holloway, it was decided that, with the consent of the R.D.C., a collection of unburnable rubbish should be made at an early date, the necessary arrangements being left in the hands of the chairman. It was also agreed that tenders should be invited for the herbage of the Recreation Ground, the tenders to be handed to the Clerk not later than April 28th.

A CORRECTION. 30th April 1943

The Christmas gifts of money which have reached Norman Lee, Cyril Wagstaff and Ben Whybrow were from the local Troops' Comforts Fund, and not from the Women's Institute as stated last week.

POLICE CHANGE. 30th April 1943

P.C. Shanks, who has been stationed at Swavesey for the past ten years, the longest period any constable has remained in the village for many years, has this week been transferred to Caxton. He is being seconded at Swavesey by P.C. James from Arrington.

BOY SCOUTS. 30th April 1943

The 1st Swavesey Scout Troop has been congratulated by the local Association on raising the sum of £13 for the Lord Baden-Powell Memorial Fund. This total exceeds their target by £1 and is the highest in the district.

The Troop are attending a Lord Baden-Powell memorial service at Wilbraham Church, next Sunday, May 2nd.

THE CHURCH BELLS. 30th April 1943

Before the children's service on Sunday afternoon a peal of 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the bells of the parish church by the following: R. Smith 1, D. Gleaves 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. W. Gleaves 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Before evensong 720 changes of Bob Minor were rung, B. Norman taking the place of F. G. Gleaves.

PARISH CHURCH. 30th April 1943

The services at the parish church on Good Friday were as follows: Mattins, Litany and Ante Communion 9 a.m., "Three Hours' Devotion" 12-3, and evensong 6 p.m. A joint service of Witness with Bethel Baptist Chapel was held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. The church was simply but effectively decorated with spring flowers for Easter Day, when the services were: Holy Communion 7 and 8 a.m., Mattins (said) 10 a.m., Solemn Eucharist 10.30 a.m., children's service 3 p.m. and evensong 6.30 p.m.

EASTER MISSIONARY SALE. 30th April 1943

The St. Andrew's Church Easter sale to raise funds for missionary work was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Vicarage. Much hard work beforehand produced a fine array of articles, and a nice afternoon made it possible for a large number of people to attend. After the sale people went to church for an organ recital given by Mr. P. W. Rouse, followed by choral evensong, during which the choir sang three Easter carols and an address was given by the Vicar of Over (Rev. F. G. Weston). As a result of the whole effort the excellent sum of £28 11s. 8d. was realised.

WEDDING. 30th April 1943

The marriage took place on Easter Monday at Bethel Baptist Church of Mr. Thomas Arthur Ivor Brand, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brand, The Stores, Longstanton, and Miss Elsie Una Dodson, youngest daughter of Mr. E. Dodson and the late Mrs. Dodson, of Highfield Farm, Swavesey. During the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. McPhee, the hymns "O Lord, how happy should we be," "O perfect love" and "Love divine and golden were sung, and Mr. G. Day, who was at the organ, played appropriate music, including Handel's Largo. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white satin with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations, which was afterwards placed on her mother's

grave. She was attended by four bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Gwen Dodson, Misses Lilian and Joan Brand (sisters of the bridegroom) and little Marion Norman (niece of the bride). Miss Dodson wore a dress of wisteria flowered silk, with silver coronet and veil to match, Misses Lilian and Joan Dodson wore dresses of turquoise flowered silk, silver coronets and veils to match, and the little maid wore a pink flowered satin dress and headdress of silver leaves. She carried posies of tulips and narcissi. Mr. S. Dodson was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the chapel schoolroom, and later the newly married couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Somerset. The presents were numerous and useful and included many gifts of money, one of which was from the bride's fellow workers at Messrs. Chivers'. The bridegroom's workmates presented him with a barometer and a toast rack and butter dish combined.

UNBURNABLE RUBBISH. 7th May 1943

The tender of the representatives of the late Mr. Prime Godfrey, haulage contractor, for the collection of unburnable rubbish in the village of Swavesey, has been accepted, and the collection will be made on Wednesday next, the 12th inst.

MET IN THE DESERT. 7th May 1943

Mrs. E. J. Mitham, of Church End, Swavesey, has received an airgraph from Sergt. W. Bleet, R.A.F., telling her that he and her elder son, Sergt. John Mitham, R.E., had met in the North African desert. Both are now serving with the 8th Army. Sergt. Bleet, who is a son of Mr. James Bleet, of Elsworth, before joining up was employed by Mr. Ben Thorp, of Swavesey as a motor mechanic, and Sergt. Mitham was employed by Messrs. Kerridge, builders, Cambridge, with whom he had served his apprenticeship. On Tuesday an airmail letter reached Mrs. Mitham from Sergt. John Mitham informing her that on Easter Sunday he had had the pleasure of meeting, quite unexpectedly, his younger brother, Sergt. Ernest (Peter) Mitham, R.E., who had been serving in the Middle East for over two years. Until recently the brothers had been serving on different fronts.

TARGET £4,000. 14th May 1943

Swavesey's target for the Wings for Victory Week has been fixed at £4,000. The local committee has arranged the following programme of events: Saturday, May 15th, parade of Home Guard, Civil Defence, etc., starting from Boxworth End at 6.30 p.m.; dance in Memorial Hall 8 to 11.45 p.m.; Monday, May 17th, whist drive; Tuesday, children's fancy dress social; Wednesday,

social, with band; Thursday, concert by Cottenham Dramatic Society, and talk on work of Bomber Command by Pilot-Officer E. Williamson, D.F.M.; Friday, whist drive; Saturday, May 22nd, dance. Savings Stamps will be on sale at all functions.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 14th May 1943

At the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute which was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Hephher, a large part of the time was devoted to discussion of the numerous resolutions which are to come before the National Federation of Women's Institutes at the Albert Hall in June. Many and varied were the subjects, e.g. education through to University, free and equal for all children of ability; women representation on local council and peace conferences; national control of drainage water, electricity and many more, all of major importance to women in the present days of planning for the post-war country. All the questions were discussed with enthusiasm by the members. A talk on the work of the W.V.S. was also given by Mrs. Lewin, who is herself a W.V.S. worker. Many were surprised at the scope of the work. The speaker stressed the importance of all women having a knowledge of the rudiments of A.R.P., and showed the need of the organisation of women in all localities for this important branch of home defence. It was announced that three more talks on A.R.P. would be given on May 25th, June 2nd and 10th, and would be open to the public. Refreshments and two competitions, one a musical story, won by Mrs. Lewin, and the second a game, bargain basement, won by Mrs. Goldsborough, ended an enjoyable evening.

ADDENBROOKE'S FLAG DAY. 14th May 1943

Borough Total Exceeds Last Year

Thanks to the enthusiasm of the collectors and the generosity of the public, the flag day held in Cambridge on Saturday for Addenbrooke's Hospital was a great success.

The total for the Borough amounted to £1,394 6s. 4d., an increase of £177 2s. 7d. on last year's figure.

The total for the County is not yet known, but below are details of some of the village collections:

Swavesey - £9 13s. 8½d., an increase of £4 9s. 6½d on last year. Collectors, Mrs. Ellwood and Mrs. Branch, £2 13s. 2d.; Mrs. T. Froment, £1 6s. 2d.; Miss E. Thorp, £1 2s.; Mrs. Laverack, £2 4s. 11d.; Mrs. F. Hephher, £1 0s. 8½d.; Miss M. Ivatt, £1 6s. 9d.

PENNY-A-WEEK. 21st May 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey during April for the Red Cross Agriculture Penny-a-Week Fund was £6 13s. 6d.

PRESENTATION TO SIGNALMAN. 21st May 1943

Mr. W. Sumner, who has been a signalman at Swavesey Station since March, 1939, was presented with a weather glass by the station staff last Saturday, on the occasion of his transfer to Walton-on-Naze.

WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK. 21st May 1943

We are indebted to Mrs. C. S. Hephew for the following: A really magnificent effort was made on Saturday to give a good send off to the campaign. A parade, representative of all the bodies in the village, marched from Boxworth End to the Swan Pond, headed by the Home Guard, and thence to the Recreation Ground. There the crowd was addressed by P.O. Lacey, D.S.O., who appealed for generosity to make the week a success. The result was marvellous, viz., £52 1s. 5d. from donations and house-to-house collection. After this the Home Guard gave a display of arms used by them. A dance followed, the Memorial Hall being packed. Everyone seemed out to help, and £15 12s. 6d. was nett profit from the dance and sale of lemon, given by Commando Archie Turner, recently returned from Tunisia. The whist drive on Monday was somewhat disappointing. Mr. Berryman was M.C. The winners of 10s. and 5s. savings stamps were: - Gentlemen, Mr. R. Turner, Mrs. de Haro; ladies, Mrs. F. Martin, Miss A. Shepperson. Tuesday was the evening for children. A fancy dress parade, judged by Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Rigby, resulted in the following winning prizes of 5s. and 2s. 6d. savings stamps respectively: Most original – 1 “Montgomery,” Billie Smart; 2 “Red Cross penny-a-week,” Brenda Davis; prettiest – 1 “these things are what we are fighting for” Beryl Prime; 2 victory girl, Ann Smart. Each child who entered was also given a savings stamp. The rest of the evening was spent in games and competitions and dancing.

LOCAL WILL. 28th May 1943

MR. PRIME GODFREY.

Mr. Prime Godfrey, of Corpus Christi House, West Street, Godmanchester, Hunts., and Swavesey, Cambs., motor haulage contractor and farmer, who died on February 23rd last, left £20,359 19s. 9d. gross, with net personalty 10,523 5s. 8d. Probate has been granted to his sons Reginald Thomas Godfrey and Stanley Godfrey, both of Swavesey, and John William Winter, of 80, High Street, Huntingdon, solicitor.

He left household effects, etc., to his wife, and an annuity of £50 to her during widowhood, the proceeds of an insurance policy for £1,000 upon trust for his wife during widowhood, with remainder to his daughters Doris, Winifred, Elsie and Gwendoline; £1,000 between his sons Arthur and Roy; two cottages to his son Cyril; his business of a motor haulage contractor, garages, etc., and farming stock to his sons Reginald, Leslie, Stanley, Maurice and Bernard, charged with the payment of £200 to his daughter Doris, and the residue as to two-thirds between his four daughters and his sons Arthur and Roy, and one-third to his sons Reginald, Leslie, Stanley, Maurice and Bernard.

FIRST AID LECTURES. 28th May 1943

There was rather a small attendance at the immediate aid lecture on Tuesday. It is hoped that any housewife who is interested in anti-gas and fire fighting in her own home and among her neighbours will make an effort to attend these two lectures.

GROUP CONFERENCE. 28th May 1943

A group conference of Women's Institutes was held on Monday, Mrs. C. S. Hepher presiding, supported by Mrs. Wayman (Over). After welcoming the visitors from Over and Fen Drayton, the President of Willingham W.I. was elected chairman and Mrs. Laverack convenor of the next meeting. Reports of work done during the year were read by Mrs. Garner for Over and Mrs. Laverack for Swavesey. A talk was then given by Mrs. Rackham on the Beveridge Report, showing how the scheme affected each person in sickness, unemployment and old age. The audience pronounced it most helpful. Mrs. Hopkinson, Vol. County Organiser, of Cambridge, read the county news, which mentioned the singing competition, jam making for the Government, and also a special appeal for all sorts of pieces of material and odd things for the prisoners of war camps for handicrafts which do so much to relieve boredom by providing interesting occupation for the prisoners. The competition was "the best jam jar of flowers," the first prize being awarded to Mrs. C. S. Hepher for lupins, and the second to Mrs. Garner for mixed flowers. Refreshments and folk dancing concluded an enjoyable evening.

WINGS FOR VICTORY. 28th May 1943

As a result of hard work during the week, something like £129 was realised from social activities, which the committee have yet to allocate. The target of £4,000 has been well passed, the final figure being somewhere in the region of £6,000. Both these figures are subject to slight alteration. A good social was held on the Wednesday in Victory Week, and games and competitions were

entered with a good spirit, especially “Target for to-night”, everyone hoping to choose a really good spot in which to stick the pin in Hitler. A crowded hall thoroughly enjoyed the concert given by Mrs. Osborne and her players from Cottenham. During a short interval a large rubber dinghy was brought on to the stage and thoroughly explained. The second whist drive was held on Friday, with rather better results than the first one. Mr. Berryman again was M.C., and the prizes were distributed to the winners – savings stamps – by Mrs. Cain as follows: 1 Mrs. F. Hephher and Mrs. F. Martin, 2 Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Berryman. The six eggs were won by Mrs. de Haro. The week’s activities concluded with a dance in a crowded hall, for which the Crazy Crochets provided the music. During the interval the competition for various articles of interest was conducted by the chairman, Mr. C. H. Parish, and the secretary, Mrs. C. S. Hephher. As neither the whiskey, port, groceries, nor golliwog were guessed, these were sold and substantially increased the takings. The whiskey went to Mr. Berryman, port to Mr. C. S. Hephher, groceries to Mr. A. Turner (Commando). The golliwog was given as a mascot for the band, and the score of eggs taken by Mrs. Turner was won by Mrs. E. Hoyer. Mr. Jackson, Mr. G. Oakman and Mr. F. Martin were in charge of the door, and Mrs. Ivatt, Mrs. F. Hephher, Misses M. and I. Hephher, and Mrs. Turner rendered valuable assistance in the competitions. A word of praise should also go to Miss Freear and the collectors of the W.I. Savings Group, who set £100 as their target and actually reached £373.

WINGS FOR VICTORY. 4th June 1943

The figures received from Chesterton Rural District Council this week show that £6,645 was the final amount attained at Swavesey during Wings for Victory Week. This was an increase of £500 on last year. A cheque for £128 10s. has been sent to the Ministry of Aircraft Production to purchase two large rubber dinghies at a cost of £45 each and a parachute, £35, which it was felt would meet the wishes of the majority of people.

RED CROSS. 4th June 1943

A meeting of Cambs. 12 (women’s) and Cambs. 15 (men’s) Detachments of the British Red Cross Society was held at the Old House, Swavesey (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barwell) on Tuesday week, Lady Spens (County President), Major and Mrs. Lee Warner and Miss Stallard being present. The meeting was attended by 40 members, Lady Spens presented Mrs. Johnson with her certificate as Commandant of Cambs. 12, and interesting addresses were given by Major Lee Warner and Miss Stallard.

FLAG DAY. 11th June 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey for the Red Cross on flag day was £10 10s. 10d. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Dodson, Miss S. Parish and Miss A. Shepperson were the collectors.

NO FEAST. 11th June 1943

In normal times the village feast would have been observed this week, but this year family reunions, if any, have been few, and there have been no stalls, roundabouts, etc., in Market Street.

CAMPANOLOGY. 11th June 1943

Before Evensong on Sunday at the parish church a quarter peal, 1,320 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor, composed by the Rev. C. Banks Jones, was rung by the Over Society of Change Ringers. Those taking part were the following: R. Smith 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. Robinson (tenor).

WEDDING. 11th June 1943

The marriage took place at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Ernest Claude Redhead, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redhead, of Manor Hall, Somersham, Hunts., and Miss Florence Kester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kester, of Black Horse Lane, Swavesey. The Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiated at the service, during which the hymns "Love Divine" and "Lead us, Heavenly Father" were sung. Mr. J. Carter, of Somersham was at the organ. Given away by her father, the bride was attired in white silk and Brussels net, and she carried a bouquet of red rose buds. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her nieces, Misses Sylvia and Jessie Kester, who wore dresses of turquoise blue with headdresses and veils to match. They carried bouquets of pink rose buds. Mr. Stanley Brookes was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, at which about 50 guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Redhead will reside at "Homeleigh," Somersham.

FOR THE CHILDREN. 18th June 1943

The sum of £7 11s. 9d. was collected in Swavesey last week for the National Children's Home and Orphanage.

PARISH MEETING. 18th June 1943

A parish meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall next Monday, June 21st, at 7.30 p.m., to choose persons suitable to serve as representative of the parish of

Swavesey on the Chesterton Rural District Council, in succession to the late Mr. Prime Godfrey.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 18th June 1943

At the meeting of the Women's Institute held on Tuesday evening, the president (Mrs. C. S. Hepher) in the chair, it was decided to enter for the county singing competition, and arrangements were made for a bring and buy sale in aid of the Institute sick fund in July. Members were also asked to bring every month all ship halfpennies that can be collected for the seamen. It was announced that a collection of all sorts of oddments useful for handicrafts in prisoner of war camps had been asked for by the county organisers. Reports were read by Mrs. Ivett and Miss Frear. The former was of the proceedings at the County Federation Conference, and the latter an account of the N.F.W.I. meetings in London. Both were much appreciated. Mrs. Hepher organised the social half-hour, introducing some new games, and the meeting ended with refreshments and singing.

PARISH MEETING. 25th June 1943

The Parish Meeting called on Monday to nominate a suitable person to represent the parish of Swavesey on the Chesterton Rural District Council in the place of the late Mr. Prime Godfrey was attended by only eleven local government electors, two of whom were ladies. Mr. Cecil Dean (vice-chairman of the Parish Council) was voted to the chair, and Mr. C. H. Parish (chairman of the council) acted as clerk. Mr. C. W. H. Cole, proposed by Mr. W. Spolton, and seconded by Mr. R. Mitham, was the only person nominated to fill the vacancy, and his nomination was carried unanimously. Arising out of the minutes of the annual parish meeting a letter was read from the R.D.C. stating that the cleaning out of the Swan Pond was a parish liability. In the subsequent discussion it was pointed out that in addition to the pond in its present condition being unsightly and a disgrace to the village, if cleared of mud and obstructions it would be of great service in the event of a fire, and eventually Mrs. C. S. Hepher moved that the Parish Council be asked to have the pond cleared out if possible at the present time and the cost was not prohibitive. The motion was seconded by the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) and carried unanimously.

WOLF CUBS. 2nd July 1943

The dance in aid of the local Wolf Cubs' Standard Fund, which took place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday, was a great success, and resulted in £9 6s. 6d. being raised.

MET IN NORTH AFRICA. 2nd July 1943

News has been received of the meeting of Corpl. L. Froment, Military Police, and his brother-in-law, Staff-Sergt. H. Brookes, R.E.M.E., in North Africa. Both are serving with the 1st Army, and although they have never met before, they have apparently been within a few miles of each other. It was quite a chance meeting, Brookes recognising the company number, made inquiries, and was told his brother-in-law was a few miles further on.

ADVERT. 9th July 1943

ANYONE PREPARED TO SELL FRUIT to the Jam Centre end of July, also anyone willing to help make jam, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, will they please let Mrs. Hepher or Miss Freear know as soon as possible?

JUNIOR SCHOOL. 9th July 1943

Mothers and friends of the children were invited to the Junior School on Wednesday week to see some aspects of the school work. The afternoon began with physical training displays in the playground by the infants and juniors. These were followed in school by recitations and speech training, rhymes by the infants, and songs and country dances by the juniors. Short plays were also performed by both classes. The infants acted "A Cup of Tea," and the juniors "The Stay-at-Homes," "All Play and No Work," and "Safety First." The programme was concluded by percussion band items by the infants. The visitors stayed to look round the exhibition of art, handwork and needlework.

FORTY-FOUR YEARS' RAILWAY SERVICE. 9th July 1943

Mr. S. B. Carter, signalman, retired on June 5th after 44 years' railway service at Swavesey Station. His genial disposition endeared him to his colleagues and traders alike, and to mark the occasion they have joined in presenting him with a pipe and a suitably inscribed electric clock as a token of their good wishes.

FUNERAL. 9th July 1943

The funeral of Mrs. Florence May Skelton, of High Street, who died after a very short illness at Addenbrooke's Hospital on July 3rd, aged 50 years, took place at Swavesey on Wednesday afternoon. Her husband, Pte. George Skelton, is in the Middle East, where he has been serving with the R.A.M.C. for the past two years, and she leaves two sons, one of whom, aged 19, is serving in the Royal Navy, and the other is only seven years old. The service in the Parish Church and at the grave in the churchyard was conducted by the

Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd). The immediate mourners were: O.C. Percy Skelton (son), Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Maltby (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hawkes (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. A. C. Hephher (cousin), Mr. C. R. Vincent, Mrs. H. H. Berryman, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. A. J. Norman, Mrs. H. Cole and Mrs. G. Hawkes (Over). Several other friends were also present. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey.

FOR CHURCH FUNDS. 16th July 1943

A highly enjoyable combined sale of work and social evening was held at the Vicarage on Wednesday week. In addition to stalls for the sale of goods, household articles, needlework and produce, there were numerous competitions which provided plenty of entertainment, and a display of folk dancing by a combined team from Over and Swavesey was also greatly appreciated. The evening concluded with a 12-hand whist drive, at which the prizewinners were: Ladies, Miss Smith, consolation, Miss Thoday; gentlemen, Mrs. G. Froment, consolation, Mrs. Thomas. As a result the sum of £26 was raised for church funds.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. 16th July 1943

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday evening, when, with the President in the chair, several forthcoming events were discussed, the principal being the produce exhibition to be held in Cambridge in September, the Christmas sales, and the whist drive and garden party next month. An instructive rug-making demonstration was given by Miss Witherspoon, of Over, after which the Brownies, under their leader, Miss Welch, gave an interesting display of their activities in first aid, games, etc., ending with their usual prayer, hymn, and Brownie call. Mrs. Berryman arranged the usual excellent refreshment interval, after which the singing team sang the two songs taken for the competition in Cambridge on July 10th, for which they received very encouraging criticism and good marks from Miss Nettleship.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDE. 16th July 1943

Photograph.

Leaving Christ Church after their wedding on Saturday: Miss E. Hoye, of 44, Stourbridge Grove, Cambridge, and Mr. A. Turner, of Station Road Swavesey.

THE LATE MRS. STRAPPS. 23rd July 1943

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Strapps, widow of the late Mr. Jonathan Strapps, some years ago a baker and confectioner at Swavesey, took place on

Wednesday, when her body was brought from Earleston, Lancs., where she died on July 17th, and was laid to rest beside her husband in the cemetery. She was 73 years of age. The Rev. A. McPhee conducted the service, during which the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Nearer, my God, to Thee" were sung. The immediate mourners were: Mr. Marshall Strapps (son), Miss Strapps (daughter), Mrs. N. Coulson, Mrs. B. Day, Mrs. E. Mitham, Mr. A. Day, sen., Mr. A. Day, jun., Mr. C. Day (Boxworth), Mrs. R. Duce, Mrs. F. Coulson. Other old friends were also present. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. and E. Mitham, Middle Watch, Swavesey, in conjunction with Mr. J. Khyaslon, Earleston.

DEATH OF MRS. W. BURTON 30th July 1943

Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Burton, wife of Mr. William Burton, the well-known fruit grower, died suddenly at her home in Church End, Swavesey, about 11 a.m. on Wednesday, aged 68 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), the service at Swavesey parish church at 2 p.m. and the interment in Over cemetery at 2.30.

WEDDING. 6th Aug. 1943

The marriage took place on Saturday at All Hallows Church, Tottenham, London, of Mr. Dudley David Bishop, son of Mrs. H. Carter and the late Mr. T. Bishop, of Swavesey, and Miss Lavinia Ward, daughter of Mr. W. Ward and the late Mrs. Ward, of Tottenham. The Rev. D. Stovell officiated. Attired in white chiffon, with veil and headdress of white feathers, the bride was given away by her father, and was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Rosina and Irene Ward (her sisters), and Misses Irene Harding and Florence Sheaves, two of whom were in blue and pink net, and the others in green and gold taffeta. Bryan Bishop (bridegroom's nephew), wearing black silk trousers and a lemon blouse, was also in attendance as page boy. Mr. H. C. Bishop (bridegroom's brother) was best man. The bride's bouquet of red and white carnations was afterwards placed on the Swavesey War Memorial in memory of the bridegroom's father.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT. 6th Aug. 1943

We have to record the death of Mr. Samuel King, son of the late Mr. Samuel King, a native, and until recently a life-long resident of Swavesey, who passed away after a short illness at the home of his only daughter in Over on July 29th. He was 75 years of age. The funeral took place on Monday at Swavesey parish church, the Vicar (Rev. B. J. Woodd) officiating. The immediate mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson (son-in-law and

daughter), Mrs. C. J. Walker (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Brasher (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Parker, Miss Howlett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howlett (nephews and nieces). Mr. C. J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. P. Howlett and Doris, and Corpl. A. E. Brasher were unable to attend. Mr. E. J. Mitham, Church End, Swavesey, was the undertaker.

THE LATE MRS. W. BURTON. 6th Aug. 1943

The funeral of Mrs. Florence Burton, wife of Mr. William Burton, whose death at the age of 68 years was reported last week, took place on Saturday, the service at Swavesey Parish Church and at the interment in Over Cemetery being conducted by the Vicar of Swavesey (Rev. Basil J. Woodd). The mourners were: Mr. W. Burton (husband), Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Stibbon (sisters), Messrs. George, Harry and Arthur Burton (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Miss S. Bicheno, Miss E. Bicheno (cousins), Mr. A. Stibbon (brother-in-law), Mrs. G. Burton and Mrs. H. Burton (sisters-in-law), Edward, George and Ernest Smart (nephews), Mrs. J. Culpin, Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. E. Smart and Mrs. C. Burton (nieces), Mrs. D. Carter, Mr. J. Culpin, Messrs. C. H. Parish (chairman), C. Dean (vice-chairman) and A. P. Payne (representing the Parish Council). Many other friends were also present. There were many floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. J. Mitham, Swavesey. Mr. William Burton wishes to thank all kind friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy in his sudden bereavement and for the beautiful floral tributes; also very grateful thanks to Dr. Wilkin for his kindness and attention.

GARDEN PARTY. 13th Aug. 1943

The Women's Institute's annual garden party, held in the President's garden on August 11th, was a great success. It opened with a small sale on the lawn, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. G. Laverack having charge of the miscellaneous stall, Mrs. G. Froment and Mrs. Freestone the produce and flowers, Mrs. G. Prime the household. All did remarkably well. A very good tea was served out of doors or indoors as people liked, and after tea the weather much improved. The children's races were a delight to them, and provided a good deal of fun. Numerous competitions and games were arranged, the winners being: Peggy Higgs, treasure hunt; Mrs. Williamson, bowls; weight of cake, Mrs. G. Laverack; weight of supper, Mrs. L. Godfrey; marbles in pot, Mrs. L. Froment. A whist drive ended the proceedings, the winners being: Ladies – Mrs. W. I. Hephher, Mrs. Goldsborough; gentlemen – Mary Hephher, Mrs. G. Froment, consolation Mrs. Jellings (all playing as gentlemen). Altogether £15 13s. 11d. was raised for the funds.

HOUSES AND COTTAGES AT SWAVESEY. 27th Aug. 1943

Messrs. Catling and Son of Cambridge attended at the White Horse Inn, Swavesey, on Friday last, and submitted to auction the freehold dwelling house known as Grosvenor House and 10 freehold cottages known as Askew Row, Swavesey.

There was a good company and Grosvenor House sold at £415 to Mr. E. Dodson, and Askew Row at £425 to Mr. F. F. Norman.

The solicitors concerned were Messrs. Cranfield and Wheeler, of St. Ives, Hunts.

PARISH COUNCIL. 27th Aug. 1943

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council, which was held on Thursday week, was attended by every member. There was, however, practically no business to be transacted. Some discussion took place as to whether the village ponds should be cleaned out as they would be useful in the event of a fire, but on being 'put to the vote' it was agreed, nem. con., that the question should remain in abeyance for the present.

ADVERT. 3rd Sept. 1943

DANCE. Memorial Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), 8 – 11.45 p.m. Admission 1s. 6d., Forces 1s. Crazy Crochets Band. Proceeds for Junior Red Cross.

AID TO RUSSIA. 3rd Sept. 1943

The amount collected in Swavesey for Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Flag Day was £9 7s., Mrs. Coulson, Miss S. Parish, and the Misses M. and A. Shepperson were the collectors.

FUNERAL. 3rd Sept. 1943

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Northill, wife of Mr. W. Northill, of Cambridge, and daughter of the late Mr. Charles Prior, of Swavesey, who died on August 28th, aged 55, took place on Wednesday at Swavesey cemetery, the Rev. A. McPhee, Baptist minister, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. W. Northill (husband), Mr. and Mrs. W. Northill (son and daughter-in-law), Miss A. Northill (daughter), Mr. A. Prior and Mr. F. Prior (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. F. Golding (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. F. Prior (sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Prior, jun, (niece), Mrs. J. Trundley (aunt), Mr. Smith (representing Messrs. Barrett and Son. Ltd.). Many floral tributes were received. Messrs. R. Sayle and Co. Ltd., were the undertakers.

DAY OF PRAYER. 10th Sept. 1943

The National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving was observed in Swavesey, services being held at the parish church as follows: Holy Communion 7 a.m., Morning Prayer 7.45 a.m., Intercessions 3 p.m., and Evensong 7 p.m. The collections were devoted to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

WAIFS' AND STRAYS' SOCIETY. 17th Sept. 1943

The house-to-house collection made in the village for the Waifs' and Strays' Society by Mrs. G. Prime, Mrs. C. Ding, Misses R. Shepperson, Mr. Welch, g. Gray and G. Froment, realised £7 11s. 9d. Miss G. Froment was the organiser.

TALK ON EDUCATION. 17th Sept. 1943

The Women's Institute met on Tuesday after an interval of two months. The President read the report of the garden party, which showed a good balance for W.I. funds. A talk on education, from nursery school to village college, was given by Miss Preedy, county inspector, who described these two types of schools. The talk was much appreciated, and a vote of thanks was accorded Miss Preedy, on the proposition of Mrs. G. Prime. A competition for the best six tomatoes grown by members was judged by Mr. Thixton, who had kindly reared most of the seedling plants from Canadian seed, and many of the members had been given the plants. The results were very good, Mrs. Freestone taking the first prize and Mrs. C. Hephher the second. After refreshments the evening ended with selections by the percussion band.

